

## National and Regional Context and Policy

## Newcastle University Decisions and Actions

## Sociology Teaching Online Group (TOG) Development

DEC 2019

8 days of strike action

MAR 2020

11/03/2020 - COVID-19 declared global pandemic

18/03/2020 - UK schools close

23/03/2020 - National UK Lockdown

14 days of strike action

13/03/2020 - Newcastle University announces normal teaching to continue until Easter

16/03/2020 - Newcastle University announces most teaching to go online

27/03/2020 - University Semester 2 teaching starts

18/05/2020 - Head of Sociology puts a callout for colleagues to lead on best practice in remote teaching

MAY 2020

JUN 2020

01/06/2020 - Partial lifting of lockdown and the phased reopening of schools

30/05/2020 - Major changes for 2020-21 teaching announced including reduction in teaching weeks and modules, and expectations about online learning

June 2020 - Sociology Teaching Online Group (TOG) is formed

JUL 2020

05/07 - Newcastle University increases transition from Blackboard to Canvas

20/07/2020 - Canvas TOG site set up, Pauline McCormack starts sharing curated links

AUG 2020

08/08/2020 - All modules moved from Blackboard to Canvas VLE

Mid August 2020 - TOG Canvas community launched

SEPT 2020

17/09/2020 - Partial local lockdown restrictions introduced in Newcastle and Northeast of England.

22/09/2020 - Tighter national restrictions announced.

12/09/2020 - Newcastle University is subject to a major cyber attack

26/08/2020 - First Sociology TOG cafe is held

09/09/2020 - TOG Cafe on Rethinking Our Modules

OCT 2020

05/10/202 - Reports of rising Covid-19 cases concentrated in university cities

14/10/202 - 3 Tier regulations come into place in England.

28/09/2020 - Newcastle University's term starts

23/09/2020 - TOG Cafe on Accessibility Online

09/09/2020 - TOG Cafe on Peer Support

23/09/2020 - Weekly Cafes are introduced - alternating between Teaching and Research

NOV 2020

05/11/2020- 2nd (partial) national lockdown begins.

19/10/2020 - Newcastle University teaching begins

DEC 2020

02/12/2020 - National lockdown ends and new Tier system is put in place. Plans for national 'staggered return' of students to universities over 4-weeks in Jan-Feb announced

JAN 2021

30/12/2020 - Tier 4 measures extended to Newcastle and the North East

04/01/2021 - Third National Lockdown announced. University staff included in 'key workers' who can send their children to school.

06/01/2021 - Third National Lockdown comes into place.

08/01/2021 - TOG Cafe on Semester Two Module Preparation

APR 2021

29/03/2021 - First easing of 2021 national lockdown restrictions.