

European Researchers' Night (ERN) 2019

Friday 27th September

Expression of Interest and Ideas Form
External researchers and research groups

European Researchers' Night returns in 2019 to showcase and celebrate the work of researchers across Europe.

If you would like to be a part of this event, we want to hear your ideas!
Please fill out this form in as much detail as you can and return via email
c.torrente@nhm.ac.uk.

To make sure the event is promoted and can operate smoothly it is essential that the Science Communication team receives your completed form by **Friday 2nd of August**.

Theme for 2019

World Wild Webs: Our interconnected planet

Key message: The collaborative work of scientists around the world is helping us to understand the interconnected nature of our planet and to conserve the web of natural connections that we depend on to survive.

The content for the evening will cover **4 distinct areas**:



Nature's Network

Scientists are unravelling the complex ecosystems and still unknown scale of biodiversity to understand the natural networks that underpin all life on our planet today.



Home

Researchers are exploring how we can use our planet's natural resources and take inspiration from nature to devise sustainable solutions to existing problems, helping the planet we depend upon to thrive.



Browsing History

Using clues from our planet's deep past scientists are discovering how our present day environment evolved and how it might respond to future challenges like Climate Change.



Hyperlinked

Scientists are using digital technology to collaborate in new ways and on a global scale, driving innovative research that has worldwide benefits and sharing it beyond the scientific community.

There will be a variety of **formats** available throughout the evening:

Please note that spaces are limited in some of the formats, and we will prioritise researchers whose work best fits the theme of the evening.

Dialogue Den (Title TBC) – Come and engage with small groups of visitors (4-6 people) about a challenge or question related to your research. Visitors will be invited to express their viewpoint about this subject area prior to engagement and again afterwards, to see if views/attitudes have shifted. This format will encourage richer engagement between visitors and scientists, and provide the opportunity to discover what the public thinks about your area of research.

EU Pub – Are you an EU funded researcher? Share your research in a dedicated space celebrating the EU and its research contributions. This will operate as a Science Bar where visitors will sit with a menu of thought-provoking questions to discuss with you.

Storytelling (Title TBC) – In a quieter, more intimate setting you can share short stories from your life as a researcher and in the field. This format focuses on the more personal stories in science and is free from visual distractions or specimens.

Science Stations – Bring your chosen specimens from the collections out into the galleries as part of a dedicated stand to showcase your research.

Nature Live – A hosted Q&A discussion in the Attenborough Studio. Share your research with a live audience supported by images, video and specimens from the museum.

Please fill out the fields below. The text fields are expandable so type as much as you need to for each question.

Your Name:

Your organisation:

Are you filling this out on behalf of your team?

Yes No

If so, please give the name of your research group (if any) and the names of your colleagues who will also be taking part with you.

This is very important as we will have limited numbers of food vouchers to distribute on the night and will need a full list of names of everyone taking part.

You/your team's area of research/expertise:

Which activity format would you like to participate in? (Select as many as you like but we may not be able to guarantee all of them)

- EU Pub (in the style of a Science Café)
- Storytelling (narrate exciting stories from your research and fieldwork)
- Nature Live (a Science Talk style show)
- Science Stations (just like a science stall)

*We are still working on new activities for the evening. If you are happy to be contacted to participate on something new, mark this box

If you would like to run a **Science Station** on the evening it would be helpful if you could provide us with some additional answers to the following:

Please outline what you wish to share on your station

We don't require all the detail now but please include:

- *The content area you feel is the best fit for you (Nature's Networks, People and Planet, Untangling Time, Digital Connections. If your team does work across multiple areas please indicate that here.)*
- *A single sentence with the key message your station/activity will convey. This message should tie in to the theme of the evening*
- *A highlight specimen or object to share*
- *A key story/concept people will discover*

Do you have any specific furniture requirements?

E.g. tables and lighting. Tables come in 3 sizes: 6ft long, 3ft round and 5ft round

Would you require access to power sockets? How many?

Would you require a large screen for images and video?

*Screens are **extremely limited**. If you wish to use a screen please detail why you need it. The Science Communication team will then decide where screens can be allocated. If you can provide your own monitor or screen that will help us ensure as many as possible can have screens on the night.*

Any questions/comments/suggestions/ideas for the Science Communication team?

Thank you! The Science Communication team will be in touch to discuss things with you in more details soon.

We really appreciate your interest in participating in ERN 2019 at the Natural History Museum. Please note that spaces for external scientists are very limited for this event, and we might not be able to accommodate you on this occasion.