

Vice Principal for Public Engagement & Student Enterprise's report to Senate

Our work on public engagement and supporting student enterprise is strategically important to the College. It celebrates our history, values, location, research and teaching excellence and our diversity of community. It is arguably one of our most uniquely defining features.

Selected major activity from the CPE (Centre for Public Engagement) The CPE has supported a number of major programmes of events in and around College. This semester's music programme, including our new composer in residence, and our work with St. Pauls Way School is now available. The first ever Globe Road Poetry Festival (November 13 – 15) will feature robot poets, readings from big names and poetry slams for school children from Tower Hamlets. A new programme of events from the QMUL Pathology Museum is now available, inaugural lectures have restarted, and QMUL will provide a major presence at the national Being Human Festival of the humanities, co funded by the Research Council for Arts and Humanities.

The CPE also completed an initial mapping exercise on the College's contribution to the local community, showing an impressive range and quality from both students and staff. Mapping of our community work specifically related to the QMUL Life Sciences Initiative is well under way, supported by funds from the Wellcome Trust.

For details on our community work see <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/publicengagement/Files/163726.pdf>

Celebration and reward of PE and Enterprise at QMUL In May the Centre for Public Engagement hosted over eighty people to celebrate public engagement. The night involved poster and networking sessions with a keynote speech from John Womersley, RCUK Public Engagement Champion. In July we successfully hosted the Science on Stage festival, the first time this major European conference for science teachers has been held in the UK. This year's promotion round again included a number of successful applications where PE and enterprise activities made significant contributors to promoted individual's cases. Public engagement training is now included as an element in PGCAP and also via the Doctoral Collage, insuring our staff and students can easily engage and develop these careers and personal skills enhancing activities. In November the CPE will co-host a joint 'Engagement and Enterprise Awards' ceremony with QMI, the SU and the Careers & Enterprise Centre, to celebrate areas of public engagement, innovation, student enterprise and communications. Nominations are now open.

For details of the May event see <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/publicengagement/Celebration/index.html>

Funding for PE activity The CPE allocation of the College's Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF) funds for public engagement 2015 have been announced. Over £100K has been awarded to eight projects, running across the Faculties and with the potential for significant impact. The CPE team have also assisted with five major funding bids during the summer of 2015, including a successful large bid for £1.6m from the Wellcome Trust. The funding recently awarded to the Centre for History of Emotions also included a significant allocation for funding and delivering PE.

For details of the successful large award submissions see <http://bit.ly/2015largeawardsummaries>

For details of the successful £1.6m Wellcome Trust award see <http://bit.ly/chewellcome>

Enterprising our next generation Our work in supporting and growing the culture of student enterprise in QMUL continues. It enhances our students' employability and social capital but also makes real impacts on the local community. Our work is supported by major donors such as Santander and JP Morgan, who recognise the uniqueness, passion and talents of the diversity of our student population. A number of student teams have won significant national and local prizes. Our new InQUBEate programme, based in our Qube incubator and providing intensive eight-week training plus

mentoring is proving popular. We are also working with local enterprise incubators, such as Central Working in Stepney Green, to allow our successful student enterprises to grow beyond the campus.

For further details on CPE activity see <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/publicengagement/>