Pepnet Newsletter May 2018

On Campus

Pepnet Membership Drive
Could you introduce a colleague to pepnet? Do you know someone who would enjoy and benefit in attending meetings and workshops and receiving this newsletter every month? Subscribers are also encouraged to share relevant information or questions by posting to the PE community at Leeds. Please encourage them to sign up to pepnet by following the link http://lists.leeds.ac.uk/mailman/listinfo/pepnet

Engagement Excellence Scheme 2018-19
Application for the Engagement Excellence Scheme is open for the academic year 2018-19. The scheme aims to build capacity and create a network of public engagement/patient and public involvement champions across the Institution. The scheme is open to staff members from all faculties. We offer support and help for up to six Engagement Fellows with a small bursary of up to £400 per project to progress an engagement for research project and deliver impact plans and activities.
Visit our website to read the call and download the application form; submit it by Monday, 16 July 2018

Pepnet #24 Meeting
Our next meeting will be on good activities for festivals. We are meeting on Wednesday 20th June from 12 noon until 2pm in room 1.06 of the Baines Wing. Please register here. https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/pepnet-24
Thanks to GDPR we have gone Eventbrite-free!

MRC Festival of Medical Research 14 June
Susan Richman, Aidan Hindley, Gemma Hemmings, Martin Lopez Garcia and Marco-Felipe King have secured funding from MRC to deliver public engagement activities during the MRC Festival of Medical Research. This is the MRC’s national festival taking place from 14 to 24 June across 21 UK and 2 African sites.
During Thursday 14 June the two research groups will be offering free drop-in sessions at the Thackray Medical Museum:

So just what is Personalised Medicine?
Come along and find out about the importance of Bowel Cancer Screening Programme. Speak to scientists about their roles in MRC-funded clinical trials. Take part in our quiz!

**Surfaces and hand-hygiene: washing away fluorescent germs!**

Did you know that researchers in Mathematics and Engineering play a role in infection control? Just how good are you at hand washing? Can you plan the best layout for a ward, to beat the bugs?

If you are at SJUH campus, why not drop-in?

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**Elsewhere**

**Engage 2018 Conference - Framing new futures for public engagement**

This year’s NCCPE conference takes place on 29th and 30th November in Edinburgh. 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.

The conference will be framed around three themes:

- Facing the future
- Stories of change
- Perspectives on practice

The deadline for applications is 18 June.


**Are you involved with public engagement in higher education? Do you have an inspiring image you want to share?**

The NCCPE is launching a new national competition, Images of Public Engagement 2018. From collaborative research to culture change, their image competition offers the opportunity to celebrate and share what public engagement means to you.

Whether you’re an engaged academic, student, public engagement professional or someone who partners with universities, they would love to see your images and
stories of public engagement. This is a chance to share inspiring engagement activities, culture change initiatives, and the people involved in public engagement.

Submit your image by 16th July and be in with a chance of winning a ticket for the NCCPE’s Engage Conference, or new photography and art materials!

Winning entries will also be showcased as part of the 10th anniversary celebrations, featuring on their website and in a new-look Manifesto for Public Engagement.

Find out more & apply on the NCCPE website
https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/nccpe-projects-and-services/images-public-engagement-2018

**Funding opportunities**

**Royal Society of Biology – Established researcher prize**
This aims to reward outreach work carried out to inform, enthuse and engage the public.

Bioscience researchers who are beyond the first stages of their research career may apply. Candidates should represent their own field strongly in the science communication world.

The prize is worth £1500. Closing date 29 June 2018

**Royal Society of Biology – New researcher prize**
This aims to reward outreach work carried out to inform, enthuse and engage the public.

Bioscience researchers who are currently reading for a master’s or PhD, or in the first year of a postdoctoral position may apply. Previous award winners may not apply. The competition is open researchers working in any sector of UK biosciences, from universities, institutes or industry.

The prize is worth £750. Closing date 29 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

**John Maddox prize – sense about science**

The John Maddox Prize recognises the work of individuals who promote sound science and evidence on a matter of public interest, facing difficulty or hostility in doing so. Nominations are now open for the 2018 prize.

The prize is worth £3000. Closing date 31 July 2018


**Royal Society of Chemistry – small grants**

These provide financial support to members, individuals and organisations in order to enable them to run chemistry-based public and schools engagement activities. The trust aims to support projects that maximise members' outreach and engagement contribution.

Grants are worth up to £200. Closing date 10 September 2018.