



SHAPE OUR FUTURE



Forum rules and guidelines

The Shape Our Future consultation is the chance to share your views and engage in a constructive discussion about DMU's priorities over the coming years.

To help everyone get the best out of this experience, please keep to these rules and guidelines when participating in our online forums:

- Stay on topic – there are dedicated forums for the four themes of the consultation, so please keep your posts relevant to each area.
- These forums are open to all students and staff at DMU. We encourage you to make this a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Anything you post may be seen by thousands of people. How you conduct yourself here should be in line with DMU's [social media community guidelines](#).
- All posts should be constructive and polite. Everyone has an opinion. You have every right to disagree with the views shared, but please be tactful and explain your perspective for the benefit of others.
- Please do not press the 'meet' button in the top right corner of the forum. Repeat offences on this issue will result in your removal from the Teams group.
- Please aim to use '@ mentions' sparingly and when replying to specific individuals on important points. This will mean users aren't over-burdened with notifications.
- Please don't type in ALL CAPS! If you do, it will look like you're yelling.
- Respect diversity: These forums – and DMU as a whole – are for people of all races, genders, sexes, ages, sexual orientations, religions, disabilities, and socioeconomic statuses.
- In general, never say online what you wouldn't say in real life and to another person's face. Posting or reacting in a manner which is offensive, inflammatory, insulting or demeaning will be not tolerated.
- DMU website administrators maintain the right to remove posts and threads that fail to follow these guidelines.

To make these forums a safe space for all of us, please keep the above rules and guidelines in mind. We look forward to reading your ideas and views on how to shape the future of DMU.