

### 1. RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

#### GW4 Director

Welcomed Dr Joanna Jenkinson as new GW4 Alliance Director. Dr Jenkinson brings a wealth of experience from her previous role as Head of Infection and Immunity at the Medical Research Council (MRC).

Dr Jenkinson was awarded an MBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list for her ground-breaking work on the COVID-19 pandemic while at the MRC.



#### Climate and AMR Alliances

Officially launched two new interdisciplinary research Alliances, with each online launch event attended by more than 150 guests.

The GW4 AMR Alliance aims to become the UK's leading 'One Health' research consortium on antimicrobial resistance, recognised worldwide.

The GW4 Climate Alliance plans to support the regional response to the climate emergency by delivering world-leading climate science, shaping policy and contributing to positive and equitable social change.

Two new videos were also released, showcasing the Alliances' interdisciplinary research expertise and their responses to these complex global challenges.



ANTIMICROBIAL  
RESISTANCE  
ALLIANCE

#### Accelerating to Net Zero

Launched the GW4 Accelerating to Net Zero initiative, focused on achieving sustainable mobility.

GW4 submitted a proposition to the government's 2021 Comprehensive Spending Review open call, outlining the regional opportunity to make genuine shifts and switches that will help to achieve this.



Accelerating to Net Zero:  
Further > Faster > Fairer

### 2. TALENT AND SKILLS

#### ECR Network

Led a successful collaborative bid to be the South West Hub for the British Academy ECR Network.

The GW4 Alliance universities of Bath, Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter will facilitate networking events and activities for ECRs in the region together with a consortium of five other universities – Bath Spa, Bournemouth, Gloucestershire, Plymouth and UWE.

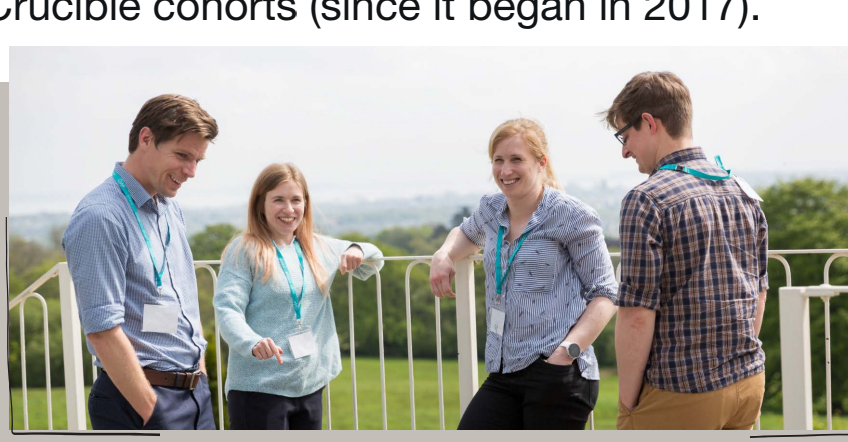


#### GW4 Crucible

Selected 30 future research leaders to take part in GW4 Crucible 2021.

These researchers explored new interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to this year's theme 'Transitions to Net Zero in the time of COVID-19', supported by networking, training and mentoring.

Also held the first GW4 Crucible Alumni Network event, which brought together participants from each of the five GW4 Crucible cohorts (since it began in 2017).



#### GW4WARD

Formally launched a new video series celebrating GW4 technical staff at a Technician Commitment Signatory Event in London.

The GW4WARD technician video showcase series features four different technicians from each GW4

university, celebrating the breadth of roles and their pivotal position in teaching and research activities.



### 3. BUILDING COMMUNITIES

#### GW4 Generator Award

Announced £100K funding for seven new research communities under the GW4 Generator Award.

These research groups are tackling some of society's biggest questions and global challenges, including flood resilience, green recovery in cities, and new drugs to tackle antimicrobial resistance.



Also held an inaugural showcase event, where the first round of Generator awardees delivered presentations on building their communities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 4. FUNDING WINS

#### Grant awards

Secured major funding boosts this year, including:

- The MRC awarded the GW4 BioMed2 MRC Doctoral Training Partnership funding for 64 new studentships as part of a wider £79 million investment in doctoral training

- The Wellcome Trust awarded a £7m grant to fund the GW4 Clinical Academic Training Programme for Health Professionals.



### 5. INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

#### GW4 and Beyond

Continued to connect the GW4 universities and strengthen relations with funders, major businesses, decision makers and local communities such as the Western Gateway.

