

STEM Technical Community Coronavirus Meeting

Virtual meeting at **13:00** on **Wednesday 20th May 2020**

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Facilitated by: Institute of Science & Technology

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in the UK, different Universities have worked in relative isolation to find new ways of working safely and keeping students engaged with their courses, resources, and the staff supporting them.

We are planning on running a series of sessions, starting with this Collaborative Virtual Meeting to pick up on essential discussions around the safety aspects of returning to work, sharing best practice, airing concerns and learning from each other.

The IST wishes to call a virtual meeting of Technical Managers, Senior Technicians, Team Leaders, Scientists and Engineers from Technical Services, Facilities & Departments to Research Institutes, Centres and Industry Services across the country, to discuss issues such as:

- the extent to which teams are running and concerns,
- expectations of the lockdown and lifting restrictions,
- topics and themes for the following sessions on Good Practice.

The proposed date & time for the meeting is **13.00 Wednesday 20th May 2020**, via ZOOM. We would like to get as many people attending as possible and sharing their thoughts and experiences, so if you wish to attend please contact John-Paul Ashton or [**office@istonline.org.uk**](mailto:office@istonline.org.uk).

Across the nation, Technicians were one of the last group of people to leave their organisations due to COVID-19 and are now some of the first to go back to the front-line. It is time for us to share information with each other and offer ideas, best practice and inspiration.



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