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## Training and Personal Development



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### January 2017

Booking is now open for our Spring 2017 training courses! These cover a wide variety of topics such as exhibition design, science podcasting, science writing, networking, grant writing, laboratory management and health and safety. Please see our website for [upcoming courses](#).

We survey our membership on an annual basis to ensure our training programme reflects the needs of our members across a variety of sectors, including education and industry. We are always keen to hear how we can expand our training programme to meet your training needs and better support professional development within the life sciences sector. Please contact us with your training suggestions.

### About our training programme

The Society's training programme is expanding. More courses are being developed than ever before and we are honouring our commitment to offer staggeringly low [member](#) rates, with discounts of up to 75%.

We offer courses to suit all interests and competencies, from enthusiastic biologists to high level professionals. Our aim is to promote interest in biology and enable individuals to continue their professional development ([CPD](#)).

Attending a training course can develop your skills and knowledge and provide opportunities for you to network and learn from others. All of our training courses are evaluated to ensure continued high quality. All attendees who complete our training courses will receive a certificate of attendance and achieve CPD points that count towards our [CPD scheme](#).

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Best Wishes,

Naomi Smith

**Training Officer**

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## Upcoming training courses

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### **Persuasive Scientific Report Writing**

**When:** 26 January 2017

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

**What:** Participants will learn the principles and processes for high quality communication in scientific thinking and writing, with plenty of opportunity to discuss and practice the skills learnt.

**Trainer:** Cliff Collis has over 25 years of experience in personal research in physiology and biochemistry medical schools in London. Having also worked as a communication specialist with drug development teams at a large pharmaceutical company, Cliff specialises in science communication for scientists.

**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 be counted as 18 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £100 + VAT

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



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### **Laboratory Health and Safety Training**

**When:** 28 February 2017

**Where:** Newcastle University, NE2 4HH

**What:** This course will include: Essentials of risk assessment (focusing in particular on COSHH Regulations), aspects of spills management in laboratories, accident investigation, and audits and safety inspections.

**Trainer:** Lindsay Murray FRSB CSci CBiol, is a graduate microbiologist with more than thirty years of practical experience in clinical and teaching laboratories. He is currently a health & safety manager at The University of Edinburgh's College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

**Who:** This training course is for those working in, or interested in, biological containment laboratories or supervisory and laboratory management roles.

**CPD:** This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 13.5 CPD points.



**Fees:** From £100 + VAT

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

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## Science Podcast Production Workshop

**When:** 16 March 2017

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

**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.



**Trainer:** Richard Hollingham studied Applied and Environmental Biology at the University of York and went on to become a BBC producer, reporter and presenter. Past projects include presenting the BBC World Service environment programme *One Planet* and the acclaimed *Planet Earth* Podcast for the Natural Environment Research Council. Richard produces and presents science programmes for Radio 4, World Service and Radio 3, writes for BBC Future and is co-presenter/producer of the award-winning *Space Boffins* Podcast.

**Who:** For those interested in communicating science via podcast.

**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 £125 +VAT

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

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## Writing for a Non-Specialist Audience

**When:** 23 March 2017

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

**What:** Learn how to write in an interesting and easy-to-read way, while ensuring your message remains scientifically robust and accurate.



**Tutors:** Dr Rebecca Nesbit MRSB is a science press officer with a particular interest in blogging and online communications. She works on the communications for the Nobel Prizes, and her previous roles include press officer at the Royal Society of Biology, PR consultant for science and tech companies, and teaching honeybees to detect explosives.

Tom Ireland MRSB is an award winning journalist and editor specialising in science, health and society, who has written for *The Observer*, *Scientific American* and *The Biologist*. He is managing editor at the Royal Society of Biology.

**Who:** For scientists in academia or industry hoping to improve the way they communicate with non-scientists, or for anyone hoping to develop their blogging and science writing skills.

**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 £100 +VAT

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

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## Presentation Skills

**When:** 10 April 2017

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

**What:** This course will cover practical exercises on personal presentation and body language; structuring your presentation; uses and abuses of visual aids with a focus on Powerpoint; meeting the needs of your audience.

**Tutor:** Professor Sue Smith FRSB 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 50 +VAT

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

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## An Introduction to Science Exhibition Design

**When:** 27 April 2017

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

**What:** This course will introduce participants to exhibition making, from the development of an exhibition concept to the final product.

**Trainer:** Dr Rachel Souhami has over 20 years' experience of exhibition development, working with national and regional museums, independent organisations and exhibition design companies. Rachel has trained budding exhibition developers for over 10 years, and has lectured in science communication, museum studies and exhibition development at Imperial College, The University of Manchester and Westminster University.

**Who:** This practical course is suitable for those who may need to create a display, for example science communicators or scientists working in public engagement & outreach.

**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 £100 +VAT

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

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## Intermediate Grant Writing

**When:** 18 May 2017

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

**What:** Articulate your cause in a powerful and understandable way with techniques for developing and writing strong, persuasive, successful funding proposals. A must-attend course if you are writing any type of funding applications.

**Tutor:** Gill Jolly is a psychology graduate, who has been involved in professional fundraising for over 25 years as a fundraiser, manager and trainer of fundraisers and has worked at a senior level with some of the top income-generation charities.

**Who:** This course is suitable for those who need to secure funding for their work from charitable trusts and foundations and have already made some applications.

**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 £140 +VAT

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



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## Scientific Laboratory Leadership and Management

**When:** 25 May 2017

**Where:** 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 attendees to develop these skills.

**Tutor:** Charlie Wilson OBE MRSB has spent the last six years as a coach and consultant in teamworking and leadership, working with industry, banks and schools. Before that he was an officer in the Royal Navy with a varied career that included everything from Defence Attaché to ship command in both peace and war.

**Who:** This course is suitable for laboratory team leaders and principal investigators who want to improve the way they manage their teams as well as 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 21 CPD points.

**Fees:** From £100 +VAT

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



## Networking Skills

**When:** June 2017

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

**What:** Throughout our careers we all have to attend meetings, conferences and events and yet 90% of us dislike this form of professional engagement. Many of us may make excuses not to engage with strangers and make small talk, and miss out on opportunities as a result.

Networking events are an excellent means of finding new contacts, gaining access to new or different information, building and nurturing existing relationships and developing opportunities.

This event will finish with a 'real life' networking opportunity, where attendees will have the opportunity to put the techniques discussed into practice.

**Tutor:** Heather White is a networking and personal brand expert. She is the founder and CEO of Smarter Networking and has spoken about networking at TEDxOxbridge, The Happenista Project and on Swiss radio. You can see a [video](#) of Heather in action at TEDxOxbridge [here](#).

**Who:**

This course is suitable for people looking: for a job; to change jobs; to develop their career; or to gain more confidence in building relationships.

**CPD:** Approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD, this event may be counted as 7.5 CPD credits.

**Fees:** From £55 +VAT

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



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## Free one-day public engagement training for bioscientists

**When:** Various dates throughout the UK January – April 2017

The Royal Society of Biology and the Biochemical Society are excited to offer free one-day training events for students and early career members. This special training course, delivered by public engagement experts [Science Made Simple](#), will allow attendees to gain knowledge and skills that will enable them to deliver biology-related hands-on activities at public events in their area.

Please [contact us](#) for further details.



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## Special Offer: Wildlife Conservation Programme, Nkondo Bush Academy, South Africa, Discounted places available for Royal Society of Biology Members

**Where:** Near Mossel Bay, South Africa

Nkondo 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.



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*The Physiological Society, Greater London*

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*The Physiological Society, Greater London*

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*The British Pharmacological Society, Greater London*

### Marine Consultant/Ecologist

*Natural Power, Newcastle*

### Postdoctoral Training Fellow

*The Francis Crick Institute, Greater London*

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## Deadlines and opportunities

### Plant Health Undergraduate Summer Studentships

Closes 20 January 2017

**£500 student & early career researcher [travel grants](#)**

Closes 1 March 2017



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## Upcoming Regional and Member Organisation Events

Event	Date		
		<a href="#">Visit: Pierrepont Farm in Surrey</a>	19.03.17
<a href="#">The 2017 Sports Science Summit</a>	24.01.17 - 26.01.17	<a href="#">ROS and Mitochondria in Nervous System Function and Disease</a>	27.03.17 - 29.03.17
<a href="#">Cranfield University Life Sciences Student Poster Symposium</a>	01.02.17	<a href="#">BNA 2017 Festival of Neuroscience</a>	10.04.17 - 13.04.17
<a href="#">Microbes: the good, the bad and the ugly</a>	18.02.17	<a href="#">Greene King brewery tour</a>	20.05.17
<a href="#">Darwin Festival talk: The Honey Bee</a>	18.02.17		
<a href="#">Annual A level update lecture</a>	22.02.17		

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