Communities & Culture Network+

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Upcoming Events

MeCCSA Conference 2014

The next MeCCSA Conference will be hosted by the Media School at Bournemouth University from Wednesday 8th January to Friday 10th January, 2014. The theme of conference is 'media and the margins', the engagement of marginalised and minority groups with the media. **Read more**

Sustainable Prosperity: The Social Science and Economy of the Nexus Expressions of Interest: scoping workshop. 20 Feb 2014, London
The ESRC and British Academy (BA) are co-hosting a unique scoping workshop designed to explore issues around sustainable prosperity. This interactive event aims to bring a diverse range of people and perspectives together to discuss novel ideas and fresh approaches to the issue of building an economy that fosters sustainable prosperity.

This call is for Expressions of Interest to attend the scoping workshop on **20 February 2014** at the British Academy. The closing date for expressions of interest to attend is **12.00 on 7 January 2014**. **Read more**

Opportunities

Call for Papers: *Convergence* Special Issue on Expertise and Engagement with/in Digital Media - Vo1 21, no. 3 (August 2015)

The CCN+ will be editing a special issue of *Convergence* to be published in 2015 and is inviting contributions that engage with 'Expertise and Engagement with/in Digital Media'. The Editors seek to bring together innovative theoretical and methodological frameworks that explore the conception, practice and creation of expertise in relation to digital technologies.

We are accepting abstracts for research articles and positional papers. The deadline for abstracts is **January 17th 2014**, and the deadline for full submissions is **25th July 2014**. Submissions should follow the formatting guide of the journal *Convergence*. Please email abstracts to Edgar Gómez Cruz (e.gomez@leeds.ac.uk). **Read more**

Who we are

The Digital Economy 'Communities and Culture' Network+ engages with digital transformations, bringing them together with a wider public through direct engagements, innovative methods and digital resources.

Funding

Open call for seed funding

Funding for seed projects of £1-4k per project (to fund small discrete projects within the remit of the CCN+.

Next deadline: 28th Feb 2014

The next call for CCN+ Pilot Studies, Networks and Placements will be issued in Feb/March 2013.

News of our latest funded projects will be circulated in the New Year.

Opportunities *cont*.

Funding Opportunity: Data Exploration - Creating New Insight and Value

The EPSRC is working with the Technology Strategy Board on a 'Data Exploration' collaborative research and development call. The TSB is to invest up to £4.5m in collaborative research and development that addresses the technical challenges and business opportunities presented by the huge growth in data.

This competition focuses on innovations in the data exploration techniques of analytics, modelling and visualisation to generate new insight and value from large amounts of complex data. Proposals must be collaborative and business-led and include at least one small or medium-sized enterprise (SME). Projects are expected to range in size from total costs of £100k to £500k, although projects outside this range may be considered, and they should last between six and 24 months.

This competition opens for applicants on **6 January 2014**. The deadline for registration is at **noon on 26 February 2014** and the deadline for applications is at **noon on 5 March 2014**. A briefing event for potential applicants will be held in London on **7 January 2014**. **Read more**

Call for Papers: Creative Citizens Conference
Royal College of Art, London, 18th-19th September 2014

The Media, Community and the Creative Citizen project invites papers for the 2014 Creative Citizens conference. The conference is the climax of a 20 month multidisciplinary research project, Media Community and the Creative Citizen which explores the dynamics of creative citizenship in the context of digital media. Timed to coincide with London Design Week and the annual exhibition of the RCA's Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design, this multidisciplinary event will bring together leading thinkers to discuss the project's findings and to contribute their ideas to this emerging field of study. Speakers will include community activists, politicians and business people, as well as academics. **Read more**

Catalyst Funding

Catalyst Project is seeking your ideas for projects! Up to £10K funding is available for projects that investigate societal challenges, design new digital prototypes, in collaboration with Lancaster academics. The deadline for applications is **31st January**. **Read more**