



PROFESSIONAL LIAISON NETWORK CELEBRATION EVENT 2024

Arts and Humanities Complex , 9-11 Woodland Road,
University of Bristol, BS8 1TB
Wednesday 10th April, 1:30pm—5:20pm

Prizes sponsored by



WELCOME

The Professional Liaison Network (PLN) co-ordinates a range of activities that connect students, academics and researchers from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law (including the Business School), with external organisations.

These experiences give students the chance to take their learning into the real world, and connect the University of Bristol to a wider community.

Our Celebration Event will showcase some of the most exciting and impactful placements, research projects, and mentoring collaborations over the last two years.

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Don't forget to add your questions for our brilliant panel of speakers to the slido. Simply visit [slido.com](https://www.slido.com) and enter #9504046.

1:30-2:00pm	Guest arrival, registration, refreshments
2:00-2:15pm	Keynote speech: Professor Palie Smart Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor, Global Civic Engagement, University of Bristol
2:15-3:40pm	Partner presentations and Q & A
3:40-4:15pm	Poster display, networking, refreshments
4:15-5:15pm	Prizegiving
5:20pm	Event close

SPEAKERS



Professor Palie Smart, Associate Pro Vice –Chancellor, Global Civic Engagement

Palie's work seeks to create partnerships that deliver positive civic impact for the local region, UK and globally. Previously, she was the Head of School of Management (now Business School) at the University of Bristol. Her research and teaching interests are in the fields of operations and innovation management, and current research is focussed on new models of innovation for industrial sustainability. She is keen to support inclusion agendas and led The FTSE 100 Women in Manufacturing EEF Report launched with the former Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills.

2:00—2:15pm

Ian Roderick, Director at Schumacher Institute

As a loosely organised fellowship, the Schumacher Institute conducts research projects and puts on events where we can promote systems sciences for sustainability. Our experience with placement students has been excellent as they have carried out projects within our thematic programmes – we challenge them to work in an unstructured, self-managed environment and they have challenged us in return with high-quality critical thinking.



2:15—2:25pm

Jon Shepherd, Head of Programmes and Funding at FRANK Water

Bristol University Master's student, Eva Craig, conducted a successful evaluation of water management practices of health centre teams in southern Kenya in 2023. This talk will outline what Eva achieved academically and also how her work made an impact on the project itself .



2:25—2:35pm

Freddy Farias Arias, Economist and Lead Coordinator for National Statistics , ONS

Freddy is an experienced economist and has undertaken a number of roles across the ONS. More recently, Freddy has coordinated new research and analysis on the impact of high food prices, the impact of industrial action and the drivers of higher economic inactivity and has been instrumental in the ONS supporting policy conversations across No.10 and Cabinet Office on emerging risks. Freddy has been a key mentor for our Undergraduate Economics mentoring scheme since the scheme began and has been a great support to a large number of students. Freddy will be sharing his experience and the benefits of being involved in the mentoring scheme.

2:35-2:45pm



Scarlett Hagger, Enterprise Executive at WECA

The business support landscape in the West of England is made up of a vast network of organisations. Partnership working within this network plays a pivotal role to maximise the available resources. This talk will give an overview of the Growth Hub and the unique partnership we have with the PLN network and how this collaboration has impacted other business support partnerships and opportunities.

2:45—2:55pm

PRIZES

Prize giving event 4:15—5:15pm

This will be an opportunity to celebrate with our students who have made a great impact during their placement, project or mentoring experience. All our awards, detailed below, have been sponsored by some of our key partners.

The Business Impact Award – a project or placement where a student/s who has/have demonstrated new ways of critical thinking and problem-solving that has made an impact on an organisation or business sector/specialism.



The Sustainability Award – a research project or placement that has given unique insight into an aspect of the climate crisis or supported sustainability within an organisation.



The Civic Impact Award – a placement that supported and enriched the work of a local organisation or within the VCSE sector.



The Bristol Mentoring Award - student/s who has/have gone above and beyond through their mentoring experience and has shown significant engagement with the scheme.



The Professional Liaison Network

Alex Paterson	Professional Liaison Manager	Sandi Gale	Research Projects
Tracey Maggs	Professional Liaison Officer	Claire Horton	Placements
Jane Leeks	Business Engagement Coordinator	Keira Jones	Placements
Jiangge Ching	Business Engagement Coordinator	Laura Wright	Mentoring
Isabelle Halton	Professional Liaison Coordinator	Caroline Kirk	Mentoring
Alex Doona	Research Projects	Marcus Jones	Projects, Placements and Mentoring
Alma Neu	Research Projects	Kayla Painter	Projects, Placements and Mentoring
Holly Bain	Research Projects	Lou Macfarlane	Events and Marketing

DELEGATE LIST

Students

Aldine Joassaint	Ella Sheridan	Rorie Williams
Aleezah Aspinwall	Esme McGill	Shay Patel
Alexia Kaplan	Felita Beasley	Sofia Kamgang Nkuitche
Alice Kennon	Florence Kettle	Sophie Stenning
Belle Miller	Franziska Hoefler	Tali McIlwrath
Carla Forster	Henry Zhang	Tamanna Rahman
Chenxin Liang	Irmak Kaya	Tilly Davies
Chiara Krah	Karen Philips	Vaibhav Singh
Chloe Timmis	Kristine Klein	Vhaire Gudgeon
Edward Gibson	Meenakshi Mariappan	Wisely Taing
Elise Johnstone	Munireer Yasheng	Zhenxi Shao
Elizabeth Attfield	Munther Dabbas	
Ella Marshall-Pinder	Noah Majeed	

Academics and Professional Services, UoB

Akinyo Ola	Jo Rose	Sam Cook
Arlene Paterson	Jon Fox	Samriddhi Sharma
Debbie Jarman	Laurie Stewart	Sophie Causon-Wood
Marios Kremantzis	Lydia Henden	Sunil Tiwari
Fangming Xu	Marion Prat	Toby Reynolds
Hannah Tweddell	Peter Oliver	Xiaoting Luo
Helen Mann	Rebecca Rose	Zhenxi Shao
Jack Nicholls	Rob Taffinder	
James Lence		

External Professionals

Alaya Holloway	FirstGens	Mark Chandler	DEFRA
Andy Hawkins	Business On Purpose	Michael Abdalah	Save the Children International
Anna-Clare Temple	Step Together Volunteering	Niloo Lotfinejad	Transform Comms
Anton Mann	PORT O'BRISTOL @ Xisto Wines	Owen Anderson	OVO
Becky White	Supporting Justice CIC	Rebecca Jenkins	Peregrine Risk Management
Ben Havill	Hargreaves Lansdown	Rob Holbeche	Venturers' Academy
Deborah Saw	Step Together Volunteering	Roxy Ratcliffe	Burges Salmon
Eliza Nicholas	Rocket Garden Design	Sarah Hamnett	Burges Salmon
Ella Thomson	OVO	Sarah Kruger	Deloitte
Freddy Farias Arias	ONS	Sibusiso Tshabalala	Cognitive Paths
James Oliver	Lloyds Banking Group	Simon Jarvis	FareShare South West
John Mcnamara	IBM	Sophie Crossley	Content Coms
Karen Stoton	Future Bright	Sophie Lampard	Prince's Trust
Kathryn Davis	Visit West	Viktoria Petrova	OEP
Keith Mitchelhill	Womble Bond Dickinson		
Kostas Panagiotou	South West Advocacy Network		