Pepnet September 2018 Newsletter

Dear pepnetters,

You seem to be a healthy bunch! Nobody was lured into bidding for the chocolate bar in last month’s edition. There are a couple of deadlines coming up:

- Be Curious 2019 participation, 15 October
- PE awards 2018, 15 October
- Collection of all PE activities during 2017-18 via your Symplectic record (scroll to bottom of our website).

In July, the patient involvement and engagement forum (PIEF) was created specifically for staff members whose role contains a significant part of managing PIE work in teaching and research (PIE managers, officers etc.). The forum is there to provide professional support and development and a clearer understanding of the PIE activities that happen across the university; to share resources, ideas and experience and reduce duplication of effort. If you are interested in joining the forum including receiving invitations for meetings, please contact the PE team. After the inaugural meeting in July, the September meeting focussed on GDPR and PIE and the next meeting is planned for January.

PIEF will run in conjunction with pepnet, and has a tighter focus on operational issues around PIE. For an introduction into PIE we are planning to use pepnet sessions.

Light Night is happening next week with six events on campus on Friday and according to The Observer making it one of the five best light festivals in the world!

Have a good weekend!

Best wishes,

Alexa

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**On Campus**

**Be Curious Deadline – Monday 15 October**

The deadline is approaching to register to take part in our hugely popular public engagement event, Be Curious. Brave New World is the theme for 2019. Taking place on 30 March, it once again seeks to engage the general public in the pioneering studies undertaken in Leeds. More details are available on [For Staff News](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1LtTozvmDKzTC1gmVKao3e-F9dli6cE4LjdSt9tP9yDYPg/viewform).

To register please use the online form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1LtTozvmDKzTC1gmVKao3e-F9dli6cE4LjdSt9tP9yDYPg/viewform) to apply by Monday 15 October 5pm.
Feel free to contact us if you have any bright ideas and just want to talk them through or seek our advice petteam@leeds.ac.uk

Be Curious drop in session – Tuesday 2 October

If you would like to chat informally about a proposal or have other questions about the event please come along to our next drop in session in Café Maia (Ziff building) from 1-2pm on Tuesday 2 October.

Public Engagement with Research Awards 2018

The Public Engagement with Research awards 2018 are open! Their aim is to recognise people for excellent public engagement or patient and public involvement and engagement and to raise awareness of innovative high-quality practice. There are three awards, one for each stage of the research cycle: at the research development stage; at the research doing stage and at the research dissemination stage. Each award comes with £400.

For applications please read both the guidance notes and application form. The deadline is 15 October 2018 and the award ceremony with DVC Professor Lisa Roberts will be held on 15 November, 12-2 pm. The reviewer panel is entirely external this year and includes:

- Dr Steve Dorney, Director of Public Engagement with Research, University of Southampton
- Kimberley Freeman, Executive Officer for Public Engagement and Director of the Centre for Public Engagement, Queen Mary University London
- Lewis Dean, Programme Manager – Public Engagement, UKRI
- Dr Lesley Paterson, Head of Public Engagement with Research, Oxford University
- Dr Rebecca Jones, Research and Engagement Relationships Manager, Wellcome Trust
- Lisa Jamieson, Public Engagement consultant
- Paul Manners, Director, National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement

Communicating Climate Change

Read a blog from the Priestley International Centre for Climate about their ‘Trial by Traffic Light’ day of discussion and debate on what works and what doesn’t in communicating climate change. http://climate.leeds.ac.uk/the-science-is-settled-exploring-expert-views-on-climate-communication/
**Elsewhere**

**Spark Awards**

The awards schemes aim to support high quality programmes of public engagement that inspire and involve audiences with stories of science and technology that meet the aims of the Science and Technology Facilities Council public engagement strategy.

Calls for the STFC Public Engagement Spark Awards 2018B (grants up to £15K) and Nucleus Awards (grants £>15K up to £100K) are now open for applications.

**The deadline for the Spark Awards is 16.00 on 25th October and the deadline for the Nucleus Awards is 16.00 on the 8th November.**

Proposed engagement programmes must clearly focus around the remit of the STFC science programme (astronomy, solar and planetary science, particle physics, particle astrophysics, cosmology, nuclear physics and accelerator science) or clearly and demonstrably align to the science and technology work of STFC's national and international laboratories and facilities.

Before submitting your application you are encouraged to contact your local PETeam@Leeds.ac.uk

**Funding opportunities**

**Classical Association Grants**

These support classical projects and conferences mainly in the UK. Applications for events including support for Greek and Latin reading competitions, regional Greek and Roman days, school conferences and wider range of outreach events towards the promotion of public awareness of the importance of classics.

Amount up to £2000

Deadline 01 December 2018

**Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council**

The telling tales of engagement competition aims to capture and promote the impact Research Council funded digital economy research is having. Activities may include video or podcast production, outreach activities, or artistic interpretation.

Amount up to £10,000
Call has not yet been announced by funder, but this is the approximate deadline we expect. This call is repeated once a year. Expected deadline 06 December 2018 (Forecast)

Royal Society of Chemistry – Small Grants
These provide financial support to members, individuals and organisations to enable them to run chemistry-based public and schools engagement activities.
Amount up to £2000
Deadline 14 January 2019

Physiological Society – PE Grants
These promote the discussion of physiology with public audiences and aim to inspire creative public engagement with physiology.
Amount up to £5000
Deadline 14 January 2019