

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER OPEN RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2025

9 JUNE 2025

9:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE (HOSPITALITY AREA)

10:00 OPENING REMARKS - **ANDREW STEWART** - Institutional Lead for Open and Reproducible Research at The University of Manchester

10:10 KEYNOTE  
**STEPHEN CURRY** – RESEARCH ON RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
*THE OPEN IMPERATIVE*

11:05 COMFORT BREAK (HOSPITALITY AREA)

## 11:20 SESSION 1 – OPEN RESEARCH IN COMMUNICATION AND PUBLISHING

**GEORGIA VESMA** (UoManchester) – Black Box, Gold Standard? Views from authors, reviewers and editors on interdisciplinary peer review.

**EMILY PACKER** and **ANNA KORZENIOWSKA** (eLife) - Reimagining peer review for a more open future for research

**SUZANNE STEWART** (UoChester) – TOP 2025: An Update to the Transparency and Openness Promotion Guidelines

LIGHTNING TALKS - **Figshare**, **Software Sustainability Institute**

## RESEARCH CULTURE LAB 1

Meeting suite G.018

Collaborate or Compete: How do we face challenges and reap benefits of Teamwork in research?

**RUTH NORRIS**, **CHARLOTTE STOCKTON-POWDRELL**, **KARON MEE**, and **HOLLY FAIRBURN-BARNES**

12:40 LUNCH BREAK AND POSTER SESSION

## 14:00 SESSION 2 – OPEN RESEARCH IN PRACTICE

**MURILO MARINHO** (UoManchester) – Executable Books in Robotics

**DARYL Y. H. LEE**, **ADAM J. PARKER**, **COURTENAY NORBURY**, and **DAVID R. SHANKS** (UCL) – Validating AI-assisted evaluation of open science practices in brain sciences: ChatGPT, Claude, and human expert comparisons

**OLA DEMKOWICZ** and **JO HICKMAN DUNNE** (UoManchester) – Exploring opportunities and practices for registered reports in qualitative research

## RESEARCH CULTURE LAB 2

Meeting suite G.018

We need to talk about... research enablers

**KATE VAUGHAN** and **ZUZANNA B. ZAGRODZKA**

15:10 AFTERNOON BREAK (HOSPITALITY AREA)

## 15:30 SESSION 3 – OPEN RESEARCH IN COLLABORATION

**MICHAEL BIDDLE** (UoLeicester) – Improving biomedical research using an industry-academic open research collaboration

**ELLEN POLIAKOFF**, **HAYLEY SHEPHERD**, **ANNE FERRETT**, **YING BAI**, **JADE PICKERING**, **PETER BAIMBRIDGE**, **GRAHAM HANKS**, and **EMMA GOWEN** (UoManchester) – “Nobody should look at results and think ‘how did they arrive at that?’”; What do public contributors with lived experience know and think about open research?

## RESEARCH CULTURE LAB 3

Meeting suite G.018

Employment without an expiration date – reflections on what we can do about precarity in research careers

**JULIA SCHOONOVER** and **NOÉMIE AUBERT BONN**

## 16:15 INVITED PANEL - SSI

I want to share my research software but...: Perspectives from the Software Sustainability Institute on Open Research

Chair: **CAROLINE JAY** | Organiser: **OSCAR SEIP**  
Panel Members: **JASMINE FOLZ**, **AMAN GOEL**, and **PHIL REED**

17:00 END OF THE DAY - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

18:00 RECEPTION AND AWARD CEREMONY - Presented by **NALIN THAKKAR** - Vice-President for Social Responsibility at The University of Manchester

 THE WHITWORTH CAFE, WHITWORTH ART GALLERY, OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER, M15 6ER



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10:00 KEYNOTE

**GIOVANNA LIMA** - Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)  
*DORA: ENABLING THE OPEN RESEARCH FUTURE*

11:05 COMFORT BREAK (HOSPITALITY AREA)

11:20 **SESSION 4 – OPEN RESEARCH WITH SENSITIVE DATA**

**PARO RAMESH** (UoEdinburgh) – Open knowledge and the ethics of sensitive research

**HANNAH HOBSON, LAURA CRANE, CATHY MANNING, AUDREY PEARSON, FELICITY SEDGEWICK and DANIEL POOLE** (UoSheffield) – The views of the autism community on research data sharing practices

**SASKIA LAWSON-TOVEY, CAROLE GOBLE and CAROLINE JAY** (UoManchester) – RDM, FAIR, and data sharing practices and perceptions of people who work with sensitive health data

LIGHTNING TALKS - **Protocols.io, Overton**

**RESEARCH CULTURE LAB 4**

Meeting suite G.018

What role does skills development play in fostering an open research culture?

**MICHAEL STEVENSON**

12:40 LUNCH BREAK AND POSTER SESSION

13:40 **SESSION 5 – COMMUNITY AND SKILLS BUILDING**

**PHIL REED and ALEKS NENADIC** (UoManchester) – UK Community Development of a Research Technical Professionals Skills Framework

**KIKACHUWU OLUONYE and NICK SHEPPARD** (UoLeeds) – Championing Open Research: Collaborating with Research Leaders to Shift Culture at the University of Leeds

**JENNY MCHUGH** (LancasterU) – Cultivating an Open Data Community in a post-covid era

**YO YEHUDI and SEUN OLUFEMI** (Open Life Science) Building a Bioinformatics Community in a low resource region (Nigeria): How Open Science, Effective Mentoring and Community support documentation helped.

15:00 AFTERNOON BREAK (HOSPITALITY AREA)

15:30 **CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION – CULTIVATING AN OPEN RESEARCH CULTURE**

**ANDREW PORTER and CATHAL ROGERS** together with representatives from the Research Culture Labs

16:30 CLOSE

Recordings and material will be made available on the University of Manchester's Figshare repository - [University of Manchester Open Research Conference 2025](https://figshare.com/University_of_Manchester/Open_Research_Conference_2025). Full abstract book available at <https://doi.org/10.48420/29069534> (QR Code on the right).

