

Producing video material to showcase your science

This is a short course on how to produce a video to showcase your science. It uses a mixture of existing video and presentations, some produced by Digital Learning at the University of Southampton.

The material has been put together as an informal, 'at-your-own-pace' course. There is an EBNet video competition, with prizes for best ECR videos - we hope this will help you prepare yours.

There may be some advanced practice demonstrated, but remember that, once you have covered a very few basic filming considerations, what you are showing the viewer – your content - is key!

Each lesson is designed to take around 10-15 minutes – but the practising can be as long as you like. You can view your practise videos on your own, or you can show them to a friend or colleague who can provide objective and constructive pointers.

It is best to follow the sessions in order: L1, L2, L3 etc, as we attempt to build on skills. Before you start, you will need to know where to find the video application on the phone/tablet/computer and how to make it record.

Video is an excellent way to showcase your work, and some of the skills and tips outlined here can also be used for on-line presentations, Zoom/Team meetings and even face-to-face presentations.

We have tried to make the course relevant to researchers, but suggestions for improvement or further content are most welcome.

If you produce something you'd like to share with other researchers, please send it to us at EBNet@EBNet.ac.uk using SafeSend: <https://safesend.soton.ac.uk/> (as video files are likely to be large).

We hope you enjoy the course.

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Course outline:

Lesson 1 – Camera Angles and Lighting

Lesson 2 – Background and sound

Lesson 3 – Equipment

Lesson 3a (optional) – Elevator Pitch

Lesson 4 Framing your videos and photos

Lesson 5 – Recording a Powerpoint presentation

Filming videos using your mobile phone – a checklist