

The Keele Doctoral Academy & Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Keele Postgraduate Conference 2021

Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Microsoft Teams

Conference Programme	
09.15	<p>Conference welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Trevor McMillan, Vice-Chancellor • Katie Charlton, KPA President
09.30	<p>Three Minute Thesis Competition (semi-finals):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Alexandra Lamont, Keele Doctoral Academy Director
10.15	<p>Networking with presenters and competition viewing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters • Advertise your Research (in memory of Dr Rachel Green) <p>(available to be viewed from Tuesday 1st June via the ILAS website)</p>
11.15	<p>Panel session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The employment experiences of doctoral degree students with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kat Mycock – KPAC Post Doctorate Research Fellow, Keele University • Dr Harry Williams – Postdoctoral Researcher, Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine • Miss Kara Holloway – Student Mental Health Project Coordinator, Keele University
12.00	<p>Final competition viewing (break):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster and Create my Thesis viewing • Final voting for all competitions closes at 12.15
12.15	<p>Open Research presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Research Champion • Competition winners' presentation followed by prize giving with Dr Jim Grange, University Academic Lead for Research & Integrity Improvement

13.00	<p>Presentation of prizes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Jonathan Wastling, Executive Dean of Natural Sciences
13.30	<p>Break-out sessions: (Each breakout session will be delivered twice i.e., 2 x 50 minutes with a 10-minute break in between)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Applications, CVs and Interviews – Making a Good Impact hosted by Emma Colley <p>This session will help you to identify transferable skills that are useful when seeking and applying for jobs in and outside of academia as well as providing general advice for seeking employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inside perspectives and tips for grant applications – Early Career/Post Doc. hosted by Dr James Cook <p>This session will begin with advice and tips on how to find and apply for your first grant, followed by advice and perspectives from ECRs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher conversations hosted by Professor Zoe Robinson <p>Conversations are critical to our careers as well as our personal lives. Yet outside of a few professional disciplines, there is little coverage of communication skills development beyond presentation skills and one-way transmission.</p> <p>This session explores some of the skills and techniques that can be applied to improve one-to-one communication, essential to networking at conferences, developing personal and professional relationships, and working effectively with those who might have different views to our own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs for opportunity: scoping potential postgraduate project funding hosted by Professor Deirdre McKay <p>This session will help you imagine your project via a bolt-on, fundable research design. It will offer general entrepreneurial pointers to help you work with your advisor to address small, short-notice funding calls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the company of friends: research with external partners hosted by Ann Pittard <p>Can working with partners ever become as natural and comfortable as working within an academic community? Dominant narratives in this area continue to emphasise the distance between academic research and the external world, rarely exploring the complexity of knowledge-flows, or the role that culture and values play in sustaining or impeding strong and impactful research relationships. And yet encouraging greater awareness these aspects of partnership development could provide the key to a flourishing engaged research culture.</p>

	<p>This session considers whether conventional approaches to engagement are fit for purpose in enabling external partnerships to form and flourish and provides case studies of from researchers who have succeeded in maintaining external engagement at the heart of their research practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research journaling with Start to Success hosted by Toni Karic <p>This session will explore how you can use research journaling to support productivity and problem solving during your time as a PGR. We will touch on topics such as how research journaling might be used for planning, goal setting and managing feelings related to imposter syndrome.</p> <p>Start to success is a 2-year OfS funded project led my Keele and Staffordshire University which aims to support the mental health and wellbeing of students. Toni is the project officer for postgraduate support, and you can find out more about the project and resources that have been created as part of the project over at www.starttosuccess.co.uk</p>
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