

Diversity of Career Pathways in Science Symposium

RLI Evaluation – [REDACTED]

A one day symposium to celebrate and promote the diverse career paths, titled “Life and a career in Science” was held on March 8th 2017 as a joint venture between the School of Life Sciences and BSMS. This event was held to give researchers and students an opportunity to hear from a diverse selection of individuals about their scientific careers and the paths they have followed. This was an important opportunity, particularly for early-career researchers, to gain perspective about the many options aside from the traditional academic career path which are available and often not well understood or discussed within a university setting.

An excellent group of speakers were selected (see the program below), with a good mix of external speakers and internal speakers from Life Sciences and BSMS. The speakers came from diverse backgrounds and well represent many of the career paths open to researchers. The talks allowed the speakers to discuss not only their current work but importantly the decisions made and paths taken to reach that point in their career, providing an insight into the realities of life in a scientific career. The event was well supported by the University, with sessions chaired by members of the School of Life Sciences and the opening remarks presented by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adam Tickell.

The event organisation was carried out by a team headed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the School of Life Sciences. Working as a part of this team and being involved in this event has been a hugely valuable personal experience, as well as providing a welcome opportunity for other early-career researchers to develop their understanding of the opportunities available to them.

Registration was opened to students, postdoctoral researchers and academic staff across Life Sciences happy and fulfilling career. Thank you all.”

“Would recommend these talks to any postgraduate/ pursuing a career with HE qualifications. Such inspiring PASSION

“Useful and informative day, with a really interesting events I have previously attended”

More detailed feedback is currently being collected from attendees, organised by BSMS. This data is not yet available.

In addition to the RLI award, this event was jointly funded by Widening Participation. Funds from each source were made available and were used collectively to cover the expenses of the event. The organisation of the event was carried out by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in particular organising the event. The RLI award for this event was spent in this

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This is a great opportunity for me to work on a project that is both challenging and rewarding, and I am excited to be a part of the research community. I am grateful to the PI for providing me with this opportunity.

