



Bioquarter Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and Athena SWAN

**Good morning everyone,
Welcome to the Spring newsletter!**

This newsletter will tell you about all the ED&I related events occurring in the Bioquarter this Spring. If you would like to help out at any of the events, or have an idea for a future event, please contact emily.findlay@ed.ac.uk.

International Women's Day Wikipedia edit-a-thon

For international women's day we will be running a wikipedia edit-a-thon. You may have read about such events, which aim to redress the balance of who is recognised by wikipedia. In this event we will be writing and editing pages about female scientists with an Edinburgh connection - past and present. The ED&I committee will provide tea, coffee and biscuits - come along for 20 minutes or more to help out!

The event will be run in the Peter Lavine room, QMRI, from 11am-4pm on Tuesday 10th March.

If you have any experience with wikipedia editing and would be happy to help run the event or to answer questions in advance please contact emily.findlay@ed.ac.uk.

Mental health first aider training - IRR

As part of our continued commitment to workplace mental health we would now like to extend an opportunity to staff and students across the Institute for Regeneration and Repair to complete the NHS recognised Mental Health First Aid training <https://www.mhscot-consultancy.co.uk/scotlands-mental-health-first-aid/>.

The time commitment is significant but worth it: 2 full days – Monday 17 and Monday 24 February 2020 – delivered in house (CRM Seminar Room). Please note you need to attend both sessions in order to complete the training.

Spaces are limited to 15 and this year we will prioritise applications from male colleagues and PIs. However, ALL who are interested should apply as it is likely there will be space. The training will be delivered in the seminar room at CRM.

It would then be the expectation that the trained individuals would be available to Institute staff and students who may wish to access confidential advice and support.

For more details please contact donna.lumsden@ed.ac.uk

Pot a plant for your desk



Following the great success of our last event - with 80 plants potted for desks around the Bioquarter - we have planned another event for the Spring! Come along on Tuesday 24th March to get a plant - details will be sent out nearer the time.

ESAT fellows meeting

The ED&I committee is arranging an event for all the ESAT fellows in the Bioquarter. We hope this will increase collaboration and friendship between the fellows and be a source of advice and support. An email has gone out to all fellows asking who would like to be involved- if you have not been included and would like to find out more please contact emily.findlay@ed.ac.uk.

Career development IAD workshops for technicians

There is a new programme of events at the IAD especially aimed at career development support for technicians. This is running from October 2019 until May 2020 - find out more [here](#)

Bioquarter Pride

Some good news - the bake sale last semester raised £405.03 for Stonewall!

Events are now being organised for LGBT+ history month - while dates are still being scheduled, they will likely be in the first week of February, so keep your eyes peeled for future announcements. For more details please contact gareth.hardisty@ed.ac.uk



Mentoring

The university mentoring scheme is open and is available to all staff, of any grade or career background. Find out more [here](#)

For details of the Bioquarter ED&I committee contact emily.findlay@ed.ac.uk

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