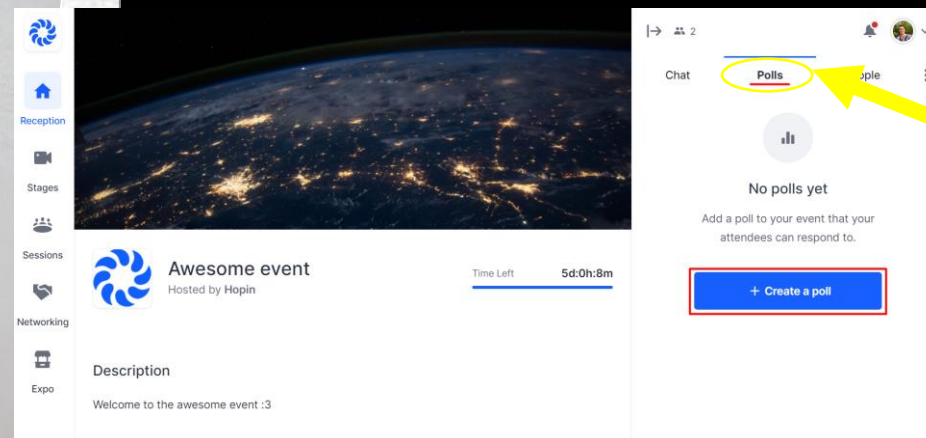


Writing Good Literature Reviews

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Whilst we wait to begin please click on the polls tab on the sidebar to answer the following question: Have you written a literature review before?



Session Objectives

- By the end of the session participants will be able to :
 - understand how to develop effective search strategies, critically evaluate resources and structure a review.
 - where to access a range of resources to support them in developing literature reviews.
- **We would like this to be an interactive session so please do use the chat function.**

Session Outline



Introduction



Getting started



Methods for literature search



Critical reading and evaluation of sources



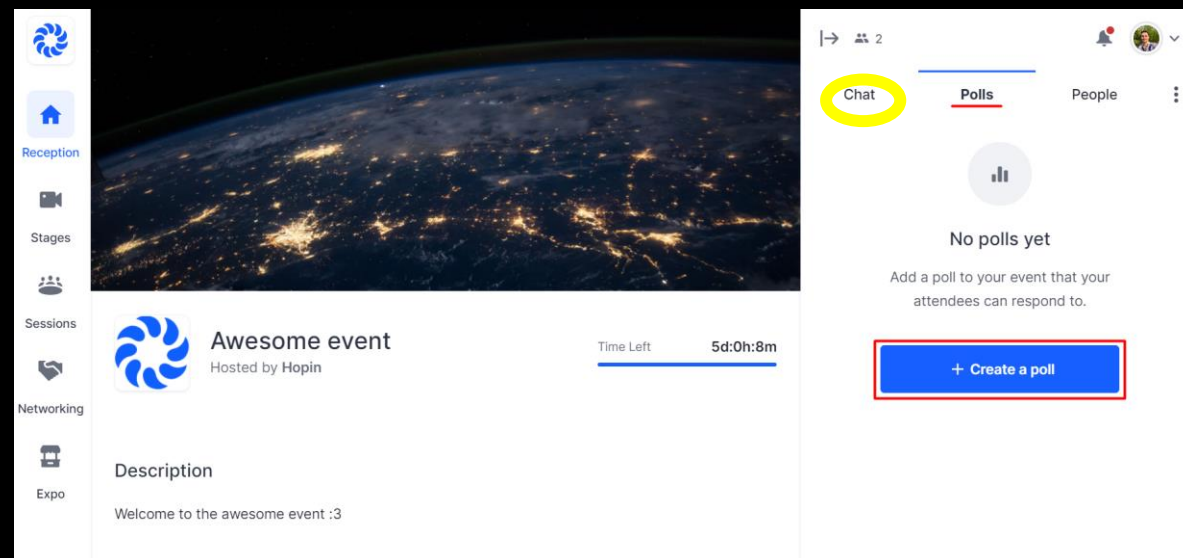
Approaches for organising and structuring literature reviews



Questions

Introduction

- What are you searching for
- Please click on the padlet link in the chat and share the topic or question you are researching/interested in researching:
 - <https://padlet.com/scones79/yatqq724g5554bzy>





Getting started

- The purpose of literature reviews
 - Situate and position your research within existing knowledge
 - Develop a framework and methodology for your research
 - Demonstrates the contribution that your research will make (the need!)



Methods for literature search

- Search strategy: Topic, keywords, sources
- Advanced searching
- Systematic reviews
- Managing your material - reference management

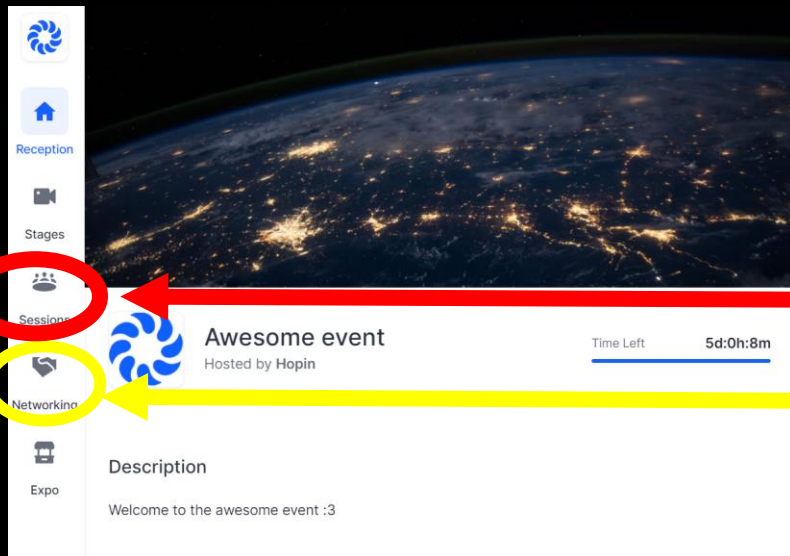


Critical reading and evaluating sources

- Finding literature is the easy part
- Literature review needs critical evaluation of both the sources and the content
- Critical reading of text
 - Validity – on it's own terms
 - Synthesis – in relation to others
 - Relevance – usefulness to you

Activity

- Take 5 minutes, to identify 5 questions that you might ask when critically evaluating a text for a review.
- Please type these into the padlet
- You can do this at a general level or, if it is helpful, specifically in relation to this source:
- <https://careerguidancesocialjustice.wordpress.com/2020/12/07/green-guidance/>
- You can do this individually or if you would like to do this in pairs you can click on networking to be randomly allocated with a partner. At the end of 4 minutes you will need to click on Sessions and select this one to re-join



Click Sessions and select this one to re-join us

Click Networking to be allocated into random pairs



Organising and structuring literature reviews

- Mapping the literature
 - Different areas of scholarship
 - Key authors and contributions
 - Timeline of key developments
 - Main debates and competing approaches
 - Current state of knowledge
- What are the main themes, findings and approaches?
- What's missing and ***why is this important?***

Useful resources and quick links

- <https://rattusscholasticus.wordpress.com/2018/09/08/the-three-domains-of-critical-reading/>
- https://libguides.ncl.ac.uk/dissertations/identifying_literature
- <https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/how-to/authoring-editing-reviewing/write-a-literature-review>
- <https://help.open.ac.uk/critically-processing-what-you-read>
- <https://libguides.reading.ac.uk/literaturereview>