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PEP-Talk, where people go when they are excited about Public Engagement

At the congress, the authors will present how “PEP-Talk” –the Public Engagement Forum at Swansea University– works to enhance, promote, support and embed Public Engagement across the institution. The forum gathers Public Engagement practitioners from all the colleges acting as a meeting point for those who are keen on reaching society. At PEP-Talk, researchers, students and staff who run Public Engagement activities can share ideas and best practices to achieve excellence and meaningful results in their projects. The forum recognises and rewards the efforts of those who undertake such activities and provides assistance in sourcing, signposting, evaluating and developing strategies.

Rhian Melita



Rhian Melita is an Impact and Engagement Officer at Swansea University and Chair of the Public Engagement Forum – PEP Talk, which aims to embed a culture of change towards public engagement and ensure that staff and students are adequately supported, recognised and rewarded for their public engagement. She is undertaking a PhD in Public Engagement with Research (PE-R) and it's resulting impact and using her research to inform the changes she implements at Swansea University. Rhian Melita has an MA in professional development in education and training with a particular focus on change and project management, she is also a qualified project manager with Prince2.

Gabriela Ojeda



Gabriela has a degree in Biology from Universidade da Coruna (UDC) and a master's degree in Scientific, Medical and Environmental Communication from Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). She has been working in European projects around Responsible Research and Innovation at the Studies Center on Science, Communication and Society of the UPF before starting her PhD thesis called "Scientific Culture in Higher Education Institutions: means and strategies for communicating science and technology". She is a member of the History, Archaeology, Documentation and Culture Research Group of the UDC where her research is being carried out, although part of her work has been developed at the Science Communication Unit of the University of the West of England as well. Lately, Gabriela has been collaborating with

the Public Engagement Forum at Swansea University as a Public Engagement Intern where her stay has been extended – as a Public Engagement Evaluator– to help with the evaluation of public engagement projects in order to report their social impact.