



Sense About Science Workshop

Research: publishing it, reviewing it and talking about it publicly

This free event is open to early career researchers (PhD students, post-doctoral fellows or equivalent in first job) in all sciences, and will be held on Friday 5th March at Sussex University

Should peer review detect fraud and misconduct? What does it do for science and what does the scientific community want it to do for them? Will it illuminate good ideas or shut them down? Should reviewers remain anonymous?

The workshop will run from 13.30 – 18.00 and will consist of the following sessions:

- **Reviewing and being reviewed**

Examining the process of peer review in journal publishing and grant applications: what does peer review do for science? How can early career researchers engage with the process?

Speakers: Dr Michael Curtis, Editor in chief, *Journal of Pharmacological and Toxicological Methods*; Dr Susan Morrell, Head of Peer Review, EPSRC and Professor Mike Clemens, Senior Research Fellow, Biochemistry, University of Sussex.

- **Peer review, warts and all**

Exploring the criticisms of the peer review process; does it detect fraud and misconduct? Is maverick science rejected?

What is the public perception of peer review? Can it help the public understand the status of scientific claims? How do journalists use peer review and how does the media report the status and quality of research?

Speakers: Dr Branwen Hide, Liaison and Partnerships Officer, Research Information Network; Dr Chris Surridge, Chief Editor, *Nature Protocols*; Tim Radford, freelance journalist and Alice Tuff, Development Manager, Sense About Science.

The workshop will be followed by a drinks reception.

These workshops are very popular and there are limited places available.

To apply: send a **CV and covering letter**, explaining your reasons for applying and stating any affiliations you hold, to Julia Wilson, jwilson@senseaboutscience.org, or Sense About Science, 25 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W1D 7EG.

The closing date for applications is Friday 19th February.

For further information please visit www.senseaboutscience.org/VoYS or call 020 7478 4380.

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