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CAMBRIDGE

ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FUNDING OBSERVATORY



Background

Anglia Ruskin University holds a series of targeted events and seminars to support its academic and research staff entitled Research Funding Observatory (RFO). In November, it held a condensed residential course for RFO beginners at Jesus College's new West Court facility.

The two-day event was attended by 22 delegates, who used the Conference Room for the formal sessions, in addition to an evening dinner in the Dining Room.

Part of the Executive Meetings Package, the Conference Room is a prestigious and self-contained setting with walnut boardroom table and executive leather chairs, state-of-the-art AV with 84" wall-mounted touch-screen TV and a wide-angle full HD webcam with table microphones. The room is equipped with a sound bar to support presentations and video links and on-site AV support.

The package also includes superior menus, private dinners and hotel-standard bedrooms.

Event

Dr Stephen Norton, Course Leader said:

"We were looking for a Cambridge venue in which our participants could relax. We expect them to work hard on our course, so we needed a place that could provide good food, friendly staff and lots of coffee! The course takes place twice a year, and attendees are drawn from within our organisation.

"Other important factors include rooms for overnight guests and good AV facilities.

"Whilst holding our event in an academic venue is not essential, we do find Cambridge University venues to be ideal for our programme and good value too.

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Feedback

“West Court delivered on almost all our requirements and we found the staff professional, flexible and quick to respond to our requests wherever possible. They were able to adapt table layouts for us at short notice and adjust the timing of breaks without much warning. Rachel McElroy was our contact throughout the planning process and on the day making sure everything ran smoothly.”

“Participants enjoyed the facilities we used and the AV equipment, including the screen and speakers, functioned perfectly. It was great to use the touch-screen display, giving our course a very modern feel.”

“The location was more central than others we’ve used in the past which proved ideal for those participants travelling by train.”

“In summary, the event went very well and we are likely to consider West Court again in the future.””

