

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

November 2015

Enterprise and Engagement Awards

On 9th Nov the first Enterprise and Engagement awards were held in the Octagon. 13 awards were made to staff and students in the areas of academic enterprise, student enterprise and public engagement. Full details can be found on our website but of note are the three named awards.

- Bruce Dickinson Award for Academic Entrepreneur of the Year: Dr Andrew McPherson, TouchKeys, EECS
- The Lucy Hawking award for Developed Understanding of Public Engagement: Magda Osman, SBCS
- The Richard Garriott Award for Leadership in Public Engagement: Fran Balkwill, Blizard

<http://www.qmul.ac.uk/publicengagement/prizes/index.html>

Being Human Festival

Being Human, the UK's national festival of the humanities, runs between 12 and 22 November 2015 and this year QMUL are a 'hub' for the event. We're hosting a series of events on and off campus, from all three faculties, and including collaborations between departments and with community partners.

<http://www.qmul.ac.uk/beinghumanfestival/>

Governance of large projects

The Vice-Principal's advisory group, VP PESEAG is running regularly now, providing support and oversight for the large PE and SE projects across QMUL. In addition, the EO Public Engagement sits on the management boards for Centre of the Cell and the Pathology Museum, both of which are making good progress towards their aims of sustainability. Work in this area will continue to progress over this academic year.

Life Sciences engagement

Significant progress has been made towards joint training programmes with Barts Health around Public and Patient Involvement, and the community stakeholder mapping is underway. As part of our wider LSI engagement programmes a community festival has been scheduled for the end of May/early June 2016 in partnership with Whitechapel Vision, Tower Hamlets council and a range of other community groups. Key dates are 3 and 4th June, further programme details will be released in the New Year.