# AAI Research Networking Day

**17th July 2019**  
The York Medical Society  
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## Programme

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<td>9:30 – 10:00</td>
<td>Arrivals &amp; Refreshments</td>
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| 10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome & Introduction to the day  
Dr Elena Ratschen, Prof Daniel Mills & Dr Emily Wood |

### Talks (& Questions)

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| 10:15 – 10:28 | AAI for University students - results from a feasibility study  
Dr Emily Wood  
University of Sheffield  
School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR)  
Mental Health Unit |
| 10:28 – 10:41 | AAI – what works? Longitudinal RCT with school children in mainstream and special educational needs schools  
Prof Kerstin Meints (with Victoria Brelsford, Mirena Dimoraleva & Dr Elise Rowan)  
University of Lincoln  
School of Psychology  
College of Social Sciences |
| 10:41 – 10:54 | Interim results from the PEDRO study (RCT on effect of hearing dogs on the life of their humans)  
Prof Bryony Beresford  
University of York  
Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU) |
| 10:54 – 11:07 | Swimming with dolphins in Virtual Reality: the psychological benefits for adults with additional needs  
Georgia Smith  
University of Stirling  
Department of Psychology |

### Coffee Break

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| 11:25 – 11:38 | The Bracknell Forest Community Dogs council project  
Hayley Stimpson  
AAI Services Development Advisor  
Dogs for Good (DfG) |
| 11:38 – 11:51 | Therapeutic animal visits within the hospital setting  
Matthew Robinson  
National Project Coordinator  
Pets as Therapy (PAT) |
| 11:51 – 12:04 | ‘Don’t forget the animal in animal-assisted interventions’ – a talk on animal welfare in AAs  
Prof Daniel Mills  
University of Lincoln  
School of Life Sciences  
College of Science |
| 12:04 – 12:17 | Dogs Helping Kids’ three year training and assessment programme – why this is essential for the welfare and safety of each of our School Dogs; how recent media attention could affect dogs in schools  
Tracey Berridge  
Founder & Chief Executive  
Dogs Helping Kids (DHK) |
| 12:17 – 12:30 | Standards for AAI provision: an update on national and international developments  
Peter Gorbing  
Chief Executive  
Dogs for Good (DfG) |
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| 13:15 – 13:30 | AAI research in the UK - where we are at, and where we could go. Setting  | Dr Elena Ratschen  
University of York  
Department of Health Sciences  
Mental Health & Addictions Research Group |
|              | the scene for the afternoon sessions                                     |                                                                             |
| 13:30 – 14:45 | Workshop Session: Interdisciplinary AAI research – current and future    | All delegates  
Facilitators: Elena Ratschen, Daniel Mills, Emily Wood, Kerstin Meints & Trevor Sheldon |
|              | opportunities & challenges                                                |                                                                             |
|              |                                                                          |                                                                             |
| 15:00 – 15:45 | Structured summary feedback from Workshop Sessions  
Plenary discussion: Where do we go from here? Exploring next steps | All delegates & facilitators                                                 |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Summary & Close of Day                                                    | Elena Ratschen & Daniel Mills                                               |