



Bridging the Gap

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The story so far...

- EPSRC bid in System Risk and Uncertainty, completed in summer 2010
- 100 different events
- Attended by 440 colleagues from all departments in Science, Engineering and Business School
- 30 multidisciplinary research proposals- 6 funded thus far
- Staff with collaborative links with another discipline rose from 50% in 2007 to 72% in 2010
- In 2007, 18% of staff had co-written a paper with a colleague in another discipline; 37% in 2010

Key mechanisms

- Themed workshops linked to specific problems
- Seminars for cross disciplinary audiences
- Speed dating events
- Short projects
- New joiners meetings
- University Research Day

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- Annual event
- For all researchers including postgraduate research students from across all 4 faculties – Engineering, Science, Business, Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences
- Network events
- Presentations
- Posters
- Demonstrations
- Research competition



Dragons' Den



Moving forward

- Recognition in strategic plan; multi-disciplinary research now a cornerstone to enhance research, teaching and knowledge exchange
- University has awarded £360k follow-on funding
- Open to all Faculties
- New project management team
- New board



Challenges and lessons learned

- Important not to be too prescriptive- ownership
- Keeping it fresh- new ideas
- Getting more people involved- champions, highlighting the benefits
- Nurture, nurture, nurture