

Dear colleagues,

The PEARL Team is seeking proposals for public engagement with research activities to be delivered as part of the Being Human festival 2022. Proposals are welcome from all staff and postgraduate students. **Please note: The deadline for submission of proposals is 5pm, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Send your proposal to [pearl@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:pearl@lincoln.ac.uk).**

### **What is Being Human?**

Being Human is the UK's national festival of the humanities. The 2022 festival will take place 10th–19th November, with the theme 'Breakthroughs'. You can read more about the theme [here](#).

You can see details of Lincoln's 2021 programme here, which successfully received hub status and funding from Being Human: <https://pearl.lincoln.ac.uk/beinghuman/>

### **About the Being Human Hub Bid**

The PEARL team will be applying to the Hub Fund from Being Human, which provides institution-led programmes up to £5,000 to support the development and delivery of public engagement projects that engage targeted public audiences with one or more areas or humanities research.

Full details of the scheme can be found online, and we strongly recommend that anyone who wishes to propose an activity takes the time to familiarise themselves with the relevant information: <https://beinghumanfestival.org/get-involved> and <https://beinghumanfestival.org/sites/default/files/file-uploads/2022-02/BHF%202022%20-%20Hub%20Awards%20Further%20Information.pdf>

### **What kind of activity are we looking for?**

We are looking for proposals from researchers for activities that will enable a meaningful, two-way engagement between public audiences and Lincoln research in exciting and creative ways.

We are particularly keen to receive collaborative proposals where researchers partner with creative professionals and/or local cultural organisations.

For ideas and inspiration, please see the Being Human case studies <https://beinghumanfestival.org/resources/case-studies> or wider public engagement case studies from the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement <https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/do-engagement/inspire-me/case-studies>

### **What support is available?**

As the university's official Public Engagement with Research unit, PEARL can offer advice on the development of your activities, costings, and other logistical preparations. In addition to our support, The Being Human team run a series of online training

workshops every year and provide a wealth of resources and toolkits to those leading on activities.

As facilitators, the PEARL team will be overseeing the wider logistics of the Being Human festival. We will lead on activity promotions, coordination, evaluation, procurement, etc

HOWEVER, please note that PEARL is run by a small team and while we will support activity teams with advice and resources wherever possible, we are not able to lead on the practical development or delivery of any one activity.

## How to submit an activity

If you would like to submit an activity proposal for inclusion in Lincoln's 2022 bid, please send the following information to [pearl@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:pearl@lincoln.ac.uk) **no later than 5pm, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**

- A completed copy of the Activity Grid - [CLICK HERE](#) to download it.
- A summary of the costs you expect your activity to incur, as well as any specific resources you may need (such as student volunteers on the day to support delivery, etc). Please be aware that the total potential award of £5,000 is intended to cover all activities included in the Lincoln programme.
- Brief details about the team that will be developing and delivering the activity (i.e., yourself, any other staff, students, or external collaborators that will be supporting you in aspects of activity development or delivery).
- For activities that involve collaborations with cultural or community partners, a brief letter of support from each partner will be required.

Please note that all proposed activities must meet the following criteria:

- Activities must be intended to take place in a specific, accessible venue or location NOT on any University of Lincoln campus. Activities delivered digitally can be included.
- All activities must be based one or more pieces/aspects of University of Lincoln humanities research. This can be your own work, or the work of several researchers (staff or student).
- Activities must be aimed at a defined, public, non-specialist, non-university audience. Activities primarily targeting students or other internal groups cannot be accepted.
- We will likely know funding outcomes in late May to early June 2022. Therefore, your proposed activities must be of an appropriate scale that you and your team can develop the activity between June and October for delivery in early November.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,  
The PEARL Team