WI+RE: Creating a learner-led instructional design team in your library
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Slides & handout: dmcwo.github.io/dmcwo/presentations/creating-a-learner-led-design-team

What is WI+RE?

WI+RE is a learner-led community focused on helping everyone succeed in their writing and research projects. Student designers work with library staff and campus partners to address key learning challenges.

- Website: https://uclalibrary.github.io/research-tips/
- Code: http://github.com/uclalibrary/research-tips
- Twitter: @WIREbruin

Top 4 Tips for Creating a Learner-Led Design Team

1. Inclusive recruitment

Focus on learning and making a difference (not on previous technology experience). Reach out to campus communities by advertising the opportunity well beyond your library’s website.

- WI+RE’s job advertisement: uclalibrary.github.io/mail/wire-job-opportunity.html (code: github.com/UCLALibrary/mail)

2. Move from training to learning

Foster continual and collaborative on-the-job learning and start with practical, achievable first projects.

- WI+RE’s cohort-based, collaborative mini-course on learner-centered design: uclalibrary.github.io/foundations/
- WI+RE’s tech toolbox: https://uclalibrary.github.io/research-tips/sandbox/wire-tech-toolbox/

3. Design your process

Provide ample freedom within well-designed pathways. Leverage rapid prototyping and community engagement.

- WI+RE’s design toolkit: bit.ly/wire-toolkit
- An example of WI+RE’s prototyping process: The Making of WI+RE’s Wheel of Sources - bit.ly/making-wheel-of-sources

4. Make it matter

Provide compelling ways for student employees to make a difference & develop professionally.

- Working for WI+RE slideshow (WI+RE team narratives on the impact of working for WI+RE): bit.ly/working-for-wire
Additional resources:


UCLA WI+RE. (2019a). Email template: Like Learning and Design? Join the WI+RE Team! Retrieved from https://uclalibrary.github.io/mail/wire-job-opportunity.html


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