Launch of the Leverhulme Trust Research Programme

Making Science Public: Challenges and Opportunities

Monday 11 February 2013
Senate Chamber, Trent Building, University of Nottingham

09.30-09.50 Coffee and arrival
09.50-10.00 Welcome by Professor Sarah O’Hara (UoN Pro-Vice-Chancellor)
10.00-10.15 Introduction by Professor Brigitte Nerlich, Director of Making Science Public (MSciP)
10.15-11.15 Keynote Lecture by Professor Ulrike Felt, University of Vienna
Science as a ‘Public Good’ in Search of a ‘Good Public’
11.15-11.30 Coffee
11.30-12.30 The Politics of ‘Making Science Public’ (MSciP)
Dr Warren Pearce, Dr Adam Spencer, Dr Judith Tsouvalis (MSciP Research Fellows, UoN) with Q&A and discussion. Chair: Dr Alexander Smith, MSciP Senior Research Fellow, Warwick University.
12.30-13.30 Lunch and poster display by Institute for Science & Society (ISS) students
A dialogue between the MSciP Programme and science communicators at the University of Nottingham. Panellists: Dr Samantha Tang, Public Awareness Scientist, UoN School of Chemistry; Brady Haran, Video Journalist; Dr Sujatha Raman, MSciP Deputy Director, UoN; and Dr Richard Holliman, Champion for Public Engagement with Research, Open University. Chaired by Dr Pru Hobson-West, MSciP Lead Researcher, UoN.

14.25-14.35 Comfort break
14.35-15.30 ‘The Privatisation of Science is not in the Public Interest’
Debate chaired by Adam Smith (Reporter at Research Fortnight) with opening statements by Dr Alexander Smith and Beverley Gibbs (ESRC/Scottish Government PhD studentship on Scientific Citizenship)
15.30-15.50 Tea and poster prize awarded by Professor Jeremy Roberts (Dean of UoN Graduate School)
15.50-16.50 Open discussion reflecting on the day’s debates. Chaired by Professor Brigitte Nerlich with short contributions invited from Rt. Rev Dr Lee Rayfield (Bishop of Swindon, Member of the Society of Ordained Scientists and HFEA member), Dr Alice Bell (Sussex), Professors Reiner Grundmann (UoN), John Holmwood (MSciP UoN), Philip Moriarty (UoN), Paul Martin (MSciP Sheffield) and Ulrike Felt (Vienna)
16.50-17.00 Final comments and thanks
17.00-18.00 Drinks and canapés