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Lincoln



## PEARL News - Issue 5

News & opportunities in public engagement with research at the  
University of Lincoln

### Pop-Up Exhibition: Really? A Dig on a Council Estate

Being Human Festival



Saturday 17th November 10am-4pm | Waterside Shopping Centre, Lincoln

Professor Carenza Lewis and Dr Ian Waites are running a [pop-up expo](#) in Lincoln's Waterside Shopping Centre, offering the opportunity to explore the surprising discoveries made by residents taking part in an archaeological dig on a post-war council estate at Middlefield Lane, Gainsborough. This event takes place as part of ['Being Human'](#), a national festival celebrating humanities research from across the UK. All are welcome to go along and talk to dig

participants to find out what the ['Middlefield Dig'](#) revealed about the estate's history and why it matters; examine the finds; or contribute your own memories of childhood play and ideas about social housing. There's also the chance to take part in lots of fun activities including a hands-on mock excavation, archaeological bingo and a tabletop test-pit dig with prizes available for winners. Contact [pearl@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:pearl@lincoln.ac.uk) or visit the [Being Human event page](#) for further information.

## Call for Speakers: Pint of Science 2019



**Pint of Science is an annual international festival taking place in hundreds of bars and pubs, simultaneously showcasing the latest research to the public in an accessible and interactive format.** In 2019, on 20th - 22nd May, Pint of Science will also be coming to Lincoln, providing a chance for the public to discuss research directly with the scientists carrying it out, and offering staff and students the perfect platform to engage a wider audience in their research.

We are **now calling for speakers** to share their research through an engaging 20-30 min presentation, followed by discussion. Possible themes for talks are as follows, however these are broad and flexible, and we are keen to cover topics from all of colleges: research from the College of Arts, the College of Social Science and LIBS fits into these themes too!

If you are interested in speaking at Pint of Science 2019, please submit your proposal [via this link](#) by **9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. Speakers will then be contacted during December 2018. Any queries please email [pintofscience@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:pintofscience@lincoln.ac.uk).



**Atoms to Galaxies** (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)



**Beautiful Mind** (Neurosciences, Psychology, Psychiatry)



**Creative Reactions** (Art & Science events, exhibitions)



**Our Body** (Biology, Medicine, Health)



**Our Society** (Sociology, Public Policy, Law, History)



**Planet Earth** (Earth Sciences, Plant Science, Zoology)



**Tech Me Out** (Technology, Engineering, Computing)

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**Recognition for Public Engagement with Research - the Lincoln Award**



Having the opportunity to chat to people beyond the University (the public, professionals, business people, children...) offers researchers a chance to have exciting conversations about their research; receive input and opinions, review the bigger picture, come up with new ideas, gain more funding, collect data, and more. In 2018 a new set of Vice Chancellor's Public Engagement with Research Awards was introduced: celebrating and recognising the work that staff, students and teams do in engaging the public with research. Recognition for public engagement with research activities is now being extended and offered as part of the student [Lincoln Award](#). Students may be involved in engaging the public within their own research, or in working with staff and students on other research projects. Engagement activities might include

organising a focus group, giving a demonstration, running a seminar, creating resources for the public, offering people the chance to participate in research, or being involved in wider engagement opportunities such as [Lights, Pint of Science](#) and [Summer Scientist](#). The Lincoln Award also offers students the opportunity to reflect on the range of skills they are developing through engagement activities, including: communication, project management, evaluation, resilience, problem solving, creativity. If you, or an undergraduate or postgraduate student you know, might be interested in having public engagement with research activities recognised as part of their Lincoln Award journey, please contact the Careers & Employability team ([lincolnaward@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:lincolnaward@lincoln.ac.uk)) or pop into the Careers Centre for more information.

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## Inaugural Professorial Lecture: Carenza Lewis

### Publicly Engaged Research in Action: Two Millennia of Discovery Through Archaeology with and Within Contemporary Communities

22nd November 5.30 (for 6pm) | University of Lincoln | Registration & further details [here](#)



The towns, cities and villages we all inhabit today were shaped over centuries, but most evidence for this has been obliterated by modern habitation. Professor Lewis' research encompassing academia, media, national heritage organisations and thousands of members of the public has shown how these lost histories can be recovered through excavation squeezed into such unlikely places as back gardens, revealing the impact of major historical phenomena as diverse as the Roman Conquest, the Black Death and World War Two while also enhancing peoples' lives today.

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## Resources & Opportunities for Researchers

Training: Project Management - An introduction



Planning an activity or element of your research that involves the public requires careful planning and management. This 'Project Management - An Introduction' course, organised by the University's HR department, is geared to help build an understanding of the project management lifecycle and provide key tools and techniques that can assist with successful, efficient project delivery.

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### Resource & Opportunity: Research for All Journal



[Research for All](#), co-sponsored by the National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement ([NCCPE](#)) is an open-access, peer-reviewed journal with a focus on research that involves universities and communities, services or industries working together, as well as developing models and practice in engaging the public with research. This resource provides inspiration for ideas on how to get the public involved in your research, as well as a case studies for best practice. In addition, if you are involved in engaged research, this journal may provide an opportunity to showcase this; contributions about engaged research in any area of study are invited at any time. Please find further details [here](#).

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