

## Informative Networking Events

BioDocSoc arrange events every couple of months to raise awareness of processes, policies and resources which are of relevance to Early Career Researchers. Example topics include 10 days professional development, research culture, routes into teaching, gaining accreditation for teaching, mental health and commercialisation support.

<b>College (where initiative takes place):</b>	College of Science and Engineering
<b>School (where initiative takes place):</b>	School of Biological Sciences
<b>Stakeholders involved in the planning, organisation and execution of the initiative:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Staff Society (BioDocSoc)</li> <li>• Staff who support researchers</li> </ul>
<b>Webpages:</b>	n/a
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Emily Johnston on behalf of BioDocSoc
<b>Concordat principle:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment &amp; Culture</li> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Professional &amp; Career Development</li> </ul>
<b>Area the Concordat Initiative Supported:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rights &amp; Responsibilities</li> <li>• Research Staff Societies</li> <li>• Policies and Processes</li> <li>• Wellbeing</li> <li>• Postdoc Champions/Advisors, Research Staff Champions</li> <li>• Research Culture</li> <li>• Careers Support</li> <li>• 10 Days Professional Development</li> </ul>
<b>Stakeholders:</b>	Researchers
<b>Comments:</b>	These information sessions are organised in collaboration with local and external stakeholders including the Institute for Academic Development, Edinburgh Innovations, Biology Teaching Organisation, SULSA and Pint of Science. Information sessions typically last an hour, and catering is provided to encourage further discussion and networking following the talks.
<b>Outputs/Impact:</b>	<p>Example feedback following these events:</p> <p><i>"...The opportunity for networking after the meeting was very good- I was able to meet three new people."</i></p> <p><i>"...useful to be able to ask questions over some food after."</i></p>