

## E4 DTP Training and Event Schedule for 1<sup>st</sup> years- 2023/24

### The E4 DTP Core Training

The Year 1 E4 DTP Core Training consists in:

1. the **'Frontiers in Environmental Sciences'** lectures – a series of 6 lectures by academics and researchers from all the spectrum of environmental science across the University and our partners;
  - From 26 September to 28 November 2023, on Tuesdays, 3 to 5pm, every fortnight
2. a **3-day residential cohort-building training**
  - 4 to 6 October 2023 at Firbush Outdoor Centre, by Loch Tay.
3. **Consultancy Innovation Training Programme** – this series of 3 workshops on research impact and innovation as well as a voluntary short placement scheme is delivered by the ECCI (Edinburgh Climate Change Institute) to the E4 students.
  - Intro session on 3 October, 3 to 5pm, ECCI, Conference room
  - 5 thematic workshops across Semester 1 and 2, dates tbc
4. the **'Numeracy, Modelling and Data Management'** computer-based course (NMDM) to introduce you to the basics of programming language and data management (R and Python) and other methods (such a GIS and qualitative methods);
  - From 16 January 2024 to 26 March 2024; on Tuesdays, 3 to 5pm, every fortnight
5. **Introduction to Career Pathways I and II**– 2 workshops to get an overview of different academic and non-academic career pathways presented by alumni and professionals. A place to think about your career plans.
  - ICP I: Non-Academic Careers: 24 April 2023, 10am-1pm, ECCI Training & Skills
  - ICP II: Academic Careers: 25 April 2023, 10am-1pm, ECCI Training & Skills

This E4 DTP compulsory training is in addition to the generic PhD training course delivered by your registration school and which will have been communicated separately.

*Attendance to the above courses (E4 DTP and generic school training) is compulsory and will have to be reported via our DTP Training Log (a spreadsheet on which we will ask you to record all the training you attend during your PhD – this tool will be introduced to you at Firbush).*

### The E4 DTP Events open to all years

1. **Extended Frontiers Series:** this is a student-led event which gets organised in Autumn for Spring, by students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The details of this year's series are yet to be known.
  - Spring 2024, date(s) tbc
2. **Student Advisory Board Meeting:** Students can volunteer to represent their peers at the E4 SAB at any stage of their PhD. This consists in one lunch-meeting a year (December) to feedback to the DTP management team on all aspects of the DTP organisation.
  - 7 December 2023, 12:00-14:00

3. **E4 DTP Socials:** We organise 2 socials during the year, one in December and one in June. This is an informal gathering with food and drinks and students can volunteer to do talk about something of their choice (some fieldwork experience, their research, a hobby or something they would like to share with their peers).
  - [Winter Social: 7 December 2023, 17:00-19:00, Grant Museum](#)
  - [Summer Social: 13 June 2024, 17:00-19:00, Grant Museum](#)
4. **Writing Retreats:** twice a year, in February and July, we organise writing retreat days on campus for those who want to benefit from a change of scenery to focus on a personal piece of writing (a chapter, a paper, a report etc.).
  - [Winter Writing Retreats, w/c 19 February 2024](#)
  - [Summer Writing Retreats, w/c 1 July 2024](#)

Any changes to the training schedule will be communicated through email.



Compulsory training for 1<sup>st</sup> years



Other events (open to all years)

<b>Semester 1, 2023/2024</b>		
<b>Tues 26 Sept, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – The Pod	<b>Frontiers in Environmental Sciences 1</b> – Hannah Wauchope (School of GeoSciences – University of Edinburgh)
<b>Tues 3 Oct, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – Conference Room	<b>ECCI Consultancy Innovation Training Programme</b> – Introduction to the programme
<b>Wed 4 - Fri 6 Oct, (3-day workshop)</b>	Firbush Point, Killin, Loch Tay	<b>Firbush Residential – includes Frontiers in Environmental Sciences 2</b> – Richard Essery (School of GeoSciences– University of Edinburgh)
<b>Tues 17 Oct, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – Conference Room	<b>Frontiers in Environmental Sciences 3</b> – David Harris (Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh)
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – The Pod	<b>Frontiers in Environmental Sciences 4</b> – Fiona Hightet (Scottish Agricultural Science Agency)
<b>Tues 14 Nov, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – Conference Room	<b>Frontiers in Environmental Sciences 5</b> – Vera Eory (Scotland’s Rural College)
<b>Tues 28 Nov, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – Training & Skills	<b>Frontiers in Environmental Sciences 6</b> – Karen Lythgoe (School of GeoSciences – University of Edinburgh)
<b>Thurs 7 Dec, 12:00 to 14:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">Crew</a> - Room 302 TBC	<b>Student Advisory Board lunch meeting</b> (for SAB members)
<b>Thurs 7 Dec, 17:00 to 19:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">Grant</a> Museum	<b>E4 DTP Winter Social</b> - Informal talks from volunteers with drinks and pizzas to celebrate the end of semester 1.

<b>Semester 2, 2022/2023</b>		
<b>Tues 16 January, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">JCMB</a> , room 1.1512 TBC	<b>Numeracy, Modelling and Data Management 1-</b> Introduction to Python – Richard Essery TBC
<b>Tues 30 January, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">JCMB</a> , room 1.1512 TBC	<b>Numeracy, Modelling and Data Management 2-</b> Spatial data analysis with Python – Richard Essery TBC

<b>Tues 13 Feb, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">JCMB</a> , room 1.1512 TBC	<b>Numeracy, Modelling and Data Management 3</b> - Using R as a Research Tool – Susan Johnston TBC
<b>w/c 19 Feb, 9:30 to 17:30 TBC</b>	KB, <a href="#">JCMB</a> , Meteorology Lab	<b>Winter Writing Retreat days</b> - A day dedicated to writing papers or thesis chapters - lunch and breaks included
<b>Tues 27 Feb, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">JCMB</a> , room 1.1512 TBC	<b>Numeracy, Modelling and Data Management 4</b> – Statistical Analyses in R – Susan Johnston TBC
<b>Tues 12 March, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">JCMB</a> , room 1.1512 TBC	<b>Numeracy, Modelling and Data Management 5</b> - Introduction to GIS and satellite image analysis – Ed Mitchard TBC
<b>Tues 26 March, 15:00 to 17:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">Crew</a> 302 TBC	<b>Numeracy, Modelling and Data Management 6</b> - Introduction to qualitative methods – Janet Fisher TBC
<b>Thurs 24 April, 10:00 to 13:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – Training & Skills	<b>Introduction to Career Pathways I</b> - An overview of different academic and non-academic career pathways presented by alumni and professionals.
<b>Thurs 25 April, 10:00 to 13:00</b>	Central, <a href="#">ECCI</a> – Training & Skills	<b>Introduction to Career Pathways II</b> - An overview of different academic and non-academic career pathways presented by alumni and professionals.
<b>Thurs 13 June, 17:00 to 19:00</b>	KB, <a href="#">Grant</a> Museum	<b>Summer social</b> - Informal talks from students on a voluntary basis with drinks and pizzas to celebrate the end of academic year
<b>w/c 1 July TBC 9:00 to 17:00 TBC</b>	KB, <a href="#">JCMB</a> , Meteorology Lab	<b>Summer Writing Retreat days</b> - A day dedicated to writing papers or thesis chapters - lunch and breaks included

The full schedule of training organised/delivered by E4 is available on the [E4 intranet pages](#) alongside many other information.