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Update

Gengage publications

The Autumn '09 edition of the Gengage Newsletter will be published at the end of August. If you have not previously signed up for the newsletter but would like to receive a copy please inform us via our website below. Please note there will be no e-bulletin for August and that the next edition of the e-bulletin will be our September issue.

<http://www.gengage.org.uk/involved.php>

Current staffing situation

Pending confirmation of second year funding from Scottish Government, Gengage is operating without a full-time Network Officer. Network activities are currently being maintained by part-time secretarial staff. We hope to advertise the Network Officer post shortly. In the meantime, your communications will continue to be answered, so please do not hesitate to get in touch via the usual methods.

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News

Opportunity for Democs facilitation training

Democs (deliberative meeting of citizens) is part card game, part policy-making tool that enables small groups of people to engage with complex public policy issues. The ESRC Genomics Policy & Research Forum has commissioned a version of Democs on synthetic biology, to be rolled out across Scotland between August and October 2009. As part of this project interested individuals and organisations have the opportunity to participate in Democs facilitation training in early August 2009, and act as volunteer facilitators during the roll-out. For further details please visit our website:

<http://www.gengage.org.uk/projects.php?id=98>

House of Lords publish report on Genomic Medicine

The House of Lords Science and Technology Committee has called for tighter controls of the private genetic testing industry as part of their report recently published on Genomic Medicine. Details of the report may be found via the following link:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldselect/ldsctech/107/107i.pdf>

Funding opportunities

Edinburgh Beltane Public Engagement Fellowships Call for Applications

The next closing date for the Edinburgh Beltane Public Engagement Fellowships is 31 July 2009. For more details please visit the Edinburgh Beltane website.

<http://edinburghbeltane.wordpress.com/pe-fellowships/>

Recent publications and resources

Patients' Rights Bill for users of the NHS in Scotland: Consultation Analysis Report and Scottish Government Response: Quick Read Summaries

On 14th January 2009 Gengage submitted a response to the Scottish Government Health Department's public consultation on the Patients' Rights Bill for users of the NHS in Scotland. The Scottish Government have recently published a consultation analysis report and their response to the submissions. For further details please visit the Scottish Government publications website.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/07/08160314/0>

Events

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

Edinburgh International Book Festival - Belief in Evolution: What Does it Mean?

20th Aug, Edinburgh

Edinburgh International Book Festival - Do We Need to Know Our Personal Genetic Data?

21st Aug, Edinburgh

Edinburgh International Book Festival - Genetics and Identity in the Year of Homecoming

27th Aug, Edinburgh

British Human Genetics Conference

31st Aug – 2nd Sep, Warwick