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Training and Personal Development



April 2017

The Royal Society of Biology has launched its brand new online training portal - [myLearning](#). Our first online training course has been developed for teachers and educators of science and is designed to give clear guidance on how to carry out our [Gopher Science Lab](#) activities.

The addition of online training to our portfolio will enable us to expand the reach of our training programme, in line with our [three year plan](#), to provide [continuing professional development](#) (CPD) support on a local and international level.

Going forward, myLearning will offer more online courses to suit a variety of interests and competencies, from enthusiastic biologists to professionals working in the biosciences. Look out for more information coming soon!

Training support for organisations

The Royal Society of Biology supports our member organisations, their staff and members through the provision of training and a personalised continuing professional development ([CPD](#)) system.

As part of our commitment of ensuring that training provided by the RSB is a benefit for your staff and members, discounts of up to 50% of the full price training fees are available to all staff and members of our [Member Organisations](#).

In addition, group booking discounts of up to 10% are now available for our members and Member Organisations.

We are also expanding our [in-house training provision for our Member Organisations](#).

To enquire about receiving in-house training at your organisation, or making group bookings on our open courses, please contact training@rsb.org.uk

Coming up in May are our popular face-to-face courses on [Unconscious Bias](#) and [Laboratory Leadership and Management](#). Limited places remain, so please book soon to secure your place. Please see our website for a full list of our [upcoming courses](#).

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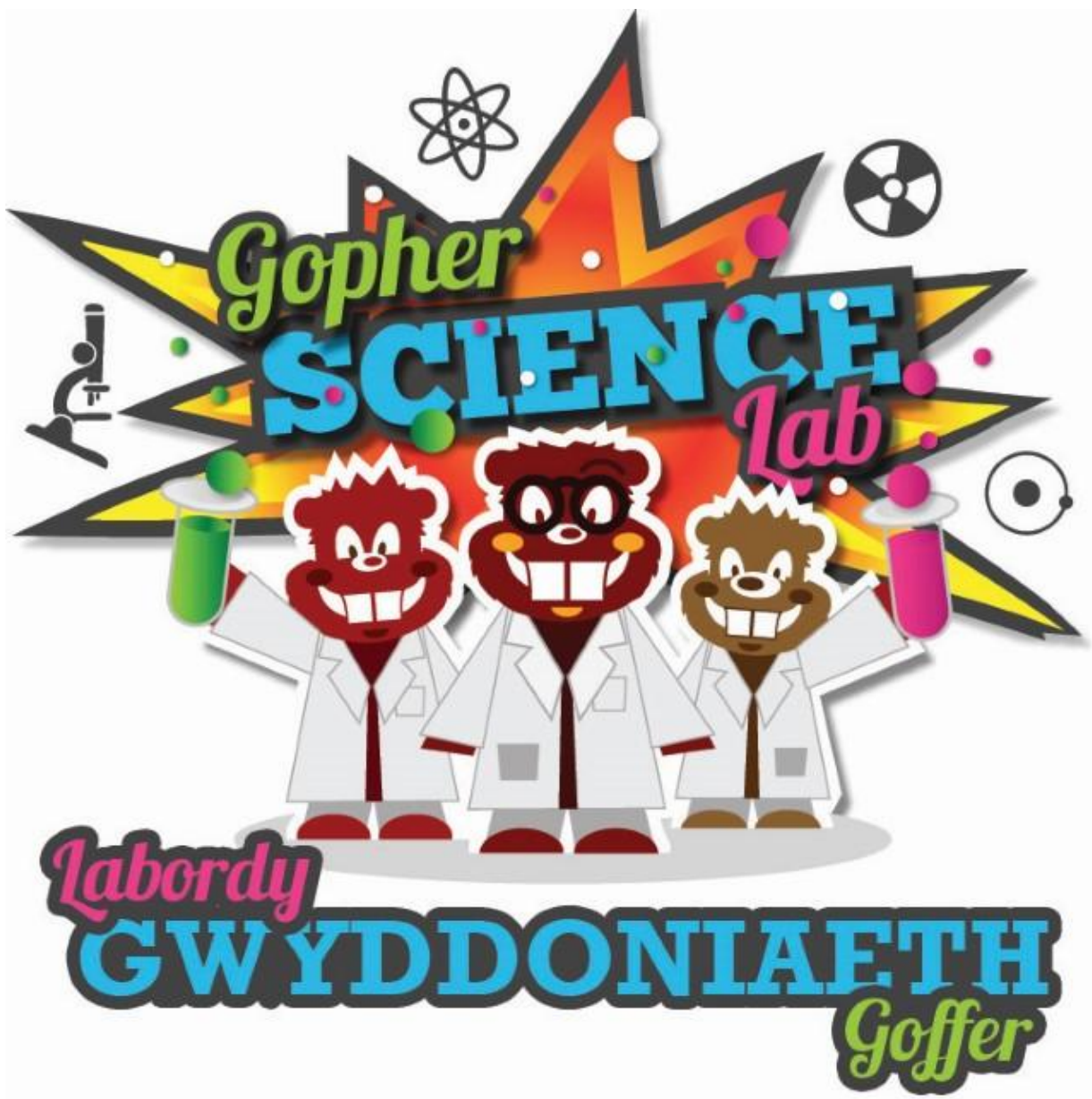


Best Wishes,

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New Gopher Science Lab online training course

Thanks to generous support from the Welsh Government's [National Science Academy](#), the [Royal Society of Biology](#) (RSB) has launched its first online training course for teachers and educators of science.

The online course is designed to give clear guidance on how to carry out our [Gopher Science Lab](#) activities. On completion of the course, teachers will also be able to download our brand new teacher resource booklet which contains 10 new Gopher Science Lab activities.

The Gopher Science Lab course is specifically aimed at non-specialist primary teachers seeking to develop their confidence and ability to teach science. However, it would also suit individuals wishing to offer science outreach in primary schools and secondary science teachers looking for simple hands-on activities, to engage and inspire their younger learners.

Gopher Science Lab is the first online training course to be developed by the Society for our brand new online training portal – myLearning.

Visit [myLearning](#) or [contact us](#) to find out more.



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Upcoming RSB training courses

Unconscious Bias

When: 12 May 2017 (morning course)

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

What: It is now acknowledged that in addition to eradicating discrimination and bias within an organisation, it is important to consider the role of unconscious bias on individual behaviours and the impact it is having on your ability to create an open, fair and inclusive workplace culture for all.

Trainer: Sally Baker has worked in the field of diversity in both the private and public sector. She has held senior roles in corporate organisations, has been consulting on diversity for over 18 years and is regarded as senior in her field. She has been recognized for her work in diversity and was made a Chartered Fellow of the CIPD in 2005.

Who: This half day awareness building course aims to educate staff and managers so that they can lead by example in the quest to change mind-sets and create a more diverse and inclusive workplace.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 15 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 + VAT

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



Scientific Laboratory Leadership and Management

When: 25 May 2017 (full day course)

Where: Impact Hub, King's Cross, 34b York Way, King's Cross London, N1 9AB

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.

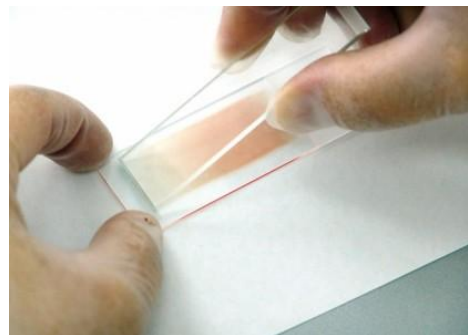
Tutor: Charlie Wilson OBE MRSB has spent the last six years as a coach and consultant in team-working and leadership, working with industry, banks and schools. Before that he was an officer in the Royal Navy with a varied career that included everything from Defence Attaché to ship command in both peace 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: 07 June 2017 (evening course)

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: Course tutor [Sarae Pratt](#) has 15+ years in the HR and learning & development field. She has worked in several countries across a number of industries and sectors - as a staff development manager, L&D business partner, HR consultant and talent manager. She now runs her own business to stretch your life through coaching and training.

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: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 7.5 CPD points.

Fees: From £55 +VAT



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

Beginners Video Workshop

When: 14 June 2017 (full day course)

Where: Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

What: In this workshop, you will learn how to make a simple 'talking-head' video. This type of video suits video abstracts and simple explainer videos.

Tutor: From vlogging to music videos, from vox-popping a festival audience to interviews with notable science communicators such as Professor Alice Roberts, Professor Jim Al-Khalili and Dr Steve Cross, Florence's YouTube career has spanned a wide range of styles since her first video in 2014. With her latest venture, Collab Lab she's determined to carry others in her wake - setting out to spread the word that anyone can learn video production skills, and running workshops to get them started.

Who: This workshop is aimed at total beginners to video production.

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 £200 +VAT

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



Bioscientists Guide to Research Integrity (RI)

When: 20 June 2017 (Morning course)

Where: Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

What: This half-day workshop will provide an introduction to research integrity and responsible conduct in the context of bioscience.

Tutor: Since gaining her PhD at Kings College London, Nikki has accumulated over 15 years experience working within the animal research and animal welfare community within the UK, Europe and beyond. Nikki is currently a member of [COPE](#) (Committee on Publication Ethics), a [UKRIO](#) (UK Research Integrity Office) advisor and [SYRCLE](#) (Systematic Review Centre for Laboratory Animal Experimentation) ambassador.

Who: For researchers at any stage of their career.

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 £80 +VAT

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



Taking and Writing Effective Minutes

When: 05 July 2017 (full day course)

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

What: This course provides a sound introduction to minute-taking and equips you with the knowledge and skills you need to write professional minutes with confidence.

Tutor: Gill Dandy is a communications professional with 25 years consultancy and in-house experience in the public relations industry. Her communications experience includes working as director of development and PR in Higher Education, communications director of a membership organisation and interim director of communications for a disability charity.

Who: This course is useful if you have to take minutes as part of your work, whether you are asked to minute the occasional team meeting or are responsible for minuting formal board meetings. It is suitable if you have never taken minutes before, or if you would like a refresher and clarification of minute-taking.

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 £200 + VAT

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



Training the Trainer

When: 15 August 2017 (full day course)

Where: Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

What: You will gain confidence in how to present information effectively, with variety and flair and acquire the skills to deal with the dynamics of group learning.

This highly practical course will introduce you to new techniques, enhance your communication skills and provide opportunities to 'have a go'.

Tutor: Jakki has over ten years' experience as a consultant, trainer and coach specialising in facilitation skills, training the trainer and organisational communication. Jakki has had extensive experience with not-for-profit organisations and professional bodies. She has an MBA from Manchester Business School, and post-graduate certificates in training practice and coaching. She is an Associate of the CIPD (Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development).

Who: Whether training is a big part of your role, or just a small aspect of your job, our Training the Trainer course will help you design and deliver effective training programmes.

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 £150 +VAT

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



Public engagement: Getting started

When: 12 September 2017 (full day course)

Where: Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

What: This course will provide participants with an understanding of what public engagement is and what's in it for them. Participants will gain awareness of a range of public engagement opportunities available, and gain confidence in taking the first steps towards undertaking public engagement activities.

Tutor: Ceri Harrop is a freelance public engagement professional and currently holds freelance contracts with The Royal Society and The Nuffield Foundation. Ceri also works part-time as the Public Programmes Manager for the Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell-Matrix Research. Ceri has built a vibrant and strategic public engagement programme from scratch and works to support and enable researchers to put public engagement into practice. Ceri has a longstanding passion for public engagement, which she discovered early on in her research career as a PhD student and has continued with ever since.

Who: This course is suitable for anyone who would like to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence to take their first steps into public engagement.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can be counted as 15 CPD points.

Fees: From £140 +VAT

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



An Introduction to Project Management

When: 27 September 2017 (full day course)

Where: Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

What: Participants will learn the skills and planning tools they need to successfully complete a project, and how to anticipate and resolve the issues they are likely to encounter on the way.

Tutor: The course tutor Dr Cliff Collis FRSB worked as a communications specialist for a large drug company, working with drug development teams in knowledge/issue management for meetings with upper company managers and regulators to progress new drugs through the development process.

Who: A course for those who have recently become involved in or responsible for project management but who have limited or no experience or training.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and can count as 21 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 +VAT

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



Persuasive Scientific Report Writing

When: 16 October 2017 (full day course)

Where: Medical School, University of Birmingham, Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2SG

What: Following the success of the previous courses in 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Society continues to offer this one-day introductory course. Participants will learn the principles and processes for high quality communication in scientific thinking and writing, with plenty of opportunity to discuss and practise the skills learnt.

Tutor: The course tutor Dr Cliff Collis FRSB worked as a communications specialist for a large drug company, working with drug development teams in knowledge/issue management for meetings with upper company managers and regulators to progress new drugs through the development process.

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 count as 18 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 +VAT

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



Volunteer Support and Management

When: 18 October 2017 (full day course)

Where: Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RS

What: Volunteers give their time for free to get involved in statutory, community and charitable work and are an integral part of the life of most community organisations. They bring a huge amount of capacity, knowledge, enthusiasm and empathy, but in order for it to work their involvement needs to be well planned and managed. This course will equip you with knowledge and skills needed to do this.

Tutor: Karen Chillman, head of volunteering at Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA), has worked in the charity sector for over 30 years and has spent over 15 years working with local organisations to develop their volunteering good practice.

Who: For those who are new to, or would like to improve their skills in, volunteer support and management.

CPD: This event is approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of [CPD](#) and may be counted as 15 CPD credits.

Fees: From £100 + VAT

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



RSB Awards and Competitions

Royal Society of Biology Science Communication Awards 2017

Are you a bioscience researcher involved in science communication? If you work in any sector of UK biosciences, from universities, institutes or industry, apply for the Royal Society of Biology [Science Communication Awards 2017](#). There are two categories: New Researcher Prize (£750) and Established Researcher Prize (£1500).

Apply by **Friday 30th June 2017** and contact [Isabel Brinsden](#) with any enquiries.

The [Nancy Rothwell Award](#) specimen drawing competition for 7 – 18 year olds is now open – submit entries by 11th September



Royal Society of Biology Photography Competition 2017

The Hidden World is the theme of this year's Royal Society of Biology [Photography Competition](#). The earth harbours a wealth of hidden secrets and surprises and we invite you to capture or uncover this hidden world of biology. Supported by Eppendorf, there are two categories each with a cash prize: 18+ (£1000) and under 18s (£500).

Get snapping and submit up to three images by **Thursday 31st August 2017**.

Please contact Isabel Brinsden at photocomp@rsb.org.uk with any enquiries.

Training discounts available to RSB members on Member Organisation and external training courses

[Advancing Pathology for Cancer Diagnosis, Staging and Prognosis with Euroscicon- 16 - 18 May 2017](#)

Royal Society of Biology members can make use of the discount code 20L for 20% off.

This event will discuss the challenges of improving cancer outcomes, including strategies for early detection and targeted treatment.

Improving long term survival rates in cancer remains a major global challenge. This event will bring together those involved at all stages of disease management from early detection in the GPs office to improved therapeutic interventions and disease monitoring. We will also showcase the latest in scientific research aimed at supporting this unmet clinical need.

This is a live streamed only, three day professional conference.

To book a place or for more information go to the [Life Science Events](#) website.



Wildlife Conservation Programme, Nkondo Bush Academy, South Africa

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.



FREE Training Course with our Member Organisation *Understanding Animal Research* (UAR): The A word - Speaking up about animal research

When: Friday 5th May (afternoon course)

Where: Hodgkin Huxley House, 30 Farringdon Lane, London, EC1R 3AW

What: This session will look at public perceptions, build confidence presenting and discuss how to handle difficult questions with transparency and grace.

Who: For researchers and animal technicians to gain confidence and hone presentation skills speaking about animal research to lay audiences.

Fees: This workshop is free for UAR members and Concordat on Openness signatories.

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



Upcoming Member Organisation training events

Event	Date
BSI Seminar Series	14.09.16 - 13.09.17
Practical Innovations in Life Science Education	27.04.17 - 28.04.17
Pathology of Laboratory Animals in Biomedical Research	01.05.17 - 03.05.17
Microbiota and Gnotobiotic Rodents	04.05.17 - 05.05.17
Bat Ecology and Conservation	09.05.17
Wildlife of the West African Savannah:	09.05.17



[Dietary Assessment Methods workshop](#) 10.05.17

[Sound Analysis and Species Identification \(bats\)](#) 16.05.17

[An Introduction to Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic \(PK/PD\) Concepts](#) 17.05.17 - 19.05.17

[Unfamiliar & Under Threat](#)

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