



## Training and Personal Development



### July 2017

We will be holding a wide variety of training courses in September, including new courses on [public engagement](#), [stakeholder engagement](#), [outcome and impact measurement](#) and [research skills](#).

This month's newsletter provides details of these courses and all of our upcoming courses, as well as other training opportunities with the Royal Society of Biology, our Member Organisations, and external organisations.

[Please note that registration deadlines for our September courses will be in August as detailed below.](#)

Please see our website for a full list of our [upcoming courses](#).

### Training support for organisations

We are expanding our in-house training provision and offer a range of courses to suit your needs. Further information is available, including a list some of our popular courses that we offer in-house, on our [website](#). We may also be able to run bespoke courses on topics not listed here. To enquire about receiving in-house training at your organisation please [contact us](#) to discuss your requirements.

Discounts of up to 50% of the full price training fees are available on our open courses, to all staff and members of our [Member Organisations](#).

Group booking discounts of up to 10% are also now available for our members and Member Organisations. To make a group booking please contact [Naomi Smith](#).



Best Wishes

Naomi Smith

**Training Officer**

[training@rsb.org.uk](mailto:training@rsb.org.uk)



Share this newsletter:



### Free online training for primary teachers in London

Are you a primary teacher looking for simple, fun, hands on activities to spice up your science lessons?

The Royal Society of Biology is offering 33 state funded primary schools in London the chance to gain free access to our [Gopher Science Lab online training](#) course, thanks to generous funding from [The Worshipful Company of Horners](#).

For more information, visit our [website](#) or email [tiffany.giddings@rsb.org.uk](mailto:tiffany.giddings@rsb.org.uk) by Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July.



## Upcoming RSB training courses

### **Public engagement: Getting started**

**When:** 12 September 2017 (full day course)

**Where:** Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road,  
London WC1X 8TZ

**What:** This course will provide participants with an understanding of what public engagement is and what's in it for them. Participants will gain awareness of a range of public engagement opportunities available, and gain confidence in taking the first steps towards undertaking public engagement activities.

**Tutor:** Ceri Harrop is a freelance public engagement professional and currently holds freelance contracts with The Royal Society and The Nuffield Foundation. Ceri also works part-time as the public programmes manager for the Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell-Matrix Research. Ceri has built a vibrant and strategic public engagement programme from scratch and works to support and enable researchers to put public engagement into practice. Ceri has a longstanding passion for public engagement, which she discovered early on in her research career as a PhD student and has continued with ever since.

**Who:** This course is suitable for anyone who would like to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence to take their first steps into public engagement.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 15 CPD points.



**Fees:** From £140 +VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by the 10th of August to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

## Outcome and Impact Measurement

**When:** 14 September 2017

**Where:** Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

**What:** This course will give you a comprehensive and practical grounding in monitoring and evaluation. You will learn how to define and measure outcomes and also begin to develop your own monitoring and evaluation framework, which you can start using straight away.

**Tutor:** Harriet Pearce Willis is a senior consultant at The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) Charities Evaluation Services. She has extensive experience of leading independent evaluations and research projects for voluntary sector organisations, and of supporting charities to improve their monitoring and evaluation systems.

**Who:** This course is for those who would like to learn to define and measure outcomes and develop a monitoring and evaluation framework.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 18 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £220 + VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Friday the 11th of August to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## Stakeholder Engagement

**When:** 25 September 2017 (full day course)

**Where:** Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

**What:** This training will help you to understand how to keep your collaborators happy and engage them in a way that is effective, innovative and inspiring. Every organisation has responsibilities to those who make you who you are. These could be your supporters, your funders, your Board, your staff or your Trustees.

**Tutors:** Before becoming a consultant 10 years ago, Matthew Davis worked at WWF for eight years, as climate change and marine campaigns director, communications director for WWF's global species programme and head of press & campaigns.

Miranda Lewis has worked in the voluntary sector for over 20 years. She is an associate with the Institute for Voluntary Action Research and a qualified personal and performance coach. She is acting chair of Richmond Council for Voluntary Service. Before becoming a consultant, Miranda was associate director and head of qualitative research at the Institute for Public Policy Research.

**Who:** This course is suitable for managers and leaders, or anyone in regular contact with their organisation's stakeholders.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 21 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £150 +VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Monday the 21st of August to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## **An Introduction to Project Management**

**When:** 27 September 2017 (full day course)

**Where:** Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

**What:** Participants will learn the skills and planning tools they need to successfully complete a project, and how to anticipate and resolve the issues they are likely to encounter on the way.

**Tutor:** The course tutor Dr Cliff Collis FRSB worked as a communications specialist for a large drug company. His responsibilities included working with drug development teams in knowledge/ issue management for meetings with upper company managers and regulators, to progress new drugs through the development process.

**Who:** A course for those who have recently become involved in or responsible for project management but who have limited or no experience or training.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can count as 21 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £100 +VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Monday the 21st of August to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## Bioscience Research Skills Masterclass

**When:** 28 September 2017 (full day course)

**Where:** Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

**What:** This course will enhance your skills in research design, data analysis and data presentation, to facilitate further research in industry or academia.

**Tutors:** Emeritus Professor Michael W Fowler PhD CBiol FRSB FRSA FRSM has worked closely with a number of the major international pharmaceutical companies, including Glaxo and Merck, as a research collaborator, advisor and consultant. He moved partially into industry in his later career and has worked as CSO, CEO and company chairman. He has been, and still retains the position of, non-executive director for a number of small biopharma companies. Mike has worked with WHO in Geneva, and for many years was senior advisor in Biopharmaceuticals to UNIDO Vienna.

Professor David Hornby PhD FRSB is professor of the Biochemistry Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at the University of Sheffield. He has also carried out an EMBO fellowship on the Gene Expression Program EMBL in Heidelberg and worked as a visiting scientist in the Department of Molecular Biology at The Scripps Research Institute California. He took sabbatical leave at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in 2012 and held the position of director of innovation at Liverpool Life Sciences UTC from 2013 to 2015.

**Who:** This course is for those who would like to hone their research skills to support their development towards a career in biosciences research. It is aimed at final year undergraduates, masters students, and early PhD students. It is suitable for those who would like to work in industry or academia.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can count as 21 CPD points.



**Fees:** From £125 + VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Friday the 25th of August to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

### Science Podcast Production

**When:** 11 October 2017

**Where:** Royal Society of Biology, Charles Darwin House, 12 Roger Street, London, WC1N 2JU

**What:** Award-winning science broadcaster Richard Hollingham presents this introductory hands-on course on how to podcast - from getting good quality sound and content - to getting your podcast online and heard.

**Tutors:** Richard Hollingham studied Applied and Environmental Biology at the University of York. As a BBC producer, reporter and presenter, he developed extensive experience in communicating the biosciences to general audiences.

**Who:** This course is for those who would like to learn to communicate science via podcasting.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 18 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £188 + VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Friday the 8th of September to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).





## **Persuasive Scientific Report Writing**

**When:** 16 October 2017 (full day course)

**Where:** Medical School, University of Birmingham,  
Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2SG

**What:** Following the success of the previous courses in 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Society continues to offer this one-day introductory course. Participants will learn the principles and processes for high quality communication in scientific thinking and writing, with plenty of opportunity to discuss and practise the skills learned.

**Tutor:** The course tutor Dr Cliff Collis FRSB worked as a communications specialist for a large drug company. His responsibilities included working with drug development teams in knowledge/ issue management for meetings with upper company managers and regulators, to progress new drugs through the development process.

**Who:** For writers of technical, scientific and other related reports or documents, who wish to improve their report and general document writing skills.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can count as 18 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £100 +VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Wednesday the 13th of September to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## Volunteer Support and Management

**When:** 18 October 2017 (full day course)

**Where:** Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

**What:** Volunteers give their time for free to get involved in statutory, community and charitable work and are an integral part of the life of most community organisations. They bring a huge amount of capacity, knowledge, enthusiasm and empathy, but in order for it to work their involvement needs to be well planned and managed. This course will equip you with knowledge and skills needed to do this.

**Tutor:** Karen Chillman, head of volunteering at Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA), has worked in the charity sector for over 30 years and has spent over 15 years working with local organisations to develop their volunteering good practice.

**Who:** For those who are new to, or would like to improve their skills in, volunteer support and management.

**CPD:** This event is approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and may be counted as 15 CPD credits.

**Fees:** From £100 + VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Friday the 15th of September to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## Laboratory Leadership and Management

**When:** 20 October 2017 (full day course)

**Where:** Meeting Room 2, Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8TZ

**What:** Management skills are vital for a successful career in a scientific lab environment. As well as their research expertise, successful team leaders need to develop additional skills including the ability to support staff, manage their own team, and deal with issues within the team. This course will help you to develop these skills.

**Tutor:** The course tutor is Charlie Wilson OBE MRSB. For the last six years he has been a coach and consultant in teamworking and leadership, working with industry, banks and schools.

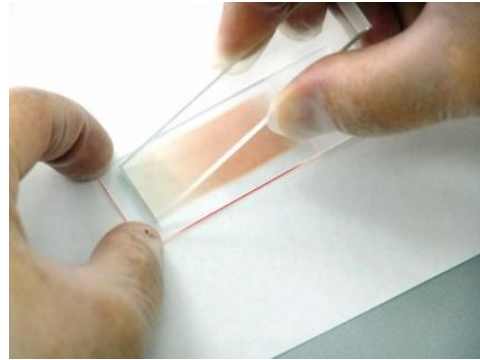
**Who:** This course is suitable for laboratory team leaders and principal investigators who want to improve the way they manage their teams and Postdoctoral researchers who have been selected for, or aspire to, promotion to team leadership positions.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 24 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £125 + VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Monday the 18th of September to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## Presentation Skills

**When:** 25 October (afternoon course)

**Where:** Meeting Room 2, Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8TZ

**What:** This course covers personal presentation and body language; structuring your presentation; uses and abuses of visual aids; and meeting the needs of your audience.

**Tutor:** Course tutor Sue Smith is professor in medical education and director of teaching at the National Heart and Lung Institute, a constituent of the Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London.

**Who:** This half-day course is for those who have had little experience of giving presentations.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 12 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £75 + VAT

**Registration Deadline:** Please register by Friday the 22nd of September to secure your place on this course.

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## Public Engagement Training from RSB and STEM Learning

**When:** 02 November 2017 (afternoon course)

**Where:** STEM Learning, 5th Floor, Woolgate Exchange, 25 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5HA

**What:** This course will provide an opportunity to learn about public engagement and science outreach, to share knowledge and network. RSB members can learn about opportunities available through becoming a STEM



ambassador and STEM ambassadors can learn about RSB's work as a professional body.

The training will also cover other ways to work and volunteer in science communication and public engagement, including outreach work with schools, universities or employers.

During the afternoon participants can learn how to deliver some simple hands-on science outreach activities and to practice this as part of a group, as well as discussing how to share your own science activities by outreach and engagement.

**Tutor:** Dr Amanda Hardy MRSB is the senior outreach officer at the Royal Society of Biology. Amanda is responsible for the strategy, implementation and delivery of engagement and outreach activities; working with schools, the public, and stakeholders including professional bodies and learned societies.

**Who:** This event is free and is open to RSB members and STEM ambassadors to attend.

**CPD:** This event is approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and may be counted as 9 CPD credits.

**Fees:** Free

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

## RSB Awards and Competitions

### Royal Society of Biology Photography Competition 2017

The Hidden World is the theme of this year's Royal Society of Biology [Photography Competition](#). The earth harbours a wealth of hidden secrets and surprises and we invite you to capture or uncover this hidden world of biology. Supported by Eppendorf, there are two categories each with a cash prize: 18+ (£1000) and under 18s (£500).

Get snapping and submit up to three images by **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**.

Please contact Isabel Brinsden at [photocomp@rsb.org.uk](mailto:photocomp@rsb.org.uk) with any enquiries.



### The Nancy Rothwell Award specimen drawing competition

The Nancy Rothwell Award celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining art and science. Entry is open to 7 – 18 year olds.

To enter please submit your electronic entry (jpg, png, tiff format) with a completed [application form](#) to [Lucy Coia](#) by **Monday 11th September**. For further information please see the RSB [website](#).

## Training discounts available to RSB members on external training courses

### **Wildlife Conservation Programme, Nkonzo Bush Academy, South Africa**

**Where:** Near Mossel Bay, South Africa  
Nkonzo Bush Academy would like to offer all RSB members a 20% discount for the year of 2017 on their Wildlife Conservation Program.

Find exclusive details on their [website](#) or [email](#) them.



### **Field Studies Council Training Course**

**Royal Society of Biology members are eligible for 20% discounts on the following Field Studies Council courses:**

The voucher code for RSB members for 20% off can be applied at checkout; **RSB20**



#### **Aquatic Plants**

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July

*Slapton Ley*

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

#### **Aquatic Plants**

11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August

*Kindrogan*

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

**Identifying Plants: Using Botanical Keys with Confidence**

28<sup>th</sup> July

*Flatford Mill*

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

**Bats: An Introduction to Advanced Survey Techniques**

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July

*Slapton Ley*

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

**Scottish Island Coastal Birds**

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August

*Millport*

Please see the event webpage [for further info and booking](#).

**Finding and Identifying Beetles and Other Invertebrates**

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August

*Margam*

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

**Beachcombing and Seashells**


18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August

*Margam*

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



## Upcoming Member Organisation Training Events

Event	Date and Venue		
<a href="#"><u>British Society of Immunology Seminar Series</u></a>	14.09.16 - 13.09.17 <i>Cardiff University, UK</i>		
<a href="#"><u>Endangered Species Recovery course</u></a>	24.07.17 - 04.08.17 <i>Durrell Conservation Academy, Jersey</i>		
<a href="#"><u>The 8th European Workshop on Cannabinoid Research</u></a>	31.08.17 - 02.09.17 <i>University of Roehampton London, UK</i>		<a href="#"><u>Exosomes and Microvesicles in Cancer: Roles in Disease Pathology and Therapy</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Pharmacokinetics &amp; Pharmacodynamics (PKPD) workshop</u></a>	11.09.17 - 12.09.17 <i>Thistle Hotel Euston, London, UK</i>		14.09.17- 15.09.17 <i>The Biochemical Society, London, UK</i>
<a href="#"><u>Latest Developments in Primate Conservation</u></a>	11.09.17 - 15.09.17 <i>Durrell Conservation Academy, Jersey</i>		18.09.17 <i>The British Pharmacological Society, London, UK</i>
<a href="#"><u>Advanced Statistics for Nutrition Research course</u></a>	14.09.17 <i>The Nutrition Society, London, UK</i>		<a href="#"><u>British Pharmacological Society Integrative &amp; In Vivo Pharmacology workshop</u></a>

## Jobs Board

### [Development Officer](#)

University of Southampton, Southampton

### [Alumni Events and Volunteering Coordinator](#)

King's College London, London

### [Research Scientist, Renal Biology & Kidney Disease - R-005280](#)

AstraZeneca-MedImmune, Cambridge

### [Sales Performance Manager](#)

European Medical Journal, London

