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Sixth MASTS Annual Graduate Retreat 'Making an Impact'

Macdonald Aviemore Highland Resort
Aviemore, Inverness-shire, PH22 1PH

Wed 15th - Fri 17th March 2017



The MASTS Retreat is a great opportunity for conversation, networking, building skills and friendships!

This year the Retreat is following a theme of 'Making an Impact'. We have an exciting and diverse programme of presentations, workshops, activities, and socialising, and you will get to know your fellow MASTS postgraduates and researchers, share experiences and support, and work collaboratively. There will also be opportunities to hear from people, early career researchers and established professionals, working in academia, business, government, legal and the third sector about the myriad of ways in which both you, personally, and your research can make a difference to some of the challenges facing society today.



What Postgraduates said about previous Retreats

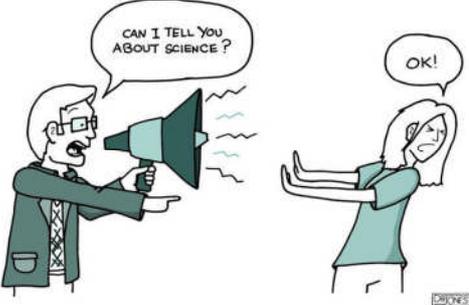
"The MASTS retreat gave us an exciting overview of several career pathways that will be available to us once we complete our PhDs. It was inspirational to hear the experiences of young professionals excelling in their fields, spanning from academia to policy and consultancy".

"The retreat has been a great opportunity to establish fruitful personal and professional links within the MASTS postgraduate community, which will hopefully set the scene for future collaborations and knowledge exchange".

"I found the MASTS postgraduate retreat to be extremely rewarding because it promoted not only sharing ideas within the MASTS community, but it also opened up our horizons towards policy makers, governmental departments, charities and funding bodies. I believe such gatherings are highly valuable for our personal development and for future networking opportunities."

The Programme

Wednesday 15 th March	
11:30	Arrival
12:30	Lunch
13:30	<p>Welcome from the Dean of MASTS Graduate School</p> <p>Dr Lois Calder</p>
13:35	<p>Academic Speed-Dating</p> <p>Icebreaking activity</p>
14:00	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>What Does Impact Mean to Me?</p> <p>Bill Sanderson, Associate Professor, Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society, Heriot Watt – TBC. (Others TBC)</p> <p>MASTS researchers give their perspective on ‘impact’. Informal presentations with 15-20 mins with Q&A. Discussion continuing into coffee time.</p> </div> </div>
15:00	Tea/Coffee Break
15:30	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Self-Publishing, Social Media and the Internet - Making You and Your Research Visible</p> <p>Professor Frank Rennie, Professor of Sustainable Rural Development, University of the Highlands and Islands – TBC</p> <p>A perspective on how to use technology to create research and personal impact.</p> </div>  </div>
16:45	Close of formal activities
18:00	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Stories from the Bar</p> <p>Professor Colin Moffat, Head of Science, Marine Scotland, Aberdeen, and</p>  <p>Dr Simon Merrywest, Director of Faculty Operations for the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, University of Manchester.</p> <p>With glass in hand, Colin and Simon will give accounts of their career journeys, leading to</p> </div>  </div>

	influential positions in Scottish Government and University of Manchester, respectively.
19:15	Dinner
Thursday 16th March	
08:00	Breakfast
09:00	<p>What Does Impact Mean to Me?</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>A business perspective on research impact. Informal presentation with time for Q&A.</p>
09:45	<p>Research, the Scottish Government and Policy</p> <p>Professor Colin Moffat, Head of Science, Marine Scotland, Aberdeen.</p> <p>Marine Scotland is a Directorate of the Scottish Government and is responsible for the integrated management of Scotland's seas. Colin returns to the stage to discuss what Marine Scotland really does and how research supports management of the Scottish marine environment and development of new policy and legislation.</p> 
10:45	Tea/Coffee Break
11:15	<p>Finding Your Research Narrative</p> <p>Dr Sam Illingworth, Senior Lecturer in Science Communication, Manchester Metropolitan University</p>  <p>In this interactive session, you will learn about the power of storytelling in research, and gain experience in creating and developing your own research stories. These stories will be crafted based on objects that are personal to your own scientific endeavours.</p> 
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<p>Making a Decent Living - Could I be a Social Entrepreneur?</p> <p>Karen McGregor, Chief Executive, Firstport, and Neil McLean Chief Executive Social Enterprise Academy</p> 

		<p>Firstport and SEA will set the context for Social Entrepreneurship with information on what a social enterprise is and does, aligned to Scottish Government Strategy</p>
15:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
15:30		<p>Ideation Workshop</p> <p>Karen McGregor, Chief Executive, Firstport</p> <p>During a facilitated workshop, teams of up to 5 PGRs will work collaboratively to develop an idea for a social enterprise and pitch to a panel of dragons!</p>
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09:00	<p>And you may ask yourself, well...how did I get here?</p> <p>Alice Doyle (JNCC), Fiona McIntyre (Co-Director of Greyhope Bay) and Nichola Lacey (Marine Scotland).</p> <p>Early career 'Talking Heads' discuss life after a PhD in three 15 minute presentations. In a 'tell all exposé', they reveal the truth, the things they wish they'd known but nobody told them, and they share their secrets for a smooth metamorphosis from postgraduate researcher to working professional.</p>	
10:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:15	<p>Focus! Plan! Attack!</p> <p>David Longstaff of Positive People will help you with strategies to survive the multiple conflicts in a PhDs,</p> <p>fighting off procrastination, overflowing e-mail and other people's priorities with the sword of organisation and efficiency! so that you can still go home to a sensible time having achieved your goals.</p>	

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16:30	Closing remarks Dr Lois Calder DGS & Prof Dave Paterson, Director of MASTS
16:45	Depart
Saturday 18th March	
	Outdoor Activity organised by PGRs MASTS will support some costs for an outdoor team activity for postgraduates who wish to stay on in Aviemore on Sat/Sun.