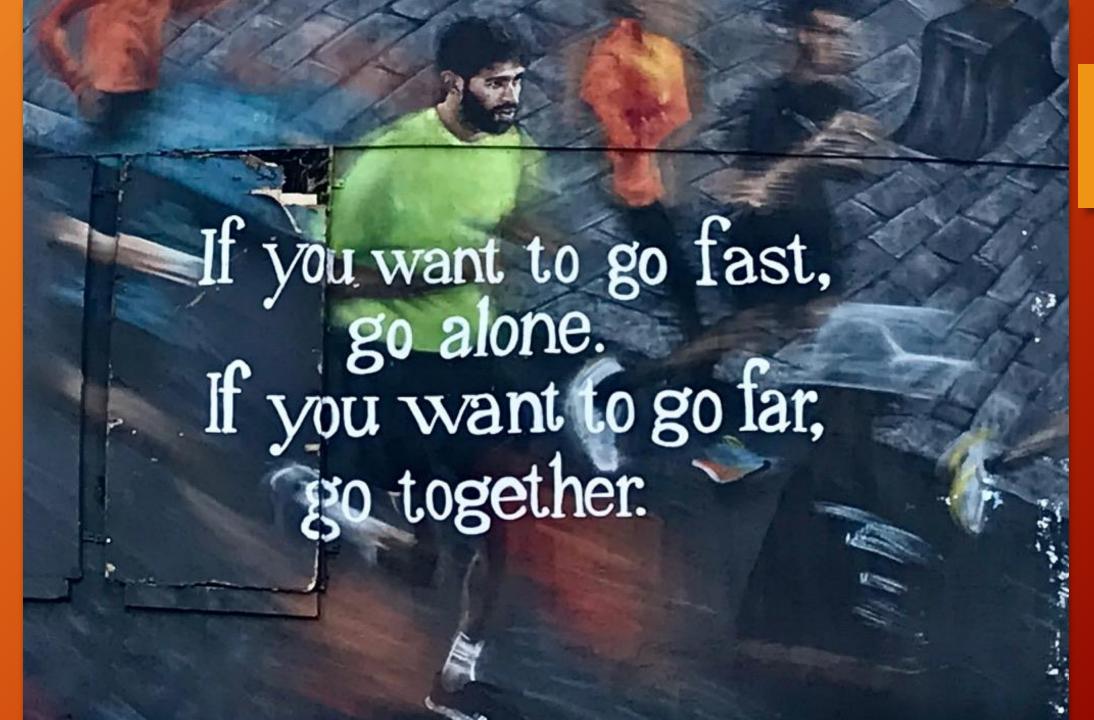
School Research Forum

2024 Half Away-Day for PDRAs and Research Fellows

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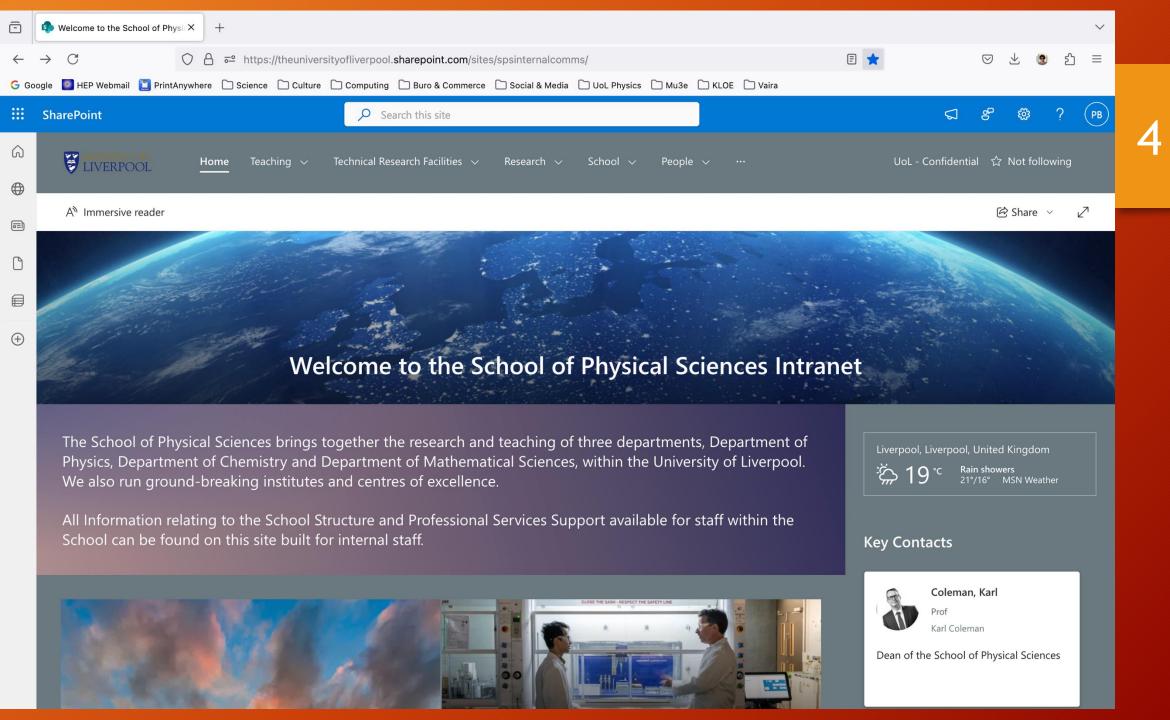


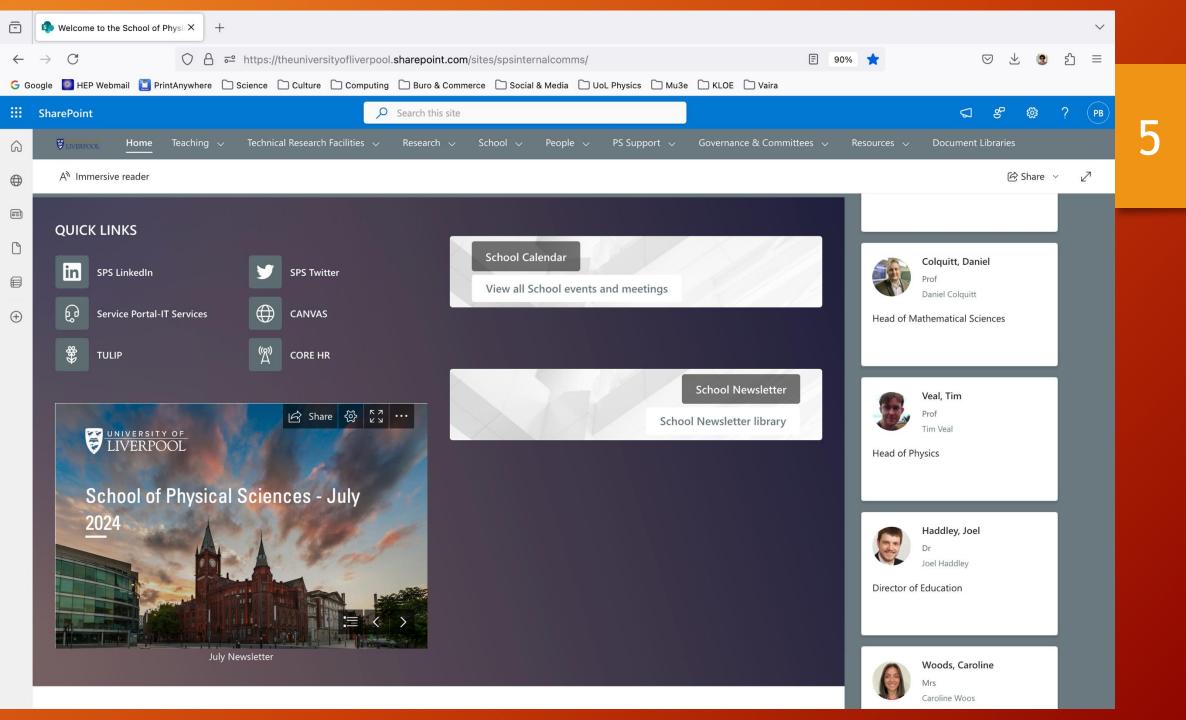


School of Physical Sciences

- The School of Physical Sciences brings together the research and teaching of three departments
 - Department of Physics,
 - 2. Department of Chemistry
 - 3. Department of Mathematical Sciences

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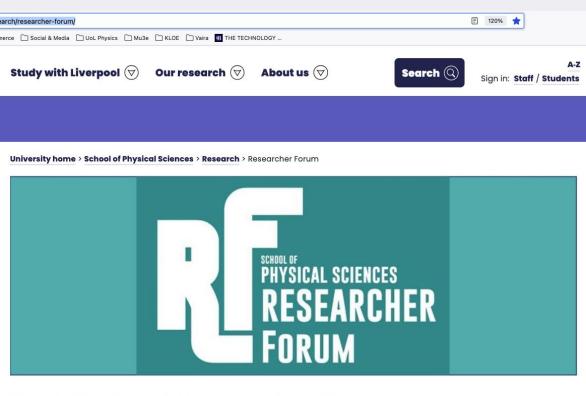
Networking!

Departments of the Physical Science School

Academic staff

PDRA and Fellows

Reseracher Forum



Postdoctoral Researcher Forum

Postdoctoral researchers make up one of the largest contingents of the School's staff whose main focus is on conducting research at the School of Physical Sciences (SoPS). https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/physical-sciences/research/researcher-forum/

The SoPS Researcher Forum aims to serve and support this group with the key aims of:

- Representation within the School;
- Providing a place to meet with other postdocs within the School (social events, discussion of issues, sharing of relevant knowledge);
- A platform to enable consultation with postdocs about events and issues within the School that affect researchers, such as planned building works/changes to key services;
- Disseminating information that is relevant to postdoctoral staff, such as changes in staff/services, the existence of career development courses or progress in Athena SWAN applications/ Equality & Diversity issues.

The format (aim) - part one

- To meet quarterly co-chaired by two members of the postdoctoral staff
- Predominantly postdoctoral staff and research fellows
- Occasionally invitations extended to members of academic staff
- A speaker is invited
 - from academia/industry,
 - careers advisory services or from other backgrounds
 - > to help postdoctoral staff in career development

- Meetings with the Academic Staff
 - School Forum: Anna Slater, Paula Main, Louise Hobson Joe Feguson
 School Research Forum on the 7th May 2024
 - Regular EDI School EDI meetings
 - PSLT meetings
- Meetings with the representative of the PDRA
 - Physics Department: Eva Vilella
 - Chemisrty Department: Abbie Scholes
 - Mathematical Science Dapartment: (??) Joanna Seed, Lauren Burton

... apologies if I haven't put all the relevant names

The format (aim) - part two

- To incorporate a social aspect: 'mixer' type event following every postdoctoral forum, to enable discussions from other groups
- Larger events (e.g. annual postdoctoral research seminar) to present research to their Department or the School as a whole

Many activities organised (not by the Forum)

- More connections among the departments
- Informing and inviting PDRAs
 - Training for early career researchers
 - Narrative CV
 - Sharing experience and story of success (and failure)
 - Mock interview. And hands-on experience
 - Induction (for foreign researchers)
- Involvement in outreach and teaching activities
- Half away days
- Equality and diversity

... make them more widespread

Postdoctoral Development Awards 2023

• Postdoctoral Researchers within the School of Physical Sciences: development award (overall total award fund this year is £6,000)

• Winners:

- M. Roman (Physics): Magnetic control of Oxygen beams a research visit to Tsukuba
- R. Pandey (Physics): Quantum-state-resolved studies on water molecules on a Cu (111) applying Reflection Absorption Infrared Spectroscopy (RAIS) research visit to Lausanne
- C. Neal (Mathematics): Annual European Rheology Conference & Rheology Short Course for learning programming for CFD
- E. Urena Horno (Chemistry): Training for the new Magnetic Insight Momentum Scanner in Liverpool at the Western University, Canada

For the Researcher Forum to work most effectively it requires participation from as many people as possible, if you have any suggestions or ideas please have your say!

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