



**RSPCA/LASA/LAVA/IAT AWERB-UK 2022 - induction and training for AWERB members  
6 October 2022**

**Lloyd Suite, Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference Centre, Birmingham, B15 2RS**

This meeting is open to all types of AWERB member. Our main objective is to **improve induction, training and CPD for all AWERB members (not just lay/independent members)**. We will:

- **analyse** training needs for all types of AWERB member and the extent to which they are met;
- **consider** whether some categories of member have any special training needs; and
- **compare** the induction, training and CPD provided for all members of AWERBs with the training provided for NHS Research Ethics Committees (RECs) and the RECs that review project proposals for funding by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

Note: the focus is on training to enable members to help the AWERB fulfil its [functions and tasks](#). Examples include achieving an understanding of the work conducted at the establishment, or training in committee skills or identifying ethical issues. We will not address training in specialist skills that individual members may bring, such as experimental design or replacement science.

An ultimate objective is to help **secure and strengthen the case for proper training and recognition for AWERB members**, which would lead to benefits for animal welfare, science, staff morale and openness with the public.

**Outputs:** a meeting report with conclusions and action points to inform approaches to induction, training and CPD for all types of AWERB member; ideas and plans for further initiatives to help provide for AWERB members' training needs.

Registration fee: £25.00

Link to register: [tinyurl.com/AWERBUK22](https://tinyurl.com/AWERBUK22)

10.25	Introduction and aims of the meeting - Penny Hawkins, RSPCA
<b>Setting the scene: form and functions; induction, training and CPD for members of other review committees - and how it is funded</b> <b>Chair: LAVA</b>	
10.40	The NHS <a href="#">Research Ethics Committee</a> - speaker from the Health Research Authority (TBC), which develops and manages a national training programme for research ethics committee members and provides resources to support this training (Annex E in <a href="#">this</a> document) <i>This will include the training that NHS REC members receive; what is considered important and why; how this is funded; whether training is the same for all categories of member; whether there were any problems introducing the training, or with levels of compliance</i>
11.00	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) <a href="#">Research Ethics Committees</a> - speaker from ESRC (TBC) <i>This will set out ESRC expectations of Research Organisations and the training/induction REC members receive, as above</i>



11.20	<p>General discussion, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What aspects of induction, training and CPD from the NHS and ESRC models would AWERB members find helpful? For example, with respect to timing, modes of delivery, broad topics, events, workshops?</li> <li>• Would it be the same for all AWERB members, or would some categories have different needs?</li> </ul> <p><i>This session will establish broad principles; we will gather more detailed information to help define future work around induction, training and CPD in the afternoon session</i></p>
11.50	Break with refreshments
<b>What are AWERBs currently receiving? Chair: LASA</b>	
12.10	Winning ways with workshops for AWERB members - Angela Kerton, The Learning Curve (Development) Ltd
12.30	Training and empowering AWERB to be more than just the sum of its parts - Lucy Whitfield, OWL Vets
12.50	Experiences of human Research Ethics Committee training: Thoughts for AWERB training - Sally Robinson, Chair of AWERBs at the University of Bristol and Cancer Research Manchester Institute
1.00	Lunch - with a Post-it note activity to continue the morning discussion, including adding <u>specific</u> topics that people would like training in (e.g. tasks of the AWERB; where it sits in the establishment; detailed info about their specific role on the AWERB; what is expected of them) based on the <a href="#">RSPCA/LASA induction document</a>
<b>What induction, training and CPD should AWERB members receive? Chair: IAT</b>	
2.00	Introduction to the discussion session - Lucy Whitfield, OWL Vets
2.10	<p>Discussion, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How induction, training and CPD should be defined for AWERB members. Chronologically, induction comes first, training develops this and CPD should occur regularly/frequently on an ongoing basis, but what would people require in practice (especially regarding CPD)?</li> <li>• What content would be useful; what do longer-serving AWERB members wish they had known/been trained in; how supportive do they think their establishments would be; are there any obstacles to improving induction and training?</li> <li>• How could adequate resources be made available?</li> </ul> <p><i>Goal: to help inform recommendations and future work on induction, training and CPD</i></p>
2.50	Wrap up
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