



## Interdisciplinary Research HE Sector Day

Bournemouth University, EBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

### Programme

Indicative Timing	Activity
09:00 – 09:30	Registration and arrival refreshments
09:30 – 09:35	<p><b>Opening remarks and Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Professor Michael Wilmore</b>, Executive Dean - Faculty of Media and Communication, Bournemouth University</p>
09:35 – 10:00	<p><b>Key Note Address</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Louise Mansfield</b> (What Works Centre for Wellbeing / Brunel University London): <i>What Works Wellbeing: Interdisciplinary and Cross-Sector Partnerships</i></p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Panel 1: Interdisciplinary research: The funders' perspective</b></p> <p>Key funding bodies will explore their perceptions of the benefits of interdisciplinary research and how this approach can add value. Each speaker will present for 20 minutes, followed by a panel Q&amp;A session where speakers will return to the presentation area.</p> <p>A: <b>Charlotte Lester</b> (HEFCE): <i>Understanding Interdisciplinarity: A Policy Perspective</i>            B: <b>Dan Licari</b> (Innovate UK / KTN Creative, Digital &amp; Design)            C: <b>Ben Sharman</b> (UK National Contact Point - Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies): <i>Embedding SSH across Horizon 2020</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Panel 1: Q&amp;A</b>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Panel 2: Supporting interdisciplinary working</b></p> <p>Opportunity for three perspectives to showcase their support of interdisciplinary research – the networking community, the research office function and the academic championing of this approach.</p> <p>A: <b>Professor Alan Lester and Debbie Foy-Everett</b> (Sussex): <i>Opportunities and challenges of managing internal interdisciplinary research initiatives: Sussex Research</i>            B: <b>Jordan Graham and Ehsan Masood</b> (Research Professional): <i>How *Research Professional can support your interdisciplinary research</i>            C: <b>Christopher Ferguson</b> (Piirus): <i>Introducing Piirus for collaboration</i></p>
12:30 – 12:45	<b>Panel 2: Q&amp;A</b>

12:45 – 13:45	<p><b>Lunch and networking opportunity</b></p> <p>To facilitate conversation over lunch, there will be themed tablecloths to allow all attendees to consider potential benefits (and pitfalls) of interdisciplinary research and note these comments on the tablecloths. Discussion may include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact on bidding success</li> <li>• Impact on teaching through case studies (with TEF and REF in mind)</li> <li>• Converting IR into student outcomes – IR to I-Teaching?</li> <li>• Benefits to business engagement</li> <li>• Opportunities that only arise with IR</li> <li>• Problems – do we lack a shared vocabulary?</li> </ul> <p>These will then be displayed during the final session.</p>
13:45 – 14:45	<p><b>Panel 3: The benefits of interdisciplinary research: The academics' perspective</b></p> <p>This session will give three academics the forum to discuss their specific interdisciplinary research and explore their personal reflections on how this research found funding, the practicalities of working in this way and the impact on project outcomes, with regard to interdisciplinary research. In short – <i>did it help?</i></p> <p>A: <b>Professor Adele Ladkin</b> (Bournemouth University): <i>Family Rituals 2.0</i>  B: <b>Dr. David Hutchinson</b> (Portsmouth): <i>Interdisciplinary research: Adventures in Science</i>  C: <b>Dr. Justine McConnell</b> (TORCH, University of Oxford): <i>Working across Disciplinary Borders in the Humanities</i></p>
14:45 – 15:00	<p><b>Panel 3: Q&amp;A</b></p>
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Coffee Break, remaining in EBC seminar room for the next session:</p> <p><b>Facilitated networking: <i>How can I contribute?</i></b></p> <p>Subject to change, depending on attendees, tables based around broad themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Global Security</li> <li>○ Creative, Digital and Engineering</li> <li>○ Health, Ageing and Well-being</li> <li>○ Business, Economics, Finance and Tourism</li> <li>○ The Planet and its People</li> <li>○ Supporting IR and the institutional cultural change</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Feedback from Table Hosts</p>
16:15 – 16:30	<p><b>Event close</b></p> <p><b>Professor John Vinney</b>, Vice-Chancellor, Bournemouth University</p>