



7th TRIALS METHODOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

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October 4th, 14:00 - 16:20 – Session 1
PEOPLE: Developing expertise, supporting careers



Break-out sessions for students

Room 1 Discussion topic – PhDs, mental health & wellbeing during a pandemic
Facilitator: Dr Heidi Gardner, University of Aberdeen, UK

Room 2 Discussion topic – PPI in trials methodology research
Facilitator: Dr Frances Shiely, University College Cork, Ireland

Room 3 Discussion topic – Viva-prep in a virtual world
Facilitator: Ms Sarah Lawton, University of Keele, UK

Room 4 Discussion topic – Expectations and opportunities in the HRB-TMRN / MRC/NIHR-TMRP
Facilitators: Dr Karen Hughes MRC/NIHR-TMRP, UK & Prof Declan Devane, NUI Galway / HRB-TMRN, Ireland

Room 5 Discussion topic – Looking ahead to funding opportunities post-PhD
Facilitators: Dr Elaine Finucane, NUI Galway, Ireland & Prof Richard Emsley, Kings College London, UK

14:10 – 14:40

14:40 – 14:50 Short Break

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Welcome Address & Session Moderator
Prof Peter Doran, University College Dublin, Ireland

Post-PhD career perspectives & viewpoints

14:50 – 15:00 **Health Research Centre Operations Management**
Dr Eoghan McKernan, University College Cork, Ireland

14:00 – 15:10 **Viewpoint of a Post-Doctoral Researcher**
Dr Danielle Edwards, Kings College London, UK

14:10 – 15:20 **Exploring options and seeking opportunities: transitioning from academia to industry post PhD**
Dr Alice Biggane, Roche Products Ltd., UK

15:20 – 15:40 **A supervisors guide to PhD completion – tips & advice**
Prof Robert Harris, Karolinska Institute, Sweden

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