

Biographies

Dr. Mhairi Towler (Expert facilitator)

Mhairi has a degree in Biochemistry and a PhD in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of Dundee. She then carried out postdoctoral work, both in San Francisco and Dundee. She was a founder and Co-chair of the College of Life Sciences Postdoctoral Association. She also completed a PgCert in teaching and learning in higher education. She completed a Masters in Animation and Visualisation at the University of Dundee in 2012 in order to set up her business. Mhairi is Founder and CEO of a multi-award-winning animation production company. The company offers a service of bespoke animations for scientific communication. Mhairi is an Alumni of The Royal Society of Edinburgh's Young Academy Scotland.

Dr Julia Tischer (Vitae Host)

Julia is the Researcher Development Manager in the Learning & Development Team at Vitae. She manages and delivers a range of projects and programmes that support professional development of researchers and researcher developers working in UK and internationally. Julia is a research scientist by training with over 10 years' experience both in Germany and the UK. Before joining Vitae in 2023, she was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute. Her experience as a research scientist and passion to support others to develop their full potential drives her interest in providing professional development opportunities for researchers. Julia holds a PhD in Natural Science from the University of Konstanz, Germany.