

## Plain language abstracts and posters

The poster session during the 1<sup>st</sup> RMetS Climate Change Forum invites presenters from the broad field of climate change research to share their projects with the community. This includes natural and social sciences, interdisciplinary research approaches, and also contributions focusing on climate actions or science communication. When creating your plain language summary, keep in mind this very diverse audience of scientists, journalists, policy and decision makers and people from the industry.

1. **Avoid jargon** including acronyms, technical language, which is specific to your field and words that might have different meanings for somebody outside your field (e.g. “dating”).
2. **Give extra background information** about your research. Although colleagues in your field might be very familiar with the background, people outside your area might need more context on what you studied and why.
3. **Why does it matter?** Make sure you present the wider implications of your work not only to your field, but also beyond. What implications do your findings have for policy, health, the economy etc.?
4. **Keep it simple.** Don't try to put all your findings into one abstract or poster. You might want to select what's really relevant for a general audience. Have a simple title and layout that will attract a wide range of people.

Give your plain language abstract to somebody outside your field to read. Let them explain your research back to you. Is it what you really wanted to bring across or will it need some revision?