

Media Release

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Funding on offer to inspire and promote the sciences

People looking to inspire the next generation of scientists can take advantage of a new funding opportunity.

Inspiring Australia is offering up to \$2000 for a public event which helps to promote science, engineering or technology in the community.

Funding is available to host a range of events which offer an opportunity for people to engage and learn more about the sciences such as chemistry, engineering, ecology, geography, maths, physics, marine science, psychology, computing and technology.

Public events could include lectures, exhibitions, fairs, competitions, film nights, workshops or concerts.

“Tasmania has a strong and vibrant science research sector and it’s really important that we engage with the community,” Inspiring Australia (Tasmania) Manager Sarah Bayne said.

“Science, engineering, technology and innovation are vital to our economy, and help to make our lives better and easier in so many ways.

“To fully realise the economic and environmental benefits of our significant investment in science and research, we need to communicate and engage the wider community in science.

“Inspiring Australia aims to support a strong, open relationship between science and society, underpinned by effective communication of science and its uses.

“Through science engagement events we hope to inspire an interest in science careers and science literacy, which is a vital skill for effectively navigating the modern world that we live in.”

Individuals, organisations and businesses are invited to apply with up to 10 events being funded in Tasmania this year.

Applications close on Friday, 22 January 2016 and forms can be obtained by visiting www.whysci.org.au

Inspiring Australia is an Australian Government initiative in conjunction with the University of Tasmania.

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