

My PhD experience as a Hallam University- YCEDE Student

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**Yorkshire Consortium for
Equity in Doctoral Education**

ABOUT YCEDE

- It is a collaboration between five universities in Yorkshire, 12 UKRI funded Doctoral Training partnerships and Centres for Doctoral Training plus a number of external partners dedicated to equity at doctoral level. Central to YCEDE is the question of access to doctoral study for UK-based graduates from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

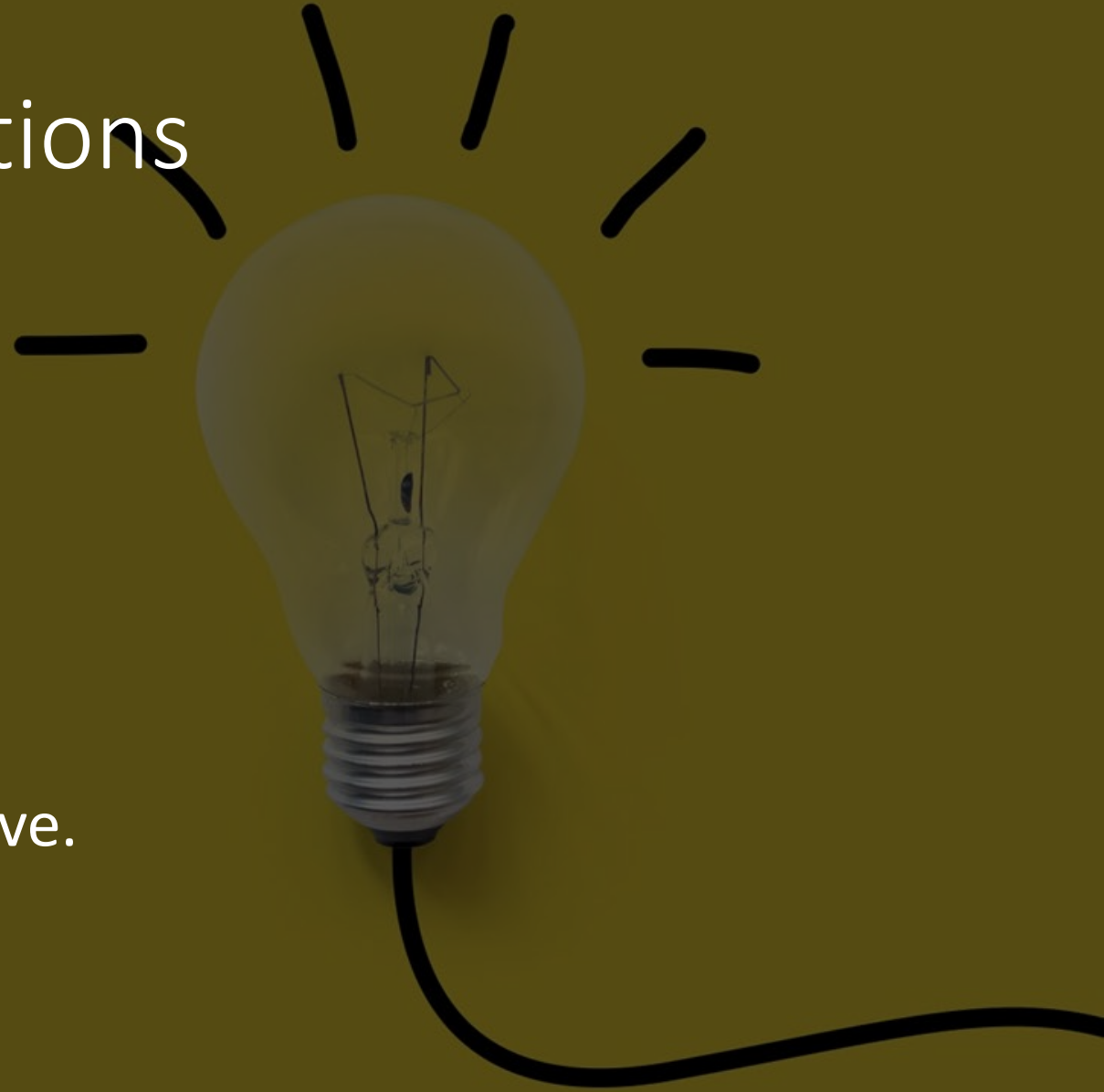
Background

- BSc Biological sciences
 - MSc Mental health
 - PhD Interests – Multisensory stimulation (non-pharmacological).
 - Lecturing /Mentoring/HRI Rep
 - Volunteering
 - St John Ambulance West London
 - Trustee at Global Grooves Charity BAME communities (Surrey).
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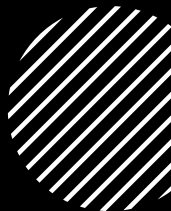
Frustrations

- Pre-applications (20+ applications)
- Strayed away from the initial idea
- Disappearing of initial supervisors
- 6 months awaiting 2nd supervisor
- Restating
- Experience as a student representative.





Challenges



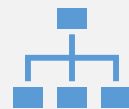
Health issues and bereavement



Long waits (RF2/Ethics- 3 months)



Supervisor transfer



Shortage of staff

How I improved

Attending conferences (presenter/listener)

Presenting my work.

Asking questions.

Support others through mentoring

Becoming the voice of others.

Strategically Join groups.
