



**Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres, Junior Investigator Network Group (JING)  
Training the Next Generation event**

26 & 27 January 2026  
Holiday Inn Manchester City Centre, 25 Aytoun Street, Manchester, M1 3AE

Agenda

**Day one - Monday 26 January 2026**

<b>09:30 - 10:00 Registration and Refreshments</b>		
<b>Chair: Elaine Leung, Birmingham</b>		
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome and introductions	Hannah Brown, ECMC PO
10:05 - 10:20	ECMCs - where do we fit in	Gary Middleton, Birmingham & Karolin Kroese, ECMC PO
10:20 - 10:30	Ice breaker	Hannah Brown, ECMC PO
10:30 - 10:50	Lessons learned: trial example	Jon Griffin, Sheffield
10:50 - 11:15	Working with CTUs	Gareth Griffiths, Southampton
<b>11:15 - 11:35 Refreshment Break</b>		
<b>Chair: Pavlina Spiliopoulou, Glasgow</b>		
11:35 - 12:05	Working with industry	Elizabeth Smyth, Oxford & Nicola Valeri, AstraZeneca
12:05 - 12:30	Statistics in early phase trials	Lucinda Billingham, Birmingham
12:30 - 13:15	Parallel session - research interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immuno-oncology and cancer vaccines</li> <li>• Data science and Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>• Targeted therapies and radiotherapy</li> <li>• Biomarkers and companion diagnostics</li> </ul>	
<b>13:15 - 14:05 Lunch Break</b>		
<b>Chair: Shelby Barnett, Newcastle</b>		
14:05 - 14:15	Engagement with the ECMC Translational Research Forum	Kienan Savage, Belfast ECMC
14:15 - 14:50	Funding presentation & discussion	
14:50 - 15:45	Meet the expert session	
<b>15:45 - 16:05 Refreshment Break</b>		
<b>Chair: Pablo Nenclares, Barts</b>		
16:05 - 17:25	Breakout groups: study design task (with Faculty)	
17:30 - 18:00	Joint discussion on study plans (with Faculty)	
18:00	Day one closes	
<b>19:00 - 23:00 Networking dinner</b>		



## Day two - Tuesday 27 January 2026

<b>Chair: Uma Mukherjee, UCL</b>		
09:00 - 09:05	Welcome to second day	
09:05 - 11:05	Patient and public involvement session	Anne-Sophie Kleczewski, CRUK; Elspeth Banks, Glasgow; Adam Sharp, ICR
11:05 - 11:10	Introduction to study idea session	
<b>11:10 - 11:30</b>	<b>Refreshment break</b>	
11:30 - 13:00	Breakout groups session: study idea presentations from attendees (x3) with Faculty	
<b>13:00 - 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
13:30 - 15:30	Breakout groups session: study idea presentations from attendees (x4) with Faculty	

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