

Library Lounge: Virtual Study Sessions

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Online study sessions open to all students and facilitated by Library staff.

1. Need

- COVID lockdowns and the switch to online learning
- Risk of isolation
- Students missing 'Library vibes'
- Staff wished to build a community as wellbeing is at the heart of the Library

2. Format

- Two-hour online study sessions held twice each week.
- Delivered via Zoom, sign up in advance.
- Library staff facilitate sessions.
- Attendees share study plans at the start.
- Midpoint social chat.

Inspired by the University of Sheffield's 'Shut Up and Write!' programme.

3. Impact

- Won the University's *Celebrating Innovation and Resilience Award* in the Professional Services category.
- 100 sessions held between April 2021 and May 2022.
- 713 attendees.

4. What's next?

- We're designing a toolkit for other libraries to use.
- We're spreading the word at library events.
- To learn more, go to:
strathprints.strath.ac.uk/80001

5. Participant feedback

- "It is really nice to communicate with other students."
- "I like... to share goals at the start of the session and report on them at the end."
- "I feel motivated studying on Zoom with other people together."
- For more, scan the QR code or go to:
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