



## **PERFORM: Participatory Engagement with Scientific and Technological Research through Performance**

### **Call for PhD students and Early Career Researchers**

#### **Philosophy of Science, Science Communication and Performance Training Programme**

The Public Engagement Team is offering PhD students and Early Career Researchers in science a unique opportunity to participate in a bespoke training programme covering philosophy of science, science communication and performance. We have invited an exciting range of experts from across the University and city, from philosophers of science to stand-up comedians, to contribute to this unique training. You will be encouraged to critically consider scientific practice and develop skills to communicate this thinking to secondary school students.

The training is part of a ground-breaking research programme, PERFORM. PERFORM is a European Union Horizon 2020 research project investigating the effects of the use of innovative science education methods based on performing arts, in fostering young people's motivations and engagement with STEM in selected secondary schools in France, Spain and the United Kingdom. For more information about the project, please visit the [project website](#).

Alongside training, you will have the opportunity to put your skills into practice by participating in workshops in secondary schools in Bristol as 'scientific experts'. Workshops are led by science performers *Science Made Simple*, who for this project are sharing their expertise in 'science busking'. Workshops will culminate in school students developing their own science performances to perform to the public.

PhD students and Early Career Researchers involved must be: able to attend training programme sessions and school workshops; enthusiastic about communicating science to school students; and willing to have to a DBS (formerly CRB) check.



To apply please send a short covering letter explaining a little about your work and why you would like to take part to Vivienne Kuh ([vivienne.kuh@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:vivienne.kuh@bristol.ac.uk)).

**Start date:** TBC

***Training***

**Duration:** 8 lunchtime sessions of 2 hours, Wednesdays 1-3pm (Dates TBC)

**Format:** Lunch talk followed by workshop

**Location:** University of Bristol

***School Workshops***

**Duration:** 4 workshops of (2 x 2 hours, 2 x 4 hours) (Dates TBC)

**Format:** Participatory science performance workshop

**Location:** TBC

Travel expenses to and from the schools will be provided.