

**Education Committee**  
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<b>Title of Paper:</b>	<b>Enhancing statistics education<sup>1</sup></b>
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<b>Purpose of paper:</b>	For consideration.
<b>Financial impacts/other risks</b>	None.
<b>Recommendations/ Actions requested:</b>	For discussion by Education Committee.

## Proposal

This is to share my idea which was triggered by a colleague's email seeking advice on teaching statistics and research methods to non-specialist undergraduates at Loughborough University.

I am almost sure that there are several other new lecturers thrown into the deep end without much preparation. Universities have their own PGCert programmes which help with teaching pedagogies and theoretical aspects of teaching. However, lecturers may have certain issues they could feel hesitant to share with HoDs etc. for a range of reasons. Furthermore, this could in my opinion be beneficial even to experienced lecturers.

I should like to suggest that we offer a series of termly evening surgeries at the RSS for lecturers teaching statistics courses at universities. The format may be informal discussion group chaired by an experienced individual. Lecturers could bring their teaching related issues and chair could facilitate the session providing his/her input.

The aim would be to create staff development and support opportunities.

I am passionate about statistics education and have done substantial work on communicating statistics to non-specialists.

I should be pleased to chair/facilitate such sessions but it would be inappropriate for just one person to do that every time.

This could in my opinion promote dialogue amongst HE practitioners and support high quality teaching of statistics.

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<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Originally sent as email message.