April 2018 pepnet newsletter

Dear pepnets,

Now that Spring has finally sprung it’s time to make plans for your public engagement activities, get inspiration by going along to one of the events locally or take the plunge by applying for one of the national opportunities. Please let us know if you are successful, we love to hear your feedback.

Best wishes
Jennie

On Campus

Pint of Science 14-16 May

This year’s event is taking place between 14-16 May and includes over 18 different events, from astronomy to volcanology aimed at a general audience and delivered in the comfort of a local pub! Find out more and book tickets at http://www.leeds.ac.uk/news/article/4211/grab_a_pint_of_science_with_university_researchers

While Pint of Science is a commercial entity it is entirely due to the hard work of 30 volunteers from our University and 18+ speakers. When you go, please support the volunteers and speakers!

Research Nights 22 May

Following the success of last week’s meeting the next one is planned for 22nd May, from 6 to 8pm. It will take place in the Pyramid Theatre, Leeds University Union. With three talks from postgraduate researchers from across the University, on Virtual Reality, Theatre & Activism and Refugees. Come along and see how others reach their audience. Free and everyone welcome. More details on their Facebook group po.st/researchnights5

Can you explain your PhD in the pub? 23 May

Are you interested in knowing what research goes on in Leeds? PubhD is a scheme for PhD students to explain their research, in a pub, to anyone who’s interested and it’s run by Postgraduates from Leeds. The next event will be on the 23rd May at 7pm at the Slocken pub on Call Lane, follow them on twitter @PubhD_Leeds or https://www.facebook.com/groups/PubhDLeeds/

Pepnet Meeting 20 June

Our next meeting will be on 20 June 2018 and we are planning to discuss festivals in general and Be Curious in particular. The session will be on what makes a good activity and how to go about designing one. Registration will be open in due course.
Bright Club branch Leeds

If you are interested in setting up/joining the Bright Club Leeds branch, please contact Chris Snowden (EUREKA! STEM and Engagement manager) chris.snowden@eureka.org.uk

Latest News

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

Elsewhere

Opportunity at the Great North Museum (Newcastle) for PE during the Great Exhibition of the North 22 June to 9 September 2018

The Great North Museum will be hosting a special during the Great Exhibition of the North (getnorth2018.com). It’s all about showcasing the talent, innovation and research that takes place in the North and the museum anticipates having around 5000 visitors through the door per day during this period to see the collections on show brought in from across the country.

There’s a great chance for public engagement and ‘demystifying’ research, as well as really inspiring the next generation of thinkers. You could be one of several researchers in the space during the period, set up in their temporary exhibition hall (a 10 by 12 metre space in the museum), talking about your work, and engaging with a younger audience.

Please contact the PE team if you are interested. The Museum is offering to cover reasonable travel costs and if you need cover of some material costs, give us a shout and we’ll see what we can do.

Pleasure, Privilege, Privations Lofthouse Park Near Wakefield 1908-1922 28 April

An exhibition exploring the British and German history of a forgotten site between Leeds and Wakefield (28 April to 7 July 2018; Wakefield One, Burton Street, Wakefield WF1 2DD).

Join us on 28 April 2018 for opening talks and activities:

11.00  Exhibition Opening and Book Launch (Claudia Sternberg and David Stowe)
12.00  The History of Lofthouse Park: The War Years, 1914-1919 (David Stowe, Talk, Learning Zone, 30 mins)
12.45  The German Butchers of Wakefield and Vicinity (Karl-Heinz Wüstner (Talk, Learning Zone, 30 mins)
1.30   Family Narratives Zine Making, Louise Atkinson (2-hour workshop, no need to sign up, meet at ‘Family Narratives of Being German in Yorkshire’ display) Visitors are invited to make small magazines exploring their own family histories. Please feel free to bring printouts of photographs or other materials you would like to include.
12-3.30 Children’s Activities (Children’s section of the Library) Opportunities for younger children to engage with the themes of the exhibition, offered by students from the University of Leeds.

New Scientist Live 19-23 September, London

New Scientist Live is an award-winning festival of ideas and discoveries for everyone curious about science and why it matters. From 19th to 23rd September, they are bringing together more than 140 speakers and 100 exhibitors at ExCeL to create an unrivalled atmosphere and energy, packed with thought-provoking talks, ground-breaking discoveries, interactive experiences, workshops and performances.

https://live.newscientist.com

A number of university public engagement teams have chosen to work with them in previous years to help researchers access a high quality platform for their engagement and to benefit from exposure to a very lively and engaging festival.

There are several ways to get involved…

• You can nominate a speaker (or put yourself forward) by using this form: https://live.newscientist.com/nomination-form-2018

• You can book a stand by getting in touch with Jacqui McCarron (details below)

There is a charge for exhibiting at the festival and a small honorarium for speakers.

If you are involved in public engagement and want to showcase your research or university, please contact Jacqui McCarron on either jacqui.mccarron@newscientist.com or 020 7611 1248 quoting NCCPE40.

Engage 2018 Conference Call is open; deadline 18 June

The call is open for applications between the 12th April and the 18th June 2018

Framing new futures for public engagement

At the Engage Conference (Edinburgh, 29th-30th November) this year we’ll be exploring new futures for university public engagement; celebrating the NCCPE’s 10 year anniversary; and taking stock of the lessons learned. Weaving in stories from people who have been working to embed public engagement in their practice and institutions - and with provocation from outside the sector - Engage 2018 will help set the foundations for the road ahead.

More info and application forms: https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/nccpe-projects-and-services/engage-conference/engage-2018

Wonder Match (NCCPE and STFC)

The NCCPE is pleased to announce that they are working with the Science and Technologies Facilities Council (STFC) to launch Wonder Match, a series of partnership-building events that are designed to support community organisations and STFC-funded scientists and engineers to explore collaborations that will allow diverse audiences to engage with STFC science and technology.
Do you have expertise working with underserved audiences or young people? Are you keen to support them to engage with science? Or are you a scientist or engineer who has a hunger to share the wonder of their research with others, and keen to learn from others about how to engage? Then the Wonder Match programme could be perfect for you.

Upcoming events will be held in Leicester (8th June), Glasgow (14th June), Manchester and Birmingham.

Find out more: [https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/nccpe-projects-and-services/nccpe-projects/stfc-wonder-match](https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/nccpe-projects-and-services/nccpe-projects/stfc-wonder-match)

If you have questions, then please contact the Wonder Match project coordinator via [stephanie.todd@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:stephanie.todd@uwe.ac.uk)

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**Funding opportunities**

**Research Development Fund (RDF) deadline 5 May**

The RDF can be used to fund support involvement of members of the public (e.g. public, patients, carers, service users and other stakeholders) in shaping or developing research ideas, i.e. at the research development stage prior to submitting a research proposal. Two distinct types of projects are considered:

- To hold an event/meeting (or series of smaller meetings) to inform a particular research grant application.
- To establish an ongoing PPIE panel/user group in a specific research area, where the need for such a group has been identified and no other group exists already. It is advantageous to outline how the ongoing support for such a group will be met.

The next deadline is 5th of May 2018 (then 5th September). Funds are limited for each round and the maximum amount per application is £500.

For guidance and application form [https://comms.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/latest-news/](https://comms.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/latest-news/)

Send your completed application form to pete@leeds.ac.uk before 5pm on 5 May 2018.

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**British Phycological Society – Small Grants Scheme**

These support projects that promote and further phycology, its applications and dissemination. Projects may include: feasibility exercises, pump-priming projects, field, laboratory and database work, publications, and outreach.

The award is worth up to £5,000. Closing date 01 May 2018

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**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 14 May 2018

**Classical Association – Grants**

These support classical projects and conferences mainly in the UK. Applications for the following will be considered; funding for summer schools, funding for conferences, school teaching and outreach, and major projects.

The award is worth up to £2,000. Closing date 01 June 2018

**Physiological Society – Grants**

These promote the discussion of physiology with public audiences and aim to inspire creative public engagement with physiology. To stimulate physiologists to share stories and expertise in innovative ways with wider audiences, particularly those that are traditionally hard to reach. To increase dialogue between researchers and the public, in particular on topics such as the relevance of research to health, medicine and performance; and to produce materials and resources which can be used for further public engagement and outreach work.

The awards are worth up to £5,000. Closing date 14 July 2018