

Developing as a writer

ECR DAY 2022, Tuesday 6th September

Time: 11am - 5pm + social activities 10-11 & 5.30 onwards

Location: [room 3.06, South Cloisters, St Luke's Campus](#), Heavitree Road, Exeter EX1 2LU

Details & provisional agenda

Objectives

- Understand strengths and weaknesses of one's own writing practice
- Develop strategies for writing for different audiences
- Share experiences and tips for effective writing
- Facilitate peer-to-peer support and networking amongst ECR members

The main ECR workshop will run from 11am-5pm, with a focus on building our skills as writers and providing dedicated time to progress on a piece of writing. Senior SSM members will share their advice on writing styles and setting goals, and be available to provide one-to-one support. There will be three focused writing sessions (45-50mins each) for working on our own work.

For those who can arrive earlier, there will be an opportunity to meet other ECRs from 10am. After the workshop, we will have a walking tour of the city, and then go for an informal dinner.

Plan for the day (tentative)

Time	Session	Details
10:00-11:00	Pre-workshop social	Networking
11:00-12:45	Morning session	Learning about ourselves as writers Setting goals for the day 1 st writing session
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-17:00	Afternoon session	2 nd & 3 rd writing session + bookable advice slots ¹ SSM mentoring scheme Reflections
17:30 onwards	Evening activities	City tour Informal group dinner

What you need to bring/prepare

- Some mode for writing: laptop, pen & paper etc. If you are using a laptop, please make sure it is fully charged. Plug sockets are likely to be limited
- An idea of the writing you want to focus on during the day. This could include:
 - analysis in need of writing up (preferably with completed tables or coded and organised qualitative data), together with a target journal in mind;
 - a 'stuck' paper needing some focused TLC to make it ready for submission; or
 - a paper needing revisions for resubmission.
 - A thesis chapter
 - Background section to a paper/protocol
 - Research funding application, etc.

¹ Sign-up will be on the day

Pre-workshop informal networking (10-11am)

This will be split into two parts. The first 30 minutes will be speed networking – 3 minutes per round. From 10.30 there will be 30 minutes of free social time for meeting with other ECRs. Please feel free to join in at any point during the hour, and with whichever part(s) you feel comfortable with.

Facilitators:

- **Simon Capewell** – Professor Emeritus of Clinical Epidemiology, University of Liverpool
- **Kate Hunt** – Professor of Behavioural Sciences and Health, University of Stirling
- **G.J. Melendez-Torres** – Professor of Clinical and Social Epidemiology, University of Exeter

ECR sub-committee organisers:

- **Max Barnish** – Research Fellow, University of Exeter
- **Heidi Lai** (ECR Sub-committee Chair) – Research Fellow, Imperial College London
- **Yuxi Li** – PhD Student, University of Melbourne
- **Flo Martin** – PhD Student, University of Bristol

Please note that the ECR event is on a different campus to the rest of the ASM. Details on how to get to St Luke's Campus are [here](#).