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Call for Submissions for AHRC Science in Culture Ignite 2014

Proposals are currently invited for an AHRC Science in Culture Theme Ignite event which will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th March 2014 at The Natural History Museum.

Science in Culture Ignite 2014 will showcase the best of current interdisciplinary research across the Arts, Humanities and Sciences. The event will provide an opportunity to demonstrate the excitement of cutting edge research that crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries. It is a chance to show the viability of reciprocal research collaborations under the Science in Culture Theme.

Topics are expected to relate to the aims of the AHRC Science in Culture Theme, which is committed to encouraging mutual exchange and collaboration which is potentially transformative of each discipline.

The event is all about communicating complex ideas in a clear, effective and engaging style within a limited time period. The event will finish with a networking reception. Science in Culture Ignite 2014 will be open to the public as well as attracting an invited audience of journalists, academics and cultural professionals.

Proposals are invited from Early Career researchers based in the Arts and Humanities and Sciences.

About the AHRC Science in Culture Theme

The ‘Science in Culture’ theme aims to develop reciprocal relationships between researchers in the Sciences and the Arts and Humanities. It seeks to identify new avenues for cross-disciplinary innovation and stimulate advances in research which might not necessarily have occurred without mutual exchange. ‘Sciences’ in this context is framed broadly to include the full range and diversity of science across the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).
**Event Format:**

This is a Science in Culture Theme Ignite event. Ignite is a unique event format. Speakers are given 5 minutes to talk about their ideas accompanied by 20 Powerpoint slides, each of which are displayed for 15 seconds. However if, in exceptional circumstances, applicants wish to use fewer slides then the display time for each one can be varied accordingly. After 5 minutes, it’s on to the next speaker.

Since 2006, Ignite events have taken place in over 100 cities across the world, in venues from universities and research hubs to museums and cultural institutions.

All talks will be recorded and made available online to create further impact and encourage discussion.

**Proposals:**

Please submit your application online via [www.sciculture.ac.uk/ignite2014/applications](http://www.sciculture.ac.uk/ignite2014/applications) by **Monday 17th February 2014.**

Applicants are required to provide a title and brief description of their topic and explain how it relates to the AHRC Science in Culture Theme. Applicants should also submit an up to date CV (2 pages maximum) to sciculture@sas.ac.uk.

All submissions will be reviewed by a panel including the AHRC Science in Culture Theme Leadership fellow, Professor Barry C Smith. Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome in early March 2014 and will be invited to pre-submit their Powerpoint presentation.

**Application Process:**

08 January 2014: Science in Culture Theme Ignite Call announced

17 February 2014: Closing Date for Applications

Early March 2014: Notification of successful applicants

26 March 2014: Ignite Event Date

**Applicant Eligibility Criteria:**

We welcome applications from researchers who have applied under previous calls as part of the AHRC the Science in Culture Theme as well as from researchers who have had no prior involvement with the Theme.

To be eligible you must be an Early Career Researcher actively engaged in interdisciplinary research across the Arts, Humanities and Sciences. Early Career Researchers are expected to either be within eight years of the award of their PhD (excluding career breaks) or within six years of their first academic appointment. Applicants are also expected to be based at UK Universities.

**Contact:** Any questions about the Science in Culture Ignite event should be directed to Dorothy Fallon, Project Administrator, AHRC Science in Culture Theme, [dorothy.fallon@sas.ac.uk](mailto:dorothy.fallon@sas.ac.uk)