

VSS Attendee Testimonial – Zi Yang

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Lynsey Sampson: Okay hello, we are welcomed by one of our regular attendees to our library lounge virtual study sessions who will be talking about her experiences of attending these sessions. Hello what is your name?

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Zi Yang: My name is Zi. I'm a final year PhD student from the school of law.

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Lynsey Sampson: Okay excellent thanks very much Zi. So, to start with, I've got the initial question, which is why did you initially sign up for the virtual study sessions?

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Zi Yang: I heard about the sessions through the university email newsletter and then, when I was in the library, I also saw the advertising again.

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Zi Yang: And the library has always been a nice place to study for me so out of curiosity I decided to sign up and tried the sessions, I just want to know how it's gonna work out yeah.

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Lynsey Sampson: hmm so it's one of these things where you associated the library with a really good place to study and you're curious as to what these sessions would involve?

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Zi Yang: Yes, exactly.

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Lynsey Sampson: Okay, thank you and and what did you hope to get out of the sessions before you joined a session. What was your initial expectations?

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Zi Yang: I want to be more productive so after more than one year working at home, I feel a bit isolated from everyone else and not progress as much I would love to with my PhD.

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Zi Yang: So, I thought at least the this two hour sessions will be a time for me to just study and not be distracted by other things, and by step, I can get there, eventually.

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Lynsey Sampson: Okay, and that sounds like really good reasons why you came along to the sessions and then, what did you get out of the sessions once you started attending the sessions?

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Zi Yang: I have really good experience with the sessions first.

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Zi Yang: The library study session is a regular channel, where I come in and study. Setting up this routine is crucial for PhD.

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Zi Yang: We will days I feel lazy and didn't want to do anything now I realize I already signed up and I made a commitment, so I just get out of bed and start writing.

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Zi Yang: So, it's quick and the secondly it is a great peer support platform.

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Zi Yang: I was working on an article and the librarian Lynsey and another PhD student Pia gave me great support and advice to help me go through a lot of problems I had with the article, so I couldn't be more grateful, with their support.

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Lynsey Sampson: that's great thank you very much for that and it's good to hear the positive reasons why you got a lot of these sessions, once you started attending so thank you Zi. Finally, is there anything else you'd like to say about the sessions?

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Zi Yang: I think it's a great channel for peer support and for study and I wish we can continue doing this and I want more students to come in and try, maybe it's also for you.

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Lynsey Sampson: Yes, yes, definitely it would be great to have lots more students and hopefully continue these sessions. So finally, Zi thanks for joining us to talk about your experiences as a regular attendee at the library lounge virtual study sessions it's very much appreciated, thank you.

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Zi Yang: Thank you as well.