



## PEARL News - Issue 9

News & opportunities in public engagement with research at the  
University of Lincoln

### FEATURED NEWS...

#### Pint of Science 2019 Comes to Lincoln



On May 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 University of Lincoln staff and students took their research to the pubs of Lincoln as Pint of Science came to the city for the first time. 18 talks were given by 20 researchers across 3 evenings in 3 venues. The Lion & Snake, Caffè Portico and The Pessimist welcomed members of the public to come and explore the discoveries of University of Lincoln researchers.

Talk topics included 'Being a virtual patient – does it help?', 'Promoting optimal experiences in exercise: time to change our approach?', 'A byte of music' and 'Why does

inspired to find out more about the topics presented, and 99% wanting to attend similar events in the future:

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*"Very educational evening, well done! Will be back for more."*

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For speakers, the evenings offered a space to explore research with a new audience and discover more about perspectives on their topics in an informal setting where audiences could ask questions, making the event:

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*"...more of a conversation than a talk".*

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development before birth matter for childhood and adolescence?'. The research festival offered the chance for all to come and be curious about the future of science, with talks delivered in a format described as:

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*"...really accessible and easy to understand; a perfect introduction to this topic for everyone."*

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Attendees rated the experience as a highly enjoyable event, with 97% of evaluation survey respondents saying they had learnt something new, 84% being

In a survey on the experience 100% of those speaking at the festival said they enjoyed the event and would recommend taking part to colleagues, with comments describing the festival as a:

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*"...fantastic opportunity to reach a wider audience at a relaxed and enjoyable event."*

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Lincoln's first ever Pint of Science festival took the city by storm, throwing open the doors to research and discovery for all to enjoy.

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## PEARL Grant-holder launch event: International Working Group for the Prevention of Online Sex Offending



A new report, involving over 2,000 experts in online child sex offending, has made strong recommendations on how to better prevent the growing problem of child sexual offending on the internet. Policy makers, representatives from child services, treatment providers, law enforcement agencies and academia were invited to a PEARL Activity grant-supported launch event on 21st June, where the [report](#) was released.

The report's recommendations come amid the group's concerns about 'epidemic levels' of child sexual exploitation material (CSEM) offending online. The number of UK-related case referrals received by the National Crime Agency from the online industry almost trebled between 2016 and 2018 - rising from 43,072 case referrals in 2016 to 113,948 in 2018.

Key recommendations include; promote public engagement; develop an international agreement; establish effective training and development; develop programmes of prevention focused research. Working with those in international law enforcement, academia, offence management, and treatment services IWG\_OSO is developing a framework for better online child sexual offence management and prevention. For further details contact [onlineprotect@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:onlineprotect@lincoln.ac.uk).



Community Learning in Partnership (CLIP) and the University of Lincoln have collaborated to bring Café Scientifique to Market Rasen, a place to explore the latest ideas in science and technology. The first Café Scientifique shared research on The Science of Sleep, delivered by Professor Graham Law. The event, held at Café Clip, Market Rasen, proved a sell-out success:

*"Judging by the feedback we received people were delighted with the evening. Professor Law was both an entertaining and informative speaker. He has promised to come back next year to talk about his latest research into microbes and their impact on our health."*

Ray Mason, Event Organiser

Audience members were given the chance to consider some of the science and popular myths surrounding sleep and were involved in a lively question and answer session.

The next café scientifique will be held at Café Clip on July 3rd 7.00 - 9.00 pm on 'The Future of Food Production' delivered by Isobel Wright and Dr. Shaun Coutts (Lincolnshire Institute for Agri-Food Technology) - to book, contact Ray Mason on 01673 843489 or [ray@cliplearning.com](mailto:ray@cliplearning.com)

## Lincoln Established as a City of Sanctuary



On Monday 3rd June, the official launch of Lincoln as a [City of Sanctuary](#) took place, celebrating the work being undertaken in Lincoln and the surrounding region to support those who have come to the UK in search of sanctuary. Lincoln City of Sanctuary is comprised of individuals, local businesses, organisations, institutions and faith community members, including representatives from the University of Lincoln, working to welcome and support those fleeing conflict, disaster, and similar. The network will support communities by bringing together and developing activities that support sanctuary seekers, including sharing University research.

50 attendees from community and local organisations, faith groups, the City and County Councils and University of Lincoln, including colleagues from the [Justice, Arts and Migration Network](#), came together to share their inspirational stories and plans for the future; making connections to support and link all of the projects moving forward, inspire others to get involved and start further initiatives that support sanctuary in the region. More details of the event are available [here](#), or contact Ben at [info@lincoln.cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:info@lincoln.cityofsanctuary.org) for further information.

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## Students celebrate success at Research Higher Graduation ceremony



On June 5th Year 12 students from schools and colleges across Lincolnshire celebrated their hard work and achievement at the Research Higher Spring Graduation ceremony at the University of Lincoln. Research Higher offers pupils the chance to participate in an 8-week course offering an immersive experience of University life.

The experience includes seminars and lectures delivered at the University as well as embarking on independent study to design and complete a research project. The programme offers the chance to experience Higher Education whilst developing research skills. Student research projects are themed around Higher Education, offering a unique chance for students to gather insider research about what enables HE participation within their locations. Project topics included 'how gender influences degree choices' and 'how student finance affects decisions to go to university'.

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*"I've learnt how to put a formal report together, do some research, make questionnaires and do it in a university style. It's really helped prepare me for as future at uni. It was really good to be in the lectures to see how that worked out, because it's a bit different to being in the classroom."*

Jessica Haines, a Year 12 student at St George's Academy

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For full article on the event visit [LincHigher](#), and to find out more about the project visit [ResearchHigher](#).

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## Events...

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### Café Scientifique: The Future of Food Production

Isobel Wright & Dr. Shaun Coutts

3rd July 2019 | 7pm-9pm | Café CLIP, Market Rasen

To book, contact Ray Mason - 01673 843489 or [ray@cliplearning.com](mailto:ray@cliplearning.com)

Isobel Wright and Dr Shaun Coutts (Lincoln Institute for Agri-Food Technology) will look at the future of sustainable agriculture, outlining some of the research currently being carried out by the university. They will also consider how the role of the new technologies such as drones, robots and big data will change the way we produce food and manage the land for multiple



benefits. Tickets £2 (includes tea/coffee). To book, contact Ray Mason - 01673 843489 or [ray@cliplearning.com](mailto:ray@cliplearning.com)



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## There's No Place Like Home: Justice, Migration and the Arts

### PEARL Grant-Holder Event

5th July 2019 | 6.15pm-10.00pm | Canning Town, London

Registration & further details [here](#)



A free event exploring the relationship between detention, migration and the arts, headlined by award-winning poet and artist Lemn Sissay. The number of refugees worldwide has become a topic of concern and confusion in both places of departure and places of destination. There's No Place Like Home: Justice, Migration and the Arts is a mixed-media event exploring the relationship between justice, migration, detention and the arts. The event will be headlined by award-winning writer, poet, performer playwright, artist and broadcaster Lemn Sissay, who will read from his work and from the writings of detainee and novelist Behrouz Boochani. Boochani will speak via a live Skype link from Manus Island off the coast of Australia. The event will take place against the backdrop of an exhibition of images by award-winning photographer Hoda Afshar and the London premiere of an original composition by Simon Le Boggit. Image copyright of Hamish Brown and Hoda Afshar.

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## Inaugural Lecture | Lincoln Institute for Advanced Studies

Professor Mark Macklin | The Rivers of Humankind

10th July 2019 | 6pm-8pm | Co-op Lecture Theatre, Minerva Building

Registration & further details [here](#)



Drawing on more than four decades of research conducted throughout the world, Professor Mark Macklin considers how rivers shaped early societies and, more recently, how urbanisation, industrialisation and intensified agriculture have transformed river systems, compromising planetary health. Humanity now faces an existential environmental catastrophe of its own making and it will be on the world's most densely populated floodplains where this crisis will be played out. Interdisciplinary

catchment-based approaches are urgently required, and in the final part of the lecture Professor Macklin will explore solutions to these problems using contemporary geographical methodologies.

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## British Academy Conference | Representing Homelessness

18th-19th July 2019 | 9am-5pm | University of Lincoln

**Further details & booking** [here](#)



Homelessness is a lived experience for many thousands of people every day. This experience is routinely captured in different kinds of texts: newspapers, TV scripts, novels, expert research, government policy documents, and the law. Broadly-defined, texts have an enormous impact upon public perceptions of homelessness, but are also used by homeless people to represent their condition to others and to themselves. This multidisciplinary conference will examine the 'textuality' of homelessness across a range of areas, bringing together activists, journalists, artists, academics, and people who have personal experience of homelessness.

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## Conference | Education in the Age of Industry 4.0: Industry-Academic Collaboration

29th July 2019 | 11am-5pm | Isaac Newton Building, University of Lincoln

**Further details & Registration** [here](#)



The Industrial Strategy Green Paper (2017) highlights the importance of developing workforce skills to meet future challenges, and there is recognition, both nationally and within Greater Lincolnshire that more needs to be done to prepare current and future workforces for the challenges and opportunities of digitalisation. In January 2018 the University of Lincoln secured funding for the co-creation of a suite of modules and curricula to equip our graduates and workplace learners to meet the digitalisation challenges that our industrial partners face now and in the future. This one day national conference is an opportunity to share University of Lincoln findings from the Industrial Digitalisation project and to hear from industry and other educational establishments on their strategies to meet the workforce challenges of Industry 4.0.

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# Take Part in Research...

## Call for Participants - Study exploring feelings of loneliness in older adults

Contact Catia Caeiro [ccorreiacaeiro@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:ccorreiacaeiro@lincoln.ac.uk) for further details

### Feelings of loneliness in older adults

Researchers: Dr. Catia Caeiro, Ms. Amanda Tong, Prof. Daniel Mills, Prof. Kun Guo, Dr. Teresa Romero



**We are looking for older adults to participate in our project aimed at reducing feelings of loneliness**

#### What will I have to do?

- 1) observe varied images (e.g. animals, objects, abstract) on a screen, while a camera records your eye movements;
- 2) provide saliva samples into a tube to measure a chemical associated with sociability;
- 3) fill out a couple of questionnaires on life views;
- 4) wear a heart rate monitor around your chest;
- 5) play a game on a computer.

Where do I have to go to take part? University of Lincoln

How long will it take? 1h-1h30



#### Requirements:

- 60 years or older.
- No uncorrected vision problems (glasses or lenses are ok).
- To not eat, drink (except for water) or exercise up to 2h before the session
- To be able to visit us at the University of Lincoln

Data handling: All data is confidential and we do not collect any identifiable information from you.



**A voucher (£10) will be given after study completion to thank you for your time**

**To book a place or for more details:**

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Work mobile: 07581269930



## Call for Participants - Exploring burglary behaviours using immersive virtual reality

Contact Matthew King-Parker [mkingparker@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:mkingparker@lincoln.ac.uk) for further details

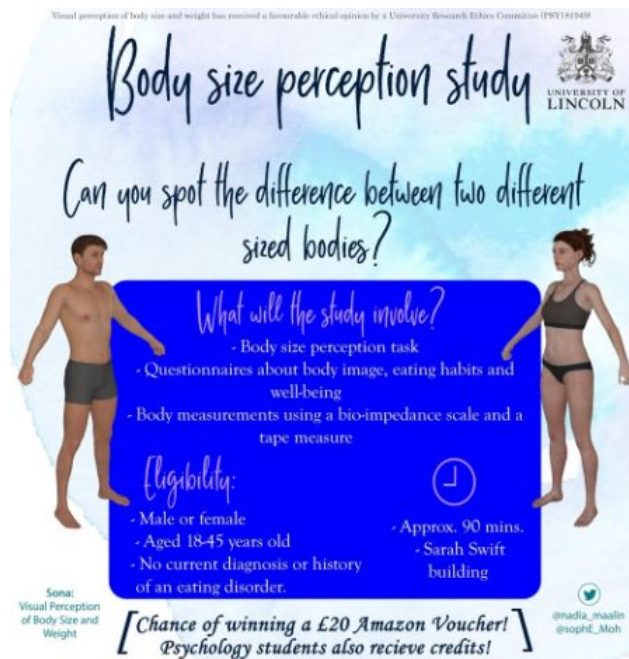


We are looking for people aged 18 years +  
You'll fill in a few questionnaires.  
You'll get to explore a house in VR!  
Fill out a few last questionnaires.  
Afterwards have an interview about your actions.  
It only takes a maximum of 1 hour

Any questions? Interested?  
Please contact Matthew King-Parker at [mkingparker@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:mkingparker@lincoln.ac.uk)

## Call for Participants - Body Size Perception Study

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