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CONTRACT RESEARCHERS FORUM (CRF) NEWSLETTER

WHAT IS THE CRF?

Welcome to the Contract Researcher Forum's (CRF) first newsletter. The CRF was formed in 2016 to provide training, events, a community for contract researchers and support to give feedback to the DoHS Senior Management Team. Our events are for ALL contract and early career researchers, research support staff and PhD students in the Department of Health Sciences.

Contract Researchers Forum
Department of Health Sciences



WHAT'S COMING UP?

TRAINING

Our next training event is about **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in the Department and our research.**

- **What?** Our expert speakers will discuss examples of considering EDI in research culture, research grants, patient and public involvement, research projects and more.
- **When?** Thursday 8th February 2024, 10am-1pm
- **Where?** BS/104 Tree House, Berrick Saul

NETWORKING

Bring Your Own Lunches

The CRF organise informal get togethers over lunch which are open to everyone. We sometimes set a topic for the lunch, but you're welcome to come along just for a chat about anything (work or non work related!).

- **What?** At our next lunch event, we'll be talking about **perceptions of the promotion process in association with Athena Swan**. Please come along even if you've never engaged with the promotion process, but might be interested in it at some point.
- **When?** Thursday 29th February 2024, 12-1pm
- **Where?** ARC/201A.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS

We want to make sure the CRF is meeting everyone's needs - including PhD students, early career researchers, mid career researchers and research support staff in our department. Please click on the links below to tell us what the CRF can do for you.

The CRF would like to start a new departmental Quantitative Research Network.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THE NETWORK HERE



The CRF want to hear your ideas for future training and networking opportunities.

TELL US YOUR IDEAS HERE



RECENT EVENTS

At our last training event in October 2023, 25 researchers from different research groups met to hear about '**Academic Use of Social Media and Generative AI**'. Attendees told us they valued the range of expert speakers, and the opportunities for discussion over tea and biscuits! Thank you to our presenters for a great afternoon.

Our latest Bring Your Own lunch topic was held on Monday 29th January. Researchers were joined by Research Liaisons to discuss how researchers can get involved in teaching, and it was a really useful discussion.

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CRF, EMAIL US AT: DOHS-CRF@YORK.AC.UK