

N8 CIR Newsletter

Welcome

As we rapidly head towards the summer, it seems like we are as busy as ever with plenty of events and announcements, and a couple of calls to action!

Read on to find out more.

N8 CIR Community Day

You may recall from the last newsletter that we have now been able to reschedule our community day. Originally planned for December 2020, it will now take place on Monday 13 June.

The programme is very similar to that planned for the December event. We will be joined by a number of brilliant speakers, including Alison Kennedy, Sarah Harris and Syma Khalid, alongside researchers from across the N8.

There will also be an overview of the Bede system from Andrew Laidlaw of IBM, lightning talks from across the N8 and the welcome return of posters.

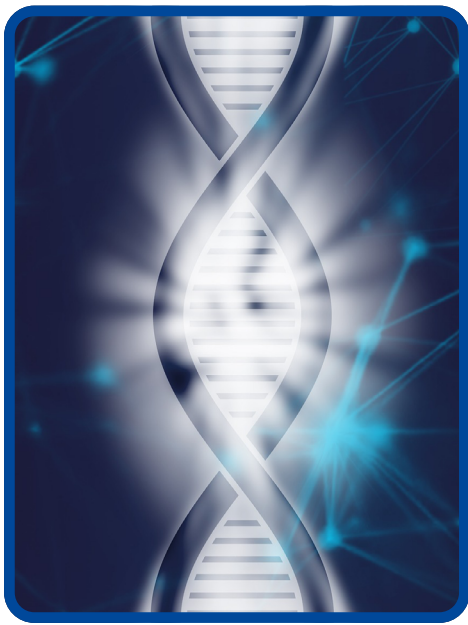
Full details of the event, and how to book can be found at:

<https://n8cir.org.uk/events/cir-community-day/>

Registration closes on Thursday 5 June.



Building Workflows in Digital Health



Towards the end of June, we will have another hands-on workshop for those working in digital health.

A full-day workshop covering the Common Workflow Language will be led by Doug Lowe, University of Manchester and Michael Crusoe, ELIXIR Netherlands.

The session will feature around four hours of taught content, followed by a seminar-style discussion where participants can get feedback on their code.

Registration is free for those working at one of the N8 universities. Full details of the day, and registration links can be found at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/events/building-workflows-digital-health/>

Registration closes on Sunday 12 June.

Recruitment Checklist

Since becoming a chapter of the Women in HPC organisation we have been working to create a new diversity checklist to help ensure that recruitment practices enable and support applications from as wide a range of applicants as possible.

It includes advice about preparing adverts, scheduling interviews, offering feedback and more. You can download the first version from our website at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/news/diversity-checklist/>

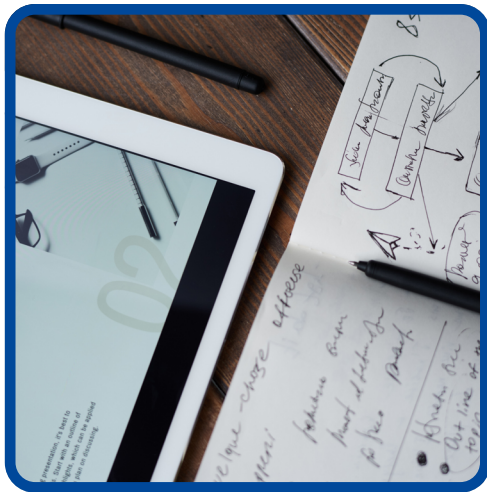
If you have any advice or feedback on the document, including additional ideas you would like to see included, please e-mail us at: enquiries@n8cir.org.uk

Call for Case Studies

The N8 CIR website is already home to a large number of case studies highlighting the broad range of projects undertaken by research software engineers across the N8 universities.

If you've been involved with a project and would like to share Your work so others can benefit, please let us know.

E-mail: enquiries@n8cir.org.uk and we'll send you a quick question pack to complete. After that we prepare all of the artwork, and finally publish a PDF version once approved by you and, if necessary, a project PI.



You can see the case studies that are already published on our website at:

<https://n8cir.org.uk/supporting-research/rse/case-studies/>

Bede Update

We continue to see exciting new project submissions for Bede with almost 100 projects now using the system.

If you're already using Bede, you will know that the majority of the compute nodes were upgraded to RHEL 8 in March. If you are a new user, or planning to apply for time, then this will help ensure you can access some of the latest software.

You can find out how to access the system at: https://n8cir.org.uk/supporting-research/facilities/bede/docs/bede_registrations/

If you're not sure that Bede is suitable for your needs then you can speak to a research software engineer who can offer advice about the system. Full details of how to contact your local Bede support can be found at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/supporting-research/facilities/bede/rse-support-bede/>

Bede's documentation, including general information about the system, hardware specifications, software environments and job submission scripts can be found at: <https://bede-documentation.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

As a Bede user you can also join the Bede User Group where you can discuss issues and network with other users. Details of how to do this can be found at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/contact/>



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