

Update from the

**Research Institutes**

**Technician Commitment Group**



# RITCG

- Similarities in technical roles and structures
- Broadly located within the same geographic area

# Aim

- To drive the main objectives of the Technician Commitment pledge for the technicians at our Institutes

# RITS 2019

The first annual **R**esearch **I**nstitute **T**echnician **S**ymposium

## **The key aims:**

- Promote professional identity
- Encourage networking & potential future collaborations
- Explore opportunities for career progression
- Share good practice amongst technical experts from Research Institutes

# RITS 2019

- Crick Institute, 18<sup>th</sup> of November
- ~120 Technicians
- Opening address by **Sir Paul Nurse**
- Part funded by Technician Commitment, Venue covered by Crick Institute
- Access to the Crick Institute's **Craft and Graft Exhibition**
- A morning of short talks by technicians to showcase their work
- A4 Networking Posters

**Name** - Clare Stevenson

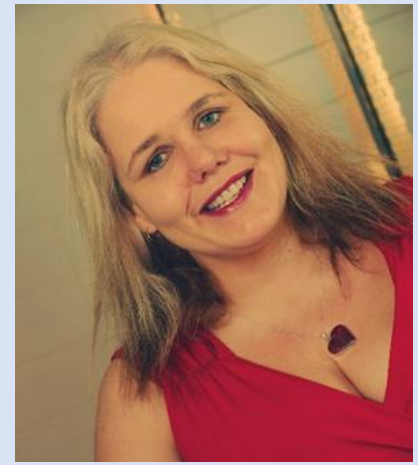
**Institute** - John Innes Centre (JIC)

**Time in current post** – 22 years

**Professional Registration** - CSci

**Job title** - Senior Scientist

**Highest Qualification** - PhD



### **Brief description of role**

I manage the biophysical analysis facility that provides instrumentation and expertise to study biomolecular interactions. In addition I work on the protein crystallography facility and have extensive experience in crystallising and solving the 3D structures of proteins. I am lead for the Technician Commitment at JIC

### **Three things you love about your role**

Every day is different, working and training different people and having a ‘permanent job’

### **Advice you would give to other technicians**

Don't be scared to shout about your skills and strengths

### **Hobby/interesting non science fact**

Passionate kizomba and salsa dancer

# RITS 2019

Career development: Unconventional technical career pathways

Prof **Laura Bowater**

Prof of Microbiology, Education & Engagement, Norwich Medical School

Leadership: Transitioning into leadership

Dr **Cordelia Langford**

Director of Science Operations, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute

Networking workshop

**Steve Cross**

Wellcome Trust Engagement Fellow

Technician Commitment

**Kelly Vere**

Facilitation

**Stephanie Allen**

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# RITS 2019 - Impact Assessment

## Survey attendees before and after

- Sense of professional identity, visibility & recognition
- Usefulness of networking
- New / tangible collaborations
- Themes: Career development & Leadership
- Expectations met? Suggestions for 2020

## Further plans

- Exchange & mentoring scheme