



Vitae annual programme 2020-21

An overview for the Vitae community

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Annual programme development



The Vitae Annual Programme for 2020-2021 has been developed following conversations with community members during the Vitae roundtables held over the summer.

Taking into consideration key topics of interest within the sector and feeding in ongoing work among our member working groups and other networks, we have established a number of emerging themes.

Emerging themes

- Community conversation
- Researcher culture
- Wellbeing and mental health
- Communities of practice
- Demonstrating the impact of researcher development
- Researcher careers data

Annual programme areas of focus



- **Community conversation**

In the first academic term of 2020, we will begin a period of conversation with the community around key membership offerings and how we communicate and collaborate with the community more broadly.

We would like to hear from you about what you value from being a member of Vitae to help drive our strategy for the future.

Annual programme areas of focus



- **Research culture and researcher wellbeing**

Research culture continues to be an important theme and we will consider how recent report findings might influence policy and practice to continue the momentum of changes since the publication of the Concordat in 2019.

Building on earlier work, we will continue to highlight policy and practice in regards to researcher wellbeing and mental health, with support from our working group and other networks.

Annual programme areas of focus



- **Research communities**

Working closely with established networks, the Vitae annual programme will include topical discussion and activities in partnership with the community. We look forward to welcoming new members, forging partnerships and strengthening our connections with the community in the year ahead.

From open forums with Vitae working groups, to surveys and roundtable events, we will continue to give space for discussion and amplify the voice of the researcher development community at a policy level.

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- **Researcher careers data**

Reflecting on completed projects from the past year, we will be taking a deeper look at careers data and what it can tell us about the journey of researchers, with attention on equality of opportunity, diversity of the researcher community and inclusive practices.

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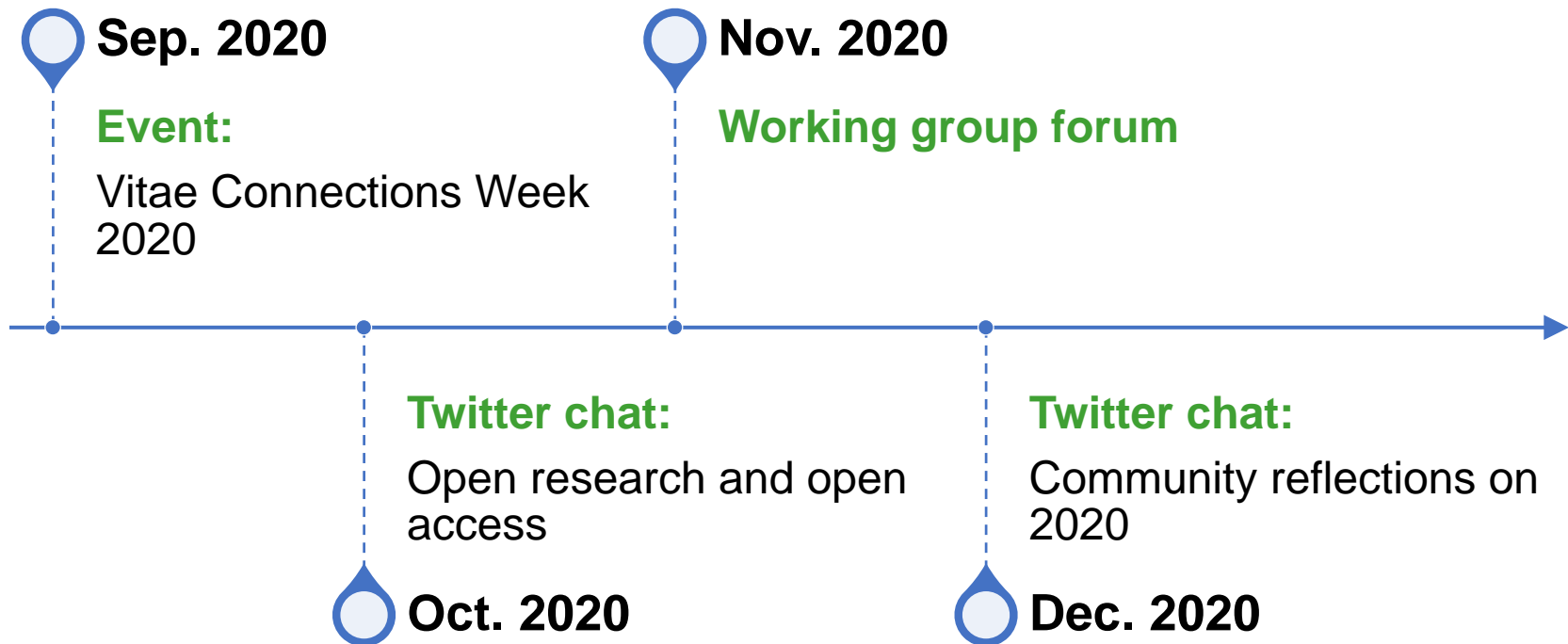


- **Repository of practice**

As part of CRAC's obligations as a signatory to the Researcher Development Concordat, we will be curating a repository of practice, demonstrating community actions in response to the Principles of the Concordat.

Demonstrating the impact of researcher development has never been more important, as institutions continue to be faced with multiple, and sometimes conflicting, priorities. Vitae will support the community in establishing the narrative of why professional and career development for researchers is essential in tackling the challenges ahead.

Annual programme schedule of activities



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