

**SICSA Research Theme Activity Report**

Please complete all sections of this reporting template and submit within four weeks of your event or activity taking place. This report will allow the SICSA Directors to provide detailed information about the progress of the SICSA Research Themes to the Pool funders, SFC, and your cooperation is appreciated.

**Primary Applicant**

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**Event Details**

Title of event: SICSA AI All Hands

Location of the event: online

Date of event: 17/06/21

Was this a cross research theme event NO

Which SICSA Research Theme(s) sponsored your event: AI

Was the event in collaboration with another SFC Research Pool NO

If yes, please confirm:

Was the event in collaboration with Innovation Centre NO

If yes, please confirm

**Event Summary**

Please outline in brief what took place at the event, providing details of speakers and titles of talks:

The event, started with a short presentation by the SICSA AI co-leads, followed by a keynote by Steph Wright on Scotland’s AI strategy. The rest of the schedule and speakers can be seen below.

**13.00 - 13.15: Welcome (SICSA AI Theme co-leads)**

**13.15 - 14.00: Keynote - Steph Wright (Datalab & Scotland’s AI Strategy) (chair: Georgios Leontidis)**

**14.00 - 14.15: Break**

**14.15 - 15.30: Presentations (chair: Alice Toniolo)**  
Each presenter was asked to summarise the research in AI at their institution, and possible opportunities for collaboration.

Edinburgh Napier - Simon Wells [s.wells@napier.ac.uk](mailto:s.wells@napier.ac.uk)

Glasgow - Jeff Dalton

Dundee - Steve Mckenna [s.j.z.mckenna@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.z.mckenna@dundee.ac.uk)

St Andrews - Christopher Jefferson [caj21@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:caj21@st-andrews.ac.uk)

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HW - David Corne [dwcorne@gmail.com](mailto:dwcorne@gmail.com)

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Caledonian - Tianfield, Huaglory <[H.Tianfield@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:H.Tianfield@gcu.ac.uk)>

RGU - Prof. Eyad Elyan <[e.elyan@rgu.ac.uk](mailto:e.elyan@rgu.ac.uk)>

UHI Moray - Malcolm Clark [malcolm.clark.moray@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:malcolm.clark.moray@uhi.ac.uk) (unable to attend at last minute)

**15:30 – 16:00: Breakout collaboration discussions (Chair: Sandy Brownlee)**

**16:00 – 16:15: Summary of Research Innovation Scotland (Tim Storer)**

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Description automatically generatedPlease confirm an approximate number of attendees and if possible, information about which institutions were represented:

Over 50 attendees were present for most of the meeting from the following institutions:

Aberdeen

Abertay

Dundee

Edinburgh

Glasgow

Glasgow Caledonian

Heriot Watt

Napier

Robert Gordon

St Andrews

Stirling

Strathclyde

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**Outcomes:**

Do you have any plans to bid for further SICSA Theme Funding in the future? YES

We would like to follow up with more SICSA AI themed events; specifically more focused research seminars and, longer term, similar all-hands networking events.

Did this event strengthen relations with other Research Pools and/or Scottish Innovation centres? YES

If yes, please provide details:

Scottish Strategy for AI/ Data Lab

Please give details of any potential research papers that have come or are pending as a result of this activity: N/A

Please provide details of any grant applications that have come or are pending as a result of this activity: N/A

Please provide details of any further outcomes that you think will come as a result of this activity:

This first event aimed at getting to know the type of AI research that is going on at Scottish Institutions. It featured presentations from almost all Scottish Universities as well as The Scottish Strategy for AI. Slides from presenters were shared with all attendees after the event.

This event was primarily an introduction to SICSA and Scottish AI research for all attendees; we hope that greater awareness will lead to increased collaboration and joint research proposals.