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## Update

### **A genetic health service? Gengage's first annual conference**

The first annual Gengage conference took place in Glasgow on 17<sup>th</sup> June. We were delighted to welcome over 90 delegates from a range of backgrounds including healthcare professionals, policy makers, patient groups, researchers, science communicators and public engagement practitioners and would like to thank all those who participated in what were "some very thought-provoking discussions". Presentation slides from the plenary sessions and a full conference report will soon be available to download from our website.

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

### **Thank you**

Gengage would like to thank Hilary Osborne for her excellent work as Network Officer and wish her all the best in her new post. A new Network Officer will be appointed shortly. In the meantime, you can continue to contact us using the usual methods -

[genadmin@gengage.org.uk](mailto:genadmin@gengage.org.uk) or 0131 651 4750

## News

### **HGC consultation on direct to the consumer genetic testing**

Two expert working group meetings have been held to develop the common framework of principles for direct to consumer genetic tests. A note of the first working group meeting is now available from the HGC website. A draft of the principles will be released for consultation by the end of June.

<http://www.hgc.gov.uk/Client/Content.asp?ContentId=816>

### **Nuffield Council on Bioethics consultation on *Medical profiling and online medicine: The ethics of 'personalised' health care in a consumer age***

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics is holding a public consultation on the ethical issues raised by online healthcare, telemedicine and commercial medical profiling technologies such as DNA testing and body imaging. This consultation closes on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009

[http://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/go/ourwork/personalisedhealthcare/page\\_968.html](http://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/go/ourwork/personalisedhealthcare/page_968.html)

## Funding opportunities

### Wellcome Trust Public Engagement Awards

The Wellcome Trust provides funding through a number of grants to support public engagement activities. The deadline for the next round of funding is 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/index.htm>

### Edinburgh Beltane Public Engagement Fellowships

The next deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. This call is available to all academics and researchers from grade 6 and above (including Professorial level) working in higher education institutions which are part of the Beltane partnership.

<http://www.edinburghbeltane.net/>

## Recent publications and resources

### Heart to Heart: Inherited Cardiovascular Conditions Services

*Heart to Heart: Inherited Cardiovascular Conditions Services* is the final report from a needs assessment and review of current clinical services in the UK for patients with inherited cardiovascular conditions and their families.

[http://www.phgfoundation.org/pages/work2.htm#heart\\_to\\_heart](http://www.phgfoundation.org/pages/work2.htm#heart_to_heart)

## Events

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

### 6th World Conference of Science Journalists

30<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July, London

### Annual conference - Ethics for the 21st century

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July, Edinburgh

### Human Embryonic Stem Cells - Progress Towards Cell Therapy

14<sup>th</sup> July, Sheffield

### BIG Event 2009

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July, London