

1. Are there any other methods of publicity we could use for future events? (besides email and webpage)

Posters

Not necessary (x3)

Is covered pretty well – even at other universities

Everyone should be sent an email. The email I received was forwarded from a colleague.

2. What have been the most valuable aspects of this day for you?

The workshops sessions were very informative

The workshops: lots of ideas, thinking out of the box, very enterprising!

A good reminder of 'good practice' with regard to skills acquisition, CVs etc

Progression and promotion workshop (x2)

Emma Robinson was excellent in the progression workshop

Professor White's talk was very good (x2)

Key note speakers and workshops

Meeting other RS with different experiences (x4)

Neck and shoulder massage and 'Realising your career potential' session

Thought-provoking tasks

Getting various ideas and opinions on research jobs and thinking positively for the future

Career progression session

Second energiser session (x2)

Creativity workshop with Dave and Lorna

PI engagement

Good presentations

Plenary: Richard Reeves talk and workshop enabled me to think about how to improve work environment and process

Time out of usual workspace to consider career and direction (x2)

Information given on how to translate RS skills to outside of academia

The energiser sessions were good

Keynote speaker very good (x4) 'entertaining' and 'inspiring'

Interdisciplinary research session helped me think about funding.

Finding out about positive wizards!

Dave and Lorna's workshop was fantastic!

A good reminder that workshops are a waste of valuable time

3. Have you any comments or suggestions to help us improve this conference?

Do case studies of possible jobs outside academia – present data on where RS go after academia

Career progression session too focussed on a single case study. Would be more useful to focus on "us" the audience, or at least have several shorter case studies with different experiences

The experiences should be fed back to higher management

The ice-breaker networking session last year run by Pete Bailie was more effective

Shorter lunch break so you are not tempted to leave/check email rather than socialise and network

Stick to topic – a session touted as providing advice for becoming more active in public engagement? Might want to actually include a bit of said advice.

Thought the person who was the example in the progression session was too much of a high flier – felt that maintaining a research career is only possible if you are exception and are prepared to give up evenings and weekends.
More talks like the one from Emma Robinson, e.g. advice from people on next level up (fellowships etc)

Lunch was too long.

Professor White's talk was great but very dense – could a synopsis be put on the website?

The interdisciplinary workshop was long on buzz-words and short on practicalities

Make aims of workshops a bit clearer

More personal sessions. Possibly split groups into more specific areas. Time needed to be managed better.

More discussions, less being talked at.

Two workshops are perhaps too few – perhaps better to shorten their duration slightly and have three, for example, as RS face a wide range of issues which may be best served by attending a wider variety of workshops.

Coffee after lunch (x2)