Pepnet Newsletter February 2019

Dear Pepnetters

Earlier this month, our Engagement Champions joined Helen Featherstone (Head of Public Engagement at the University of Bath) for a conversation on what it is like to be an Engagement Champion. We covered many interesting and valuable topics, from how they can support others in their PE work; to the support they receive. It was also a great opportunity for Helen to hear about the great Public Engagement we do here at Leeds!

Katie Lear – Public Engagement Officer

**On Campus**

**Be Curious 2019: Parkinson Building, University of Leeds Saturday 30th March 2019 from 10am**

Preparations are well under way for Be Curious at the end of March, we would be delighted if you could help publicise this free event to your friends, family and neighbours, a full programme will be available to download from our website on 18 March. Please share our facebook event [https://facebook.com/events/252532995668227/](https://facebook.com/events/252532995668227/).

There will be over 40 stalls allowing everyone to have a go with activities suitable for all ages. Come along and find out how you can stop the spread of dangerous invaders with The Alien Invasion or join in a celebration of all things keyboard with the Leeds Piano Competition - including playing on a Steinway concert piano for budding pianists. There is no need to book, just come along to the FREE event. See our website to find out more [www.leeds.ac.uk/becurious](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/becurious).

New this year will be a family friendly performance by Marty Jopson, the BBC One Show’s resident scientist. Marty will be taking a journey from everyday life, down into the realm of microscopical wonders.

Limited places are available for the show. To register for your free tickets for the 1pm performance visit [our booking site](http://ourbooking site).

**Evaluation – your best friend in Public Engagement**

Our next pepnet meeting will see the return of Sarah Jenkins of Jenesys Associates with tips on evaluating your public engagement. It runs from 12 to 2pm on
Wednesday 27 February 2019 in room SR1.09 of the Liberty Building. The session will cover:

- How evaluation can improve your planning and delivery of public engagement
- Evaluating outcome and impacts from public engagement
- Practical tools and tips for:
  - Obtaining meaningful evaluation feedback
  - Evaluating different types of activities, events and locations
  - Making evaluation accessible and engaging for different audience groups and communities
- Evaluation FAQs

Please sign up [here](#)!

**PE as part of your research proposal – drop in surgeries**

The PE team has been collaborating with colleagues from OD&PL, RIS and the Library at a series of drop-in sessions to provide advice on your research proposal.

The next session takes place on **Thursday 28 March 2019** from 10am to 12 noon in room 1.35 of the Parkinson Building. Following that there will be two more sessions; on Wednesday 22 May, and Wednesday 17 July. If you are not able to come along please contact us at peteam@leeds.ac.uk and we will arrange a mutually convenient time.

**Publications by former Engagement Excellence Fellows on PE**

Two of our Engagement Excellence Fellows have articles published in the current issue of [Research for All](#). Georgina Binnie for her work on the Writing Back project and Lou Harvey's research into UK-based international students' experiences of learning English.

**Elsewhere**

**Bradford Science Festival 2019, 20-21 July**

In its third year run by the Science and Media Museum the Bradford Science Festival is establishing itself as an early summer event. There are plans to create a Space Zone to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing and also a Chemistry Zone to align with the 150th anniversary of the periodic table. Other zones will also be up and running. If you are interested in running a stall at the Festival, find information, guidance and proposal forms on our [website](#).
British Science Week at Eureka! The National Children’s Museum in Halifax

EUREKA! is looking for STEM professionals with a passion for inspiring and enthusing primary age children (and grown-ups!) to bring some hands on activities and demonstrations about their stories, work, innovation or research, and engage the school groups and families that visit them. Eureka! is celebrating British Science Week from 8th – 15th March with the exception of 11th March as the museum is closed.

For further information please contact Chris Snowden, STEM & Public Engagement Manager at EUREKA! via email: chris.snowden@eureka.org.uk.

‘Lates’ event opportunities 2019

Several local museums are hosting ‘Lates’ – adult-only late evening openings throughout the year – with live shows and experiments, talks, comedy, music and more, as follows:

- 7 March 2019 at EUREKA!, Halifax (no particular topic)
- 14 March 2019 ‘Chemicals and brain’, Bradford Science and Media Museum
- 18 July 2019 ‘Bradford Science Festival launch’, Bradford Science and Media Museum

If you are interested in taking part, please contact us for further details peteam@leeds.ac.uk

Science in Public Conference 2019

The call for contributions is now open with a closing date of Friday 29 March 2019. The conference will be taking place at Manchester Metropolitan University from 10th - 12th July 2019.

More details here https://sip2019.com/

Birmingham PER Day

The University of Birmingham’s annual conference of Public Engagement with Research (PER), will take place on 5th April and is now open for registration.

The day includes a number of different workshops and the presentation of the Alice Roberts PGR Award for excellence in public engagement. The event is open to external guests at a cost of £20.
Public Engagement training course with The Royal Society

The Royal Society is running a training course on 12 March in London for researchers who want to find out more about public engagement. Details of the course, including course fees, bursaries and how to register can be found here https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/meet-the-scientists/public-engagement-introduction/

Latest News

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

Funding opportunities

Society for Endocrinology Public Engagement Grants

These support the organisation and delivery of outreach activities, aimed at school children or the general public, that engage audiences with hormones and the impact of endocrinology.

Awards up to £1000

Closing date 27 March 2019

Biochemical Society Outreach Grants

The Biochemical Society’s Scientific Outreach Grants offer funding for projects that communicate the excitement of molecular bioscience. The aim is to increase participation in the molecular biosciences at school level and beyond through engagement activities.

Awards of up to £1000

Closing date 9th April 2019