Keir: So far it’s actually gone really well, there’s been quite a small number of people in the sessions but they’ve been really really engaged which, yeah has been really useful for the people running the sessions, and there’s been quite a lot of good feedback about the different areas – I think we’ve got quite a good variety of different workshops and that’s given all the attendees like, quite a good opportunity to feed into what we do over the next few months and years and also sort of take some stuff back that they can then go to their students, spread that word. So yeah, really really enjoying it so far.

Person 1: So I’ve done so far the public speaking workshop and the assertiveness workshop, and they’ve both been really good. Basically I’ve learnt I’m not anywhere near as assertive as I would like to be, yeah I think mainly the thing I learnt was that there is a lot of work to do. But the public speaking one was particularly useful, because they basically got all of us to do some public speaking without us noticing that we were doing it, which was really great.

Person 2: I think it’s been really interesting so far, the workshops have been completely different to anything I’ve experienced at UCL before. It’s interesting to meet some of the people who are more high up in the system – so put a face to the name if you like. So it’s interesting to hear what they have to say and how they think students use certain issues, because sometimes it’s exactly what students think, some times it’s not quite so much.

Person 3: It’s been really interesting to hear about some of the schemes which some members of staff begin to place at UCL, some of them are really interesting and in path with the students, it was great to give our feedback on them straight away instead of when they’re being rolled out. It’s also really good to get our opinions in front of some of the really influential people at UCL. A lot of the time at university there’s a lot of committees you have to go to, here you can talk directly to the people in power, and try and get them to implement what your thinking of. So the second workshop I went to today was to do with Student initiatives, and a great centre at UCL called HELP, which is trying to get students to run projects, instead of members of staff so that they can actually put what they think is most beneficial to them into action and try and create as much change as possible.

Person 4; It’s been really interesting and just having a chance to get around with other StARs and people like me and then just talking about our ideas about like the future of UCL and whatever – the sandwiches are also wonderful.