CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
PHD TRAINING DAYS

Could it be that researchers are insufficiently aware of the need for public engagement? The University of Lorraine’s mission is to contribute to better training of future researchers in this field, to make them aware of the relationship between research and society, of the issues and of the audiences involved.

PhD students from all disciplines and all nationalities will be hosted at the Université de Lorraine’s Campus in Metz from May 31st to June 2nd, prior to the Conference, to be trained in different science communication practices: theatre, exhibitions, radio workshops, writing... These workshops will all have in common a high-quality professional approach.

> STUDY DAYS PROGRAMME

- Sunday 31st May – before 4pm: arrival of PhD students and teaching staff
- Sunday 31st May – 5pm: welcome speech and dividing into groups
- Sunday 31st May – evening: first group discussions, “Issues in the popularisation of knowledge”
- Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June: workshops
- Tuesday 2nd June – 5pm: end of Study Days and transfer to Nancy for the inauguration of Science & You
- Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June: dissemination of outcomes during the Forum

> THE WORKSHOPS

The PhD training formula is:

1 mixed group of PhD students
+ 1 communication tool
+ 1 research referee
= 1 common feedback session during the Forum or on the Internet*

You will have to choose 5 workshops, in order of preference, between the 12 following:

> Video > Clown > Photography
> Radio > Exhibition / Exhibition design > Web, blogs & social networks
> Writing > Stories for a young audience > Board games
> Theatre > Drawing, sketching > Dance

*The research on which the popularisation will be based during the training sessions is drawn from research work carried out at the Université de Lorraine. Consequently, each research student will be able to tackle the exercise of conveying a concept which is not their own.
> TEACHING STAFF

The team in charge of each workshop will be made up of:
- A professional in the field of the “tool”
- A tutor in science communication
- A PhD referee from the Université de Lorraine

> LANGUAGE

The training sessions will be carried out in English and/or in French, according to requests and individual competency levels.

> FEES

The costs of the training sessions, accommodation, meals during the course and attending the conference are entirely covered by Science & You. Travel costs are not covered by the organisation. We suggest you contact your laboratory, university or embassy for financial support.

> HOW TO APPLY?

Nothing is easier than applying for the PhD study days. You simply have to fill in the online form on science-and-you.com between October 1st and November 17th. You will be asked to attach an attestation of your PhD status and your superior’s authorisation (PhD supervisor or laboratory director) to take part in the Study Days and the Conference (PDF).

Please note that only PhD students can apply: if you have already submitted and defended your thesis, you are not eligible to the Study Days.

Applications will be examined by the selection committee. Retained candidates will be informed by email in December.

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT:
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