

4th Research Staff Conference
University of Liverpool, Foresight Centre,
29th May 2012

Research and Society: Engagement, Impact & Partnership

What you will gain from attending:

- ✓ Receive information about the latest University plans on research practice and research staff development
- ✓ Explore public engagement activities and identify benefits and challenges towards your research career
- ✓ Discuss research impact, how to demonstrate it and how to benefit in own research practice
- ✓ Add your comment and views on processes available for supporting research staff and engage with the University's senior management
- ✓ Meet other university researchers and share your experiences with staff from all faculties of the University

Audience: Research Staff across all disciplines.

The conference is free of charge to University of Liverpool staff

Conference Themes:

Theme 1: Research Staff and Public Engagement (what to consider and how to benefit)

- Presenters will discuss their experiences of public engagement towards achieving broader dissemination of research findings, demonstrating wider benefit of research output and attracting research funding

Theme 2: Demonstrating Impact in our Research (from Research Themes, to REF2014 and personal aspirations)

- Research Impact is a concept that can make or break a research career. These parallel sessions will explore research impact in terms of reach and significance within a discipline, the economy and wider society

Conference Organising Committee

Dr Omid Alizadehkhayat, Molecular and Clinical Cancer Medicine

Dr Louise Dennis, Computer Science

Dr Rui Fa, Electrical Engineering and Electronics

Dr Alexey Ganin, Chemistry

Dr Marco Giardiello, Chemistry

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Conference Programme

Conference website: <http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2012>

Conference Chair: Drs Adam Wyner and Louise Dennis

9.00 – 9.20	Registration and Refreshments
9.20 – 9.30	Welcome note and Introduction by conference team and morning session Chair
9.30 – 10.00	<p>Keynote – Introduction to the Concordat Implementation Group, Chair of the Concordat Implementation Group (CIG), Professor Lu-Yun Lian</p> <p>Brief Description: Professor Lian will discuss the role of the new Concordat Implementation Group. The Group is tasked with reviewing and developing capacity towards establishing appropriate support mechanisms for research staff in the University. Findings from recent institutional surveys will be looked at and actions taken will be presented and discussed</p>
10.00 – 10.45	<p>1st Plenary – Public Engagement for Researchers, Partnerships and Innovation, Jill Forrest and Matthew Cliff</p> <p>Brief Description: This session will highlight institutional processes that are being developed to integrate the University's position and research output in the wider society. Researchers in the University can assume a key role in this process</p>
10.45 – 11.10	Coffee Break
11.10 – 11.30	<p>The PVC Forum – Engagement and Impact in the University's Research Environment, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange, Professor Dinah Birch</p> <p>Brief Description: Professor Birch will provide an overview of the University's research environment and how it is being developed to meet institutional expectations and external standards. She will also discuss the active role of research staff in the REF2014 and how researchers can contribute to the university's research environment.</p>
11.30 – 12.20	<p>Q&A panel discussion - An interactive session to share views and ideas. An opportunity to ask your questions to the panel. <i>Your views will make a difference in processes relating to researcher development.</i> The panel consists of: Prof Dinah Birch, PVC for Research &KE; Prof Lu-Yun Lian, Chair of CIG; Frances Hardisty, Human Resources</p> <p>Have you got a question for the panel – Submit your question anonymously here (by 28th May 2012)</p>
12.20 – 13.20	<p>Lunch - including Information Fair</p> <p>The fair will include stalls from Vitae, Research Archives from Library, Research Support Office funding database, the University's Intellectual Property Service, UCU, the Liverpool Science Park, the Merseyside partnership</p>

<p>13.20 – 14.00</p>	<p>1st Parallel – Research Staff and Public Engagement – what to consider and how to benefit – More information at http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2012_theme1.htm</p> <p>Choice of 3 parallel sessions; all presenters will discuss their experiences from research projects they have engaged with for the benefit of the community; they will also demonstrate the benefit to themselves as part of their research practice and career development:</p> <p>Session 1.1 – Dr Richard Koeck; The session will explore research undertaken to inform and support cultural projects and work done with FACT and the Tate</p> <p>Session 1.2 – Dr Lynn Moran; The session will explore the dissemination of research findings and practice in schools with audiences including students, their parents and the general public</p> <p>Session 1.3 – Dr Jane Cloke; The session will explore the transition from pure medical research to actual implementation and demonstration of need and wider benefit to the society</p>
<p>14.00 – 14.05</p>	<p>Moving Rooms</p>
<p>14.05 – 14.50</p>	<p>2nd Parallel – Demonstrating Impact in our Research; From Research Themes, to REF2014 and Personal Aspirations – More information at http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2012_theme2.htm</p> <p>Choice of 3 parallel sessions; presenters in these sessions have experience in managing research projects that have generated impact within and across disciplines; they will reflect on their practice and discuss their experiences with participants:</p> <p>Session 2.1 – Professor Ken Badcock, from Faculty of Sciences and Engineering</p> <p>Session 2.2 – Professor Karen Ross, from Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</p> <p>Session 2.3 – Professor Jane Hurst, from Faculty of Health and Life Sciences</p>
<p>14.50 – 15.00</p>	<p>Conference Summary and Close, followed by drinks and snacks</p>