

Focus on... the Researcher Development Framework

Vitae London and Midlands Hub joint event Senate House, University of London, 11 October 2011

This event was run to encourage discussion on the Researcher Development Framework. The London and Midlands Hub wanted to give participants an opportunity to discuss barriers as well as drivers to implementing the RDF in their institution.

Quality of output and who benefited:

This joint event allowed participants from different regions to share hints and tips around the RDF. Moreover the world cafe style format for the discussion encouraged participants to brainstorm and explore potential innovative ways of implementing the RDF.

Attendees comprised those involved in the support of the personal development of researchers.

What leadership did Vitae show?

By taking a different approach in running this event, the London and Midlands Hub facilitated an advanced discussion on the RDF. The session was more practical and hands on so participants identified the barriers and talked about strategies and plans to put into action once back in their institutions.

Impact on the audience:

As a result of the event, Vitae was invited to take on a consultative role and assist one particular institution in reviewing their plan of action.

Quotes from participants:

About the format of the event:

‘It was good to hear the range of experiences and views but in a structured framework: more informative than a series of presentations’

‘It was a very well organised and well planned event, with plenty of time to speak to colleagues in the sector and share ideas. The material was interesting and the event enabled me to make some useful contacts’

About the outcomes:

"Hopefully" I can draw on the discussions to help influence my own institutions adoption/implementation of RDF 'friendly' strategies/themes/messages.

Collaboration:

The event enabled the London Hub to work closely with the Midlands Hub. It was a good way to combine effort towards achieving Vitae programme objectives.

Sustainability:

Stakeholders indicated that a follow up event in spring would be beneficial