Results of A3D3 survey:

Only 9 responses from trainees - mostly PhD, but also undergrad and masters

Q1
Mostly positive - 7/9 > than 5
1.1
Funding is helpful
1.2
Coding workshop could be helpful

Q2
Mixed responses - some people are very A3D3 involved, some are not at all
2.1
Collaboration that exist are generally positive
2.2
Make it easier for trainees to share work
Need something to change so that people have time to work on collaborative stuff

Q3
Mostly positive impressions of A3D3 events - 7/9 > 5
3.1
Opportunity to present is great
3.2
More workshops/training would be welcome

Q4
Large spread of desires for trainee-led events, but most popular option are seminars from PIs

Q5
Generally positive, but less so. 6/9 > 5
5.1
Provides opportunities to develop some soft skills, as well as different areas of research
5.2
Could help provide connections to different areas in industry and academia

We do already have faculty level people giving seminars, but could maybe also have PI lectures where PIs talk about things besides their research. Have things like "how to give a presentation" on youtube, and could have more things like that in a trainee-led seminar (soft skills).

Don't get a lot of information about A3D3 events, despite being on the Slack channel. May need clearer lines of communication. We do have a communication team, which did do a newsletter,

and may need to re-institute. There are a lot of meetings per week, due to all the different teams and groups, and each group has subgroups. There's also a A3D3 google event calendar that can be joined. Should also advertise the calendar more strongly. Can also improve the A3D3 onboarding documents, so that new members have lists of all the slack channels. Need to make sure everyone is added to the email list as soon as possible.

On the neuroscience side, it feels very different from all the different areas. To encourage more neuro collaboration, better to have more small meetings, frequently, rather than big meetings less often.

Workshops can include soft skills/career related, as well as workshops targeting skills, e.g., coding workshop. Could be good to build a repository of introductory materials.
Could a half-day virtual workshop on resume building, but need to get actual attendance to make the effort worth it. It's a bit hard to get people to run these workshops.

Want to have trainees come to PIs and feel empowered to ask for what they want
The trainee slack would be a good place to discuss things that the A3D3 reps could take to the PIs.