



# Training and Personal Development



## May 2016

The RSB offers a wide range of training opportunities to help you develop personally and professionally.

In April and early May we ran courses on [Science communication](#), [An introduction to COSHH for technical staff](#), [Persuasive scientific report writing](#) and [Science podcast production](#).

Exciting courses coming up next month: [Presentation skills](#), [Deaf awareness](#) and [Intermediate to advanced Excel skills](#).

Please see the RSB [website](#) for the full list of upcoming training courses. If there is training topic which you feel would be useful and is missing from our current training provision, then please get in [contact](#) to suggest it.

All of our [past training events](#) can be viewed on our website. If you are interested in running any of these at your organisation, please get in [contact](#).

If you know anyone who may be interested in attending one of our courses, please feel free to forward the course information on.

Best wishes

**Naomi Smith**  
Training Officer



## Upcoming courses

- 7 June [Presentation skills](#)
- 20 June [Deaf awareness](#)
- 5 July [Primary science teaching](#)
- 8 July [Environmental awareness](#)
- 11 July [Research, relationships, results](#)
- 15 Aug [Painting Pollinators](#)
- 8 Sept [Mental health in the workplace](#)
- 13 Sept [Unconscious bias](#)
- 19 Sept [Project management](#)
- 10 Oct [Laboratory Management](#)
- 28 Oct [Team science](#)

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# Upcoming RSB courses

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## **Presentation skills**

7 June 2016, 12 CPD points

### **Who is it for?**

Those who have had little experience of giving presentations.

### **What does it involve?**

Personal presentation and body language, structuring your presentation, uses and abuses of visual aids, meeting the needs of your audience.



For more information and to register to attend, please see the event [website](#).

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## **Deaf awareness**

20 June 2016, 9 CPD points

### **Who is it for?**

Those who have regular contact with the general public and who may have staff who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **What does it involve**

Identify situations in your organisation where people who are deaf or hard of hearing might face communication barriers, possible solutions, communication methods and further sources of information.



For more information and to register to attend, please see the event [website](#).

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**Making science memorable and encouraging scientific enquiry for primary teachers**  
5 July 2016, 21 CPD points

**Who is it for?**

Primary school teachers.

**What does it involve?**

- Why making science memorable is so important at primary school
- Using school grounds for biology and designing outdoor planting in school grounds
- Owl pellet dissection workshop
- How classes can develop their own investigations into plant growth
- Cross curricular links with primary school science/ biology

For more information and to register to attend, please see the event [website](#).

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**Environmental awareness in the work place**  
7 July 2016, 9 CPD points

**Who is it for?**

Those who need a basic understanding of environmental issues in the workplace, as well as staff in organisations that are looking to introduce an environmental management system, or improve their environmental performance.

**What does it involve?**

- Environmental issues
- The main components of an environmental management system
- Pollution, including: air pollution, water pollution, environmental noise and waste
- Environmental impact assessments
- The measures that need to be in place when dealing with an emergency



For more information and to register to attend, please see the event [website](#).

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## External training news

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### [BSA Masterclass: Science Communication Primer \(Manchester\)](#) - 15 June 2016

Finding your feet in the science communication sector?  
Want to get into science communication?

This is an essential event for researchers, full-time communicators or volunteers, in their first few years of science communication. Key science communication figures will lead interactive sessions on story-telling, understanding your audience, choosing your medium, evaluation, and next steps for career development. This event is also coming to London on 21st October – tickets available three months before the event. Find out more and book tickets (£80-100).



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### **Nominations are now open for the 2016 John Maddox Prize for Standing up for Science.**

Now in its fifth year, this unique international prize recognises the work of an individual who promotes sound science and evidence on a matter of public interest, facing difficulty or hostility in doing so.

To nominate someone for the prize or find out more, please visit the Sense about Science [website](#). The deadline for entries is 1st August 2016.



**This is a reminder that the final call of FY2016 for JSPS London Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term) is now open.**



Application Deadline: Wednesday, 8 June 2016  
Fellowships must start between 1 November 2016 to 31 March 2017.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is the leading research funding agency in Japan, established by the Japanese Government for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science. Their Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term) provides the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions for visits of between 1 to 12 months.

Please visit the JSPS London [website](#) for further information.

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## Other RSB news

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### Global AMR review sets out plan to minimise threat of superbugs

An extensive [review](#) of the problem of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) led by Lord Jim O'Neill has concluded by setting out a plan to prevent medicine 'being cast back into the dark ages' and requiring investment of \$30 billion dollars.

Find out more on our [website](#).



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## Sir Alec Jeffreys captivates audience with unique story at RSB fundraising event

Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys FRS Hon FRSB, inventor of DNA fingerprinting, shared his [inspiring story](#) with Dr Alison Woollard FRSB and an audience of over 300 people at a special fundraising event for the Royal Society of Biology at the Science Museum in London on the evening of the 16th of May.

Find out more on our [website](#).



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## Members elected at Society AGM

The Royal Society of Biology has elected two new members to positions on Council at its Annual General Meeting.

Find out more on our [website](#).



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## Society launches support framework for academics to focus on teaching

The Royal Society of Biology (RSB) has launched a framework to support academics looking to progress on a teaching focused pathway.

For more information see our [website](#).



### Hull lecturer wins national teaching award

Dr Katharine Hubbard, from the University of Hull, has won the Royal Society of Biology's prestigious [Higher Education Bioscience Teacher of the Year Award 2016](#).

For more information see our [website](#).



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### RSB Fellows elected Fellows of the Royal Society

The Royal Society of Biology would like congratulate several of our Fellows who have been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society.

For more information see our [website](#).



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## Obituary: Dr Barbara Knowles FRSB MBE

The Royal Society of Biology joins the family and friends of Dr Barbara Knowles in sadness at her death and in celebrating her life.

Read more on our [website](#).



## Current vacancies

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## Regional/MO Events

Event	Date
<a href="#">Guided Tour</a>	04.06.16
<a href="#">Visit to a Honey Bee Apiary</a>	04.06.16
<a href="#">Statistics Workshop</a>	06.06.16

## RSB awards and competitions

Event	Deadline
<a href="#">Science Communication Awards</a>	30. 06. 16
<a href="#">Photography Competition</a>	31. 08. 16
<a href="#">Nancy Rothwell Awards</a>	02. 09. 16

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