



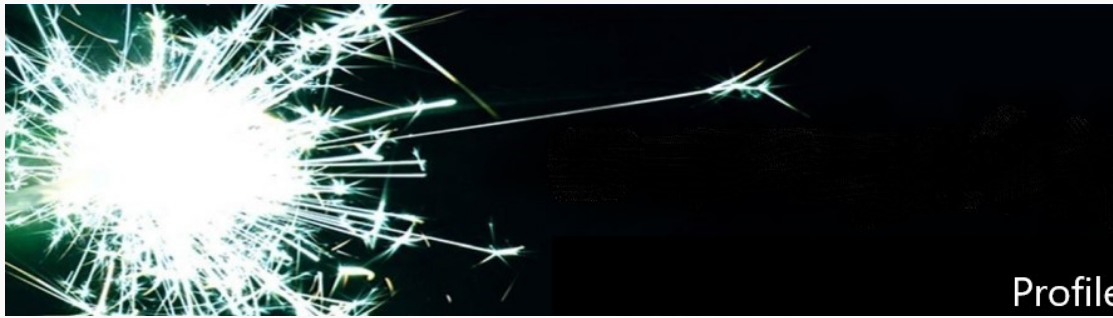
PERu Newsletter

AUTUMN 2020

Like many of you, we've had a busy - and very unusual! - summer at PERu HQ and things are continuing this way as we move through the Autumn term - at what feels like an alarming pace!

In this edition we share some team news, and highlight a variety of exciting upcoming events opportunities you can get involved with - not least our very own Network Christmas Quiz-Mingle!

We are also very pleased to announce the awardees of our 2020/21 PE Development (seed) Funding, and feature the ongoing success of a previous recipient-project, ACoRNS.



Tony Curran - Senior Public Engagement Fellow



September saw the very welcome return (from secondment) of **Dr Tony Curran** to the PERu team!

Tony resumes as Lead for our Spectrum of Public Engagement (ways in which staff and students can get involved with engaging people outside the University) and the PE Hubs (bringing together staff, students and the local community around themes of shared interest).

Well known to many, Tony is an environmental science communicator with a wealth of experience in engaging audiences on aspects of sustainability (food, biodiversity, energy and waste) including presenting environmentally-themed interactive shows.

A founder of the Bringing Research to Life Roadshow, he also created the University's Research Cafe and the popular staff/student 'University Challenged' quiz. Look out for some returning and new activities now 'TC' is back!

[check out Tony's staff profile](#)

In other team news, we are delighted to have the following student interns working with us this year:

Thea Hartman

Festival / Digital Communications Support

Tundun (Olatundun) Gafari

Health and Wellbeing Community Hub Coordinator

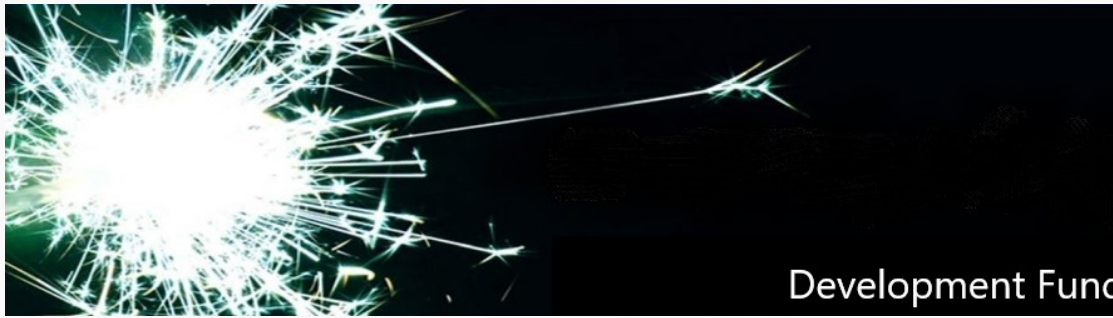
Fatima Ali

Nature and Biodiversity Hub Coordinator

And working alongside our Schools University Partnerships Officer Jess Spurrell

(in WP team)

Holly Smeeton and Josette Crispin

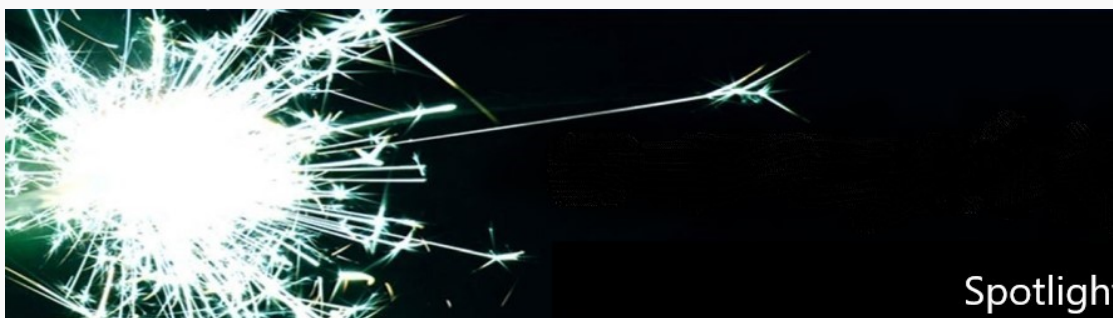


We have had a busy time reviewing the many applications to our PE Development (seed) Fund which came in during September.

The range and quality of proposals increases each year - making selection a tough process. We are delighted to confirm a number of exciting new projects for 2020/21, now detailed on our website.

In addition, we've been able to make several small awards to enable projects adversely impacted by COVID19 last year to complete their work.

[Find out more about this year's projects](#)





This term we shine a light on ACoRNS, a public engagement success story!

One of our 2016 Public Engagement Development Fund awardees, we've been excited to follow their progress - most recently, the opening of ACoRNS Sussex!

The ACoRNs team believe that the best way for autism research and practice to genuinely meet the needs of children and young people in the local community is to involve the local community from the start. ACoRNS therefore strives to:

- **involve autistic children and young people at the centre of research and practice;**
- **establish a co-constructed research agenda for identifying, investigating and implementing evidence-based practices in autism education;**
- **build a collaborative partnership between the University of Southampton, professionals, schools, early years providers, and children and young people.**



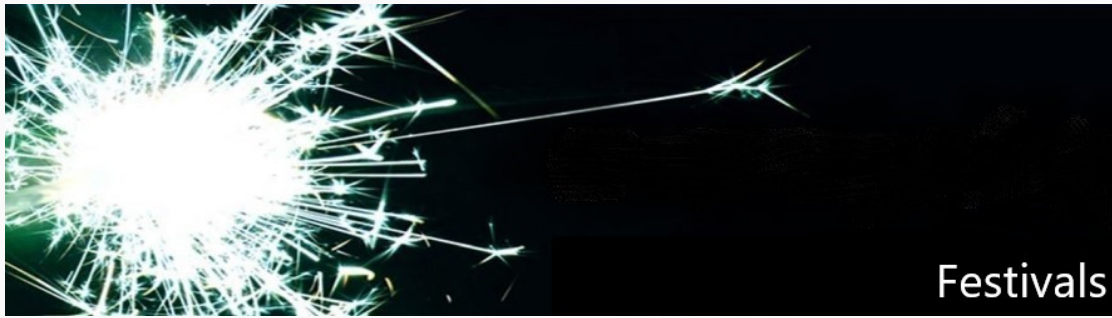
ACoRNS Free Live Webinar
Digital transitions: Learning from lockdown for the future

Friday 13th November: 1000 - 1200
(recording available from 2pm on the same day)

This online event will be an opportunity to share the important and innovative research that has been done with [Digital Stories](#) during lockdown to support the assessments of children for their EHCPs, and the transitions of older students with complex needs beyond school. These approaches were particularly important under social distancing measures and could also be helpful for the longer term.

You will receive a free information pack following the event, including a guide on making Digital Stories and relevant research summaries and papers.

[Eventbrite Registration](#)



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HUMAN WORLDS FESTIVAL

EXPLORING HUMANITIES AND BEYOND

12th – 22nd November 2020

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HANDS-ON HUMANITIES DAY

GOES DIGITAL

Sat 21st November 2020, 10:30 – 16:30

 **Book your free tickets**
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[Find out more about Human Worlds 2020](#)

Festival UK* 2022

Festival UK 2022 will comprise ten open, original, optimistic, large-scale and extraordinary acts of public engagement that will showcase the UK's creativity and innovation to the world.*

Bringing people together in astounding ways, the Festival will platform the full range of our creative imaginations by combining Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

PERu facilitated a recent multi-partner collaborative bid to [Festival UK* 2022](#) – we'll hear in early November if the UoS-led creative team make it through to the well-funded R&D stage.



Join us for the
Public Engagement Network
Christmas Quiz-Mingle!

Thursday 17th December

1300-1400

Featuring:

'Share and showcase your favourite/traditional seasonal customs'

Share the things that are special to you at this time of year whether they be favourite songs or music - seasonal displays or decorations - treasured items - particular foods or recipes ...

and:

PERu Christmas Quiz

With Dr Tony Curran as Quiz Master, he of University Challenged fame!
compete as a team or individual - but remember, its just for FUN!

Don't forget some festive food and drink ... we look forward to seeing you!

[Register your interest for futher information!](#)



Celebrating the social sciences!

Running from Saturday 7th - Sunday 15th November, Southampton researchers will be hosting a series of online events for the 2020 Festival, exploring topics such as Climate Change, Migration and Social Care.

From big ideas to the most detailed observations, join in to discover how social science helps shape society and our everyday lives.

Please keep an eye on the [website](#) for further information as events are added over the coming weeks.

If you have any queries, please contact the organisers via foss@soton.ac.uk

Unpacking migration: regional diversity and impact on services

Webinars on 3rd & 6th November



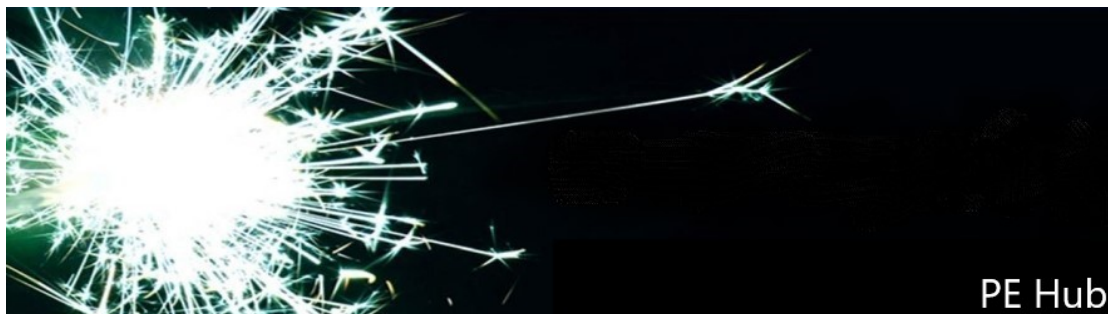
In this series of [migration webinars](#) leading experts will discuss the social and economic impacts of migration, and the outlook from migration modelling.

CPC Director [Professor Jane Falkingham OBE](#) will be speaking at the first public webinar on 3 November, and CPC member [Professor Jakub Bijak](#) will speak at the second on 6 November. A panel discussion with leading migration experts from universities and the third sector, UK parliamentarians and policy officials will be followed by a Q&A session.

Both are open to the public and you can register via [Eventbrite](#).

The webinars are organised and hosted by the [Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology \(POST\)](#) in collaboration with [Public Policy Southampton](#) and the [ESRC Centre for Population Change](#).

Please direct enquiries to postevents@parliament.uk



The Nature and Biodiversity Hub have collaborated on a blog post with John Kenny, a research fellow at the University of Southampton who specialises in environmental politics and public opinion.

The title of the blog post is: **'The relationship between support for environmental prioritisation and economic conditions'** and will specifically focus on environmental attitudes following the COVID-19 fuelled economic downturn.

There will be an opportunity to engage with the blog post with any potential questions during Human Worlds.

[Find out more about our PE Hubs](#)



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Poetic Science

In partnership with John Hansard Gallery and the Southampton Institute for Arts and Humanities, we are inviting research scientists, post-doctoral researchers and postgraduate students at the University of Southampton to take part in **an ambitious pilot project bringing together science and poetry.**

Poetic Science aims to foster an environment of multi-disciplinarity, supporting postgraduate students, post-docs and researchers in the sciences to develop creative engagement and communications techniques about their research through poetry.

Participants will access 2, two-hour late afternoon creative workshops delivered virtually between 30th November 2020 and 28th February 2021. Facilitated by an experienced creative writer, participants will develop their skills in poetry. Completed works will be showcased at a special Poetry @ JHG live public event, during the Science and Engineering Festival between the 5th - 14th March 2021

Please submit your expressions of Interest to: **Dr Ronda Gowland-Pryde** rjg3@soton.ac.uk under the subject: Poetic Science EO!; with your full name, contact details, job title, course/department and an overview of your research (350 words max).

EOI's will be reviewed and shortlisted with applicants notified of the outcome of their submission the week commencing 16th November. Participants must confirm their availability to attend 2 late afternoon/early evening workshops between November 2020 and February 2021 and the live event in March 2021.

[John Hansard Gallery](#) is part of the University of Southampton, and one of the UK's leading contemporary art galleries. The gallery supports, develops and presents great art by outstanding artists from across the world, and are proud to play a dynamic role in the cultural life of Southampton and the region.



Southampton a Mental Health Friendly City

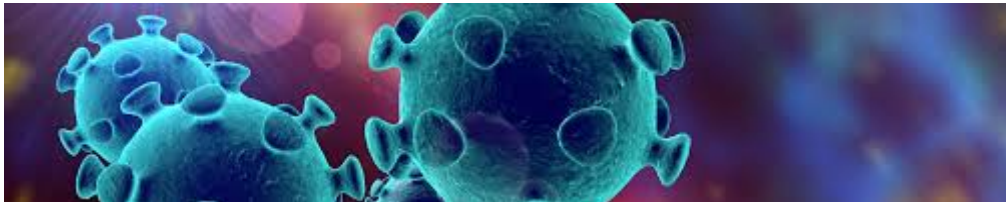
Communicare in Southampton have been leading for the last 18 months on the development of Southampton Mental Health Network (SMHN).

A survey has been launched to ask people who live or work in the city of Southampton what they think about the aim of Communicare, to make Southampton a Mental Health Friendly City.

Please help if you are able to, using the link below, and pass onto family and friends within the City too!

<https://bit.ly/3ljfyx2>

(the survey will be open until the end of November)



**Research project: Retrospective Survey of Prevention,
Treatment, Occurrence and Outcomes of Covid-19 in the
community (RTO-Covid-19)**

(Faculty of Medicine)

Covid-19 is new, so we need to learn from everyone's experiences. There are so many things we need to understand, for example:

- Why do some people develop serious illness while others don't?
- Which preventive measures work - and which don't?
- Which treatments work - and which don't?.

The results of the study will be published in scientific publications, sent to participants who provide their email address, published online, and sent to key stakeholders.

How can people take part?

Anyone who is able to provide consent can take part by going to the [online survey](#).

Further Information

Covid-19 prevention and treatment: www.rtocovid19.com

See also: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/research/projects/rto-covid-19.page>