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– Update –

Gengage website: new online resources section

We now have a new online resources section on the Gengage website where we will be compiling links to useful genetics-related websites. Please take a look and let us know if you would like to suggest a page.

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

Launch of Genotype, the Genomics forum blog

Related news: August saw the launch of Genotype, the Genomics Forum departmental blog.

<http://esrcgenomicsforum.blogspot.com/>

– News –

Edinburgh Beltane

Public Engagement Challenge 2010/2011!

Staff and students of Edinburgh Beltane's 16 partner institutions are invited to put forward their ideas for:

- **Pilot Public Engagement Projects**
- **Pilot Cultural Change Projects**

The Beacons for Public Engagement aim to promote a culture change in universities, assisting staff and students to engage with the public. The Public Engagement Challenge will enable Beltane partners to test different public engagement methods and culture change strategies, share their learning and celebrate their successes.

See: <http://www.edinburghbeltane.net/news/apply-now-pe-challenge-20102011>

– Funding opportunities –

National Science & Engineering Week... Science for everyone!

'Communication' will be the theme for next year's National Science & Engineering Week, which takes place from 11–20 March 2011.

Funding of up to £500 is available for organisations and schools in Scotland to run NSEW events. Application is now open! Deadline 5 November 2010.

See: <http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/web/nsew/index.htm>

– Recent publications –

UK Biobank Ethics and Governance Council Workshop Report: Involving publics in biobank research and governance

The aim of the workshop was to inform the EGC and consequently the UK Biobank itself about a number of different engagement methods of public engagement. It was hoped that the outcomes of the workshop would assist the Council by providing evidence for how it might consider the issue of public involvement in terms of its own work and in terms of its advice to the UK Biobank.

The report may be found at:

<http://www.egcukbiobank.org.uk/assets/wtx062502.pdf>

– September Events –

Listed below are events taking place in September

British Society for Human Genetics Conference

6 September 2010, University Of Warwick

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority Open Meeting

8 September 2010, London

ESRC Genomics Network Fringe Event at the Greens Party Conference: The Politics of Plants

13 September 2010, Birmingham

MRC, onCore UK and ECMC Network Conference - Sharing Human Tissue: New opportunities, new horizons

15 September 2010, Birmingham

ESRC Genomics Network Fringe Event at the Liberal Democrats Conference: Pills or progress: what is needed to improve healthcare in Africa?

21 September 2010, Liverpool

ESRC Genomics Network Fringe Event at the Labour Party Conference: A secure society? Technological solutions to social challenges?

28 September 2010, Manchester

And in early October...

ESRC Genomics Network Fringe Event at the Conservative Party Conference: Why science needs social science: the case of genetics

5 October 2010, Birmingham

Visit our website for further details
<http://www.gengage.org.uk/events.php>