

Why don't you write for...



The 'Students' page of *The Psychologist* is read by undergraduate and postgraduate students, and by all other Society members interested in the student community. It's a great place to have your say or help out other students. For this page, we're looking for anything that would be of interest to the majority of students: a psychological angle on issues affecting students, what you like and dislike about your course, reports from student conferences, advice on careers and studying, announcements of

student events and funding, famous studies or theories reinterpreted, opinion pieces, jokes, poems, and so on. We only have the space for a page an issue, so please limit your submission to 700 words – but shorter snippets are welcome.

We are not looking for research papers or articles giving an overview of a research area. If you can imagine your article in another section of *The Psychologist*, then have a go for that instead: students aren't confined to the 'Students' page!

If you would like to share your thoughts, experiences or advice with other Society members, please e-mail the Associate Editor: Students, Daniela Schulze, on d.schulze@psygl.ac.uk.



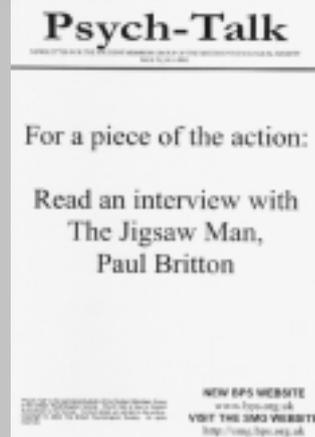
The Psychology Postgraduates Affairs Group is a national organisation run by and for psychology postgraduates in the UK. The *PsyPAG Quarterly* is delivered to all psychology departments with a postgraduate population (or see www.psympag.co.uk). The breadth of *Quarterly* enables postgraduates (and others) to submit pretty much anything psychology-related. This breadth ensures that *Quarterly* avoids a stale 'same old format' appearance and content. Contents could

include reviews of conferences, workshops, websites, films or TV programmes. Alternatively, you may have advice for other postgraduates, you may want to discuss research issues, seek comments on your own research, provide a department profile, you may want to... change the world??

Not all contributions carry a formal tone: in fact, some are plain silly. New features include 'The Big Interview' and 'The Forum' (multiple responses to a single contentious question). In order to develop *Quarterly* and to raise its profile we need contributions, we need suggestions for potential features, we need input.

If you would like to discuss any ideas that you may have for contributions then please contact one of the editors. As the defeated wrestler yells: 'Submit, submit, submit!'

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Psych-Talk is the student's magazine published every quarter by the Student Members Group. Write for us if you want to get your name known early in your career, and brush up on your writing skills at the same time. It can also be good to share information and create networks among your fellow students. And there's nothing like seeing your name in print!

There are lots of ways you can contribute to *Psych-Talk*. Aim for something that is accessible and understandable to a broad-based psychology student readership.

It doesn't always have to involve a huge piece of research; sometimes it can be a letter, notification of a useful website or even something more lighthearted. A diverse range of submissions are welcomed: book reviews, general interest articles, work and placement experiences, interviews with psychologists, researchers, academics, course and job application experiences, reviews of recent research, discussion topic essays and conference reports. If you are still a bit nervous about writing that 'first piece', just get in touch if you want to chat about it first. But remember that as students, we all already have vital 'writing experience' – just think of all the essays or projects you've sat up all night to put together! So pens at the ready, you have nothing to lose.

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...It could be you

Here's what Sharan Sanghara (sharan1982@hotmail.com), winner in the undergraduate category of the *Psychologist's* Annual Student Writer Competition, said about the experience:

Even at the stage of sending my article off, I never expected it to actually win. But I figured that it was worth a try: at worst it wouldn't be printed. When I got the e-mail saying that I had won, I was shocked and ecstatic. I could not believe that my article would be in a prestigious psychology magazine! It has definitely given me the enthusiasm, confidence, and motivation to keep writing for such magazines and get more involved with the British Psychological Society.

Before winning the competition and having my article published, I used to believe that writing for such magazines as *The Psychologist* was something only other people were capable of doing, and that I would not stand a chance of getting anything published – but I did. I now believe that if I can do this, anyone can. I would recommend writing for *The Psychologist* or other publications such as *PsychTalk* or the *PsyPAG Quarterly*. Not only is it great for your CV, but it will also give you the confidence in and experience of writing and publishing articles based on psychological work. See opposite for details of next year's competition. *Deadline is 31 January 2003.*