On the 19\textsuperscript{th} December, the National Heart and Lung Institute held a Christmas-themed social event at h-bar in the South Kensington campus. The aim of this event was to encourage interactions between students based on different campuses and improve the student experience. Since the NHLI is spread across 5 different campuses, holding shared social events helps build networks between students in different research groups and campuses and promotes an informal support network for students.

Following the success of previous socials funded by the Graduate School and the NHLI, we decided to hold an end of year Christmas social, where students enjoyed tapas dishes and Christmas snacks. Around 35 students attended this event, which had a good attendance from all campuses. Following the last social, we have set up an NHLI postgraduate students Facebook page, which hopes to provide a way for NHLI students to keep in touch. We are looking forward to organising another NHLI social.