



Hi All,

We have the next monthly meet up this Friday (6th February). Join us at 11am in the Worsley building (room 11.87) for coffee, cake and chats about all the events we have planned, along with community updates and news in the field of machine learning. Everyone is welcome, in person or virtually [via Teams](#).

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this community, but you don't know if they've signed up yet, we encourage you to forward them this newsletter! The community has grown considerably since its conception, but we still hope to unite researchers in diverse fields through this group. You don't need to be at the University of Leeds, or even in Academia! We are an interdisciplinary bunch, and anyone, from undergraduates to professors, established programmers to people just casually interested, are [welcome to sign up!](#)

To have something featured in this newsletter, please send us an email at [sciml@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:sciml@leeds.ac.uk) containing details of the event/opportunity/resource you want to share with the community!

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## Updates

- We have restarted the Literature Club!
  - We have already had two papers presented, but currently no-one has signed up for this thursday :(

- These sessions are a great opportunity to dive deeper into complicated papers, so if you've read a confusing paper please bring it to the literature club, and we can unpick the confusion together as a community!
  - [Sign yourself up to present here](#)
  - We host the sessions in the Bragg building, room 2.10. By taking the lift to the second floor, turn left immediately out the lift, then left again. The room will be to your right. If you get lost, pop a message in the event's Teams chat and someone will come find you!
  - New this year, the lit club will be a hybrid event! Feel free to attend via the Teams link.
  - This event only works if people sign up to present, so
  - Finally, a reminder that you **do not have to have read or understood** the paper to attend any of these sessions! We hope to see you there!
- We are always looking for enthusiastic people to join the SciML committee! The roles are flexible, and you can take on as much or as little as you want. Chat to any of us at our events or send us an email ([sciml@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:sciml@leeds.ac.uk)) if you want to know more.
  - We have a Teams channel under the LIDA group - [click here to visit it](#) and make sure to turn channel notifications on!



## Resources & Opportunities

- **Postdoctoral Positions at MOX**
  - Francesco Regazzoni, Associate Professor at Politecnico di Milano, is advertising several postdoctoral positions at MOX. The topics include cardiac modeling, inverse problems in cardiac imaging, and broader areas of Scientific Machine Learning. The announcements are attached to the newsletter email.
- **PhysML Workshop 2026**
  - June 15-17 2026 in Oslo, Norway,
  - This three-day physical workshop will feature morning and afternoon talks each day, along with dedicated sessions for focused discussions. More information available on the [website](#).

- Participation is open to everyone, but places are limited, and registration will close once capacity is reached. Participants are encouraged to present their work, either as a contributed talk or a poster.
  - Please [register through this link](#) by 15/05/2026
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- **LIDA Data & AI Careers Festival 2026**
    - Tuesday 24th March 2026 12pm - 5pm Parkinson Building
    - Exhibition: 12pm - 3pm, Parkinson Building
      - BT, Morrisons, Answer Digital, Oakland, West Yorkshire Pension Fund, The Alan Turing Institute, and more
    - Keynote Speakers: 3pm - 5pm, Parkinson SR 1.08
      - Netflix, Nestle, NHS England, UST
    - [Book tickets here](#)
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- **Job Opportunity at OTB**
    - Engineer/ Digital Engineer
    - Hours and salary negotiable (e.g. could be part time alongside a PhD or full time) and It may be possible to work fewer hours or a fixed term contract in order to undertake only the 'Digital Innovation' part of the role involving ML.
    - The contact is Naomi Wheeler Reed - [nwheeler@otbeng.com](mailto:nwheeler@otbeng.com)
    - Full description attached to the newsletter email.
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- **Environmental Intelligence 2026 Conference**
    - University of Exeter / 7th-9th September
    - We're delighted to announce EI26 – bringing together leading minds in environmental science, data and AI to drive real-world impact. Join interdisciplinary researchers, innovators and practitioners to explore how environmental intelligence can help address sustainability challenges and support decision-making at scale.
    - The three-day, in person event, will include a range of invited speakers, contributed presentations, panel discussions, early-career events and social interaction.
    - Find out more [via the website](#)
    - EI26 is supported by a range of high quality organisations from industry, academia, public sector. Check our website for details. Registration details, abstract submission, and further programme highlights will be announced shortly.

- **2026 Workshop on Machine Learning for Land and Hydrology**
    - The workshop will take place at ECMWF's headquarters in Reading, UK over 2.5 days from 3 to 5 of November.
    - Participation is open to researchers, operational scientists, and practitioners working in hydrology, land-surface modelling, Earth system science, and machine learning.
    - Abstract submission deadline: 26/06/2026
    - Notification of abstract acceptance: 31/07/2026
    - Registration closes: 30/09/2026
    - More information on [the website](#)
  
  - **Data & AI Hackathon**
    - 30 - 31 March 2026, University of Leeds
    - Can You Solve Real-World Problems in 48 Hours? Join us for an intensive two-day competition organised by the Local *DS&AI in Education Group* and *AI Hub* at UoL.
    - Work in teams on real industry-backed challenges across two tracks:
      - Track 01 – Healthcare & Digital Pharmacy
        - Industry partner: Pharmacy2U
      - Track 02 – Earth, Environment & Climate: Carbon Footprint
        - Research partner: Health & Environment
    - Open to MSc level and PhD students and University of Leeds staff.
    - The event is free and refreshments will be provided.
    - Recognition: Winners receive formal recognition from the University and industry partners.
    - [Registration Form](#), Deadline: Monday 16 March 2026
      - Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. A waiting list will operate once capacity is reached.
    - For any questions, contact: [L.cutillo@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:L.cutillo@leeds.ac.uk)
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## Upcoming Events

- **Monthly meetup** - 11:00, 6/3/26, Worsley Building, 11th Floor, room 11.87
  - [Teams link for virtual attendance](#)
  
- **Literature Club** - 13:00, 5/03/26, Bragg 2.10
  - Cancelled due to lack of speaker
  - [Sign yourself up to present here](#) (Please!)

- **Literature Club** - 13:00, 19/03/26, Bragg 2.10
  - Rayan Onyonka will be presenting [Ragas: Automated Evaluation of Retrieval Augmented Generation](#)
- **Literature Club** - 13:00, ~~02/04/26~~, **31/03/26**, Bragg 2.10
  - University closed on Thursday - moved to Tuesday
  - Presenter and Paper unconfirmed
  - [Sign yourself up to present here](#)
- **Monthly meetup** - 11:00, ~~03/04/26~~ **10/4/26**, Worsley Building, 11th Floor, room 11.87
  - Important: the first Friday of April is a bank holiday, so we have moved the monthly meeting by a week.
  - [Teams link for virtual attendance](#) (different link from Jan-Mar meetings)

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