PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BULLETIN

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TAKE YOUR RESEARCH TO THE FRINGE!

Has your research given you some dangerous ideas? Share them with the world at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe!

The Cabaret of Dangerous Ideas has taken place at the Edinburgh Fringe each summer since 2013. It's a unique blend of serious academic research, irreverent comedy and a liberal dose of controversy.

The Cabaret is also a researcher development process, with all performers strongly encouraged to take part in a series of 'bootcamps'.

'So This is CODI' information workshop:

• Tuesday 27 November (12.30pm to 2.30pm) Paterson's Land, University of Edinburgh

http://www.beltanenetwork.org/opportunities/cabar et-of-dangerous-ideas/codi-performers-2019/introsessions-and-bootcamps/

Call deadline: 7 December

ENGAGING WITH THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Relevant, credible, and independent research is essential for good scrutiny and debate. Within the Scottish Parliament, research is used for many purposes including committee work, constituents' enquiries, and preparing for debates. The Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) has been working with colleagues from the other UK legislatures to inform the development of guidance and assessment criteria for REF 2021.

For more information about academic engagement with SPICe: https://spice-spotlight.scot/2018/09/18/how-can-academics-engage-with-spice-and-the-scottish-parliament/





ARTS & HEALTH EARLY CAREER RESEARCH NETWORK EVENT

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER, 5PM TO 8PM, ECA

Are you a research student looking to network with Arts and Health practitioners? Do you want to know more about careers in Arts and Health?

This event aims to put research students interested in knowing more about Arts and Health in touch with those working within the field to allow for discussion about careers in arts and health and networking opportunities to improve communication between researchers and practitioners. The event is free and is being led in partnership with the Arts Health Early Career Research Network.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/arts-and-health-careers-and-networking-tickets-50651396691



CALL FOR SPEAKERS: NAPIER DOES THE SKEPTICS: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER, BANSHEE LABYRINTH

Running since 2009, the Edinburgh Skeptics Society is an award-winning presence on the city's evidence-based events scene. Located in a city centre pub, this is a great opportunity to flex your engagement muscles for a new audience.

We are looking for researchers to give a 15-20 minute talk, any academic area welcome! The audience is welcoming and usually well-informed, and presenters are encouraged to use visually appealing slides. Come and share your research in festive style!

Thursday 15 December, 7.30pm, www.edinburghskeptics.co.uk Please email inbox@edskeptics.co.uk if you'd like to be involved.



CALL FOR SPEAKERS: CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER. FILMHOUSE

Edinburgh's Café Scientifique is looking for speakers for its December Cafe on Monday, 10 December 2018, 8.30pm at The Filmhouse, Lothian Road!

Café Scientifique is a voluntarily run network of science discussion groups based around the UK and the world, which aims to provide an open and informal forum for the public discussion of science and engineering. It hosts free talks from eminent individuals in an informal 'face-to-face' setting with no complicated visual aids (no Powerpoint!) and plenty of time for questions and discussion. Speaking at the Café is an excellent opportunity for public outreach and feedback on your research and professional interests.

Please email cafe.sci.edinburgh@googlemail.com if you're interested.



Our last networking and knowledge sharing session of 2018 will be on digital storytelling. Join us to hear from colleagues from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh ran a digital storytelling activities aimed at giving a voice to underserved communities about access to nutritious food. Individuals from the communities recorded a short audio track which was then supported by still images. The project team found the great strength of the format was the emotional power of personal stories which could be told without the storyteller needing to speak in front of a large, live audience.

For more information and to book: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beltane-brunch-digital-storytelling-learning-from-the-big-picnic-project-tickets-52923553774



NEW RESOURCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLISHED

The National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) has published a guide 'Engaging the Public Through Social Media'. It has some great tips on targeting the best audience, using the right platform and evaluation.

https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/sites/default/files/publication/what_works_engaging_the_public_through_social_media_november_2018.pdf



WANTED: A NEW WAVE OF EXPERTS TO INSPIRE KIDS

DEADLINE: SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER, 11PM

Are you the BBC's next big expert? Able to make brilliant YouTube films and Instagram content? CBBC is looking for the most exciting, brand new experts from across the UK.

You'll be a funny personality with a passion of one of the following: football, wrestling, cheerleading, dance, street sports, music, TV and film, science or nature.

For more details: https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/expert-search



EXTERNAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT AWARDS

There are a number of Research Council awards. Please check that you are eligible and contact Dawn Smith for public engagement support, and RIO for funding support.

ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize (£10,000)

Deadline: 8 January 2019 https://esrc.ukri.org/research/celebrating-impact-prize/

EPSRC Telling Tales of Engagement: Digital Economy (£10,000)

Deadline: 10 January 2019 https://epsrc.ukri.org/funding/calls/ttoe2018/

EPSRC Science Photo Competition

Deadline: 19 December 2018

https://epsrc.ukri.org/newsevents/events/sciencephotocompetition2018/