CREATE activities for early career researchers in 2024

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The Collaborative Research And Training in the EHPS (CREATE) is a standing network of the European Health Psychology Society, organized by and for Early Career Researchers. Our aim is to connect and support researchers within the EHPS from the start of their academic careers.

**Who are we?**

All CREATE activities are organised by the elected CREATE executive committee, which consists of six members. Since the last EHPS conference in Bremen, we have welcomed three new members in the team, so please allow us to introduce ourselves:

Chairperson: Maya Braun (Ghent University, Belgium)

Secretary: Alea Ruf (University of Vienna, Austria)

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Find more details of the Executive Committee and their roles [here](#).

**What do we do?**

CREATE offers learning and networking opportunities for Early Career Researchers, both throughout the year and during the annual EHPS conference. CREATE activities are open to all Early Career Researchers interested in health psychology.

To take part in activities during the conference, or to join the CREATE Executive Committee, individuals need to be EHPS members. All other CREATE activities are open for all.

![Image 1: The CREATE Executive Committee at the Winter Meeting in Ghent, 2024. From left to right: Louise Foley, Alea Ruf, Melanie Bamert, Christine Emmer, Carolina Silva, Maya Braun.](#)
EHPS 2024 in Cascais, Portugal

During the EHPS conference, we organize an annual pre-conference workshop, ‘Meet The Expert’ sessions and the Early Career Researcher Spotlight talks during the conference.

Apply now: CREATE pre-conference workshop.

The CREATE committee organizes an interactive 2-day workshop each year immediately prior to the annual EHPS conference. These workshops are led by experts within the field of health psychology, providing opportunities and support to enhance knowledge and skills. The workshop also provides an important opportunity to get to know and connect with peers. The CREATE workshop is the perfect place for networking, as the program also includes a CREATE dinner, a city tour, and social activities spread throughout the workshop. Previous workshops have focused on topics such as science communication, digital health, and systematic reviews & meta-analysis. You can find reports on previous CREATE pre-conference workshops written by past participants here: 2021, 2022, 2023.

We are happy to announce that this year’s workshop will focus on participatory research – an important topic that has been on top of our list for a while based on feedback from CREATE members! The workshop will be facilitated by the fantastic Anna Levke Brütt and Elspeth Mathie, and takes place on Monday 1st and the morning of Tuesday 2nd of September. Find more information on the CREATE workshop and apply here.

Image 2: Flyer for the annual pre-conference workshop for the EHPS 2024 in Cascais, Portugal. Icons from Canva under Free Content License.
Apply in July 2024: Meet the Expert.

Every year, CREATE organizes ‘Meet The Expert’ sessions at the EHPS conference. In these sessions, the keynote speakers take time to meet with a small group of early career researchers over a cup of coffee. We are happy to share that some of this year’s keynote speakers have already agreed to take part in the Meet The Expert sessions of this year! Find more information on them here. Learn more about Meet The Expert here.

Early Career Researcher (ECR) Spotlight Talks

For the second year in a row, CREATE organizes the ECR Spotlight talks at EHPS 2024 in Cascais. These talks are a format for and by early career researchers, where presenters summarize their research in only 5 minutes. More information on the Spotlight talks can be found here. Submission for this year are closed already. If you missed it, we hope to see you in the audience!

MEET THE experts

At the EHPS2024 conference in Cascais, Portugal

Amanda Daley
Professor at Loughborough University, UK
- Developing physical activity and weight management interventions in primary care and community health settings
- Training health care professionals to deliver lifestyle interventions with consultations
- Lifestyle interventions in pregnant and postnatal women

Paschal Sheeran
Professor at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- The intention-behavior ‘gap’ and use of implementation intentions
- Using meta-analysis to assess change in health-related intentions and behavior
- Non-conscious routes to action and the self-regulation of implicit influence

Jeremy Grimshaw
Professor at University of Ottawa, Canada
- Evaluation of interventions (experimental and quasi-experimental methods, evidence synthesis)
- Knowledge translation and implementation science
- Health professional behavior change

For more info and registration: www.ehps.net/create or 2024.ehps.net/create

Image 3: Flyer for Meet The Expert at EHPS 2024 in Cascais, Portugal.
Throughout the year

Throughout the year we will be connecting early career researchers and share opportunities via social media. We are also organizing additional webinars to support and share knowledge between CREATE members in a virtual space. This year, we are focusing on fostering collaborations with other EHPS groups – that way, we can share expertise throughout EHPS and introduce early career researchers to those great networks.

To start with, we have organized a webinar together with the Open Science Special Interest Group (SIG) on open data and open code, facilitated by James Green and Gjalt-Jorn Peters. Open science is a topic that is particularly relevant to early career researchers. Promising collaborations are in preparation with other SIGs as well, including the Digital Health SIG. Keep an eye on the EHPS newsletter, or any of our communication channels! Finally, shortened and updated versions of last year’s webinars on successfully applying for a CREATE grant (see below) and making the best out of EHPS will be uploaded to the EHPS website. Find them and any additional information on the upcoming webinars here.

Funding

CREATE also offers funding opportunities for the CREATE workshop registration, EHPS conference registration, accommodation and travel. Find out more about eligibility and the selection process here: https://ehps.net/grants/. Would you like more information about the grants that are available, and how to apply? Our very own Grants Officer Christine Emmer has recorded a short video explaining the grants, and sharing some tips for your application – including examples from previous grant awardees! Find it here.

We look forward to connecting with you soon!

How to get involved in CREATE?

For more information about what activities we are running, and how to take part, check out our website here: https://ehps.net/create/

Want to keep up to date?

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