



## COVID-19

We are mindful in this changing situation that public engagement might not be at the forefront of people's minds but want to continue to support those who might be keen to develop their engagement skills at this time. Therefore, we will be continuing to provide support to anyone who would like it via email, online meetings and our Slack channel, where we host monthly drop-ins. Please get in touch at [engage@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:engage@contacts.bham.ac.uk) for more information.

## Internal Events & Opportunities

**Breakfast Brainstorm** – our next monthly drop-in is due to take place on **26 August**. We can now be found on Slack, [click here to join our workspace](#). We also regularly share opportunities through Twitter [@UoBengage](#).

## External Events & Opportunities

**Cultural Adaptation Grants** – the Art Fund is offering grants of £10,000-£50,000 to help museums, galleries and cultural organisation respond to the immediate challenges of the COVID-19 crisis through adaptation and reimagining ways of working. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **17 August**.

**NCCPE Training** – the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement are offering a range of online 1 day courses covering: High Quality PE (**18 August**), Meaningful Online Engagement (**20 August**) and Evaluation (**26 August**). Each course costs £60 (£50 with PEP network sign-up). Details and book [here](#).

**French Culture Grants** – the Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France has grants <£500 to support schools engagement with French language and wider social, political and historical culture. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **31 August**.

**I'm A Scientist...On Demand** – I'm A Scientist, Get Me Out of Here is a long-running online competition project that aims to connect schoolchildren with STEM professionals and from **31 August** it's going 'on demand', running continuously with new content and scientists/researchers every month. The project will also include Humanities for the first time. Find out more and get involved [here](#).

**Being Human** – is a festival of the humanities held across the UK every November. As the 2020 event will be largely online there is still a chance to get involved by hosting a Being Human Café session of discussions about humanities research. Find out more [here](#) and apply [here](#), deadline **1 September**.

**Water SciArt Grants** – *Art and the digital: unleashing creativity for European water management* is an EU Commission project that aims to establish collaborations at the nexus of art, digital, and water that result in real world experiments and artistic works, installations and performances. Grants <€1,000,000 are available, details and apply [here](#), deadline **4 September**.

**Art History Essay Prize** – the Denis Mahon Essay Prize is awarded annually to a student (PG or UG) or recent graduate who has written an excellent essay reflecting the interests of renowned art historian, Denis Mahon. The prize is worth £2,000 and the essay will also be published. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **4 September**.

**ESRC Innovation Fellowships** – applications open for 3-month Innovation Fellowships to carry out impactful engagement projects with non-academic audiences. Projects must take place by March 2021 and applicants must hold a Social Sciences PhD at the time of commencement. Details available from [esrciaa@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:esrciaa@contacts.bham.ac.uk), deadline **4 September**.

**Citizen Science Collaboration Grant** – UKRI are offering <£375,000 for multidisciplinary research collaborations that involve citizens to address societally-relevant issues. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **9 September**.

**AHRC Engagement Fellowships** - support arts and humanities researchers whose work has a significant equality, diversity and inclusion dimension. The fellowship is worth up to £100,000 and runs for up to 12 months. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **10 September**.

**Cardiff Science Festival 2021** – will take place 18-21 February is now open for expressions of interest for events and activities. The next festival is likely to be a mixture of physical and digital activities, but with an emphasis on removing barriers to engagement. Activity proposals can be submitted [here](#), indicative deadline **14 September**.

**Science Film-making Training** – Blue Fire Films, run by ex-BBC science documentary filmmaker and academic, George Chan, is running one-day online courses on developing the skills to make engaging films in isolation. Training dates are **15 September** and **13 October** and the course costs £85+VAT. Details and book [here](#).

**Wellcome Engagement Funding** - this helps Wellcome grantholders engage the public with their research. Grants are worth between £10,000 and £250,000 for research enrichment grants, details [here](#), and smaller diversity and inclusion focussed grants of <£20,000 are also available, details [here](#). Deadline for both is **24 September**.

**Ingenious Awards** – is the Royal Academy of Engineering grant scheme, which provides £3,000 - £30,000 for projects that help engineers communicate their expertise and passion for engineering to a wider audience. This can include training and opportunities for engineers as well as public-facing work. Project that engage diverse or underrepresented audiences are strongly encouraged. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **28 September**.

**Art Event Grants** – the Paul Mellon Centre for British Art supports events such as lectures and workshops (including those for the public) relating to British art or architectural history. Awards are worth up to £3,000 for in-person events (when and where possible) or £1,500 for online events. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **30 September**.

**STFC PE Fellowships** – the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) is now accepting applications for Leadership Fellows in Public Engagement, which awards up to £160,000 to support scientists in STFC-relevant fields to become leaders in public engagement. Full scheme details and application [here](#), deadline **1 October**.

**Microbiology Society Grants** – education and outreach funds of <£1,000 is available to Society members to carry out microbiology-related public events and activities. Details and apply [here](#), deadline **1 October**.

## **External Events & Opportunities – Rolling/No Deadlines**

**Community Health Grants** – the Burdett Trust for Nursing offers <£10,000 through their Small Grants Scheme to empower health visitors to promote public health with vulnerable groups and communities. [Details and apply here](#).

**Population Studies Grants** – the British Society of Population Studies offers grants <£1,000 to members to organise meetings and events aimed raising public awareness of human population research from any perspective (e.g. biological, economic, historical, medical, social). Applications reviewed January, April and November. [Apply here](#).

**Ocean Events Funds** – the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) is offers grants < £10,000 to support workshops and events (including public-facing) relating to ocean discovery (e.g. plate tectonics, Earth structure and composition, ancient oceans, climate change). Details and apply [here](#).

**Severn Trent Community Fund** – awards grants of up to £250,000 for projects that relate to water and generate tangible community benefits. There are three tiers of award: <£10,000, <£75,000 and <£250,000. Applications **assessed quarterly** and you must submit your application at least 5 months before your project is due to go ahead. Details and apply [here](#).

**Infographics Guidance** – with the move to increased online engagement many researchers are seeking guidance on how to make and use infographics. See Q&A and tips from science expert designers and artists [here](#).

**Museum Fellowships** – the Smithsonian Institutions (US) is seeking applications from researchers who want to carry out research of relevance to museums and education, and to improve knowledge exchange through research at their sites and with their collections. Fellowships include a \$3,500/month stipend and travel grant and can last up to 6 months. No deadline, further details and apply [here](#).

**Ecological Society Training** – the British Ecological Society has made a [suite of workshops available on their website](#) to members and non-members (membership is free for students). Topics include inclusivity in engagement, Zine production, and digital content creation. Most courses are free to members and some bursaries are available.

**Science Communication and Public Engagement** – is a free short course aimed at early career researchers available on Futurelearn. It requires 6 hours' study over three weeks. [Find out more and sign up here](#).

**Talking Science YouTube Course** – experienced science communicator and presenter, Greg Foot, has launched a free online training course on YouTube that covers core content on the importance of engagement, audience targeting, how to use storytelling, creating demos and how to use video. [Find it here](#).

**NCAS Community of Practice** - the National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS) has started an online community of practice to support public engagement with atmospheric science. [Find out more here](#) or [become a member here](#).

**Omani Culture Grants** – the [Anglo-Omani Society](#) invites grant applications to support events and meetings that enable British nationals to gain wider knowledge about Oman and its culture, people, history, geography, economy, literature, art, music, languages, beliefs and customs. No maximum award value is specified and there is no deadline – applications are assessed **quarterly**.

**Community Buddy Scheme** – is a new initiative from the British Science Association that seeks to connect researchers with their existing group of local [Community Leaders](#). Find out more and get involved [here](#).

**Generation Solar** – is a new citizen science web platform to drive more efficient and responsible development of solar energy. It exists as a desktop version as well as an app. Find out more [here](#).

**Community Resilience Grants** – the Heart of Engagement Community Foundation has grants available for those supporting communities through the coronavirus outbreak, including those carrying out some types of outreach. For more details see [here](#).

**Science Journalism Resources** - [Script](#) is a free training and networking resource for journalists, scientists and others to communicate science in an engaging and accurate way. Find **free** online courses [here](#) and practical guides [here](#).

**ACE Emergency Funding Guides** - Arts Council England has opened a new round of applications for emergency funding to support projects related to Covid-19/coronavirus, [details here](#). They have also released details on [access support](#) and [BSL guidance](#) to ensure these opportunities are accessible.

**Being Human Training** – the [Being Human Festival](#) have released a new set of downloadable training resources covering; event formats, partnership working, venue selection and audience targeting. Find training [here](#), case studies [here](#) or apply to take part in the Being Human Festival [here](#).

**AHRC Funding** - follow-on funding of £30,000 available for AHRC-grant holders to explore innovative and creative engagements with new audiences which stimulate pathways to impact. Details and apply [here](#).

**Endocrinology Grants** – the Endocrinology Society awards grants <£1,000 to its members for public engagement activities to engage non-specialist audiences with hormones and the impact of endocrinology. Rolling, 6 monthly, deadlines, next is **23 September**. [Details and apply here](#).

[Lifeology.io](#) – is a platform to help scientists work with artists and storytellers to produce better visual science communication products. It's free to become a member and engage in learning opportunities and live chats and webinars about science art and scicomm. They've now also launched a Slack Channel, which you can join [here](#).

**NCCPE Guides** – the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement publishes a number of useful guides to help you plan your engagement ([PER Team does a couple too!](#)). They cover all aspects of planning, delivering an evaluating your PER project. [Find them here](#) (search 'Guides').

**Child Development Grants** – are available from the Waterloo Foundation to support the dissemination of knowledge and best practice to children and their carers, and to related professionals. Maximum award is £10,000. No deadline for submission, but end of February or mid-June 2020 preferred (to align with research funding dates). [Details here](#).

**Animal Welfare Grants** – the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust supports organisations and individuals with projects that encourage initiatives designed to improve animal welfare, promote alternative methods to animal experimentation

and their practical implementation or promote and encourage practical work in alleviating suffering and preventing cruelty to animals. [Details here](#), or [apply here](#).

**Community Engagement Online Course** - a new FREE online course for community engagement practitioners in low and middle-income countries is now live on The Global Health Network. [The Practice and Ethics of Participatory Visual Methods for Community Engagement in Public Health and Health Science](#) helps community residents to generate creative visual materials and foster discussion and learning about health and health research.

**Heritage Grants** – the National Lottery Heritage Fund supports projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Grants are worth £10,000 <£100,000 each for up to 5 years. Applications open **year-round**. [More details and apply here](#).

**Otto Harpner Fund** - supports short visits to Austria by UK residents (or vice versa), to undertake specific cultural activities that help foster relationships between the two countries. Awards are generally in the region of £500 but may be worth up to £1,000. Apply **year-round**. [Details here](#).

**Plant Pathology Promotion fund** – from the British Society for Plant Pathology to support projects aiming to promote an understanding and awareness of plant pathology to a wider audience. Funding is worth up to £2,000. **No deadline**, applications considered quarterly. [Apply online here](#).

**Animal Behaviour Grants** – the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour offers Public Engagement Grants of <£2,000 to members and non-members to create activities aimed at young people and/or the general public, to communicate the science of animal behaviour. **Open year-round** with outcomes in June and November, [details here](#).

**British Pharmacological Society Engagement grants** – grants up to £1,500 available to support outreach activities related to innovative pharmacology. Seed-corn grants of £250 available **all year round**. [Details here](#).

**Physiological Society Funding** – grants of <£500 available to members and non-members **year-round** to increase understanding and awareness of physiology, engaging study at higher education and beyond, and to promote The Society, its vision and its activities. Collaborative / creative applications encouraged. [Details here](#).

**Reaction Awards** - <£5,000 available to any researcher for public engagement activities provided the application includes research in an STFC-funded area of science or technology. [Full details here](#), applications **open year-round**.

**NC3Rs Public Engagement Grants** - up to £1,500 to support NC3Rs-funded researchers (past and present) to engage the public with approaches to replace, reduce and refine animal use in science. Deadline: quarterly, [apply here](#).

**Genetics Society Public Engagement Grants** - <£500 available to Society members to cover costs associated with travel and materials for public engagement activities relevant to genetics. Deadline: rolling, [apply here](#).

**Public Engagement Jobs** - career opportunities in Public Engagement and SciComm are often advertised through relevant JISC mailing lists. If you would like to hear about such vacancies please sign up to the [NCCPE JISCmail](#) and/or the [SciComm](#) list.

For more information, to ask questions or to let us know about other opportunities, contact us via; our blog at <https://thinkpe.net> by email: [engage@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:engage@contacts.bham.ac.uk) or Twitter [@uobengage](#)