



Suggestions For YRC 2024

SORA 2023 was a memorable experience that encouraged me to think of research with an open heart and an inquisitive mind. It is why I am dedicated to make YRC 2024 even better by targeting the following areas:

- 🔍 **Focusing on networking and media outreach** – YRC has the potential to reach students all around the UK and even internationally! It is why working with the marketing and social media team will be a key aspect to my plan in maximising access and internationalising YRC 2024 – so look out on your Instagram for @YRC.ICL later this year!
- 🔍 **YRC Committee Positions** – an efficient and coherent teamwork dynamic is synonymous to running a conference smoothly. Thus, why I think YRC would benefit from creating more committee positions for SORA members and students, encapsulating the vision for this conference to be delivered on a larger scale.
- 🔍 **Academic Workshops & Social Building** – in addition to the activities offered in previous YRCs, I strongly believe that talks and workshops such as a “Women in Research Panel”, “Building Your Academic CV” and “Introductory Basic Research Skills” would benefit the conference in building a stronger basis for the attendees and cater to a larger demographic of interests. Also, I plan on setting up an accelerated course on “Learning how to use research software” – this course could also become an extension of SORA’s programmes and delivered throughout the academic year as part of a teaching series.
- 🔍 **Liaising and collaborating with External Bodies and Organisations** – to ensure the conference is accessible to as many people as possible collaborating with external organisations will better our reach out. I intend to work with “Women in Academic Medicine”, Medical Research Foundation and other international bodies to solidify these aims.
- 🔍 **Recognition and Sponsorship** – working towards CPD accreditation will stress the value of YRC in developing students’ confidence in research - a goal I aim to each in this year’s conference.
- 🔍 **Offer Research opportunities** - although many research opportunities rely on individual reach out, the aim of YRC 2024 will enhance the message of facilitating research opportunities to students. To make this possible, I suggest creating a scheme to be included in YRC 2024 where students can be matched to research mentors and get started on their research careers.



I look forward to meeting you all!
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