Dear pepnetters,

There is a real end of term feeling in the office, but before we disappear off on our summer holidays here is a round-up of last minute PE News. We hope to have cover for most of August but please bear with us if we take a little longer to reply to any queries.

Wishing you a relaxing and refreshing beak if you are lucky enough to get the chance.

Jennie

**On Campus**

**Engagement Excellence Scheme 2018-19 – deadline 16 July**

You just have time to apply for the Engagement Excellence Scheme this year. 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 are looking for people who:

- are passionate about public engagement (PE) or public and patient involvement (PPI)
- have novel, innovative and ambitious ideas for PE or PPI
- want to increase the impact of a project in their group, Institute or School through PE or PPI
- would like to develop skills to become a Champion for Engagement at their Institute/School

To find out more download the call and an application form: [https://comms.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/people-development/](https://comms.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/people-development/)

**Be Curious Drop in Wednesday 25 July, Café Maia, Ziff building**

Come along and discuss any ideas you may have for hosting an activity at next year's Be Curious.

This is an opportunity to pick our brains and bounce some ideas around on a very informal basis. No commitment involved and no booking required. We are very excited to hear your ideas! The application process for Be Curious 2019 will start in September, perhaps now is the time to get the creative juices flowing over summer.
Wednesday 25 July, 1-2pm in Café Maia, Ziff building, look out for a fish bowl on our table.

**Research Development Fund – closing date 5 September 2018**

This funding can be used to 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. For example holding an event/meeting (or series of smaller meetings) to inform a particular research grant application. Or 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.

There are three deadlines each year. The next deadline is 5th of September 2018. Funds are limited for each round and the maximum amount per application is £500. Visit our webpage to download further information and guidance and access the application form. [https://comms.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/event-planning-resources-and-communication/](https://comms.leeds.ac.uk/public-engagement/event-planning-resources-and-communication/)

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**Elsewhere**

**Images of Public Engagement 2018 – 16 July**


**Ingenious public engagement awards**

Ingenious, the Royal Academy of Engineering’s public engagement grant scheme is now open for applications. If you or your colleagues have an imaginative idea that could help engineers to communicate their expertise and passion for engineering to a wider audience, they want to hear from you. You could be an engineer interested in running your own project, or a science or engineering public engagement professional keen to explore ways to provide public engagement training and opportunities. [https://www.raeng.org.uk/grants-and-prizes/ingenious-grant](https://www.raeng.org.uk/grants-and-prizes/ingenious-grant)

Awards are worth between £300 and £30,000 and the closing date is 1 October 2018.
Survey of evaluation needs for Public Engagement

It’s increasingly important for researchers and universities to be able to track and measure the ‘impact’ of their public engagement activities, but there appears to be a widespread lack of confidence in how to effectively evaluate public engagement, what useful information evaluation of public engagement can provide, and how to measure the impacts arising.

The NCCPE and Qualia Analytics are working together to explore the needs of researchers in evaluating their public engagement activities, and how they can be better supported. They are asking researchers to complete a 15 minute online survey here [https://nccpe.publicengagement.org.uk/survey/757G2D1](https://nccpe.publicengagement.org.uk/survey/757G2D1)

POST Fellowships for working with Parliament

Prompted by Charlotte’s reflections on science and Parliament last month, Cristina Leston-Bandeira highlighted the ongoing application round for POST Fellowships, which enable academics (of any discipline) to work directly with Parliament, whether via a Committee, any of its services, or any other constitutive part: These are similar to IAA (Impact Acceleration Account) fellowships

STFC Public Engagement Early-Career Researcher Forum – Call for Applications

Closing date: 16:00, Friday 20 July 2018

The [STFC Public Engagement Early-Career Researcher Forum](https://www.stfc.ac.uk/about/stfc-people-and-careers/stfc-public-engagement-early-career-researcher-forum/) (the ‘PEER Forum’) will support talented scientists and engineers in the early stages of their career to develop their public engagement and outreach goals, to ensure the next generation of STFC scientists and engineers continue to deliver the highest quality of purposeful, audience-driven public engagement.

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**Funding opportunities**

**British Ecological Society**

These encourage individuals and organisations to promote ecological science to a wider audience through public engagement activities.

Grants are worth up to £2,000. Closing date 31 August 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.

**Palaeontological Association – Engagement Grants**

These encourage educational outreach, public engagement and related initiatives in paleontological themes.

Grants are worth up to £5000 but will be considered up to £15,000. Closing date 01 October 2018

**Microbiology Society – Education and outreach Grants**

These support relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives, or developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology.

Grants are worth up to £1000. Closing date 01 October 2018