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British Science Festival

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British Science Festival 2016 – ENGAGEMENT EVENT

The UK's most prestigious science festival is coming to Swansea in 2016 **and you can be a part of it!**

The British Science Festival 2016 provides opportunities to showcase your work and research on a national stage, to the media and the community, as well as colleagues across the University.

Whatever your field – from science and engineering to law, social science, the arts and more – there will be opportunities for you to get involved.

Call for proposals are **NOW OPEN** at the following link <http://goo.gl/forms/U3ZtKqpl0t>. The deadline for completed applications is **JANUARY 18TH 2016**.

To find out more about getting involved and share ideas, join our special event on Wednesday, 9th December, 14:00-16:00 at School of Management, Room 239, Bay Campus.

What's it all about?

The British Science Festival will be hosted by Swansea University in September 2016 and every academic at the University will have the opportunity to submit proposals for possible inclusion in the Festival programme.

In early November 2015, an 'open call' will be initiated through which colleagues will be able to submit their proposals and ideas for events and programme content of which at least 25 will be invited to form part of 100 events at the 2016 Festival.

Why get involved?

The British Science Festival has been running since 1831 and is one of longest established and media-worthy festivals in Europe. This annual event, which rotates between UK universities, attracts a public audience in excess of 20,000 visitors, plus science and general media from around the world. The festival has recently attracted some of the world's most prestigious science communicators including Paul Nurse, Brian Cox, Iain Stewart, Richard Wiseman, Alice Roberts, Tim Hunt, Bill Bryson and Maggie Aderin-Pocock.

Featuring research within the festival programme provides unparalleled profile and exposure at a local, national and international level. Bradford 2015 generated in excess of 2000 pieces of media content, including items with a truly worldwide reach. As an example, the huge stone monuments discovered buried close to Stonehenge were announced by the Stonehenge Hidden Landscape project at the Science Festival on 7th September 2015, and due to the presence of many of the world's leading science correspondents became a global headline.

The University aims to represent a broad spectrum of its world-class research activity at the festival, and as such wishes to engage colleagues from all Colleges, Schools and Departments in the call for content proposals. Festival content can be proposed in a vast array of formats, from presentations and debates to exhibitions, demonstrations and performances.

The Bradford 2015 programme can be viewed [HERE](#) for an idea of Festival content.

To give you a taste of the Bradford festival, you can view this 3 minutes highlights clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=2&v=L1dTRdOgVPI>

Find out more!

To assist colleagues in finding out more about the Festival and how to get involved, an event will be held on the December 9th 2015, 14:00-16:00 at School of Management, Room 239, Bay Campus. The event will feature presentations from the Swansea University project team and the British Science Association.

Topics covered will include:

- How you can get involved
- Why feature your research at BSF 2016
- What makes engaging, innovative and media-worthy content?
- Experiences of presenting at the Festival
- The application process

There will also be an opportunity for individual discussions on initial ideas with the BSA and the project team.

If you are interested in attending this event, please register via the link below :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/british-science-festival-2016-academic-engagement-event-bay-campus-tickets-19798190922>

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