

Researcher-Practitioner Mixer Event

Wednesday 20th November

Notes for GESA students

Purpose of the Event

This event brings together academic staff, professional external practitioners and students working in the field of Environment and Society for an afternoon of networking. The purpose of the event is to give students the chance to speak to potential dissertation supervisors and network with academics, practitioners and employers in the sector they might like to enter.

Format of the Event

There will be up to 14 'themed' tables located in the Playfair Library. Themes include, for example, Carbon Management, Sustainable Architecture and Sustainable Building Design and Policy and Politics. Guest practitioners from industry, and university staff affiliated with work or research in that particular area will be clustered together and seated together at a table that will have a broad 'cluster title', e.g. Carbon Management.

After registering on Eventbrite, we ask students to use the link below to select up to ten themes (or clusters) they would like to visit, in order of preference. This will enable the team to create a schedule that shows students which tables they will be visiting, at specific times. Our guest practitioners will also have a copy of the schedule listing which students will be visiting their table.

Sign up for the event

<https://environmentandsocietymixer.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Sign-up for my themes

<https://www.survey.ed.ac.uk/researchmixer2013>

There are three cluster sessions during the event:

13:30 - 14:00 - Student Arrival and Registration

14:00 - 14:45 - Cluster Session 1

14:45 - 15:30 - Cluster Session 2

15:30 - 16:00 - Tea, Coffee, Networking

16:00 - 16:45 - Cluster Session 3

17:00 - 19:00 - Drinks and Networking

Within each cluster session, you will be visit two different themes, so that by the end of the day you will have had an opportunity to visit up to six different tables/themes.

At the close of the event at 5pm, we'll be moving to our new ECCI building for a wine and networking reception and we would be delighted if you would join us there.

What do I need to do?

At each rotation there will be between 4-6 students arriving at each table.

- Once you have all arrived at the table, a UoE facilitator will ask you to introduce yourself to the practitioners there.
- This will be a brief opportunity for everyone at the table to exchange introductory information.
- The Facilitator will then ask the first student to 'pitch' their dissertation idea to the group of practitioners – in 1 minute!
- After the pitch the Facilitator will allow up to 3 minutes for feedback and questions from the guests at the table, before moving on to the next student.
- Please note: the Facilitators have a difficult job of keeping the session running to time, and they have strict instructions to only permit each student 1 minute to pitch their dissertation idea, to ensure everyone has a fair opportunity to participate. Please ensure you stick to time.

Help!! I have no idea how to do a 1-minute pitch!

We want to ensure you have every opportunity to present yourself and your ideas in the most professional light. Therefore, we have organised a session called '**How to present an Elevator Pitch**'

This session will take place at 2pm on November 14th in the Informatics Forum. Places are limited, however, I will send you an

Eventbrite invitation to enable you to sign up closer to the time. For now the priority is signing up for the Researcher-Practitioner Mixer Event.