1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

This is the seventh time that BAMS has hosted a postgraduate training day aimed at preparing postgraduate research students for a career in modernism. The day consisted of discussion of trends in modernist studies, and advice on research management and public engagement. The discussion centred around “boundaries of modernism,” intending to encourage an interdisciplinary and transnational approach. There was also a session on working with modernist archives.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

The training day provided me with valuable transferable skills in order to communicate modernist research, and let me think more broadly about interdisciplinary approaches to my work for the future. I found the session on working with archives particularly relevant to me, as this is something that I have not done before, or even considered relevant to my research until now. It was also valuable to discuss the ways in which modernist studies can have impact, and how to make that impact measurable.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

The most immediate impact has been to undertake an exploration of using archives in my research, both now and in the future, something that I thought was not relevant to me until attending the training day. It has also led me to think about how my research could have impact, and how my research can be presented and relevant to fields other than literature, for instance how projects could be extending to art history or even the sciences. My background being journalism, it also gave me an opportunity to see how researchers and academics engage with issues and network, which is different from how journalists engage and network.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials.

Link to the relevant page on BAMS website: http://bams.ac.uk/2016/02/16/bams-postgraduate-training-day-research-skills-for-modernist-studies/.

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

I found the informal/networking part of the day valuable as well, as it provided me with the experience to try to convey what I am working on to other researchers. Again, I have also gone in search of archives that may be relevant to my research.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event
I would like to thank CAPOD for providing me with the funds, without which I would have not been able to attend this event.