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April's top stories

Volunteering support for Science and Discovery Centres



Volunteering England is the national volunteering development agency, representing and supporting organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors in England. Find out they can help science and discovery centres with their volunteering provision.

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A Wellcome Trust public survey reveals public support for research



The Wellcome Trust have recently published a large-scale report on public support for medical research, looking at the scientific literacy of the cohort they examined.

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Making Science Matter: Collaborations Between Informal Science Education Organisations and Schools



A newly published report from CAISE is now available, examining collaborations between informal science education organisations and schools

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Jodrell Bank plans new 'live science' visitor centre

A new Discovery Centre to inspire budding young scientists and showcase cutting-edge research 'as it happens' is being planned for The University of Manchester's famous Jodrell Bank Observatory

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New website developed by MLA to assist your work with Schools

An excellent new website has been developed by MLA to assist your work around schools in particular with strategic planning.

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The Living Rainforest's Sustainability Conference: Feedback & Materials

Copies of the powerpoint presentations from The Living Rainforest's successful Sustainability Conference are now available

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Futurelab prepare to publish conclusions of its latest research into home-school relationships & digital participation

FREE copies of the latest 2 handbooks from Futurelab can be pre-ordered here along with further information on the project. Due to be published are 'Developing the home-school relationship using digital technologies' and 'Digital literacy across the curriculum'.

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New events this month

2010 Science Communication Conference

We encourage all of our science and discovery centres to come to the 2010 Science Communication Conference, for which registration is now open. The conference is in partnership with The British Science Association and The Wellcome Trust and this year's theme is 'Audiences for Engagement'.

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Ecsite Annual Conference 2010 – Business Bistro Registration is still open

A limited number of places are still available for the Business Bistro at this years' Ecsite Annual Conference in Dortmund. These provide an excellent opportunity for networking with delegates and are an integral part of the Annual Conference.

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Regional STEM Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Conference in Exeter

On 26 April 2010, in collaboration with SLIM, STEM SW is hosting a regional STEM Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Conference in Exeter. Excellent opportunity to learn about different approaches to STEM IAG, network across education and business sectors, find out about support and resources available and debate the issues

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ASTC Annual Conference 2010

An excellent excuse to combine work with a holiday – the ASTC Annual Conference is this year being held in Hawaii, with a theme of *Ho'okele – To Navigate*. For full details and to book your place read on.

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Museums Association Conference & Exhibition

Bookings and details about exhibiting are now open for The Museums Association annual conference to be held in October 2010 in Manchester. Themes for this year include 'Working in Partnership' and 'Whose museum is it anyway'.

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BIG Event 2010 – “Parallel Worlds”

This year's BIG Event will be held at the Centre for Life and CultureLab in Newcastle upon Tyne, and will carry the theme 'Parallel Worlds'.

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International Year of Biodiversity

The latest information on events and news items for the International Year of Biodiversity are now available.

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Cheltenham Science Festival

Tickets are now available for the renowned Cheltenham Science Festival – this year exploring the theme of ‘Decadence’ and featuring guest directors Professor Brian Cox and chef Heston Blumenthal.

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