

Research

Professional Education members have an impressive track-record of commissioned and funded research project success and publication through the medium of research reports, monographs, books, book chapters, articles in leading international peer-reviewed academic journals and in key professional journals.

The Department hosts two dedicated Research Centres, [the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues \(/research/activity/education/jubilee-centre/index.aspx\)](#) which was launched on 16th May 2012 at the House of Lords, and the [Centre for Research in Medical and Dental Education \(CRMDE\) \(/research/activity/education/crmde/index.aspx\)](#)

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Research projects within the Department of Professional Education include:

[A Journaling Pilot Project to Enhance Future-Mindedness \(The My Character project\) \(/research/activity/education/projects/the-moral-gap.aspx\)](#)

Self-reflection on character can be stimulated by carefully-planned social interactions. Two new interventions, a social networking website and hard-copy journal, designed to enhance future-mindedness, were created, piloted, researched, and then scaled up. The research (2011-2014) was funded by the Templeton Foundation.

[Creative writing workshops \(/research/activity/education/projects/creative-writing.aspx\)](#)

The creative writing workshop project which will run until 2014 is designed to provide a counterpoint to a dominant discourse around the teaching of writing in the secondary English classroom that emphasises product as opposed to process and that values genre and technique above content.

[An investigation into women's leadership preparation within the senior leadership team. \(/research/activity/education/projects/womens-leadership-preparation.aspx\)](#)

This research (2012 - 2013) sought to discover which members of the secondary school SLT access in-service leadership development opportunities (as women and men; white and black and minority ethnic leaders). It was funded by the British Educational Leadership Management and Administration Society

[Gratitude Britain \(/research/activity/education/projects/gratitude-britain.aspx\)](#)

The Gratitude Britain research project encompasses the flagship research work of the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues as well as a number of other research and development work. We aim to make the new Centre into a major international hub of interdisciplinary research into character, virtue and virtue education – research with both theoretical and practical applications.

[Primary Schools of Character \(/research/activity/education/projects/primary-schools-of-character.aspx\)](#)

The Primary Schools of Character project aims to produce a chain of Primary School Academies which have Character Education at their core. It will run from 2013 - 2014.

[Risking it All \(Porticus\) \(/research/activity/education/projects/risking-it-all.aspx\)](#)

The purpose of this research (2011-2014) was to explore empirically young people's attitude to risk, and what implications this has for the development of character and values.

[The Honorable Virtues Project \(Knightly Virtues\) \(/research/activity/education/projects/knightly-virtues.aspx\)](#)

This educational program (running from 2012-2014) seeks to provide nine to eleven year olds with the chance to creatively explore great stories of knights and heroes and the virtues to which they aspired.

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