

## Update

### **A genetic health service? Registration now open for Gengage's first annual conference**

Healthcare genetics is a rapidly evolving area of science with implications for both policy making and society. What impact will advances in genetic medicine have on the day-to-day delivery of healthcare services? How can education and science engagement activities increase public understanding and debate about these issues?

This conference will bring together healthcare professionals, policy makers, patient groups, researchers, science communicators and public engagement practitioners to discuss and debate these questions.

The day will look at developments in genetic medicine in the context of Scottish Government policy and explore the challenges of an increasing role for genetics in the diagnosis and management of many conditions. Practical workshops will share good practice case studies and offer the opportunity to learn new public engagement skills and techniques.

More details are available on our website including information about how to register

<http://www.gengage.org.uk/page.php?id=7>

## News

### **Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act: A Retrospective**

On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 the ESRC Genomics Forum ran a 'Retrospective' on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, examining the nature of the public debate leading up to the Act, and how this debate influenced the policy-making process. Reports from the event including the presentations are available at

<http://www.genomicsnetwork.ac.uk/forum/news/latestnews/title,8550,en.html>

## Funding opportunities

### Scottish Government Science Engagement Grants

This year's Science Engagement grant scheme is now open, and the deadline for applications is 1pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009. For more details visit the Scottish Government website -

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/science/16607/Scienceengagement/engagement-grants/current>

## Events

Listed below are events taking place in May. Visit our website for further details <http://www.gengage.org.uk/events.php>

### BIG Science Festivals Workshop

6<sup>th</sup> May, London

### Activities for Teenagers

8<sup>th</sup> May, Edinburgh

### NESTA FameLab 2009 Science Communication Competition regional heat

9<sup>th</sup> May, Edinburgh

### Cancer Genetics Group Spring Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, Glasgow

### Innovative Therapies and Rare Diseases

14<sup>th</sup> May, London

### Personal genetic data, do we need to know?

14<sup>th</sup> May, Cambridge

### Wellcome Trust Engaging Science grants workshop

22<sup>nd</sup> May, London