



Public Engagement Opportunities at the Museum of Natural History October 2018 - May 2019

There are a number of public engagement with research opportunities coming up at the Museum of Natural History in 2018 and 2019 to coincide with the Museum's upcoming temporary exhibition Bacterial World.

BACTERIAL WORLD

The Bacterial World exhibition will explore the role that bacteria had, and continue to have, in shaping the Earth, its environments and its living inhabitants. Based on a journey through different scales, the visitor will start with the broad themes – the past and present Earth, the atmosphere, oceans and land – before moving closer to look at symbiotic relationships with plants and animals. The final section will bring the visitor closer still, to see the diversity of bacteria, how they communicate, swap genetic material, fight, move and rapidly evolve to be the most diverse, important and misunderstood form of life on the planet.

The Museum would like to explore themes in the exhibition further and look at topics and areas of research we haven't been able to cover in the exhibition through an accompanying programme of events.

LATE NIGHT: UNCULTURED

Friday 19 October, 7-10pm

The Museum Late Night is an evening event aimed at our adult audience. Uncultured, is the opening night of the exhibition - 19 October. It will be an evening of performances, workshops, talks, and art. If you are interested in giving a short talk or delivering a fun activity aimed at adults about your research then please get in touch.

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SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY: MICRO WORLD

Saturday 24 November, 12-4pm

We are looking for researchers to develop and run their own activities based on their research for a family audience. Super Science Saturday is a biannual large science fair with around 5000 visitors attending. Public Engagement training will be offered by the Museum for any researchers that would like it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flyke2o5KU>

If you are interested in being involved or would like to know more about the event then please contact Carly Smith-Huggins:

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SCIENCE SHORTS

*Saturdays, 14:30-15:00: 1 December, 12 January,
2 February, 6 April*

Short 20 minute talks with no slides, with 10 minutes for questions about your research for an adult but general audience. Perfect opportunity for early career researchers that would like an opportunity to engage the public with their research.

A member of the Public Engagement team will meet with you to give you tips on how to structure the talk for a general audience.

For more information or if you are interested, please contact Ellie Grillo using the email address below.

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PARTY IN A PETRI DISH

Tuesday 11 December 7-9.30

Fun and festive bacteria themed evening. We are hoping to run Bacteria Bingo, Christmas carols with a bacteria twist, christmas science quiz, and making bacteria inspired baubles. We would love to have some researchers involved, especially if their research can be linked, however loosely to bacteria and christmas. Or if you have a game based on your research that you have developed or would like to develop then we would love to hear from you.

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MICROBIAL MEEPLES

Thursday 8 November, 7-10pm

The Museum has partnered up with board game cafe Thirsty Meeples for this event. Guests will be able to play a host of microbial-themed board games under the dinosaurs. We are looking for researchers to run a couple of stalls during the evening. Players will be able to come and visit inbetween playing games in order to get some information on some of the science behind the games.

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