

Making Scientific Posters with Inkscape

Workshop for the Academic Skills Club

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A free and open-source vector graphics editor.

- create or edit vector graphics
- diagrams, line arts, charts, logos and complex paintings

Output: Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG)

Content

- Some general poster guidelines
- Basic shapes
- Controls
- Organizing a poster and layers
- Distribution and alignment
- Graphics
- Tables and Math

Text and content guidelines

- Word count: 300 to 800 words
- Use of bullets, numbers and headlines
- Don't forget the funding sources
- Don't forget your contact information

Design guidelines

- sans serif is better to read
- 20% text, 40% figures, 40% space
- maximal 2 font types (google combinations)
- no upper case
- font sizes: 85pt (title), 56pt (authors), 36 (subheadings), 24 (text)
- stick with 2-3 colours
- the background should have decent contrast (pay attention to blues)
- color gradients are problematic