Keynote Speaker

- David Torgerson is Director of the York Trials Unit. He has worked on a large number of RCTs both in health care and across the social sciences. He is the co-author of a text book on “Designing Randomised Trials in Health, Education and the Social Sciences” and the Cabinet Office paper “Test, Learn, Adapt” as well as authoring over 250 peer reviewed papers, many of which are on trial design.

Invited Speakers

- Mark Langdon is a Principal Research Officer in the Work and Health Joint Unit (a cross-Government venture). He joined the Civil Service in 2003 and has been involved in evaluating a wide range of Government policies in both BIS and DWP. Mark currently leads a team of researchers testing a variety of new forms of employment support for benefit claimants with Mental Health conditions.
- Simon Clay is a Senior Scientific Officer in the Department for Work and Pensions. He joined the Civil Service in 2006, and has spent most of his career working on government surveys. Since March 2015, he has been part of a team working on trials around government policies in the labour market.
- Steve Higgins is Professor of Education at Durham University. He is the lead author of the Sutton Trust-Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit (https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit) which aims to provide an accessible and accurate summary of intervention research in education. He has an interest in meta-analysis and, with colleagues from UCL, IoE and Durham University, developed training materials for teaching meta-analysis, funded by the ESRC’s Researcher Development Initiative.
Eleventh Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce the eleventh annual conference RCTs in the Social Sciences. The conference will be an opportunity for delegates to share expertise, interests, and concerns about conducting trials in all fields of social sciences.

The conference will be held on 7th, 8th and 9th September 2016 in the ARRC Building at the University of York. This conference aims to:

♦ Facilitate sharing and collaboration between academic disciplines in this area
♦ Discuss the methodological, practical and ethical challenges of undertaking trials in the social sciences

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are now invited for refereed oral and poster contributions relevant to RCTs conducted in the social sciences.

Abstracts should:

♦ Follow a structured format - such as Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusion
♦ Be no longer than 250 words, excluding references
♦ Include no more than three references

This year the planning committee will award prizes for the best contributed presentation and for the best poster. The prizes will be presented by the keynote speaker.

Please send submissions by 20th July 2016 by email to:
sally.baker@york.ac.uk

or by post to:

Sally Baker
Lower Ground Floor, ARRC Building,
York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences,
Faculty of Science, University of York,
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The conference is jointly organised by Professor David Torgerson (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences), Professor Catherine Hewitt (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences) and Dr Ben Styles (National Foundation for Educational Research)

The conference workshop will be organised by Dr Gerry Richardson (Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Health Economics, University of York), Belen Corbacho (Health Economist), Dr Kerry Bell (Health Economist) Sarah Ronaldson (Health Economist), Eugena Stamuli (Health Economist), Professor Catherine Hewitt (Senior Statistician), Caroline Fairhurst (Statistician) and Ada Keding (Statistician) York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences, University of York.

Venue and Travel

The conference will take place in the ARRC Building, University of York (Heslington West Campus), UK.

York is on the main East Coast Line from London King’s Cross to Edinburgh. Fast trains leave from both north and south at frequent intervals. There is also a direct service across the Pennines between York, Leeds and Manchester Airport.

The University is two miles from the railway station. A journey by taxi from the railway station to the University will take approximately 15 minutes. There is a taxi rank just outside the station.

Parking at the University is very limited. Delegates wishing to travel by car should visit www.york.ac.uk/about/maps for maps and directions to the University campus and further information about parking fees and restrictions.
Workshop
Wednesday 7th September 2016
ARRC Building, University of York

Health Economics: Valuing Outcomes
Gerry Richardson, Kerry Bell, Belen Corbacho, Sarah Ronaldson, Eugena Stamuli

This session will cover the use and usefulness of economic evaluation alongside RCTs. It will focus on the choice of outcome measures and how the relative value of different outcomes could be assessed. The duration of RCTs and enhancing their usefulness to decision makers will also be discussed.

Statistics session: to stratify or not to stratify?
Catherine Hewitt, Caroline Fairhurst, Ada Keding

This session will explore the use of baseline factors in the design and analysis of randomised controlled trials, and will cover stratification during the randomisation process, incorporating covariates into sample size calculations and the pros and cons of adjusting for covariates during the analysis.

Main Conference
Thursday 8th September and Friday 9th September 2016
ARRC Building, University of York

The Conference will open on Thursday 8th September at 9.30 am and will close on Friday 9th September at 4.30 pm. The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments on both days. The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 8th September 2016.

The Conference will include one keynote presentation, three invited presentations and contributed presentations on all aspects of randomised trials in the social sciences. There will be an opportunity for delegates to discuss their own trials at a one-hour ‘surgery’.

The above details are correct at the time of going to print. The organisers reserve the right to make amendments to arrangements where necessary.

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Dietary and Special requirements (e.g. vegetarian/vegan/kosher/halal/other)

## Registration Fees: (Please Tick)

### Early Registration
(payment received up to and including Friday 12th August 2016)
- Conference fees (three days, 7th, 8th and 9th September, conference dinner, workshop) £350
- Conference fees (two days: 8th and 9th September) £290
- Conference fee (one day only: 8th September) £145
- Conference fee (one day only: 9th September) £145
- Workshop (7th September) £30
- Conference Dinner (8th September) £30

### Standard Registration
(for payment received after Friday 12th August 2016)
- Conference fees (three days, 7th, 8th and 9th September, conference dinner, workshop) £400
- Conference fees (two days: 8th and 9th September) £340
- Conference fee (one day only: 8th September) £170
- Conference fee (one day only: 9th September) £150
- Workshop (7th September) £30
- Conference Dinner (8th September) £30

### Student Registration
- Conference fees (three days, 7th, 8th and 9th September, conference dinner, workshop) £160
- Conference fees (two days: 8th and 9th September) £100
- Conference fee (one day only: 8th September) £50
- Conference fee (one day only: 9th September) £50
- Workshop (7th September) £30
- Conference Dinner (8th September) £30

### Workshop Only
- Workshop (7th September) £30

### Accommodation
- Accommodation is available at the University of York. To book rooms, please contact www.yorkconferences.com
- If you prefer to stay in York City centre, please contact Visit York www.visityork.org/book
- If you require any help with your booking or would like any further information about accommodation in York please contact Sally Baker (sally.baker@york.ac.uk)

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Name of account: University of York Bank: Lloyds Bank PLC, 2 Pavement, York Y01 9UP.

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If you would like to pay by invoice please tick this box and the conference administrator will contact you.

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