



# TECHNICIAN WEEK

Celebrating the vital contributions of *our* technicians

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Monday 4 September

Central campus, The Bayes Centre

Career Development: knowledge transfer & teaching

10:00 Registration

10:15 Session 1 (*Chair: Mark Patrizio, TSC*)

- The Technician Commitment at UoE: the next step (*Natalie Homer, TSC*)
- Research Libraries UK and the Technician Commitment (*Jeremy Upton, Director of Library & University Collections*)
- Edinburgh universities job shadowing and mentoring scheme (*Tim Goodman, HR*)
- IAD opportunities for Edinburgh technicians (*Hazel Christie, IAD*)
- Resources roadshow flash talks (*various\**)

11:15 Networking, tea/coffee and stalls

12:00 Session 2 (*Chair: Anne McKenna, TSC*)

- Welcome (*Kim Graham, Provost*)
- How to align Technician activities with UK Professional Standards Framework (*James Davoll, Technical Manager, Newcastle University*)
- HEA Associate Fellowship: an Edinburgh technician's experience (*Calum Melrose, Mechanical Engineering Technician*)

13:00 Networking, lunch and stalls

14:00 Close

There will be **British Sign Language (BSL)** interpreters present for this event.

Award announcement: Contribution to Learning & Teaching

\*Resources roadshow stalls: Human Resources, Institute for Academic Development, Social Responsibility & Sustainability, Unite, Edinburgh Innovations



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Tuesday 5 September

Edinburgh BioQuarter, IRR South

## Visibility & Recognition: professional registration

- 12:00 Registration, networking, lunch and stalls
- 13:00 Session 1 (*Chair: Takeshi Fujisawa, TSC*)
- Welcome (*Christina Boswell, Vice Principal Research & Enterprise*)
  - The Technician Commitment at UoE: the next step (*Natalie Homer, TSC*)
  - Technician spotlight presentations:
    - o Richard Clark (*Senior Research Technician, ECRF*)
    - o Victoria Reid (*Research Technician, QMRI*)
    - o Ross Lennen (*MRI Research Associate, CCVS*)
    - o Carl Tucker (*Aquatics Facility Manager, BVS*)
  - Resources roadshow flash talks (*various\**)
- 14:00 Poster session, networking, tea/coffee and stalls
- 15:00 Session 2 (*Chair: Jo Simpson, ECRF*)
- Workshop 1: professional registration
- Introduction to the Institute of Science & Technology (*John Paul Ashton, IST*)
  - An insight from a registered technician (*Scott Denham, Deputy Core Manager*)
  - An insight from an application reviewer (*Lindsay Murray, H&S Manager*)
  - The UoE Professional Registration Fund (*Takeshi Fujisawa, TSC*)
  - Q&A with registered technicians (*John Paul Ashton, RSci; Richard Clark, RSci; Scott Denham, CSci; Shonna Johnston, CSci; Lee Murphy, CSci, Lindsay Murray, CBiol, CMIScT*)
- Workshop 2: publication policy
- The CMVM Fair Publication Policy (*Natalie Homer, Core Manager*)
- 15:50 Closing remarks (*Anne-Marie Coriat, CMVM Registrar*)
- 16:00 Close

TBC: There will hopefully be **British Sign Language (BSL)** interpreters present for this event.

Award announcement: Contribution to Infrastructure & Facilities

\*Resources roadshow stalls: Human Resources, Social Responsibility & Sustainability, Unite, Edinburgh Innovations, Merck, SomaLogic, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences



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Wednesday 6 September

Western General Hospital, IGC Nucleus

Sustainability: sustainable labs

- 10:30 Registration, poster session, tea/coffee and stalls
- 11:00 Session 1 (*Chair: Andrea Robertson, TSC*)
- Welcome (*Sara Brown, Professor of Dermatology*)
  - WGH TechNet update (*Charli Corcoran & Andrea Robertson, TSC*)
  - The MRC HGU Technician Training Fund (*Helen Nickerson, Science & Strategy Manager*)
  - The Technician Commitment at UoE: the next step (*Lee Murphy, TSC*)
  - Histotechnology Committee (*Tammy Piper, Tissue Bank Manager*)
  - Apprentices at WGH:
    - o Foundation Apprentices (*Ann Wheeler, Head of Advanced Microscopy*)
    - o Modern Apprentices (*Linda Clark, Facility Manager*)
  - Resources roadshow flash talks (*various\**)
- 12:00 Networking, lunch and stalls
- 13:00 Session 2 (*Chair: Tammy Gilchrist, Research Technician*)
- Welcome (*Denise Nesbitt, Director Talent & Development*)
  - Climate Change and Technicians (*Andrew Arnott, Climate, Biodiversity & Sustainability Manager*)
  - Lab Plastics and a Circular Economy (*Lisa McMillan & Josephine Brown, Edinburgh Napier University*)
  - Sustainability in Science – where to start? (*Elisa Garcia-Wilson, University of Dundee*)
- 14:30 Close

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Award announcement: Contribution to the University's Community, Culture & Environment

\*Resources roadshow stalls: Human Resources, Unite, Edinburgh Innovations, SomaLogic, StarLab, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences



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Thursday 7 September

Easter Bush, The Roslin Institute

Career Development: digital profile and CPD

09:45 Registration

10:00 Session 1 (*Chair: Anna Raper, TSC*)

- Welcome (*Catherine Martin, Vice Principal Corporate Services*)
- The Technician Commitment at UoE: the next step (*Lee Murphy, TSC*)
- Technician spotlight presentations:
  - o *Alix Johnston (Research Technician)*
  - o *Sarah Little (Anaesthesia Assistant)*
  - o *Cathy McLaughlin (Research Associate)*
  - o *Edith Paxton (Core Scientist, Research Assistant)*
- Resources roadshow flash talks (*various\**)

11:00 Networking, tea/coffee and stalls

11:30 Session 2 (*Chair: Cathy McLaughlin, Research Associate*)

- Welcome (*Lisa Boden, Head of Easter Bush Campus*)
- Technician and facility recognition – digital profiles (*Helen Nickerson, Science & Strategy Manager*)
- The Easter Bush Career Development Committee (*Jayne Hope, EB CDC*)
- The Easter Bush Career Development Committee Q&A (*Kelly Blacklock, EB CDC*)
- Closing remarks (*Bruce Whitelaw, Director of The Roslin Institute*)

12:30 Networking, lunch and stalls

13:30 Close

Award announcement: Contribution to Research & Innovation

\*Resources roadshow stalls: Human Resources/Institute for Academic Development, Social Responsibility & Sustainability, Unite, Edinburgh Innovations, BRAND/Merck, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences



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Friday 8 September

King's Buildings, The Nucleus

## Sustainability & Career Development: apprenticeships & succession

10:00 Registration

10:15 Session 1 (*Chair: Charli Corcoran, TSC*)

- Welcome (*Christina Boswell, Vice Principal Research & Enterprise*)
- The Technician Commitment at UoE: the next step (*Lee Murphy, TSC*)
- Technician spotlight presentations:
  - o Lucas Martins (*Junior Mechanical Technician (apprentice)*)
  - o Matthew Proudfoot (*Apprentice Manufacturing Technician*)
  - o Ann Wheeler (*Head of Advanced Microscopy*)
- Youth & Talent: modern apprenticeships at UoE (*Laura Allison, HR*)
- Resources roadshow flash talks (*various\**)

11:15 Networking, tea/coffee and stalls

12:00 Session 2 (*Chair: Ana Vieira, Sequencing Support Technician*)

- Scotland's national skills body (*Kirstine Hale, Skills Development Scotland*)
- Modern Apprenticeships - a training provider's perspective (*Brian Thorpe, EDETA*)
- Foundation Apprenticeships – a reliable source of entry-level technicians (*David Dickson, Dunbar Grammar School*)
- Apprenticeships – bringing in the new blood (*David Brown, Technical Services Manager*)

13:00 Technician Week closing remarks (*Iain Gordon, Vice Principal and Head of College (CSE)*)

13:10 Networking, lunch and stalls

14:00 Close

Competition and raffle: win an RS toolkit; win a Mascot garment

Award announcement: Apprentice/Trainee Technician

Image Competition: winners announced

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