OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES for SPAT MEMBERS:

WHY?

SPAT group members are encouraged to participate in outreach programmes if they don’t already do so. Outreach activities keep us in touch with the larger community, help us to feel enthusiastic about our research and inspire the next generation to have a positive view of scientists, whether or not they decide to become scientists themselves.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

The following list gives links to resources and organizations at Imperial College and externally that can find placements for you. They are run by competent, enthusiastic people who will provide you with the necessary training to participate in the schemes and will remove as much of the administrative burden from you as possible.

If you would like to discuss outreach activities to get a better idea of what the programmes are like and how they work, feel free to contact: Dr. Leah Alconcel (l.alconcel@imperial.ac.uk).

Internal programmes, run by Imperial College

1. **OPAL: Open Air Laboratories**

   **Who can participate:** Everyone  
   **Activity:** Talks, participate in field trials  
   **Time commitment:** At your discretion  
   **Point of contact:** Prof. Ralf Toumi (r.toumi@imperial.ac.uk)  
   **Web address:** [http://www.opalexplorenature.org/](http://www.opalexplorenature.org/)

2. **PIMLICO**

   **Who can participate:** Postgrads only  
   **Activity:** Tutoring scheme; paired with small group of students  
   **Time commitment:** 2 hours/week (Wed afternoons) for 16-17 weeks  
   **Point of contact:** Dr Annalisa Alexander  
   **Web address:** [http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/pimlico](http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/pimlico)

3. **Researchers in Residence**

   **Who can participate:** Postgrads & postdocs  
   **Activity:** Paired with a teacher at a school; give talks and run activities with students  
   **Time commitment:** 14-24 hours/year  
   **Point of contact:** Dr Annalisa Alexander  
   **Web address:** [http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/researchersinresidence](http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/researchersinresidence)
4. **Mini-INSPIRE**

   **Who can participate:** Postgrads & postdocs  
   **Activity:** 20-minute talk to several groups of 20 students at a school and/or at Imperial  
   **Time commitment:** 2-3 hours/year  
   **Point of contact:** Naheed Alizedeh  
   **Web address:** http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/inpire/miniinspire

**External programmes**

1. **IntoUniversity**

   **Who can participate:** Everyone  
   **Activity:** Short talk to a group of 15-20 students  
   **Time commitment:** At your discretion, probably 1-2 hours/year  
   **Point of contact:** Maeve McClenaghan  
   **Web address:** http://www.intouniversity.org

2. **National Science Learning Centre (NSLC)**

   **Who can participate:** Everyone (Course-dependent)  
   **Activity:** Preparatory course followed by teacher interaction  
   **Time commitment:** 4 days/year  
   **Point of contact:** Jeremy Airey  
   **Web address:** http://www.sciencelearningcentres.org.uk