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STANDING UP FOR SCIENCE

Media Workshop

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2014 | AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Are you **PASSIONATE** about your **RESEARCH**?

Do you think it is important for **GOOD SCIENCE** and **EVIDENCE** to be communicated to a wider audience?

What can you do to address **SCIENTIFIC MISCONCEPTIONS** and **MISINFORMATION**?

This **FREE** full day event runs from 10:30am to 5pm and is open to early career researchers and scientists in all **SCIENCES, ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE** (PhD students, post-docs or equivalent in first job).

Science in the media: What happens when research announcements go wrong; statistics are manipulated; risk factors are distorted; or discussions become polarised? Speakers include Matthew Cobb, Professor of Zoology, University of Manchester; Professor Jeff Forshaw, School of Physics & Astronomy, University of Manchester; Dr Susanne Shultz, Royal Society University Research Fellow, University of Manchester.

What journalists are looking for: How do journalists approach stories and balance the need for news and entertainment with reporting science? And deal with accusations of polarising debates and misrepresenting facts? Speakers include David Derbyshire, freelance environment journalist and science writer; Victoria Gill, Science Journalist, BBC.

Standing up for science; the nuts and bolts: This session offers practical guidance for early career researchers to get their voices heard in debates about science; how to respond to bad science when you see it; and top tips for if you come face-to-face with a journalist! Speakers include Jamie Brown, Senior Press Officer, University of Liverpool; Lydia Le Page, Voice of Young Science representative; Chris Peters, Sense About Science.

“An excellent workshop that has made a big difference to the way I view science in the media.”

“Totally changed my perspective on the media and where scientists fit into news stories.”

“Good advice. Empowering and engaging.”

TO APPLY: Send a **CV** and **short COVER LETTER** to Victoria (vmurphy@senseaboutscience.org) by **FRIDAY 28TH FEB 2014**. If you are affiliated with (member of or funded by) any of our partner organisations below, please state in your application – our partners hold five guaranteed places.

Our workshops are very popular and there are only 40 places available.

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