

STFC Introductory Astrobiology Code of Conduct

We want everyone to enjoy the event, and to do that requires a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment. To that end, everyone involved in Introductory Astrobiology, including attendees, speakers, organizers, and others, is expected to abide by this code of conduct.

Professional conduct

- Introductory Astrobiology is a fun but professional networking experience and everyone should be kind to, and respectful of, each other even there is a disagreement.
- We all should work hard to ensure that there is no discrimination against any individual on the basis of their gender, disability, ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marital status, age, nationality or socioeconomic background, or other protected characteristics not related to scientific merit.
- Everyone brings something unique. We expect a diversity of views and opinions and these should be welcomed by open and constructive criticism of ideas.
- Harassment, bullying or intimidation will not be tolerated, and anyone asked to stop unacceptable behaviour is expected to comply immediately. Harassment includes but is not limited to inappropriate or intimidating behaviour and language, unwelcome jokes or comments, unwanted attention, offensive images, sharing digital information without permission, and online stalking. Harassment, sexual or otherwise, is a form of misconduct that undermines the integrity of the event.
- Anyone that may observe, or be subject to, any violations against these rules should contact astrobiology@open.ac.uk in the first instance where your email would be treated in confidence. Alternatively, you can contact any of the session facilitators via Teams (either by calling them or sending them an instant message using the “chat” function). Should any action be required, this will be overseen by Prof. Karen Olsson-Francis (Director of AstrobiologyOU).

Photography or recording

- It is prohibited to retain or share material shown in any session. This includes taking screenshots, photographs or downloading content unless explicitly given permission
- Introductory Astrobiology follows the guideline for consent related to pictures of a person in a public space under the EU General Data Protection Regulations. Recording via video, photograph, or other means of participants is, in general, allowed as long as people are not shown in incriminatory or private situations and images are not used in a misleading or derogatory way. It is recommended that permission be sought from anyone that is identifiable in an image or recording.

Social media

- Go for it! Use social media for open discussion about the “summer” school. Use the hashtag, #IntroAstro2020, when sharing snippets of your time at the conference on Twitter and elsewhere on social media
- Please be respectful of others and do not do anything that might compromise someone’s reputation, integrity, research output, or lead to your violation of the code of conduct.