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#### Living Knowledge Website

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The newsletters are archived on the Living Knowledge website. Please recommend this newsletter to your colleagues and partners. You can subscribe or unsubscribe to the newsletter by sending a message to [livingknowledge@wilabonn.de](mailto:livingknowledge@wilabonn.de)

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### Living Knowledge Magazine

The new- and due to funding reasons probably last printed - issue of the Living Knowledge magazine is now published and is on its way to the subscribers. A pdf version of this issue can be downloaded from the LK website soon.

The Living Knowledge newsletter will remain. It is in discussion if future issues of the magazine will merge with the e-journal 'GATEWAYS: International Journal of Community Engagement and Research' being developed by UTS Shopfront, Sydney and CURL at Loyola University in Chicago (see below). Information about coming (online) editions and publishing co-operations can be found at the homepage of the Science Shop network [www.livingknowledge.org](http://www.livingknowledge.org). Contributions for the Living Knowledge newsletter and the website are always welcomed.



### Gateways

*International Journal of Community Research and Engagement*  
Gateways is an academic electronic journal concerned with the practice and processes of community engagement. It provides a forum for academics, practitioners and community representatives to pursue issues and reflect on practices related to interactions between tertiary institutions and community organisations; academic interventions in community; community-based projects with links to the tertiary sector and community initiatives. The journal publishes evaluative case studies of community engagement initiatives, analyses of the policy environment and theoretical reflections that contribute to the scholarship of engagement.

The journal addresses community engagement occurring across scholarly disciplines and at all levels of community, including: engaging diverse communities in capacity building initiatives, including young people, older people, people with a disability, Indigenous communities, and culturally diverse and interfaith communities; health promotion and capacity building; community cultural development (CCD); rural regeneration; housing and neighbourhood renewal; information technology (IT) and public participation; collaborative design and community safety; the environment and natural resource management; corporate social responsibility; social enterprise and social entrepreneurship; triple bottom line accounting (measuring economic, environmental and social outcomes). The journal also aims to engage academics and policymakers more fully with the concerns of the community and community engagement. It also seeks to articulate creative tensions between theory and practice.

Community engagement requires institutional change in the ways in which community, universities and government see themselves and their partnerships. There is also a need to promote the value of research that is needs driven rather than curiosity driven. Gateways will explore these vital concerns for the enhancement of Community Engagement in its many forms.



Jointly edited and managed by the UTS Shopfront at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and the Centre for Urban Research and Learning (CURL) at Loyola University, the journal is published by UTS ePress and available at <http://epress.lib.uts.edu.au>. Gateways welcomes contributions from authors working in both the academy and the community to submit articles dealing with both the theory and the practice of Community Engagement.

### Best practice, ideas and strategies

*Proceedings of the*

*3rd Living Knowledge conference*

More than 330 people from more than 50 countries joined one or more of the 18 sessions of the 3rd Living Knowledge conference, with its nearly 100 oral presentations, and explored the more than 30 posters, watched the videos, and discussed at Open space workshops. And there have been much more proposals for presentations which gave us – the organizers – the difficult task to accept and refuse. A documentation of the conference with detailed papers, its presentations, posters, pictures and videos is under preparation and will be available by the end of January 2008. Its availability will be announced on the Living Knowledge discussion list. To get an impression of the conference you can already have a look at some pictures and a conference video at [www.livingknowledge.org](http://www.livingknowledge.org)

### 4th Living Knowledge Conference, Belfast 2009

The Science Shop at Queen's University Belfast is delighted to confirm dates for the Living Knowledge 4 Conference. It will take place in Queen's University from 29th August to 1st September 2009. It will begin with an opening ceremony at 7:00pm on the 29th August in the University's Great Hall. Depending on interest a Summer School may also run during the day



on the 29th August. Emma McKenna and Eileen Martin would like to hear from you if you have any ideas for the conference or would like further information. [e.mckenna@qub.ac.uk](mailto:e.mckenna@qub.ac.uk) and [e.martin@qub.ac.uk](mailto:e.martin@qub.ac.uk)

### International Science Shop Office

*New address*

For daily businesses, information and communication about the network, Norbert Steinhaus from the Bonn Science Shop will be maintaining the international Science Shop contact point. Please change your references and links to the new contact point: International Science Shop contact point, Norbert Steinhaus, Science Shop Bonn, Buschstr. 85, 53113 Bonn, Germany, T. + 49 (0)2 28 201 6122, [livingknowledge@wilabonn.de](mailto:livingknowledge@wilabonn.de)

### New Name and Organizational Structure for Science Shop for Biology Utrecht

Starting January 2008, some changes took place in Utrecht with the Science Shops. The Dutch names changes from Wetenschapswinkel to Kennispunt. The other important change is the merging of the Science Shops for chemistry, physics and biology in to one Science Shop. The English name remains to be 'Science Shop', and more specific 'Science Shop, Faculty of Science'. The 'Kennispunt' now has two staff members, Ariëtte Dommering and Victor Winter. Also the Science Shops for Law, for Social Sciences and for Arts have been transferred into Kennispunt for the Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences and the Faculty of Humanities. The scope of the Utrecht Science Shops now is on SME's as well.

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### EC Calls

Area 5.1.1.5: Public understanding of science and promotion of public debate

*SiS-2008-1.1.5.1 Exchanges and co-operation of local actors on scientific culture*

This activity aims to exchange best practices and cooperation between cities (and/or regions) for the development of a scientific culture at the local level. Action in 2008 will focus on the creation of a European mission-oriented network of cities (preferably of different sizes) spe-



cifically constituted to cooperate on science in society issues. The network should ensure the performance of concrete actions such as: exchanges of best practices (twinning, coaching, networking); actions that can foster the co-operation of local actors on scientific culture in an attractive way; also using their scientific technical and cultural heritage; developing two-way communication between scientists and citizens. Evaluation will treat positively those proposals which propose actions liaise with existing Science Shops, science museums / centres or encourage the development of new Science Shops (or similar organisations) as a tool to provide local civil society organisations with the scientific knowledge they need. Existing network organisations should propose new partnerships with other structures and actors.

Expected impact: Actions for the development of a scientific culture at the local level should in particular bring together relevant local actors involved in science, culture, entertainment, education, local economical development, citizens' participation, media (e.g. local authorities, outreach departments in universities and research centres, science museums, science cafes, schools, libraries, Science Shops, citizens' conferences, local civil society organisations, local media, enterprises etc.). The European financing will not, however, support individual cities developing their local actions.

Other activities/areas open for proposals in the current call are 'Ethics and Science', 'Strengthening the role of women in scientific research and scientific decision-making', 'Encouraging cooperation and networking between scientific events organisers on public engagement with science'.

**Deadline for all proposals is Tuesday 18 March 2008 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time.**  
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm> , follow 'Capacities' - 'Science in Society 2008-1'.

### Connecting for Change

*Community-University Exposition (CUexpo) 2008*  
 May 4-7, 2008, Victoria, BC, Canada

Community-based research is an exciting movement of learning and growing for all involved. Goals of CUexpo 2008 are to celebrate and create opportunities for new community-university partnerships, to support research that is collaborative and community-based and leads to positive change and create a space for policy-makers and university and community representatives to take action on research, resource-sharing and research ethics. Several Living Knowledge network partner's proposals have been accepted for presentations and workshops. Themes for CUexpo 2008 are:

- Community-university engagement, partnerships and ethics
- Climate change and sustainable community green economic development
- Life-long learning, popular education and community / green mapping
- Youth engagement, food security
- Community and green economic development
- Women, poverty and social inclusion
- Homelessness, housing, health promotion and well-being

Information and on-line-registration at [www.cuexpo08.ca](http://www.cuexpo08.ca)



### Global Alliance in Community-Based Research

The question how to create new partnerships, teaching and learning opportunities, and project development and how to effectively organize multicultural and interdisciplinary collaboration connecting local community issues with the global perspective has been a main topic discussed during numerous national and international gatherings. Recently a consultation about the best ways to move forward with a Global Alliance in Community-Based Research was held on September 2 in Paris, after the 3rd Living Knowledge conference. There is strong support for linking up the various networks. It was decided for the time being to make use of the web-site and newsletter capacities of the LK network itself to stimulate debate, circulate ideas and move forward. Peter Levesque (Canada) and Rajesh Tandon (India) were asked to prepare an initial statement of principles for discussion. CUexpo 2008 will therefore also provide opportunities for networking across Canada and world-wide.

### Democracy 2007

The Rhône-Alpes Regional Council organized the World Meeting on the theme "Participatory democracy from the local to the global level: for what sort of development?" on 10-12 December 2007 in Lyon, France. This initiative put in light the extreme wealth of the participative democracy experiences from all over the world. Over 800 ideas or proposals came out of only one day's workshops and, with those from the forums and agoras on the second day, constitute the building blocks produced by the meeting.

Details at [www.democracy2007.rhonealpes.fr](http://www.democracy2007.rhonealpes.fr)



### Science Shops

#### Flyer, EU Website and Brochure

The EC printed a new flyer on Science Shops. This flyer focuses on different target groups, universities, students, citizens groups and local authorities. The flyer can be downloaded from the Living Knowledge website ([www.livingknowledge.org](http://www.livingknowledge.org), see section News). Printed copies can be ordered for free at the European Commission from [monica.menapace@ec.europa.eu](mailto:monica.menapace@ec.europa.eu). The new Science and Society portal of the European Commission was launched on 14 November 2005. It replaces the previous Science and Society website. The portal is open to all news and organisations related to Science and Society [http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/home\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/home_en.cfm).

Still available at the old EU website are specific pages with general information about Science Shops as well as the minutes and single contributions of two Science Shop workshops organised by the European Commission ↪.

#### Living Knowledge Database

The Aarhus Clearinghouse for Environmental Democracy now features the Living Knowledge Database. See <http://aarhusclearinghouse.unec.edu.org/> and follow 'Resource Directory'.

The Living Knowledge Database is a free, public accessible resource for Science Shops and alike organizations, community-based (research) organizations, universities and policy makers worldwide. It is searchable on (type of) organization, people, country and (thematic) expertise in community based research, all over the world. If you are an active organization dealing with community-based research, you are invited to add your information to the Living Knowledge Database at [www.livingknowledge.org](http://www.livingknowledge.org). Please send your remarks on or questions about the database to the [International Science Shop Contact Point](#). We need your feedback to optimise the use of the database.

#### FAQ's on Science Shops

The EC project TRAMS will deliver training and mentoring tools to support new and existing Science Shops and alike organisations. One of these tools is the section Frequently Asked Questions on the [Living Knowledge website](#). This FAQ section is a dynamic section. If you have any additional answers please feel free to contribute to the development of this section.

### Conferences

#### Communicating Science to the Young – Future Networks

*Jan 31st - Feb 2nd, 2008, Vienna, Austria*

The symposium wants to bring together professionals and non-professionals in the field of science communication geared towards children. Scientists, educators, journalists, media producers, policy makers, science centre professionals, business leaders, science philosophers - people who have never had a chance to meet. Participation in the symposium is free, but seating capacity is limited. Closing date for registration: Jan 21st 2008) Even if you are not able to participate, you are kindly invited to submit a „mini-poster“ which illustrates your distinctive project or your specific approach and which provides further information for establishing contacts. Please submit by Jan. 25th 2008 at the latest; in format A4 (PDF). [www.univie.ac.at/kinder/symposium2008](http://www.univie.ac.at/kinder/symposium2008), [symposium2008@ecfun.eu](mailto:symposium2008@ecfun.eu)

#### Connecting for Change - CUexpo 2008

*May 4-7, 2008, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada*

Community University Research Partnerships: CUexpo 2008 will focus on Connections through workshops, paper presentations, oral and audio-visual presentations, round-tables, storytelling sessions, arts-based research exhibitions, poster sessions, symposia as well as local tours and special events. [www.cuexpo08.ca](http://www.cuexpo08.ca)

#### Science for a better life: EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF)

*July 18-22, Barcelona, Spain*

ESOF is an open platform for debate and communication for the science community. It presents and profiles Europe's leading research trends in the sciences, humanities and social sciences. By bringing together researchers across disciplines and from all around Europe, Euroscience has created ESOF to promote the European Research Area (ERA). [www.esof2008.org](http://www.esof2008.org)

#### Joint Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science

*European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST)*

*August 20-23, Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

The theme for this conference is „Acting with science, technology and medicine“. The call for papers, together with online submission forms for abstracts and for sessions can be found at [www.4sonline.org/meeting.htm](http://www.4sonline.org/meeting.htm).

For links and more conferences related to community based research, science and technology and science communication see ‚news‘ and ‚agenda‘ at the Living Knowledge-website [www.livingknowledge.org](http://www.livingknowledge.org)