Life After a PhD –
A Perspective on
Engagement and
Third Sector
opportunities

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CANCER RESEARCH UK ARE THE WORLD’S LEADING CANCER CHARITY DEDICATED TO SAVING LIVES THROUGH RESEARCH.
NOW, WE ARE THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT FUNDER OF CANCER RESEARCH IN THE WORLD

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1 in 2 people in the UK will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every day, 50 people are diagnosed with cancer in Wales. But cancer survival is improving and has doubled in the last 40 years.
OUR AMBITION

Our vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured
OUR RESEARCH

We are the second largest funder of cancer research in the world.

Last year, we spent £376million on research.

We support research into all cancer types, from basic biology to late phase clinical trials.
WE WORK CLOSELY WITH UNIVERSITIES, NHS TRUSTS, GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND OTHER CHARITIES IN OUR RESEARCH ALL OVER THE UK
Research Engagement

Cancer Research Community

- Basic lab research
- Translational research
- Clinical research

Public

- People affected by cancer
- CRUK supporters
- Future researchers/scientists
- Interested in science

Me!
The value placed on public engagement with research is increasing across sectors
Why is it important?

- Research is funded by taxpayers & fundraisers
- Build public trust & credibility of the research community
- Improve understanding about research & outcomes
- Ensure research is in broad cultural conversations
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We partner with established scientific & cultural bodies to deliver creative engagement activities
Personal Perspective

- Variety
- Working with researchers
- People
- Connection to latest research
- Creative
- Interaction with public
- Inspiring organisation
Top Tips for Success

• Before you start job hunting, think about these 4 questions:
  – Who am I?
  – What matters to me?
  – What am I good at or capable of being good at?
  – Who do I know?
Keep taking action

• Do your research - about potential jobs and potential employers.
• Volunteer/shadow to get experience, increase networks etc
• Talk to people about their work, what they enjoy and how they found it.
• **Look at job adverts to find out what interests and excites you**
• Ask for feedback from unsuccessful applications and interviews.
• Stay positive! Everyone has to begin somewhere....
Summary

• Increased value and opportunities for public engagement with research across sectors – although need experience

• Work out what matters to you

• Don’t underestimate the time and effort you have to put into a job search
THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?

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