



Developing an interdisciplinary culture of excellence

Working Together for Better Outcomes

Learning from different perspectives to improve delivery of solutions to land and natural resource challenges

When: 12.00, 26th March 2015. **Where:** Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation, EH1 1LZ,
Location: <http://edinburghcentre.org/location.html>

The objectives of our workshop are to:

- 1) Produce short guides on 'How do we best support and evaluate working together for better outcomes' for funders of research, researchers and wider users of research outputs;
- 2) Facilitate the sharing of perspectives from across funders of research, leading international researchers, and wider users of research outputs on how to support and evaluate working together for better outcomes;
- 3) Share and reflect on what we have learned during the James Hutton Institute's 'Developing an Interdisciplinary Culture of Excellence' (DICE) project; and
- 4) Produce a multi-author peer reviewed publication that synthesizes and communicates to an academic audience the process and key findings from our workshop.

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Thursday 26th March

Activities	Descriptions
12.00 Register and lunch	Sign in, collect name badge and workshop pack as you arrive at the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation. A buffet lunch will be provided.
13.00 Welcome	Iain Gordon (The James Hutton Institute) and Laura Meagher (Macaulay Development Trust).
Objectives and practical aspects	Kit Macleod setting out objectives and outline of the next 24 hours.
Introductions and three things	Discuss and suggest three themes/questions/challenges your table would like us all to consider.
Keynote presentation	Professor Gabriele Bammer, Australian National University 'Addressing complex real-world problems: a new discipline, a repository and you'
DICE overview	Brief report on the James Hutton Institute's 'Developing an interdisciplinary culture of excellence' (DICE) project: activities and findings.
Supportive conditions session	Frame: There are multiple ways of (funders, researchers and wider users) working together and many institutional drivers to facilitate conventional ways of working. We would like to break these bounds of convention to support integrative 'working together for better outcomes.'
Evaluation and indicators session	Frame: We are talking about supporting unconventional ways of working and understanding how we can best 'work together for better outcomes.' We would like to advance our understanding of how to evaluate and improve the process of 'working together for better outcomes.'
Starting to develop our guides	One of our objectives is to produce short guides on 'How do we best support and evaluate working together for better outcomes' from the perspectives of: 1) research funders; 2) researchers; and 3) wider users of research outputs. Working in mixed groups we will produce draft structures and key points for the short guides.
17.30 Recap, reflect and next steps	Recap and reflect on progress. Information on accommodation (Apex International), evening activity and tomorrow's activities.
19.00 Drinks reception, reflecting on our guides and dinner	An opportunity to reflect on the initial structures and content of our 'How do we best support and evaluate working together for better outcomes' guides and add new material to the other working groups. Followed by dinner.

Friday 27th March

Activities	Descriptions
08.45 Register	A couple of participants to sign in, collect name badge and workshop pack. Refreshments will be provided for all.
09.00 Recap and overview	Recap on progress made during yesterday's activities. Overview of today's activities.
Keynote presentation	Professor Catherine Lyall, University of Edinburgh 'Motivations and rewards for interdisciplinary working'
Learning from different perspectives and panel discussion	Learning about 'working together for better outcomes' from different perspectives based on RCUK RELU and ESPA, and Scottish Government CREW: perspectives from funders of research and researchers. Followed by perspectives from wider users of research outputs and a panel discussion.
Finishing our draft guides	Working groups to continue producing draft 'How do we best support and evaluate working together for better outcomes' guides.
Working groups reporting back	Each working group will briefly report back and discuss key points.
Closing, reflections and next steps	Closing down the workshop. Reflections from Iain Gordon (James Hutton Institute) and Laura Meagher (Macaulay Development Trust). Thanks and next steps.
12.45 Lunch and depart	Sandwich lunch will be provided.
