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# Science in Public Early-Career Workshop

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**Science in Public (SiP)** is an unfunded network for any and all people in the UK interested in science in the public sphere, in the very broadest sense. SiP was founded by postgraduate students in 2006, running holding annual conferences which were a central contact point for UK based research communities across many disciplines, alongside professionals working in the area.

## What is 'Science in Public'?

Inherently multidisciplinary, SiP members work on, for example, science in mass media, museums or online spaces; public engagement and participation; popular science and its histories; science, publics and policy; and science in fictions, art and cinema. Rather than forming another new field, the SiP Network aims to foster cross-disciplinary conversation across the many disciplines which address this topic, including science and technology studies, history of science, geography, psychology, cultural studies, media and communication studies, sociology, development studies, English literature, policy and political studies, literature and the arts. SiP also explicitly aims to foster connections not only across academic disciplines, but between researchers and professionals working in public engagement, science communication and adjacent areas of practice.

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Because SiP research is relatively 'young', we have traditionally had a strong presence from early-career researchers. However, due to the global pandemic, Science in Public has been unable to run a full conference since 2019. Therefore, this workshop creates the first opportunity for new generations of 'early-career' researchers and professionals to come together: with each other, senior colleagues, SiP Committee members, and expert practitioners, to discuss the present and futures of our communities across the UK.

We will begin with a **shared plenary** session on inclusive science communication with the International Network for the Study of Science & Belief in Society (INSBS) conference, which shares many of SiP's aims and interests. We will share a **networking lunch**, enabling attendees to introduce themselves to each other, speakers, members of the SiP committee and INSBS conference delegates. Following lunch, the SiP Early Career workshop attendees will move to a dedicated stream of activities, starting with an Introduction to the SiP Network and a **roundtable discussion of research-practice** in science in public. After afternoon refreshments, attendees will participate in an open discussion about the **future of SiP**, what shape they would like it to take going forward, and how we can all help best support colleagues who are starting out and working precariously in their careers.

To close the day, SiP and INSB attendees will reconvene for a **celebratory social** evening.

**Please read, and take note of, the Science in Public Network Inclusion Policy and Code of Conduct, available online at [this link](#).**

Time	Programme
11:00-11:30 <i>Peter Chalk Foyer</i>	Arrival, Registration, Teas & Coffees.
11:30-12:30  <i>Newman Blue Lecture Theatre</i>	<p><b>Plenary Session: Intersectional &amp; Inclusive Approaches to Science Engagement</b> (Joint Hybrid session with INSBS Network Conference, Zoom).</p> <p><i>Chairs:</i> Angela Cassidy (University of Exeter, Science in Public Network Committee Chair) Fern Elsdon-Baker (University of Birmingham, INSBS Network Director)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> <a href="#">Hana Ayoob</a> (Science Communicator and Illustrator) <a href="#">Nathan Bossoh</a> (Science Museum London) <a href="#">Tom Aechtner</a> (University of Queensland) <a href="#">Stephen Jones</a> (University of Birmingham)</p>
12.30-14:00 <i>Peter Chalk Foyer</i>	Networking lunch
14:00-15:30  <i>Peter Chalk 1.1-3</i>	<p><b>What is Science in Public? A brief introduction to the Network</b> [Hybrid, Teams]</p> <p><b>Roundtable: Pathways &amp; Roadblocks to Connecting Research &amp; Practice</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Angela Cassidy (University of Exeter, Science in Public Network Committee Chair)</p> <p><i>Panel:</i> <a href="#">Deborah Cohen</a> (PGR student and former BBC Radio Science Editor) Dreolin Fleischer (<a href="#">Exeter Engagement Network</a>) <a href="#">Sarah Hartley</a> (University of Exeter) Olya Petrakova (<a href="#">MakeTank Exeter</a>) <a href="#">Andy Jones</a> (Impact Fellow, University of Exeter) <a href="#">Ann Grand</a>, (Open University, Science in Public Cttee)</p> <p>Followed by open discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	Refreshments
16:00-17:00 <i>Peter Chalk 1.1-3</i>	<p><b>Discussion From the Floor: (Re)Shaping the Future of Science in Public</b> (In-person session: will involve paper, sticky notes, pens and props...)</p>
17:00-fin	<b>Networking Social</b>