



SPRING 2021

Public Engagement Newsletter

Feeling a little more optimistic with the recent announcements earlier this week, spring on the way and more settled weather, we hope this reaches you feeling positive and looking forward to possibilities of face to face public engagement in the not too distant future!

Our SOTSEF goes digital 2021 preparations are in full swing, with a full programme of events opening in just over a week. We are already seeing strong interest from across the country and internationally - an exciting outcome of going digital!

March also sees the much anticipated return of Research Cafe with our colleague TC, now firmly back in the PERu fold. Read on to find out more including an exciting internship opportunity!

SOTSEF Goes Digital 2021

Friday 5th - Sunday 14th March



SOTSEF 2021 is back... and we are still in full digital mode!

The second digital edition of the [Southampton Science and Engineering Festival](#) (SOTSEF), organised by the [Public Engagement with Research unit](#) at the University of Southampton, starts on Friday 5th March and runs until Sunday 14th March 2021.

You can now start exploring the [SOTSEF 2021 Live Events Timetable](#) on our official website to **book your tickets** and **save the dates in your calendar**. This year's live line-up spans a wide variety of topics, from animal research to the race against climate change, as well as numerous engaging workshops set to connect you to the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

The full programme of events and activities will gradually be released in the upcoming weeks with content fully accessible from March 5th. This will also include featured sections:

- **COVID-19 Special**
- **Teachers and Learners' Zone**
- **The Science and Engineering Shed**

Until then, make sure you join the brand new series **Darwin's Armchair** to get a taste of what is to come at SOTSEF 2021. Darwin's Armchair is a set of conversations about evolution and the meaning of Charles Darwin's work 212 years after his birth, hosted by Dr Neil Gostling from the [University of Southampton School of Biological Sciences](#) and Dr Sarah Darwin from [Museum für Naturkunde Berlin](#). Their first conversation is available to watch [here](#), whilst their second one will take place on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 8pm GMT. You can set a reminder to join the live session [here](#).



The banner has a teal background. In the top left is the 'Museum für Naturkunde Berlin' logo. In the top right is the 'University of Southampton' logo. On the left is a circular image of a Darwin figure in an armchair. In the center is a large red YouTube play button. To the right of the play button, the text reads 'Dr Neil Gostling and Sarah Darwin present: Darwin's Armchair'. Below this, it says 'Starting at 20:00 | UK Time'. In the bottom left corner are social media icons and the hashtag '#SOTSEF'. In the bottom right corner is a photo of a person wearing a VR headset. A dark grey bar at the bottom contains the text 'Watch Part 1 of Darwin's Armchair here'.

Please follow the hashtag **#SOTSEF** to stay up-to-date with the latest information. Join us, immerse yourself in the world of STEAM, and discover the amazing once more with SOTSEF 2021!

[Visit the SOTSEF Website](#)

Research Café returns!



Paused while our colleague Tony went on special assignment to Pakistan, the much anticipated next event;

Monday 8th March

7pm

PERu presents Research Café #39!

At this informal online event, you can listen or take part in three discussions with our researchers, on:

- Covid-19 and what we can learn for 'the next time';
- Disrespect and abuse during childbirth; and
- Connecting communities to alleviate loneliness and social isolation.

Visit the [Research Cafe](#) for further context, background, and to join the facebook group!

Register for Research Café #39 Event!



Health and Wellbeing Hub Coordinator Role

Application closing date: **5 March 21**

Interviews: **16 March 21**

Start role week commencing: **12 April 21**

We are currently inviting applications for our Hub 'programme coordinator'. This role is critical to the continued development and success of the Hub. Prior relevant experience is preferred but not essential; more important is well-developed organising, project managing, inter-personal and communication skills. The role would suit a mature undergraduate or recent graduate. More information about the Health and Wellbeing Hub can be found on our website [here](#).

To apply for this internship please use the button below to take you to the UoS 'My Career' site.

Apply for UoS Internship



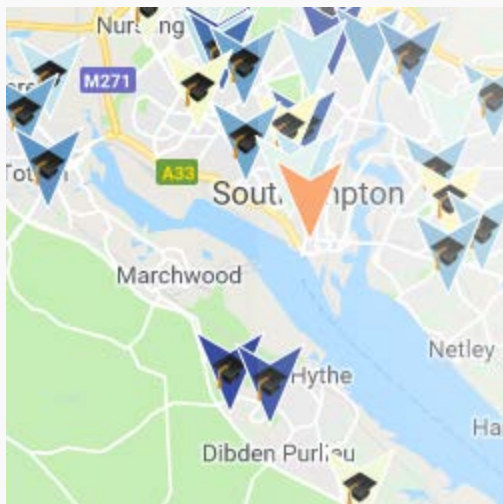
FameLab is an ideal way to **boost confidence**, **build networks** and **share research with new audiences**.

FameLab UK is open to anyone over 21 currently working in STEM, and the winners will participate in the FameLab UK final at Cheltenham Science Festival 2021. This is a fantastic opportunity for those who are interested in:

- Improving their communication skills
- Sharing their research with a public audience
- Joining a global network of researchers who enjoy talking about science

Training and heats are taking place in 9 regions around the UK, [find your nearest one here](#).

Participants can take part in FameLab as many times as they like, and keep improving each year until they become a UK finalist!



Please remember to use the Activity Mapping Tool, for logging your activities, reporting and connecting to like-minded folk across the university!

For any comments please email supo@soton.ac.uk

Activity Mapping Tool