Example of PI Network launch staff news article

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**Prosper PI network – first meeting**

**9 September 2020**

**Title:** Prosper PI network launches on 9th September

**Body text:**

September sees the launch of **Prosper’s PI network** [link]**,** a first of its kind where University of Liverpool Principal Investigators and managers of researchers come together to share and evolve best practice in postdoc career development.

This first session on **Wednesday, 9 September, 3 – 3:45pm**, will explore how PIs have managed their postdocs during the COVID-19 pandemic and create an opportunity to share experiences of this period.

**Benefits of attending**

* Hear from Prof Alberto Bardelli (University of Turin), author of the recent Nature article ‘[Coronavirus lockdown: What I learnt when I shut my cancer lab in 48 hours](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00826-7)’, with an update and his advice to PIs.
* Share best practice across disciplinary boundaries with fellow University of Liverpool PIs. To begin the discussion, Prof Rob Poole (Engineering, FSE) and Dr Ruth Nugent (UKRI Future Leaders Fellow, HSS) will share their experiences.
* Hear from Matthew Davis, organisational developer and eLearning Lead, on practical tips and tools to help best manage researchers. Attendees can let the Prosper team know which aspects of remote or blended research management you’d like to be hear more about by answering these quick questions [link]

**Sign up to attend via Eventbrite** [link]

**More about the Prosper PI network**

We’re establishing a PI network at the University of Liverpool that will put PIs and managers of researchers at the centre of championing postdocs and driving change in how we approach their career development.

The network gives you the opportunity to:

* Influence, pilot and shape the development of [Prosper and its resources](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cstefsilv%5CDesktop%5Cprosper.liverpool.ac.uk) to support both PIs and postdocs in their career development.
* Share knowledge and learn from colleagues across the full range of disciplines at the University of Liverpool and Prosper’s partners, the University of Manchester and Lancaster University.
* Share experiences and build relationships with employer partners, opening up new networks and opportunities for collaboration.
* Raise the profile and recognition accorded to successful postdoc development at institutional level.

**Who can attend?**

We encourage PIs at all levels to participate, and we welcome anyone who line-manages a postdoc or hopes to employ a postdoc in the future to come along.

**Future sessions:\***

The Prosper PI network will meet monthly, with a different theme each month. Future sessions will explore:

**October:**How unlocking postdocs career potential can benefit PIs too.

**November:** Challenging norms - what are the stereotypes held around postdoc career development? Do they hold true?

**December:** Valuing mentorship - what does a ‘good academic citizen’ look like? How should this be recognised?

\*Times and dates tbc

**About Prosper**

Based in [The Academy](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/the-academy/), [Prosper](http://bit.ly/ProsperPostdoc) is a new approach to career development that unlocks postdocs’ potential to thrive in multiple career pathways.

Our ultimate goal is to open up the huge talent pool that exists within the postdoctoral research community, to the benefit of postdocs themselves, Principal Investigators, employers and the wider UK economy.

For more info on Prosper, [visit our webpages](http://bit.ly/ProsperPostdoc), email us or [follow us on Twitter](https://bit.ly/2Mr9HGw).