

# Get A Headstart With Your Dissertation

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# Zoom Guidance

- **Mute your microphone** unless it's your turn to speak.
- You can ask a **question or comment at any time**. Type it into the chat panel.
- During discussions, use the **Raise Hand function** and wait for the lecturer or facilitator to ask you to speak.
- Please pay attention and try to **avoid multi-tasking**.
- **Be polite** and treat the online environment as you would the classroom; the same rules and procedures apply.
- Working online may feel awkward and unfamiliar to you. **Be accepting of disruptions** and the challenges of communicating online.
- **You don't have to turn your video on**, but it will make it easier for us to get to know each other and work together.

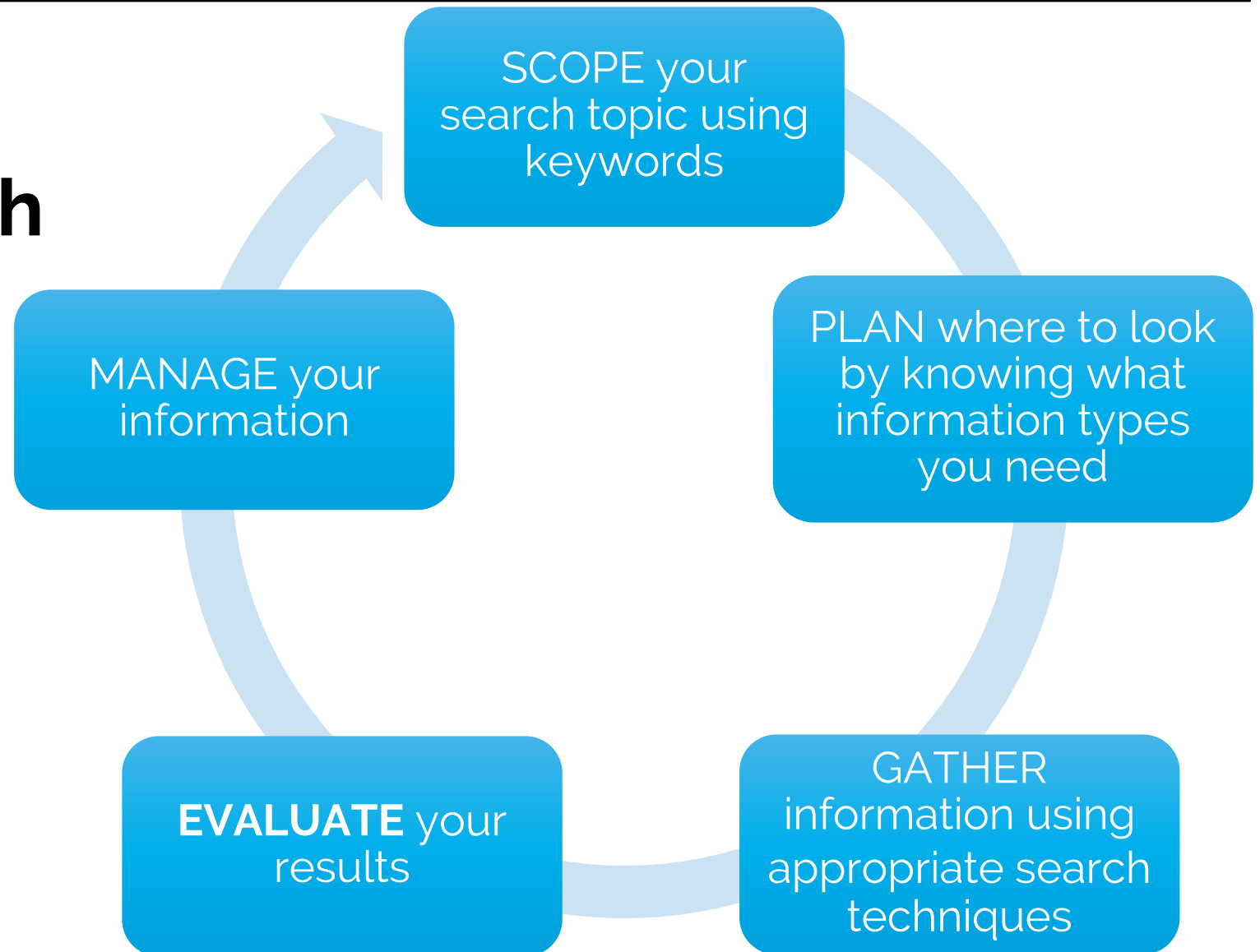
# Today's session

- Refining your search question
- Breaking down your topic into a scoping search
- Thinking about keywords
- Selecting your resources
- Venturing beyond the library
- Getting help after today

# Being search smart

## Keywords & a search plan

# Information search cycle



# Frame your topic as search questions

Evaluate the effect of Olympic and major sporting events on host cities.

- Which cities have hosted major sporting events?
- Are there economic benefits of being a host city?
- What is the social impact of being a host city?
- Is there an impact on urban regeneration or architecture?
- Is there a long-term impact on sporting events in the city?

# Planning tips

- Focus on bitesize searches
- Form a question for each search you perform to guide your keywords and where you look
  - A search for your methodology chapter might focus on broad theoretical books. E-books are great here.
  - You might move on to find articles or case study examples of the applied methods
- Develop your questions thematically – from the key themes you've identified in background reading and scoping searches

# Breaking down your search



# Unpicking your topic

Representations of teenage boys in contemporary young adult fiction.

- What is our timescale for 'contemporary'? 1990s+? 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- Are we focusing on any particular writers, works or genres?
- What do we mean by 'representations'?
- Are we focusing on particular themes: e.g. sexuality, health, violence, masculine identity?

# Being search smart

## Finding the right words

# Keyword Activity

Take a look at the image on the next slide

- What are the key concepts in the image?
- How would you describe it in keywords if you were looking for information or images on the same topic?
- Add your concepts and keyword ideas to the table. There are no wrong answers.
- Think broadly!
- The link to the [feedback PowerPoint](#) is in the chat now.



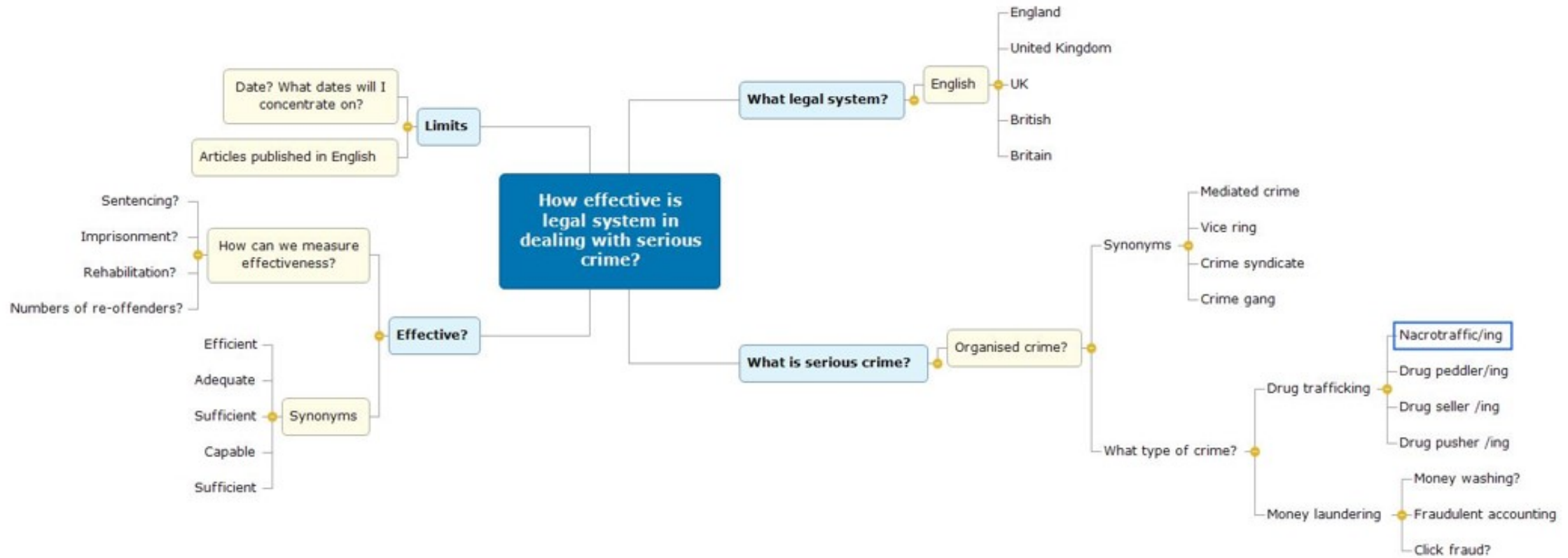
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## How do you plan?



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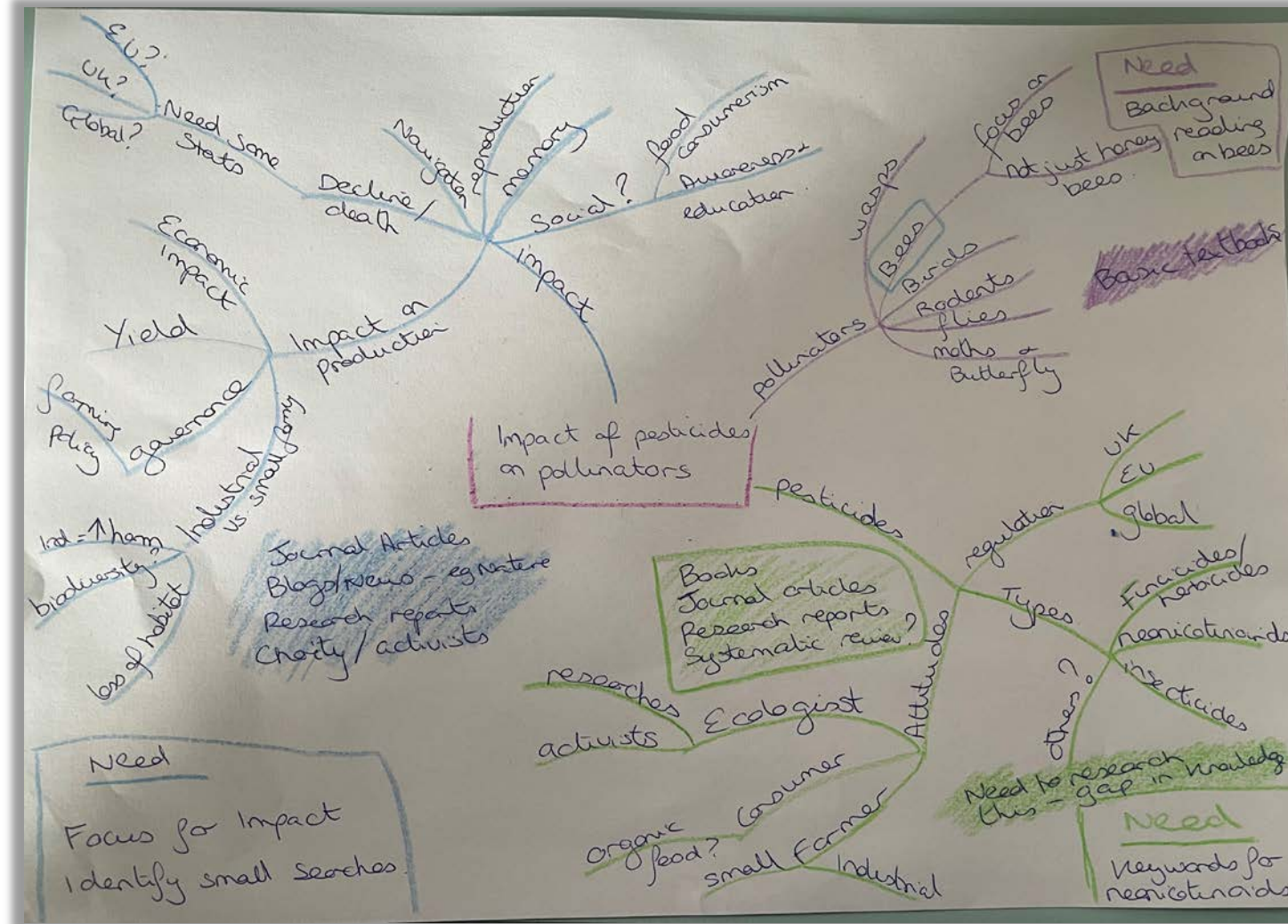
# Mindmapping 1



# Mindmapping 2



# Mindmapping 3



# Use of word of mouth marketing in the digital era



# Finding the right information

**What types of information might you need?**

# Choose the right resources

Types of information do different jobs

# Resources to help you

- Books: print and e-books
- Academic research: journal articles and conference papers
- Trade and professional publications/ magazines
- Scientific and open data
- Market research, company information, business reports
- Government publications and legal information
- Audiovisual: images, documentaries, oral histories
- Social media: blogs, Twitter
- Newspapers



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Newspapers >



Patents >



Scientific and Engineering Data >



Special Collections and Archives >



Standards >

## Resource Guides

[ncl.ac.uk/library/resources-and-study-support](http://ncl.ac.uk/library/resources-and-study-support)

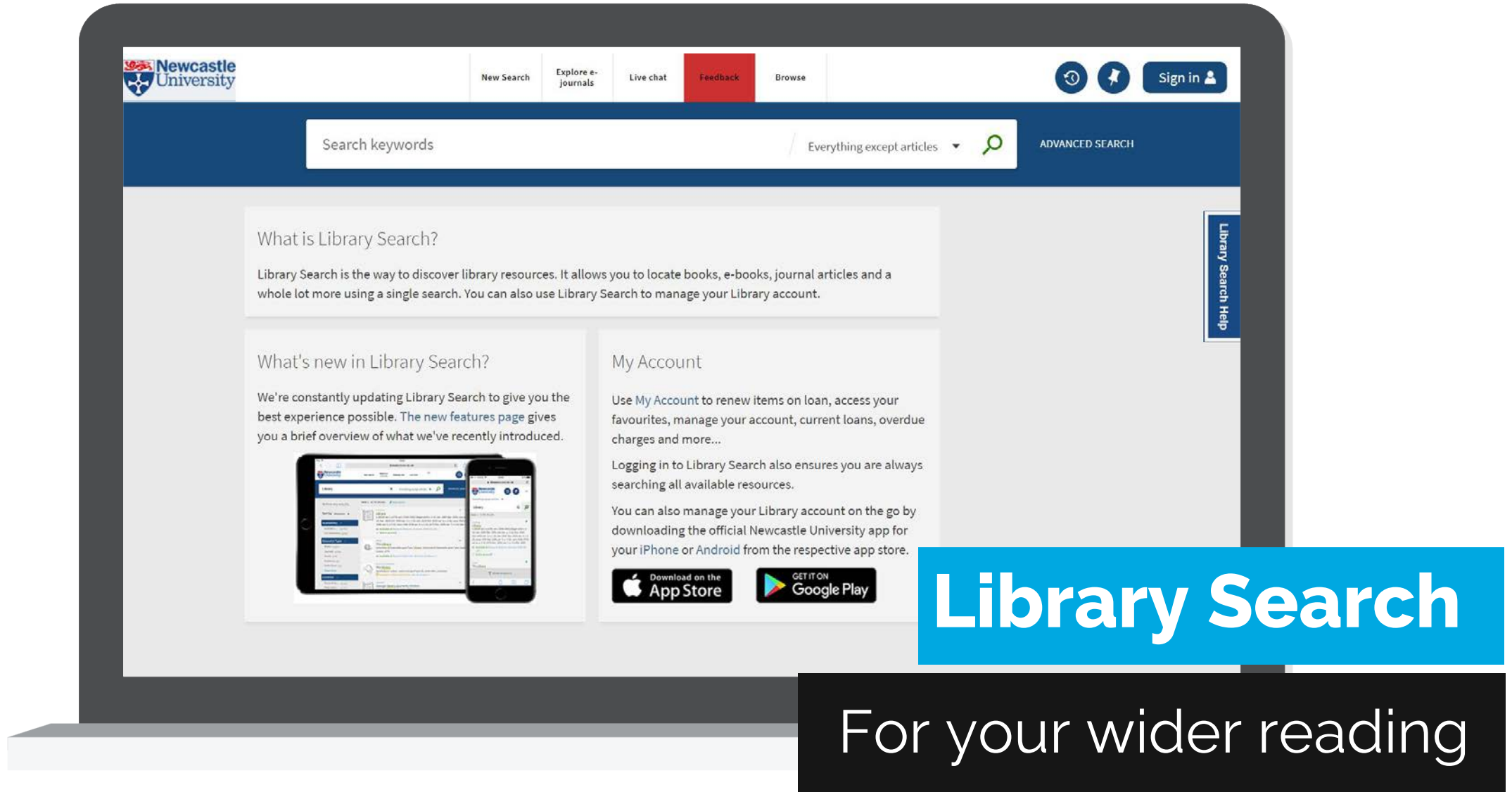
# Beyond the Library

- Finding out what's elsewhere
- Archives and special collections
- How to access?



# Finding academic articles

**Start broad**



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Subject Help and News

### Useful Links:

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Library Help

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## Key Resources



### Journals and Databases

Access high quality journals, conference papers and more for your subject area.

## Support for your studies



Referencing & Endnote



Academic Skills Guides

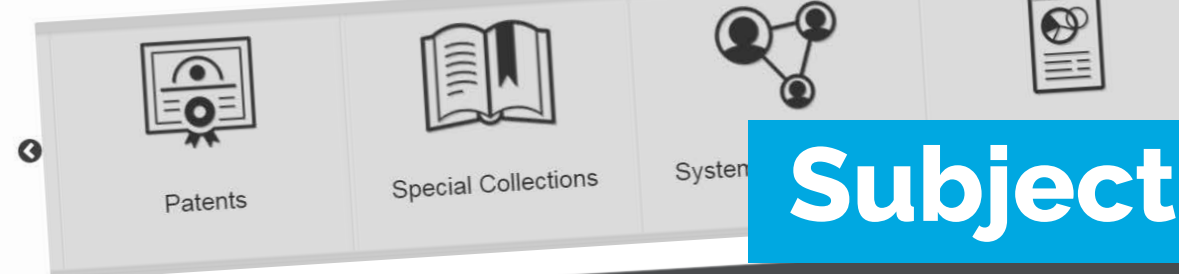


Dissertations & Projects



Research Support

## Resource Guides



Patents

Special Collections

System

# Subject Guides

[ncl.ac.uk/library/resources-and-study-support](http://ncl.ac.uk/library/resources-and-study-support)

# Evaluate your information

Ask yourself six questions

**Who** wrote it?

**What** is it?

**When** was it created?

**Where** did it come from?

**How** reliable is it?

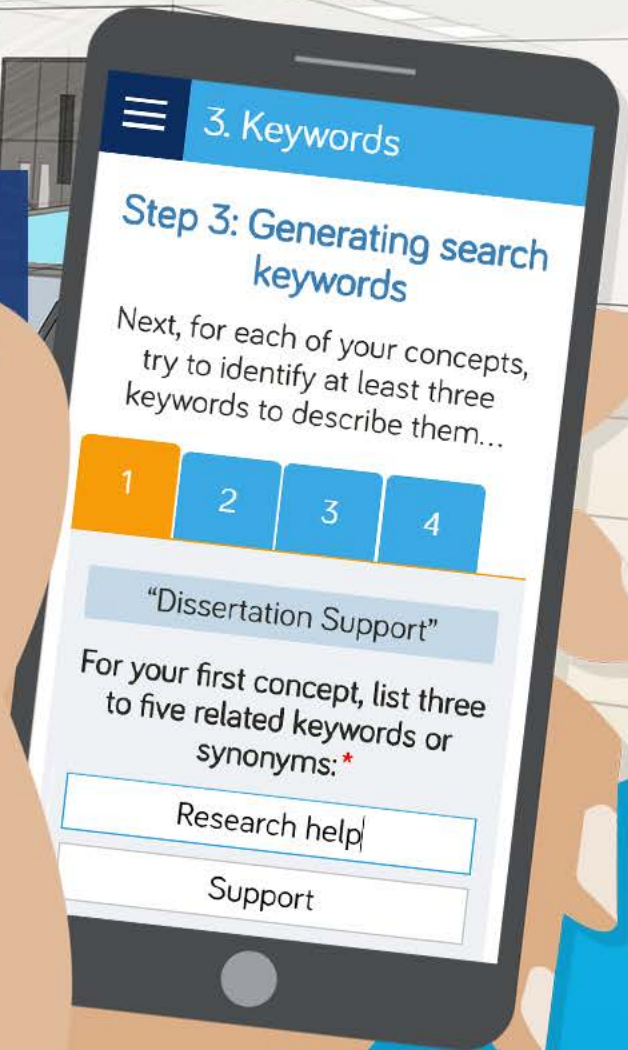
**Why** was it created?

# Academic Skills Resources

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