October 2017 pepnet newsletter

Dear pepnetters,

Thank you very much for logging your PE activities in Symplectic. Judging by the email exchange we had the request to record the activities must have got out.

Also very good news on the Be Curious submission side, lots of new submitters!

If you missed this week’s pepnet session on: Am I having an impact? Evaluating PE activities by Sarah Jenkins from Jenesys Associates, you can drop Clare an email (geocg@leeds.ac.uk) and we'll send you the slides.

Further Pepnet meetings for 2017-18 have been scheduled as follows:

29 November 2017 – Organising a citizen science event
17 January 2018 – Co-production with the general public

PE and Promotion

Back in 2015 we managed to get PE/outreach into the new academic promotion criteria. We tried it for non-academic ones as well!

Now we have some data: 36 out of 138 applications used the PE criterion between February 2016 and September 2017. That is every 4th application! We are delighted by such a frequent and wide-spread use of public engagement as this was happening in all faculties and grades (Grade 8 to 10).

If you have used PE/outreach as part of your successful promotion, please let us know.

NECNET

There is an updated list of public engagement champions on our website.

Have a good weekend and happy half-term if that is relevant!

Best wishes,

Alexa

For latest PE news at UoL: https://comms.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/latest-news/

On Campus
Introduction to the News Media

Do you have little or no media experience? Are you working in a field which can provoke media controversy? Come to the Introduction to the News Media event on Wednesday 25th October 2017 at Worsley Medical Lecture Theatre from 1pm to 5pm, to learn from a range of people including researchers who have experience working with the media, and journalists who need input from experts.

This event is aimed at anyone from PhD level and above, but particularly at those without much experience or confidence talking to the media. It’s mainly aimed at scientists, social scientists, engineers and clinicians – especially those working in areas that are controversial or receive a lot of media coverage.


Register to attend: please send your full name, job title, institution, institutional e-mail address and phone number to introduction@sciencemediacentre.org

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Elsewhere

**Leeds Café Scientific**

Regular events take place at Seven Arts in Chapel Allerton; in November there will be a discussion on antibiotic resistance with Professor Lars Jeuken (FBS) and Dr Jonathan Sandoe (FMH). Leeds Café Scientific are also planning a science slam on March 20th 2018 where people will describe a single image. It is particularly suitable for young researchers and was inspired by some of the climate change charts and animations that have recently been created. If you are interested in taking part please contact Dominic Rayner

**October is public engagement month on social media for @NERCscience!**

What are your engagement experiences and what works well? Why do you engage? What do you wish you knew when you started?

- Read their engagement blog
- Find out their Reasons to Engage for each day of October and share your thoughts and images, using the hashtag #NERCengage
- Join the conversation in their live Twitter chat on Thursday 26 October

If you are interested in contributing to the blog, please contact Karen (socialmedia@nerc.ac.uk).

**Otley Science Festival** – 6 to 11 November, bookings now open

Support your local community science festival with activities for all age groups.

Follow the Otley Molecule Trail from Monday 23 October with a chance to win a prize!
The Spark Awards 2017

The Spark Awards scheme aims to support high quality programmes of public engagement that inspire and involve audiences with stories of STFC science and technology. Grants of up to £15k are available. Find out more on the [STFC website](#).

Closing Date: Thursday 26 October 17

**Space for all – community funding scheme, UK Space Agency, GB**

The UK Space Agency invites applications for its space for all – community funding scheme. This is intended to help members of the UK space community harness the inspirational value of space in education and outreach. Bids of up to £10,000 will be considered.

Closing Date: 09 November 17 (Forecast)

**EPSRC: Telling tales of Engagement Competition**

This aims to capture and promote the impact of Research Council funded digital economy research is having. Three awards of £10,000 are available. The maximum project duration is 18 months.

Closing Date 06 December 17

**Physiological Society**

The Physiological invites applications for grants to promote the discussion of physiology with public audiences.

Grants are worth up to £5000

Closing Date 14 January 18

**Royal Society of Chemistry - Outreach Fund**

These provide financial support to members, individuals and organisations in order to enable them to run chemistry-based public and schools engagement activities.

The award is worth up to £10,000

Closing date Unknown – call expected January 18
Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies - Grants for the archaeology and art history of the Roman Empire and Roman Britain

These support research projects in the archaeology and art history of the Roman Empire and Roman Britain, as well as educational programmes such as conferences and outreach events, and publications.

Awards up to £10,000

Closing date 31 Jan 2018 (Forecast)

Science communication award

Tissue and Cell Engineering Society invites nominations for its science communication award. This acknowledges scientists for their contribution to science communication and public engagement, and to support future outreach work to continue to enthuse and engage the public.

The award is worth £250

Closing date 31 May 2018 (forecast)