



Marine Alliance for
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11th Anniversary MASTS & SUPER Annual Postgraduate Retreat




Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th March 2022

Online via Zoom

The Programme



All sessions will be recorded and made available via the MASTS & SUPER YouTube Channel

Day 1 - Wednesday 16th March

1355	Join Zoom Meeting
1400	Welcome from Prof David Paterson, Director of MASTS & SUPER Including introductions to the rest of the team – Lois, Mark, Emma, and Bethan, our newest team member.  Review of the on-line code of conduct for the event.
1405	Introductions. An Ice breaker with Dr Lois Calder, Dean of the MASTS & SUPER Graduate School Getting to know each other.
1500	Academic to Entrepreneur – NDAs, IP, and other stuff Prof Brian Quinn, University of West of Scotland, and CEO of Wellfish Diagnostics Through his recent experiences in creating a new company, Brian highlights some essentials for commercialising research and protecting your intellectual property, more generally. 
1600	Tea/Coffee Break
1615	 Coffee Bar Stool Speaker Dr Matthew Warke, Journal Specialist at Frontiers Matthew's honest thoughts on a career journey from geologist to journals. Q&A to follow
1715	Close of the day, Dr Lois Calder


Day 2 – Thursday 17th March

0855	Join Zoom Meeting
0900	Intro to the day, Dr Lois Calder

0905	 <p>Skills session: Network Effectively and Create Better Teams Sara Robertson, Futures institute, University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Sara will demystify ‘networking’ and show you how to use communication skills to build relationships and work more productively and effectively in teams.</p>
1030	Tea/Coffee Break
1050	Skills session continued
1200	Tea/Coffee Break
1210	<p>Skills session continued</p> <p>There will be a follow-up ‘open hours’ during week of 4th of April (TBC) when Sara will be available for questions arising and additional support.</p>
1255	Close of the morning session
1300	Lunch
1355	Join Zoom Meeting
1400	<p>Graduate Transition and Internship Experiences – What you never knew</p> <p><i>Transitions</i></p> <p>Nienke van Geele – Marine Mammal Ecologist, SAMS Craig Stenton – Junior Acoustician, Ocean Consulting Ltd</p> <p><i>Internships</i></p> <p>James Rimmer – Ecology & Conservation Group, Marine Scotland Science Rhei Ammaturo – D’Arcy Thompson Simulator Centre</p> <p>4 x 15 minute presentations and discussion</p> 
1500	<p>Launch of the Mentoring Scheme</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>
1530	Tea/Coffee Break
1600	<p>Coffee Bar Stool Speaker</p> <p>Dr Janet Khan, Senior Specialist Scientist, Marine Ecology Unit, Evidence and Flooding, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Janet reviews her diverse career including transitions from terrestrial to marine science, the marriage of science and policy, judging the environmental business awards and running her own croft.</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>

1700	Close of the day, Dr Lois Calder
Evening Event – The GatherTown Social	
1830-1930	Dinner & Conversation PGRs attending will receive £10 to provide a meal (carryout or home-made!) to be shared, with drinks, in the Rooftop Garden, GatherTown.

Day 3 – Friday 18th March	
0855	Join Zoom Meeting
0900	Intro to the day, Dr Lois Calder
0905	How to Fail Successfully: The 7-Step Start-up Sara Robertson, Futures institute, University of Edinburgh This is a practical session introducing seven steps for creating entrepreneurial thinking, which can be applied to a new business, research, or other project. You will work in teams to develop an idea, with discussion and guidance to support your outcomes. There will be a break during the session.
1255	Close of the Retreat, Dr Lois Calder

Optional - Saturday 19th March - The Saturday Social Space	
	PGRs meeting at locations through Scotland for local events For example, a cycle outing, a country/hill walk, a sea swim, or other event, as current COVID19 guidance allows. Local PGR volunteers organising and coordinating. Details to follow.
1010	Join Zoom Meeting
1015-1130	Virtual yoga – join from anywhere! Lisa Smith, St Davids Yoga, Pembrokeshire Lisa will host an on-line session including breath and body work, relating the practice to some of the themes of the retreat. Bring a yoga mat, if you have one, and wear something comfortable. www.stdavidsyoga.com
	