News from Head of School

Quiet week
The last week has been particularly quiet in terms of news. One new event for 4th November included below.

Events

Free Introduction to News Media session 4 November
This event is specifically geared towards engineers and scientists with little or no media experience. It’s a beginner’s guide to the media, giving an insight into the way the news media works. You will get a tour of some of the key issues, hearing from journalists, press officers and other scientists.
This is only for scientists who have not had much/any media experience before – we are very limited on space so please don’t come along if you are already media trained or have lots of experience of dealing with journalists. It will be very similar to previous SMC Introduction to the Media days – so please don’t send anyone who has been to the event before.
If you would like to register for this free of charge event and are available on 4 November, please send an e-mail with your name and institutional e-mail address to introduction@sciencemediacentre.org

Public Engagement Networking Lunch 6 Nov 09
The above is a Faculty run event and will take place in the Kanaris Lecture Theatre, Manchester Museum between 12.00 and 14.00 on Friday 6th November. Open to all researchers in the faculty. To attend please email eps-researchstaff@manchester.ac.uk.

EPS Public Engagement Networking Lunch for Researchers 6 Nov 09
12:00-14:00, Kanaris Lecture Theatre
Public Engagement is becoming an increasingly important factor in grant applications (impact statements) and for the University of Manchester as it seeks to reach its 2020 goals - one key goal being social engagement. To help recognise and promote public engagement activity within the Faculty and encourage the sharing of best practice, the Faculty is hosting a networking lunch event in association with the Manchester Beacon.
This event is open to all researchers (academics, post-docs and postgrads) across the Faculty.
12:00 Registration & Mini Public Engagement Survey
12:15 Welcome
12:20 Manchester Beacon & Public Engagement at the University
12:30 Lay Summary Writing Competition Awards
12:35 Public Engagement Showcase
12:55 Summary
13:00 Lunch & Table Discussions
14:00 End

It aims to:
1. Enable researchers to network and share their experiences.
2. Promote a discussion of the benefits, barriers and support for public engagement within the Faculty.
2. Identify the range of public engagement activity taking place across the Faculty (who, type, audiences).
3. Give researchers the opportunity to help shaping the 2020 social engagement goal.
4. Provide an understanding of the Manchester Beacon's role in promoting and rewarding public engagement practice.

To book [email].