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## August's top stories



### **We are now inviting nominations for trustees to the ASDC Board**

Are you keen to play a more strategic role in the nation's engagement with science? ASDC is now inviting nominations from all member centres for election to the board of trustees.

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### ***Ingenious* grant scheme for creative public engagement with engineering projects is now open**

Do you have an imaginative idea that helps engineers to communicate their expertise and passion for engineering with a wider audience? The Royal Academy of Engineering's *Ingenious* grant is a scheme for creative public engagement with engineering projects. The call is now open for proposals that aim to encourage deeper discussions between engineers and the wider public about the implications of engineering for society.



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## **Call to host the Ecsite Annual Conference 2013/2014**

Ecsite is looking for Host institutions to co-organise its Annual Conferences in 2013 and 2014. Institutions wishing to co-organise the Ecsite Annual Conference 2013 or 2014 should submit a proposal by October 31st 2010.

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## **Science Centre's success noted in Parliament**

The work of the Centre for Life in Newcastle is being supported by North East MPs who have been responding to an Early Day Motion (EDM) tabled by Chi Onwurah.

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## **Education Committee announce new inquiry: Behaviour and discipline in schools**

Parliament's Education Committee is announcing an inquiry into behaviour and discipline in schools. Written submissions are invited. If you currently work with young offenders, excluded students or students with behavioural difficulties, we would urge you to submit evidence to this enquiry on the work of your own organisations and science centres and museums in general.

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## **Invitation to contribute: Ecsite strategic planning consultation**

Following a recent decision to undertake a new strategic process, the Ecsite Board aims to reassess the Core and Strategic Values of Ecsite and produce

an action plan for the next 3 years. Having worked on the Core and Strategic Values, and proposed associated actions for each value, the Ecsite Board now formally invites the members of Ecsite to give their opinions and submit ideas on the implementation of these values.

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### **Making Fire with Water – Science Demonstration wins top accolade**

Staff from Newcastle’s Life Science Centre have scooped first and third place in top industry competition; ‘Best Demo’ which was held at The BIG Event, an annual conference for people involved in interactive science communication.

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## **New events this month**

### **Flash! Boom! Sizzle!**

‘School’s out’ but young scientists don’t have to wait until September for their next science fix at the Lifelab within the Life Science Centre, as a 2 hour highlight event called ‘Energetic Chemistry’ takes place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August for 13-18yr olds who simply can’t get enough science and are keen to learn beyond the limits of the school curriculum.

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### **The Little Event returns to Thinktank**

The Little Event returns to Thinktank in Birmingham on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 10am – 5pm and **they have 15 bursaries available to cover your costs!** Similar to the BIG Event, the Little Event is for people who are relatively new to STEM communication, whether they work in a science centre or museum, volunteer for a festival, are involved in university outreach, or do anything else to engage people with sciences.

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### **Slavery Remembrance Day Festival**

Henry Olonga the first Black cricketer to represent Zimbabwe at international level who also publicly protested against Robert Mugabe's government launches the Slavery Remembrance Day Festival with a free memorial lecture on Friday 20 August 2010, 6pm at the Merseyside Maritime Museum, Albert Dock.

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### **Women Mean Business – UKRC National Conference 2010**

In a time of recession and recovery, innovation, enterprise and talent are key - and gender equality matters all the more. Join UKRC's 'Women Mean Business' conference to celebrate and emphasise the contribution of women as scientists, engineers, technologists and more.

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### **UWE Science Communication Masterclass**

There is just over six weeks to go until registration closes for the UWE Masterclass - an intensive course created to provide professional development in science communication. It draws on the existing expertise of the team that delivers UWE's popular and practical MSc in Science Communication. Places are filling up fast!

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### **Museums Association Conference and Exhibition**

The Museums Association annual conference and exhibition is Europe's largest museum and gallery event, with over 1,400 museum professionals coming together to discuss the key issues affecting the sector. Themes for this year include 'Working in Partnership', 'Whose Museum is it anyway?' and 'Showing off'.

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