British Council: How to find international collaborators for your research

Recently Sandy Sparks was interviewed by the editor of the British Council online magazine called Voices, as she is a facilitator for the British Council Newton Funded Research Connect programme, having facilitated programmes in Brazil, China & Kenya.

The article ‘How to find international collaborators for your research’ – looking at finding and maintaining international collaborations was published on 9 January 2019.

This article may be interesting to you, your colleagues and or people your supervise.

A few key points are as follows:

⇒ Start with what you have to offer
⇒ Decide on the most effective way to find & connect with your collaborator
⇒ Do your research about the person/organisation – understand the person you are approaching
⇒ Set expectations at the beginning of the collaboration
⇒ Develop a common language
⇒ Take control of your career development

To view the article please click here.
Leadership in Action Programme—Places Available!

This workshop enables Research Active Staff (RAS) on Research-focussed, Teaching-focussed and Research & Teaching contracts to explore & develop their leadership skills. It is run once a year. This 2-day workshop will be taking place on Monday 25 February 2019 and Monday 4 March 2019 (attendance is required on both days), between 09.00 - 17.30 in the Arden Conference Centre. Refreshments will be available 30 minutes before the start of the workshop and lunch will be provided.

The deadline for nominations is Monday 11 February 2019.

In order to view further information and/or to complete the nomination form please click here.

The impact reports for 2017-2018 are now available to view online.

⇒ Detailed LiA Impact Report (2017-2018)
⇒ Summary Diagram of LiA Impact Report (2017-2018)
⇒ Overview and Highlights between June 2015—July 2018

Below is some feedback from previous LiA programmes:

Dr. James Amor, Research Fellow for the School of Engineering:
“The Leadership in Action programme is a great course and provides an excellent way to practice critical leadership skills in a very forgiving and well supported environment. The course has a good mix of theory and practical elements and provides a great set of skills both for those currently in leadership positions and those who might be in the future. The course also provides a lot of transferable skills that are applicable to interpersonal business relationships in general. Sandy is an excellent facilitator and I would recommend this course to anyone with an interest in leadership.”

Dr. Hema Mistry, Associate Professor for WMS, Population, Evidence & Technology, Health Sciences:
“I attended the Leadership in Action Course in 2017. The course provided me with some worthwhile opportunities – involving both theory and practical sessions, alongside some networking prospects. The course also helped to increased my level of confidence and help me become more assertive in meetings. Sandy was always on hand and provided her expert knowledge throughout the workshop. I would definitely recommend this course.”

Mr. Jonty Leese, Senior Teaching Fellow for the Centre for Teacher Education:
“I completed the leadership in action course last year with initial concern. Sandy was extremely hospitable and the sessions flew by! With a great mix of theory and practical applications we were able to quickly embed theories into reality. Whilst I didn’t always complete the homework tasks, they were relevant and added value to the following sessions. We came away with sharpened skills and an extended professional network. In short an excellent course”.

Dr. Jane Bryan, Principal Teaching Fellow, School of Law
“This extremely well-delivered course was full of relevant material that I could apply as soon as I left the sessions.”

Dr. Elisabeth Arweck, Principal Research Fellow, Centre for Education Studies
“If you are looking for a leadership development programme which fulfils what it promises, look no further than the Learning & Development Centre’s Leadership in Action course. Having gone through the course, I can say that it is successful in meeting its stated objectives, that I rate it highly, and that I found it a very valuable ‘investment’ of my time. The course created an environment and space where both the professional and personal had a place. It was neither overly formal nor inappropriately informal. It included both theoretical and hands-on sessions, providing an opportunity for participants to lead on ‘projects’ and thus getting a feel for what it might be like in reality. Being able to meet colleagues from across the university and across disciplines widened everybody’s ‘Warwick experience’ and created colleagues across campus. The folder and handouts have become a resource to which I resort when I need refreshing or reminding. The facilitators know ‘their stuff’ and know how the university operates”.

For details of the impact reports created for previous academic years please click here.

Academic Writing—Workshops

Writing for Impact
This session is taking place on Thursday 14 February 2019, between 9.30-15.00 (with an optional hour after the event to gain advice from Dr. Rochelle Sibley), in Argent Court AC.01.

For further information and/or to book a place please click here.

Raising your Article Quality
This session is taking place on Thursday 2 May 2019, between 9.30-15.00 (with an optional hour after the event to gain advice from Dr. Rochelle Sibley), in Wolfson 3, The Research Exchange, 3rd Floor, The Library.

For further information and/or to book a place please click here.

Academic Writing Retreat—‘Bootcamp’
Take time to start or finish your academic writing. The academic writing retreat runs for 2-days and provides Research Active Staff the opportunity to focus exclusively on their academic writing, in the ‘protected’ time. In the 2018-2019 academic year two ‘Bootcamps’ will be running:

Thursday 14 & Friday 15 March 2019 and Thursday 4 & 5 July 2019, between 9.00 –17.00 in Argent Court, AC.02 & AC.03.

For further information and/or to book a place please click here.
**Career Development**

**Introduction to Unconscious Bias**
The next sessions will be taking place in the spring and summer terms — on **Thursday 28 February 2019**, between **12.00-14.00** and on **Tuesday 18 June 2019**, between **14.00-16.00**. Both of these sessions will be taking place in Argent Court, AC.02.

In order to view further information and/or to book a place please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/). For a whole range of resources relating to Unconscious Bias, including feedback from previous participants and the Unconscious Bias Moodle, please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

**Managing your Research/Academic Career**
This session will be taking place on **Tuesday 14 May 2019**, between **09.00 - 16.00** (tea/coffee will be available at 08.30. Lunch will be provided) in Argent Court, AC.02.

In order to view further details and/or to book a place please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

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**Collaborative Events**

**Planning your Publication Strategy (Led by the Library):**

1) **Planning your Publication Strategy - Scholarly Books**
   For more information and/or to book a place please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

2) **Planning your Publication Strategy - Conference Papers**
   For more information and or to book a place please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

3) **Planning your Publication Strategy - Social and Informal Publishing**
   For more information and/or to book a place please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

**Led by the Public Engagement Team:**

1) **Evaluating your Public Engagement Activity**
   **Wednesday 6 February 2019, 12.30 - 15.30, Ro.04, Ramphal Building, Main Campus.**
   For more information and/or to book a place please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

2) **Giving Great Public Engagement Presentations**
   **Wednesday 20 March 2019, 12.00 - 15.00, Wolfson 1 & 2, The Research Exchange, 3rd Floor, The Library.**
   For more information and/or to book a place please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

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**Research Staff Forum (RSF)**

A University Forum for Research Active Staff has been established to serve a general networking function and to provide a focus for gathering Research Active Staff views on issues such as induction, learning and development opportunities and sharing good practice and ideas.

The last RSF Meeting took place on Wednesday 31 October 2018. For further information on these meetings, including a link to the notes from the RSF Meeting, please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

RSF Meetings will be taking place in the spring term (**Wednesday 27 February 2019**, between **12.00-14.00** in the Wolfson Research Exchange, Room 2) and in the summer term (**Wednesday 22 May 2019**, between **12.00-14.00** in the Wolfson Research Exchange, Room 3). Please note that this date may be changing.

The meetings are open to new and/or current Research Active Staff that would like to attend. If you would like to attend one of these meetings, please email Jane Cooper (LDC admin support) at researcherqueries@warwick.ac.uk for catering purposes.

**RAS 1-1 Support**

LDC is committed to providing Research Active Staff (RAS) on Research-focussed, Teaching-focussed and Research & Teaching contracts with the right kind of learning and development opportunities and support for RAS needs.

In addition to the RAS programme of funding and events/workshops/programmes we are currently providing the funding for individual 1-1 support with the aim of providing focussed / specific support to meet RAS needs. The 1-1 support is funded by LDC (RAS). The budget is limited and 1-1’s will be assessed on need and the University’s strategic priorities. Please note that RAS members are allowed up to two sessions.

There are different 1-1’s available to Research Active Staff. Please click on the relevant link below if you are interested in booking a place:

- Academic Writing Support
- Career Development Support
- Coaching and Mentoring Support
- Specialist 1-1 Support
  - a) Emotional Intelligence (TEQUie)
  - b) Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)
  - c) Strengths Profile

For further information on each of these and/or to book a 1-1 please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).

To view the Impact Report for the RAS 1-1 support 2017-2018 please click [here](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/).
FOCUS ON: RAS NETWORK FUNDING & WELLBEING WEEK

RAS Networking Funding Events
All of the funding for Research Active Staff Networks has now been allocated for the 2018-2019 academic year across 11 Networks. The total amount allocated is £9663.50.

Borders, Race, Ethnicity & Migration (BREM)
Dr Vicki Squire and Dr Ana Aliverti

Education and Psychology Research Active Network (EPRAN)
Samantha Flynn

WMS Medical Statistics Book and Journal Club
Dr Deepak Parashar and Dr Chen Ji

Qualitative and Mixed Methods Interest Group (QMIG)
Dr Rebecca Johnson

WMG Researcher Forum
Dr Vannessa Goodship, Dr Sumit Hazra, Dr Bethany Middleton, Dr Valentina Donzella and Dr Helen Ascroft

Centre for Exoplanets and Habitability Research Network
Dr David Armstrong, Dr Hendrik Schaefer, Professor Catherine Constable, and Dr Michael Bycroft

Health Economics Journal Club
Dr Mandy Maredza and Asmaa El-Banna

Medical Sociology Interest Group
Dr Carol M Bryce and Dr Sophie Rees

Latin America at Warwick Network (LAWN)
Dr Tom Long and Dr Stephanie Panichelli-Batalla

Researcher Integrity
Dr Greg Moorlock, Kirstie Shearman, Professor Heather Draper and Dr Anne-Marie Slowther

Circular Economy Researchers’ Network
Dr Maryam Masood, Professor Kerry Kirwan and Dr Stuart Coles

You can click here for further details of the RAS Networks.

Details of some upcoming network events can be found below:

The Circular Economy Researchers’ Network (CERN)
CERN invites you all to its launch event on Tuesday 12 February 2019, between 12pm – 2pm, which is taking place in Oculus OCl.04. The network aims at bringing together all academics within the University working on various aspects of the circular economy. For further information and/or to register please click here.

Education and Psychology Research Active Network (EPRAN)
On Thursday 14 February 2019, between 12-2pm in Wolfson Room 3, Corinna Grindle from the Centre for Behaviour Solutions Ltd. will be discussing her work with children with intellectual disabilities. For further information please contact S.Flynn.1@warwick.ac.uk.

Researcher Integrity Meeting
Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 12:30 in rooms 005/007 in the Medical Teaching Centre, Gibbet Hill Campus. Lunch will be provided to those who confirm their attendance by emailing g.moorlock@warwick.ac.uk.

An Impact Report has been created, which looks at the RAS Network Funding benefits in 2017-2018.

Wellbeing Week (4 - 8 February 2019)

Dignity and Respect
This year, Warwick will be holding a Wellbeing Week between Monday 4 and Friday 8 February 2019, which is to promote the support which is available and communicate key messages on wellbeing - including healthy lifestyles, physical health and activity, mental health, and financial wellbeing. The whole week will be underpinned by a theme of Dignity and Respect and the impact this can have on our wellbeing. A specific day focusing on Dignity and Respect will be on Tuesday 5 February 2019.

There are still spaces available on the following events:

Dignity and Respect. Who Cares?
Tuesday 5 February 2019; 1pm – 3pm; R3.25, Ramphal OR Friday 8 February 2019; 1.30pm - 3.30pm; R1.03, Ramphal
For further information and/or to book a place please click here.

How to Manage Your Emotions to Improve Relationships at Work
Tuesday 5 February 2019; 11.45am – 12.45pm; 2.006, WBS
For further information and/or to book a place please click here.

For further information on Wellbeing Week, including a full list of events that are taking place, please click here.

If you have any questions or comments let us know on equality@warwick.ac.uk.
FOCUS ON: OTHER UNIVERSITY-WIDE SUPPORT

Research Integrity

Led by Research & Impact Services (R & IS)

*Below is an important update on the Research Ethics Process and Research Integrity Training*

Dear Colleagues

In line with GDPR regulations, the University’s research ethics application forms have been updated to incorporate data protection requirements. There is now a new set of BSREC (Biomedical and Scientific Research Ethics Committee) and HSSREC (Humanities and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee) documentation, as well as harmonisation of the wider committee process. More information on ethics can be found on the Research and Impact Services (R&IS) webpages.

Researchers are also reminded that the online Research Integrity online training provided by the University is strongly encouraged for all research active staff. In addition to this online provision, face-to-face training on research ethics can be tailored to departments’ needs and delivered by Professor Tom Sorell. If you are interested in learning more about the training, please contact Professor Sorell (T.Sorell@warwick.ac.uk). More information on training can be found on the R&IS webpages.

If you would like further information on any of the above, please contact Research Support Officer, Dr Rosie Bellamy - Rosie.Bellamy@warwick.ac.uk

Professor Stephen Jarvis
Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor (Research)
Chair of the Research Governance and Ethics Committee

In order to complete the Research Integrity online training course please click here.

Public Engagement Update

Training (see page 3)

Upcoming sessions include “Evaluating your Public Engagement Activity” and “Giving Great P.E. Presentations” and spaces are still available. These sessions are open to anyone, including postgraduates, who will see that the sessions have been uploaded to SkillsForge. Staff can view more information and sign-up by clicking the relevant training webpage.

Public Engagement and Outreach Grants

There are currently a few outreach and public engagement grants open, including Wellcome Trust Fellowships, Biochemical Society, School of Advance Study, MRC Festival and more, so please go to the P.E. funding webpage for more details. The P.E. Team can offer support with developing any ideas you have and help with submitting your application through a friendly and constructive review process. For any queries regarding the internal QBP Public Engagement grant (for up to £3000), please contact Matt Telf.

Drop-in Sessions

The public engagement team are running drop-in sessions every Wednesday from 1-3 in the University House Café/ Atrium as an informal way of getting support for any P.E. need, so please feel free to stop by and talk to us! University House is well connected to all of the campuses via the shuttle bus, and next to the new multi-storey car park when it comes in to use.

LDC EVENTS

Click on the titles below for more information and booking forms for the events confirmed for this academic year, or visit our events page for the full programme:
http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/

Spring/Summer Term:

6 February 2019*
Evaluating your Public Engagement Activity

14 February 2019*
Planning your Publication Strategy: Scholarly Books

14 February 2019
Academic Writing: Writing for Impact

Monday 25 February & Monday 4 March 2019
Leadership in Action Programme
(Nomination deadline: Monday 11 February 2019)

27 February 2019
Research Staff Forum Meeting

28 February 2019**
Introduction to Unconscious Bias

5 March 2019*
Planning your Publication Strategy - Conference Papers

14 & 15 March 2019
Academic Writing Retreat: Bootcamp

20 March 2019*
Giving Great Public Engagement Presentations

8 April 2019
Planning your Publication Strategy - Social and Informal Publishing

14 May 2019
Managing your Research Academic Career

*Collaborative Events
**Open to all staff

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