IPOF NEWSLETTER

As we enter the final year of the Improving Peer Online Forums project, we're reflecting on our progress through 2023 and goals for 2024

iPOF

We achieved a lot in 2023 through our surveys, interviews and data download, which you can see a summary of on the next page.

In 2024, we're shifting focus to the study outputs. This includes academic papers, a moderator training package, forum design principles, conference talks, and more!

Team Changes

Welcome to **Julia Halstead**! Julia joined us in December as our new administrator.

Welcome to **Anna Cermakova**, a linguist joining us in February to help with forum post analysis.

Goodbye to **Matt Coole -** we wish him all the best for the future.

Get Involved with iPOF!

Are you a **forum user or moderator**? Do you **host a forum**?

Would you like to help shape our project's outputs? **Contact Paul ipof@lancaster.ac.uk**

All involvement is paid.

IPOF 2023 RECAP

1,001 Survey completers

21 Interviews with forum users

11 Co-design sessions

1,107 Papers screened for the realist synthesis
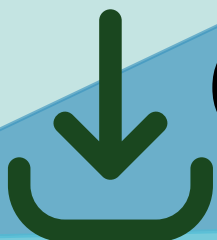
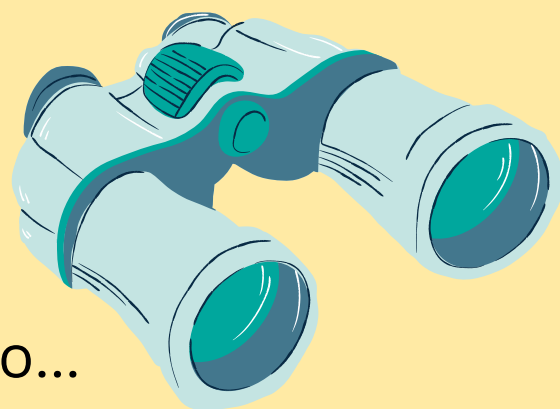**94** Community of practise posts

1 Paper published

Over 700,000 Forum posts downloaded

WHAT'S NEXT?

We have a lot to look forward to...

Training for moderators

Our co-design group are creating an online training resource for forum mods, using Xerte and Powtoon.

An iPOF Celebration

We're planning an in-person celebration for late 2024, where we can present and discuss our findings.

Stay tuned for more info on this!

Papers

We're working on the following papers:

- Realist synthesis on forum users and moderators
- Ethics of analysing online data
- Who uses online forums and why?
- How do people share lived experience online?
- Psychological safety on online forums

We need **your input!** Please email us for more info.

That's all from us! If you have any questions or suggestions for future updates, then please get in touch: ipof@lancaster.ac.uk

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