



## Street Activities Programme

### Information

The Curiosity Carnival is all about celebrating, debating and questioning the way that research affects all our lives. It's a unique opportunity for people of all ages and interests to enjoy an amazing programme of research-related activity across Oxford. This will be Oxford's biggest Public Engagement with Research event to date; on the night there will be a full programme of events happening at the Ashmolean, Museum of Natural History, Pitt Rivers, Bodleian Libraries, Museum of the History of Science, Botanic Gardens, Wytham Woods and Street Activities.

Curiosity Carnival will take place on **Friday 29th September 2017**.

THIS WILL BE THE FINAL MAJOR CALL OUT TO TAKE PART IN CURIOSITY CARNIVAL.

### What is the Street Activities Programme?

As part of European Researchers' Night, Oxford city centre will transform into a carnival of curiosity lead by researchers. A programme of interactive and engaging activities will take place featuring researchers from all disciplines in the University's Gardens, Libraries and Museums, Wytham Woods and the Street Activities.

The Street Activities Programme will be essential to create a sense of carnival within the city centre and to engage audiences who would not always get involved with the university. It will also be a vital part of attracting the public to the events happening as part of Curiosity Carnival.

The deadline for applications to take part in the Street Activities is **Friday 9th June at 17:00**

## Current Activities

### CURIOSITY CORNER

- 7 minute bitesize talks about your research
- You will have a small podium to stand on and a PA system
- You'll be set in one place
- This will be on a rotation basis and so you will give 3 talks over 3 hours (4pm – 7pm)
- You can bring props with you
- Development and training can be provided

Need inspiration? See [SoapBox Science](#)



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## **BUSKING FOR CURIOSITY**

- Street busking
- Up close performing of your research to an audience
- Free to move around

Need inspiration? See [Maths Busking](#)

## **CURIOUS ABOUT RESEARCH WALKING TOURS**

- 45 minute walking tours
- From 2pm – 6pm; a tour every hour
- Starting on Broad Street
- Include at least 1 Curiosity Carnival venue
- Plan your own walking tour

Need inspiration? See [Oxford Walking Tours](#)

## **CURIOSLY INTERESTING DEMONSTRATIONS**

- Table top demonstrations
- Demonstration, experiment, games, showcase
- You will be given a 3 hour slot
- Set in one spot for the 3 hours

Need inspiration? This really can be anything that you can put on a table. Show your work, create a game, do an experiment.

## **RESEARCHER'S HIDDEN TALENTS**

- This is about showing the public a different side to researchers
- Perform your hidden skills and engage with the public on a very different level!
- Musicians, jugglers, acrobats, magicians, dancers

Need inspiration? Think 'Britain's Got Talent'

## **DISPLAY CARNIVAL**

- Do you have an installation / display / sculpture / art?
- Decorate the streets of Oxford with your work
- Stand with your display and engage with the public

Need inspiration? Think visually striking or interactive

## **Do you have an idea?**

If you have your own idea, then we would really like to hear from you. We will consider every idea submitted!



# FAQs

## What will I get from this?

You will get the opportunity to talk about and demonstrate your research to a public audience, and you will be engaging with the public and with some groups that you may not always encounter.

## How will it work?

The deadline for applications is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. We aim to respond to all applicants by the 19<sup>th</sup> June and confirm the Street Activities Programme by 30<sup>th</sup> June. You will then have the opportunity to have an hour one to one session with the Event Manager, Jennifer Courtenay-Hall, to discuss and develop your idea / activity.

A few weeks before the event, you will get a written briefing detailing your location(s), time slots and any other information relevant to your activity.

## Development & Training

You will have an hour one to one with the Event Manager to discuss and develop your idea in June or July.

There will be a training day and briefing in early September.

Full support will be given to you via email / phone / skype over the summer.

## Who can apply?

Any current academic, researcher or DPhil student across all disciplines within the collegiate university, who can confirm their ability to attend the Curiosity Carnival (Sept 29). We are looking for a broad range of subjects for the carnival.

## When and where?

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September between 12:00 – 20:00 (estimated working time is 4 hours within this timeframe).

Central Oxford (Broad Street, Radcliffe Camera, Gloucester Green Square)

## What about the weather?

In late September, the weather is usually fairly calm. However there is a 50% chance of rain. Weather reports will be viewed daily in the run up to the event and regular updates will be sent to you.

We will be putting in measures to weather proof some activities but we do ask that you think of what you would do in case of rain for your own activity as well.



### I am already taking part in the Curiosity Carnival, can I still apply?

Yes! You can still apply to take part in the street activities programme as you **may** be able to do both, depending on timing and logistics. Please provide information in your application on who you have been liaising with, which activity and which venue you are already taking part in.

### I previously applied for a different activity and it wasn't accepted, can I still apply?

Yes! All applications will be considered whether you have applied previously or not.

**For further information, please contact Jennifer Courtenay-Hall (Event Manager – European Researcher's Night) at [curiositycarnival@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:curiositycarnival@admin.ox.ac.uk)**

*Please note, the Street Activities Programme is different from the original request for 'expressions of interest' in Michaelmas term, 2016-17. Applicants to the original call for Expressions of Interest that were not successful, are welcome to apply to be part of the Street Activities programme.*

*While every application will be considered, not every application to take part will be successful due to high demand.*



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