

CropLife Summer School 2013

Proposed Programme

17th – 24th May 2013

To encompass Fascination of Plants Day, 18th May 2013

<http://www.plantday12.eu>

Venue: University of Leeds, Leeds, West Yorkshire, UK

http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/20014/about/157/how_to_find_us

Accommodation: Storm Jameson Court, University of Leeds

<http://www.meetinleeds.co.uk/shortbreaks.php>

Training Venue: Great Woodhouse Room, University House, Leeds

<http://www.meetinleeds.co.uk/universityhouse.php>

Friday 17th May	Arrive in Leeds and check into accommodation
Saturday 18th May	Participate in Fascination of Plants day, Leeds city centre
Sunday 19th May	Free time – visit local attractions. Possibly York
Monday 20th May – Thursday 23rd May	Training as per attached schedule
Friday 24th May	Return home

The Model:

Day-to-day researchers face demanding challenges in their own fields. But what about the wider world? What about more complex challenges that can't be solved by one discipline alone?

NESTA developed the Crucible programme to bring bright thinkers together and see the bigger picture.

Crucible aims to help early career researchers to discover:

- how other early to mid-career researchers are tackling the same issues as them
- how they can transfer their knowledge to the public sphere to make an impact
- the skills and attitudes that are likely to make their research more innovative
- how thinking creatively can make a difference to their work and career

The challenges facing society today require people from different disciplines to collaborate and think outside the box.

http://www.nesta.org.uk/areas_of_work/public_services_lab/past_projects_public_services_lab/crucible

We would make it available to other relevant participants to broaden the opportunity for networking, up to a maximum of 20 delegates.

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Format: Summer School (up to 6 days) on career development in June 2013 for CropLife ESRs and ER

Participants: 13 ESR and ER from CropLife Marie Curie ITN plus up to 7 additional from appropriate HEIF sector hubs

Outcome: to understand the wider context in which the researchers work and to develop a wider understanding of themselves and how they might operate within their longer term career

Lead facilitators: Dr. Heather Sears (HJS) and Samantha Aspinall (SA), SDDU

Programme: The following proposal is based on elements of NESTA's Crucible Programme. SA is an experienced Crucible facilitator.

Day	Theme	Main activity(s)	Notes
Monday 20 May	Looking outwards – the role of research in society	<p>Where does your science fit in EU & globally? Prepared poster.</p> <p>Media engagement & expert witness</p> <p>Public engagement incl. expert witness</p> <p>Policy engagement incl. expert witness</p>	
Tuesday 21 May	Your research community – your networks	<p>Speed collaboration</p> <p>Global challenges across disciplines</p> <p>Popularising academic research incl. expert witness</p>	
	Lab visits		
	Social BBQ		
Wednesday 22 May	Career development – interview skills	Mock interviews	

	Career development	What industry wants - expert witness	
	Time out doing something else		
Thursday 23 May	Protecting your idea	Case study on patenting process using plant exemplar <i>Dr Luke Kempton, Partner, Wragge & Co LLP (PhD in plant biology)</i>	Luke - confirmed
	Issues in Crop Science	Bespoke CropLife case study leading to fuller understanding of how commercial science works	Might move to Wednesday depending on availability To be developed by SA/HS and led by commercial partner
	<i>Industry evening?</i>		
Friday 24 May	EU policy in practice	D'accord -interactive case study based on EU negotiations <i>Dr Martin Penny, Assistant to the Director-General, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation</i>	Martin – confirmed <i>Participants – will need around 30 to run effectively</i>

* Understanding yourself and others - Myers Brigg Type Indicator (MBTI) could be offered as an optional extra. HJS and SA are licensed MBTI facilitators