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Student Support and engagement for PGT/PGR students

Generation Delta Workshop

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Investing in
Knowledge and Opportunity



Preface



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Director of Educational Engagement

External roles include Chair of NEON Widening participation in postgraduate study group

Perspective of leading Access and Student Success strategy at the University of Leeds

My own positionality

What do we mean by engagement and support?



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8 success lessons from “King Richard”,
the story of
Venus and Serena Williams

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- Congratulations – you've earned your place!
- Strengths in skills and areas for development
- Ongoing requirements to enable learning
- Unexpected bumps in the road

For discussion



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What works well?

What could work better?

Belonging and mattering



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'Students' sense of being accepted, valued, included and encouraged by others (teacher and peers) in the academic ... setting and of feeling oneself to be an important part of the life and activity of the ...[university]. More than simple perceived liking or warmth, it also involves support and respect for personal autonomy and for the student as an individual'

Goodenow, 1993

What support should you expect ?



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Opportunities to participate in existing activity

Space to celebrate events significant to you

Ways to build or share resources

Space to engage in community activity

Engagement and support



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- With peers
- Academic colleagues
- Support services
- Communities within and beyond the institution
- Familial and community support
- Language of engagement

Thank you and questions



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