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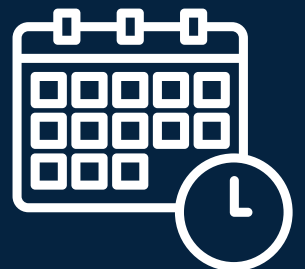
School of Medicine and Population Health Research Meeting 2024

Workshops

The Wave



3rd June -4th
June 2024



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Research Partnerships

3rd June 10-11.30am

Interested in engaging non-academic partners in your research or thinking about how to bring your concept to market to help patients? This workshop will cover Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation in 2 brief sessions. These sessions will describe the processes of Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation, and what to consider when working with non-academics partners and/or developing a novel intervention to bring to patients. You will also be able to find out about opportunities offered in the University to help you further develop collaborative, contract and/or commercial projects

Knowledge Exchange

Led by Laura Ainscough, Jon Field and Nicola Galley, University of Sheffield



This interactive session will give an overview of the processes and important considerations behind conducting contract and collaborative research with non-academic partners. Aimed at academics and researchers, you'll learn about key elements of partner relationships and contracts, including confidentiality, intellectual property, and publication rights, and how the KE team can help along the way.

Commercialisation

Led by Dr Sue Smith, University of Sheffield

The Commercialisation Journey: Supporting entrepreneurial researchers at the University of Sheffield to progress their research findings towards patient benefit and market.





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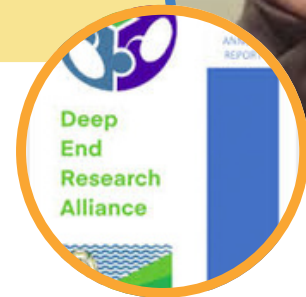
Patient and Public Involvement

3rd June 10-11.30am

This workshop will short presentations from experienced PPI researchers and panel members, as well as a PPI 'clinic' where researchers can come with questions about their research or PPI plans to a panel of experienced PPI members from across the different divisions.

Dr Kate Fryer, University of Sheffield

is a health researcher, and leads the Deep End Research Alliance at the University of Sheffield, which works with local communities to make primary health care research 'inclusive my design'.



Carole Hobson, Deep End member

took early retirement due to long term health conditions and has been a member of the Deep End PPI group since 2017. She has contributed her lived experience to many studies, including Fairsteps, which produced a toolkit for addressing unequal access to Primary Care.

Sheila Daley, Deep End member

is a retired Nurse, a member of the Deep End PPI group and a Community Research Link Worker. She works on projects about prostate cancer, and from this set up the first ever black men's prostate cancer support group in the North of England, and also projects about contraception.



Dr Simon Bell, University of Sheffield

is a Clinical Lecturer, and Researcher with DRAiSY (Dementia Research Advisory Group South Yorkshire)

Grace Edwards, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Foundation trust

is the Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Officer for the Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) and Clinical Research Facility (CRF). She is passionate about enabling access to research for everyone and engaging patients and members of the public in our work and their own health journeys.



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Career Journeys: learning from the experts

4th June 12-1pm

This workshop will feature a leading panel of experts with a broad range of career paths. Find out about their career journey and ask questions about their personal career journeys. This session provides a great opportunity to learn more about different potential pathways and how you can best explore your career options.



Abdullah Aljibouri, Business Development Manager, PHC

I studied Biomedical Science at undergraduate level and Microbiology at master's level at Northumbria university, whilst working part time in retail sales. From the beginning I knew that I wanted to merge the two together, sales and science. Unfortunately Covid hit as I was coming to the end of my undergraduate degree, so I decided to work within the covid testing facility in Newcastle whilst undergoing my master's degree. Fast forward 4 years later and I am in my second sales role which gives me the ability to work with a range of skills, and the best part about it for me is that no two days are the same. Medical sales has given me the opportunity to work with various different stakeholders and gain valuable knowledge, both scientifically and sociably.

Andy Swift, Professor of Cardiothoracic Radiology, University of Sheffield

I joined the University of Sheffield in 2010 as a NIHR Cardiovascular Clinical Fellow and I was awarded a NIHR Biomedical Research Fellowship to complete my PhD entitled "Developing the Role of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Pulmonary Hypertension". I am interested in the use of computer science in medicine to improve diagnosis and prognostication, I was employed by INSIGNEO and as a Wellcome Trust Clinical Career Development Fellow, and am now a Professor of Cardiothoracic Radiology.



Anil Patel, UK Sales Manager, Stratech

I am the UK Sales Manager of Stratech Scientific, Managing and assisting the Sales Team & supporting the strategic growth of the company. I began as an Account Manager for Stratech just under 7 years ago once I finished my PhD in Cancer Research at the University of Glasgow in 2017. The transition from academia to industry has many challenges, but also many opportunities. I'm passionate about engaging with scientists, providing solutions & bridging the gap between cutting-edge research & commercial applications.

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Harriet Pearsey-Alonzi, Client Success Manager, The Merck Group

I previously completed my PhD at the University of Leicester titled "Investigations into dysglycaemia and ethnic health disparities using MS-based plasma proteomics and targeted assay analysis". My six years of laboratory experience includes high skilled use of enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays and mass spectrometry analysis, primarily for use in proteomics. I am now a Client Success Manager at Merck Life Sciences.



Katie Scholefield, Account Manager, Azenta

Katie Scholefield is an account manager for GENEWIZ, with her territory covering the north of England and the midlands. Having studied biomedical science at the University of Sheffield, Katie then began a career in primary education, teaching Early Years children. Katie then moved into a sales role at Instrumentation and LIMS company in Sheffield specialising in radiation detection within academia, medical and nuclear industries. In her current role, Katie offers gene sequencing and synthesis solutions to researchers in universities and biotech companies across the North.



Matthew Stopford, Senior Medical Writer, Helios

I completed my PhD at the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SiTraN), the University of Sheffield; during my PhD, I created a cellular model to study a DNA repeat expansion in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). I then worked as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at SiTraN for four and a half years, and I worked on ALS drug discovery in collaboration with the biotech company BenevolentAI. I joined Helios Global Group in 2020 as an associate medical writer, and I was promoted to medical writer and then to senior medical writer (my current role).



Ruth Thompson, Research Fellow, University of Sheffield

Dr Ruth Thompson is a Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Research Fellow in the Division of Clinical Medicine where she leads the Mitotic DNA Damage Signalling Lab. After completing her BSc in Genetics from the University of Sheffield in 2006, Dr Ruth Thompson stayed in Sheffield and carried out her PhD in the use of cell cycle checkpoint inhibitors to treat small cell lung cancer under the supervision of Professor Mark Meuth. From there she moved to the USA for two PDRA positions first at Dartmouth College (NH) and then Mount Sinai School of Medicine (NY) before returning to the University of Sheffield and being awarded her Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship in 2018. Dr Thompson studies the cellular response to DNA damage and exploiting this for cancer therapy.



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Navigating an academic career: Reclaiming the authenticity of imposterism

Professor Laura Kilby

4th June 12-1pm

Professor of Discursive Psychology,
University of the West of Scotland



What is 'Imposter syndrome?', why do we experience it?, and what can we do to overcome it? In this conversational workshop I will unpack these questions in turn, drawing on stories from my own career journey and introducing findings from research in this area. As the workshop progresses I aim to make space for new ways of thinking to emerge that can help to shift our gaze about how and why these feelings arise, and how we experience them. In offering an alternate understanding I will suggest that we can begin to renegotiate these feelings and then repurpose the experience to the benefit of ourselves and those around us.

Additional articles and published work

- [Shaking off the shackles of imposterism](#), The British Psychological Society, 2019
- [Inclusive Hallam: A podcast on Imposterism with Associate Professor Laura Kilby](#), Sheffield Hallam University, 2023