

Update

First e-bulletin published!

Welcome to this, our first, e-bulletin. We will be producing one towards the end of every month. Its purpose will be both to let you know what Gengage is currently working on but also bring to your attention any news, funding opportunities, publications and events which may be of interest.

We would welcome feedback from you about what you like or think we could improve in the e-bulletin. Please also let us know if you have any items which you would like us to include in future editions.

Spring newsletter now available

If you've not seen it already you may like to take a moment to look at our spring newsletter, available at <http://www.gengage.org.uk/publications.php>

A genetic health service? Gengage first annual conference

Gengage's first annual conference will take place on 17th June in central Glasgow. The event will allow delegates from across Scotland to come together and discuss the rapidly evolving area of healthcare genetics and its implications for policy-making, society and public engagement. Please mark the date in your diary and keep an eye on our website for information about registration which will open shortly after Easter

<http://www.gengage.org.uk/events.php?id=50&month=6&year=2009>

News

Scotland marks Rare Disease Day

Rare Disease UK had its inaugural meeting in Scotland by way of a Parliamentary reception in the Garden Lobby of the Scottish Parliament on the 3rd March. The Rare Disease reception was sponsored by Dr Ian McKee, who is a member of the Scottish National Party and an MSP for the Lothians. For more information on how to join this campaign contact Claire at claire@gig.org.uk

NESTA FameLab

FameLab is looking for people who are studying or working in science, technology, engineering or mathematics to enter its competition to find the country's most talented communicators. For full details of how you can enter, including competition closing dates and terms & conditions of entry, visit the website www.famelab.org

Funding opportunities

Wellcome Trust public engagement awards

The next deadlines for applications for both the People Awards and Society Awards are approaching. The deadline for the People Award is 3rd April and for the Society Awards the final date for preliminary applications is 9th April. For further details, visit

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

Recent publications and resources

Thoughts on running a consultation event

Gengage and GIG have now published an evaluation report of the consultation and launch event held in December 2008. The report gives a brief overview of the event and our thoughts on what went well and what we might do differently if running something similar in the future. To see the report visit <http://www.gengage.org.uk/publications/eventreports.php>

Events

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

Knowledge Transfer Scotland: Policy and Practice Conference 2009

3rd April, St Andrews

Edinburgh International Science Festival

6th to 18th April, Edinburgh

Patient Information Conference: Getting Better Together

21st April, Glasgow

ISSTI Interdisciplinary Masterclass

22nd and 23rd April, Edinburgh

The Future of Genetics in Everyday Medicine

30th April, Edinburgh

Stem Cells as Therapy - Biomedical Conference 2009

30th April, Edinburgh