

November Update

Firstly a very big thank you to all of you who have shown an interest and followed the progress of this project. The project would not have been possible without the funding of the Higher Education Academy and JISC and we are very grateful to them for their support.

We've now completed the project and are pleased to say that we have achieved all our goals – and more!

Over the last few months we have found out from literature and veterinary surgeons about the myriad of experiences of new graduate vets in practice. What we found was at times surprising, even though general themes were spread throughout, mostly centring round the amount or type of support available and relationships within and out of work. In addition confidence, experience and knowledge were key themes recurring throughout our research.



Several people in particular assisted us, the partners, in the project not least those veterinary surgeons who either attended a focus group or filled out our surveys. In addition our two excellent focus groups at the Veterinary Defence Society graduate reunions were organised and advertised by Marina Baxter. Gillian Brown at MEDEV kindly corrected our documents on how to licence an OER and helped us in our understanding of the complicated copyright laws!

Liz Mossop of the University of Nottingham, Frances Barr of the BSAVA and Peter Jackson all contributed ideas, suggestions and new resources towards the website.

Finally we would like to thank those students and graduates who have offered to help administrate the new Facebook group which is being set up in order to help new graduates find others in their area.

The website is being finalised, with the title soon to be unveiled by the RCVS Charitable Trust. It is currently being put through its paces by several new graduates at the RVC and elsewhere who are checking the links and the layout whilst giving valuable feedback.

Over the next few months we will be disseminating the project outcomes through various meetings and discussions. The website should soon be made live and news of this will appear on the Trust website on <http://www.rcvstrust.org.uk/graduateoer>, so do keep a lookout. Alternatively follow the Trust on Twitter or Facebook for instant updates of the project.



Lastly if you know any new or recent graduates or are attending an event involving them and would like to tell them about the project, please either contact Clare Boulton via email at c.boulton@rcvstrust.org.uk for more information or point them towards the Trust website where they will find details and updates about the new website and when it will be released.

Thank you all once again for your interest. We have really enjoyed undertaking this project and hope the work with new graduates will continue to progress throughout the profession in the future.