

Part-Time Researcher Conference 2014

Workshops Session Options



WORKSHOP SESSION 3:		
C1	Making the most of mentoring	During this workshop participants will gain an understanding of the basic principles of mentoring schemes and how mentoring partnerships can help researchers in their professional and career development. Through presentation, discussion and group work, participants will gain some insight into mentoring processes and what makes mentoring schemes and mentoring partnerships effective.
C2	Communicating your research online: tools, strategy and impact	<p>The volume of new research that is published and shared is increasing rapidly so how can researchers make their work stand out? A range of new tools are emerging that compliment traditional publishing and communication methods and researchers can take advantage of these to enhance their online profiles. It is possible to track your research impact digitally, gain citations for your work, interact with peers and engage with a non-academic audience directly. Tools such as these can be used to demonstrate public engagement in grants and department reports. Researchers post opinions, negative results, figures, posters, data, old student projects (and more) and receive acknowledgement from their peers and the public.</p> <p><i>Participants are asked to bring a device for internet access to this workshop e.g. laptop, tablet, phone.</i></p>
C3	How to write research when there's no time (repeat of B3)	There seems to be never enough time to write, especially when you are researching part-time. This session will look at how to be more effective with the limited time you have available when you are a part-time researcher. We'll see if it is possible to write in as little as 25mins a day, what stops you writing, how to get organised and get going.
C4	Presenting Research Visually	<p>This workshop will focus on key aspects that should be considered when preparing data to be presented visually e.g. submission of a graphical abstract. It will be relevant for PhD students and Postdoctoral researchers who want to expand their skills in this area and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figure preparation. • Graphical abstract preparation. <p>A short overview of this subject will be delivered by Dr.Towler, followed by a practical session where participants can have a go at creating their own graphical abstract/overview figure. Dr. Mhairi Towler, integrates a background in science with animation skills in order to use visual and 3D methodologies to communicate science to a wider audience. Mhairi is founder and creative director of the animation production company, Vivomotion, based in Dundee (www.vivomotion.co.uk). The company offers a service of bespoke animations for scientific communication.</p>