PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH VIA SCIENCE SHOPS

The deadline for the latest calls in Horizon 2020’s Science with and for Society work programme has just passed. A total of 110 proposals were submitted in response to H2020-ISSI-2015 call. The number of proposals for each topic is huge, given the number of projects to be funded (ISSI-1: 56, ISSI-3: 14, ISSI-4: 16, ISSI-5: 24). Interest in activities and cooperation related to Public Engagement, Science Cafés or Exhibitions, Knowledge Sharing or changing institutional structures for a more Responsible Research and Innovation has increased enormously. Sure this is a great success. Hopefully this high competition will not lead to frustration but will be understood as signal beyond the framework programme to put more efforts into research with and for society. Also the new draft work programme 2016-2017 recently has been published. It will offer another 100 Mio Euros for 25 calls which mainly will open in April next year. But when looking closer into this draft work programme one topic can make us proud of the work we all have done and delivered in many projects during the last years: SwafS-01-2016: Participatory research and innovation via Science Shops. The call text says ‘The Science Shop model of participatory research and innovation has been successful in bringing students, researchers and civil society together towards tackling real issues at the local and regional levels ... This topic will provide support to universities, and other research performers, to establish or strengthen science shops throughout Europe, and beyond. Science shops will serve to demonstrate how students and researchers can assist communities tackle real life problems or explore opportunities for sustainable futures.’ Yes! Let’s do it! Keep on going with your excellent work.

Norbert Steinhaus

PROJECTS

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with an international audience and federate the exchange of ideas as well as the debate on effective approaches to embedding RRI into the curriculum.

As RRI is a rather new concept, especially in educational domains, EnRRICH recently took off with a revision of background information and a state of the art review relating to RRI in curricula across different academic disciplines and levels in higher education. Which good RRI teaching and learning practices are already present in higher education curricula? But also: which RRI competencies should students develop? In this way, student learning outcomes and competencies which should contribute to the development of responsible and responsive graduates are articulated, acting as a solid base for the rest of the project. Furthermore, students, stakeholder organisations, lecturers and others will be consulted to generate case studies of RRI in curricula and identify needs for further development. This will lead to a manual for curricula embedded learning about RRI.

During the academic year 2016-2017 partners will pilot good RRI practices in their own institution. Following previous Science Shop work in the European projects PERARES and TRAMS EnRRICH will help to establish new Science Shops and support already established ones. Building on many years’ experiences of building bridges between science and society, between societal concerns and research resources, Science Shops offer an ideal platform to embed RRI in curricula of higher education. As the global community of Science Shops keeps on expanding, EnRRICH will consolidate the existing expertise with a Community of Practice. Examining standards of academic quality in teaching and learning and looking at good practices from other projects will lead to a template that other members can use to stimulate discussion in their region, country or institution. Through exchanging and piloting and the ongoing dialogue with academics, policymakers, and CSOs, EnRRICH will kick start debates at institutional, national and international levels to create awareness of and enhance the policy context for RRI in curricula and thereby produce more responsible and responsive graduates and researchers.

Visit the project’s website for more information: www.enrich.eu, or contact the project’s coordinator: Jozefien De Marrée, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Wetenschapswinkel, jozefien.de.marree@vub.ac.be

Policy EnRRICHment – Call for best practice

As part of the Horizon 2020 funded EnRRICH project (www.enrich.eu), the consortium is seeking models of good practice in policy development around the issues of Science Shops/Public Engagement and Responsible Research and Innovation in academic curricula. The focus is on how and where engaged research through the curriculum is enabled and encouraged by policy. The consortium is interested in collecting examples from all academic disciplines and policy levels and is looking for the following:

- Examples of how policy supports Science Shop or engaged research work at the level of individual universities or academic courses and modules;
- Examples of how policy supports Science Shop or engaged research work at regional or national level;
- Examples of how policy supports Science Shop or engaged research work at international level;
- Examples of how academics are encouraged to support Science Shop or engaged research work and how they are rewarded (eg by promotion, other recognition);
- Examples of professional frameworks where Science Shop and engaged research work are acknowledged and rewarded – this may include discipline specific frameworks;
- Examples of university ranking systems which incorporate elements which reflect Science Shop or engaged research work, and
- Any other examples that you think might be relevant.

If you have models of good practice that you would like to share, please forward to Ruth O’Donnell and Kenneth Burns at ruth.odonnell@ucc.ie or Tweet at @ EnRRICH_EU before October 20th.
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RRI in motion!

The fourth newsletter of RRI Tools was released at the beginning of September and informs about examples of inspiring tools and promising practices from RRI Tools Hubs, suggests good reads, informs about the most read from social media and upcoming interesting events. Find out more about the Community-Engaged Scholarship for Health (CES4Health) toolkit and about diversity in the computer industry.

RRI in motion - enjoy reading the newsletter and subscribe for the following issues http://bit.ly/1LAdMy5

RRI Tools is also providing you many moving pictures. Browse the collection of videos on the project’s YouTube channel to watch interviews, talks and the new series of videos clarifying the different facets of RRI. You can also visit the project’s blog, like the RRI Tools Facebook page and follow the project on Twitter to stay updated about the project activities and current RRI news.

Local Science Cafés to get involved

To tell a broad spectrum of people about topics related to RRI, all national hubs of the RRI-Tools project organize local events like science cafes and invite stakeholders and the public to participate. Bonn Science Shop as German hub organizes so called “caféteRRias” to get people involved. The first event on RRI as a crosscutting theme in the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation - Horizon 2020 - took place in August. The next “caféteRRia” in Bonn takes place on 7th October 2015 and deals with the topic “What can science learn from citizens? Citizen Science and Citizens’ Knowledge”. If you want to be part of the RRI Tools Community of Practice, register with the RRI Tools database, get involved and stay informed about project progress and activities - make use of this opportunity to be updated about RRI issues in your region: http://www.rri-tools.eu/register

Apply now!

Europe introduced its first award for scientific research to find appropriate responses to social challenges. The European Foundations Award for Responsible Research and Innovation is launched with the aim of celebrating excellent research practices by actively exploring, articulating and sharing promising innovative responsible research practices across Europe. The award is a new and joint initiative of the King Baudouin Foundation with “La Caixa” Foundation (Spain), Fondazione Cariplo (Italy), Lundbeck Foundation (Denmark), the Robert Bosch Stiftung (Germany) and the European Foundation Centre Research Forum.

In today’s research and innovation, increasing importance is attached to responsibility. Researchers from different disciplines are becoming more aware of the impact of their work on society. There is a growing interest in anticipating how decisions in research shape society, the environment and our future. Researchers purposely integrate ways to reflect on, and be transparent about, the impact of their work. Such methods - referred to under the umbrella term of ‘Responsible Research and Innovation’ (RRI) - enable researchers to contribute responsibly to developing smart, inclusive and sustainable societies.

Universities, research centres, individual researchers, research consortia, civil society organisations and any other type of organization involved in a responsible research practice is eligible to apply. Researchers that successfully apply RRI methods are invited to submit their projects. Fifteen finalists will be selected and visited in order to examine the design, process and impact of their projects. Finally three of them will be rewarded with a prize of €20,000 each.

Deadline for submission: 7th December 2015
Announcement of the selection: 15th December 2016
More information on the application process: http://bit.ly/1KshIk4

Kick-off of European Project HEIRRI

On 16th September the consortium of the three-year European project HEIRRI (Higher Education Institutions & Responsible Research and Innovation) met for the first time in Barcelona, Spain to kick off the new project. HEIRRI aims to integrate the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation in university careers in science and technology, so that research and innovation meets societal needs, values and expectations. The project is coordinated by the Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, Spain and officially started 1st September. A close cooperation and exchange with the EnRRICH project is intended. http://bit.ly/1gGipOx
Related News

Campus Engage Participate Programme

The Campus Engage National Network in Ireland has been set up to promote civic engagement as a core function of Higher Education on the island of Ireland, by better enabling Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), their staff and students across all disciplines, to engage with the needs of the communities they serve. With the new capacity building service, The Participate Programme, Campus Engage offers staff and community-based organisations a selection of capacity building initiatives that will give attendees the tools to incorporate community-based research and learning into their curriculum and work plans. A database of the Campus Engage case studies including community-based research, community-based learning; volunteering and student-led engagement taking places across Ireland is accessible through their website. Watch their latest video on YouTube http://bit.ly/1ijmetW or visit their webpage to find out how to get involved http://bit.ly/1iRKG6q

Affiliation of CCBR with St. Paul’s University College, Waterloo, Canada

The Centre for Community Based Research (CCBR) has affiliated with St. Paul’s University College to collaborate on research that contributes to community development. St. Paul’s offers students at the University of Waterloo programs and services in international development, Aboriginal education, and social innovation, among other things. The affiliation will allow the two institutions to strengthen their missions, both of which are based on the idea of finding solutions to pressing societal problems. http://www.communitybasedresearch.ca/ and https://uwaterloo.ca/stpauls/news

Certificate in Knowledge Mobilization: Turning Knowledge Into Action

The University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada) is launching a new Certificate in Knowledge Mobilization. The Certificate has been designed to develop participants’ knowledge, skills and values with respect to knowledge mobilization (and related concepts, such as knowledge translation and transfer, and knowledge exchange), and build capacity to select and apply KMb tools and techniques to move knowledge into action. The first course starts in November 2015. Learn more about the programme on www.knowledgemobilization.ca

REPORtS and PAPERS

Public Engagement Innovations – Catalogue of PE initiatives

Public engagement in science has been recognised as one of the success factors of science governance and public acceptability of science. Innovative new methods of public engagement are being, however, continuously sought for. The Public Engagement Innovations for Horizon 2020 – project (PE2020) is a European funded project that is aiming to answer these burning needs. The latest result of the project is a catalogue of innovative public engagement initiatives in Europe and oversees. The catalogue is formed with the help of firsthand information collected with a survey answered by the organisers or initiators of the most innovative public engagement projects and programmes. Download the catalogue under http://bit.ly/1Osywg9

Manifesto for a citizenship training of engineers

Ingénieurs sans frontières France has been working for more than a decade on critical reflection and debate on how to transform engineering training in order to respond to the need of social transition
The European Commission has released a preversion of several parts of the work programme 2016-2017, including the part for the area Science with and for Society. For the years 2016-2017, a call is planned that is divided into four areas and structured in 25 topics in total. The call for tender opens on 13 April 2016 respectively 12 April 2017, deadline is 30 August 2016 respectively 30 August 2017. The intended budget for the 25 topics is 98.57 millions Euro. The official release of the work programme is announced for mid October 2015. More parts of the work programme 2016-2017 are available under https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/draft-work-programmes-2016-17. The following topics will be announced (selection):

1. Institutional Change to Support Responsible Research and Innovation in Research Performing and Funding Organisations
   - SwafS-01-2016: Participatory research and innovation via Science Shops
   - SwafS-08-2017: European Community of Practice to support institutional change
2. Embedding Responsible Research and Innovation in Horizon 2020 Research & Innovation
   - SwafS-10-2017: Putting Open Science into action
3. Strengthening the Science with and for Society Knowledge-Base
   - SwafS-11-2017: Science education outside the classroom
4. Developing Inclusive, Anticipatory Governance for Research & Innovation
   - SwafS-15-2016: Open Schooling and collaboration on science education
   - SwafS-16-2016: Mapping the Ethics and Research Integrity Normative Framework
   - SwafS-23-2017: Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in support of sustainability and governance, taking account of the international context
Gateways: International Journal of Community Research and Engagement

The Gateways journal has just published its latest issue including various articles on Community Research and Engagement all over the globe. Gateways is a refereed journal concerned with the practice and processes of university-community engagement. It provides a forum for academics, practitioners and community representatives to explore issues and reflect on practices relating to the full range of engaged activity. 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. Gateways is jointly edited and managed by UTS Shopfront at the University of Technology, Sydney, and Center for Urban Research and Learning at Loyola University, Chicago. Subscription to the journal is free.


Community Participatory Involvement

By Whiteford, L., University of South Florida and Cecilia Vindrola-Padros, University College London, California (2015), 199 p.

The book looks at a community-based health care model from an applied anthropological perspective. Using the South American cholera epidemic of the early 1990s as an example, it explains how the CPI model is used and shows how it can be replicated in a variety of environments.


Getting Involved in Ageing Research: A guide for the community and voluntary sector

Research is a vital tool in improving older people’s lives and is critical for organisations concerned with ageing and older people. The Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI), Queen’s University Belfast, recently published a guide entitled ‘Getting Involved in Ageing Research’, which aims at the voluntary and community sector. It sets out a framework to help understand how to maximise the benefits of getting involved in research projects and partnerships.

Download the guide under http://bit.ly/1UVKmEF

Upstream Public Engagement in Nanotechnology: Constraints and Opportunities


Upstream public engagement with new science and technology is considered important but challenging. This article shows how engagement events are embedded in broader institutional and cultural contexts. By studying two different cases of upstream engagement in nanotechnology, we demonstrate how existing institutional responsibilities and cultural repertoires contribute much to the productivity of actual engagement events. Insight into these wider world dynamics will help science communicators (or event organizers) foster reflection and deliberation among relevant actors about whether and how upstream public engagement can have an impact on the governance of new science and technology.

Access to the article via http://scx.sagepub.com/content/37/4/452

Research Justice: Methodologies for social change


Research Justice (RJ) is a strategic framework and methodological intervention that seeks to transform structural inequities in research. The book builds upon the methodological frameworks developed by the national non-profit organization, DataCenter Research for Justice and is the first book to take a radical approach to socially just, community centred research. Challenging traditional models for conducting social science research within marginalized populations, it examines the relationships and intersections between research, knowledge construction, and political power/legitimacy in society.

Community Research and Action in the West (CRA-W) Conference
October 16, 2015 in Bothell, USA
CRA-W is an annual event that provides an opportunity to share ideas, practices, and learning from recent completed or ongoing community-based work. The theme for this year’s conference is “Breaking Boundaries through Community Engaged Social Justice Work”.
http://www.uwb.edu/ias/scholarship/cra-w

12th International Pascal Conference
October 7-9, 2015 in Catania, Italy
The theme of the conference concerns how cities and their regions are connected to their universities at strategic frontiers. http://bit.ly/1T81FxZ

4th University-Community Engagement Conference
November 1-3, 2015 in Gold Coast, Australia
The theme of the Conference is “Enhancement and Innovations in University-Community Engagement”.

Excellence for everybody!? Citizen Science, Universities and Science Shops – looking ahead!
November 6-7, 2015 in Oldenburg, Germany
www.wissnet.de/konferenz/programm. Conference language and webpage is in German. Registration is open www.wissnet.de/anmeldung

Engaging Society in Responsible Research and Innovation: What’s Next?
November 9-10, 2015 in Brussels, Belgium

Communicate 2015: Challenging Partnerships
November 10-11, 2015 in Bristol, UK
Communicate is the UK’s leading conference for environmental communicators, http://www.bnhc.org.uk/communicate/

Conference Revolutionary Scholarship: Innovation of Community Engagement Models
November 16-18, 2015 in Boston, USA
The conference is targeted to scholars, practitioners, students, and community partners interested in research on service-learning, community-based research, campus-community partnerships, and civic learning outcomes in P-20 education.
http://www.researchslce.org/conferences

Social Innovation Conference 2015: Pathways to Social Change
November 18-19, 2015 in Vienna, Austria
The conference will connect researchers with policy makers and practitioners of social innovation.
www.si-drive.eu

Workshop: Global Health and Participatory Action Research and Evaluation
November 20-22, 2015 in Toronto, Canada
Hands-on learning and practice using flexible and rigorous participatory action research tools developed and tested by an international community of practice in settings around the world.
http://cona.cc/1MLzV0j

NCCPE Engage 2015 Conference
December 2-3, 2015 in Bristol, UK
The conference will explore what we know about how to make engagement processes work really well, on a local, national or global stage.
http://bit.ly/1jT1Oe

Euclid Summit: Power to drive positive change
February 24-26, 2016 in Zagreb, Croatia
The Euclid Summit will help build new knowhow and skills for innovative civil society organisations and social enterprises in a changing world.
http://bit.ly/1J5FrLn

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