

**5th Research Staff Conference**

***Planning ahead: building on our research capacity and career network***

**University of Liverpool, Foresight Centre**

**20th May 2013, 9.30 – 15.00 (registration from 9.00)**

Dear Researcher,

I am delighted to invite you to the 5th Research Staff Conference at our University on Monday 20th May 2013 at the Foresight Centre.

This year's event explores collaborative research practice and career development planning for researchers.

The first theme will offer you the opportunity to discuss the rationale of research networks to support collaborative research across disciplines. The three speakers are experienced researchers who have led collaborative projects and will share with you their experiences and learning from this type of research practice. They will also examine the merit of building research collaborative networks to advance personal and institutional ambitions.

The second theme will provide you with insights of career planning by discussing a range of options available to you as a researcher. All sessions in this year's conference have been designed to give you the space and time to consider your own development.

In my session I shall discuss with you the University's planning actions in relation to research activities in the emerging research environment, including the Research Excellence Framework outcomes.

I would like to invite you to participate and contribute to this year's event. The format of the day will offer you the opportunity to share your ideas. We will listen to your views and do our best to respond.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

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