*The Emotionally Intelligent Social Media User*

Drawing on staff expertise in emotional intelligence and social media use, there is an opportunity for a PhD (self-funded) project exploring ‘emotionally intelligent’ interactions online.

Emotional Intelligence involves detecting, understanding and managing emotions in oneself and others; this PhD project will involve understanding how emotional intelligence (EI) can be translated from face to face interpersonal settings to an online environment. It is probable that EI underpins adaptive ways of interacting online and promotes an understanding of user’s intentions and motivations.

This examination of emotional intelligence online could be further explored in relation to wellbeing, as there is a vast literature linking emotional intelligence to wellbeing *offline* (Martins, Ramalho, & Morin, 2010)*,* but a dearth of research looking at the relationship between emotional intelligence and wellbeing online. As there are no measures on ‘online EI’, the project will also seek to plug that gap and develop measurement tools for future research.

*Supervisory Team:*

This PhD project would be supervised by Dr Sarah Davis, Dr Blaire Morgan and Dr Daniel Farrelly from the School of Psychology.

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