

Happy January from KKI Associates!
Recent Highlights - 'We train people and they win prizes'



Biophosphate, from the GW4+ DTP, overall winners at the NERC Environment YES competition in December 2015



PalmSolutions, also from GW4+, won the Syngenta Prize for best plant microbial and environmental plan in Environment YES 2015



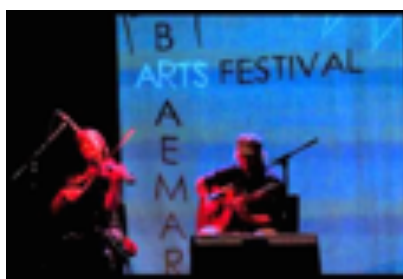
Porphatech from Sheffield University, runners-up in the BBSRC Biotechnology YES competition 2014



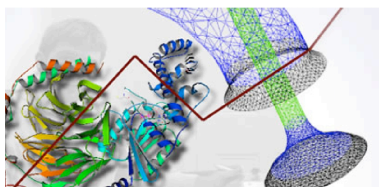
Bioplas, from Sheffield University - Biotechnology YES finalists 2103

We sponsored an Arts Festival, and it also won a prize:

<http://www.voluntaryarts.org/2014/03/05/braemar-creative-arts-festival-and-lewis-pipe-band-win-scotland-epic-award/>



KKI Associates helps young people 'become millionaires', by training, consulting, and mentoring their business/ career plans. In 2014-5 we trained over 250 people in workshops from Aberdeen to Exeter, did 5 major consultancy projects, presented 3 conference papers, developed teaching materials for the Royal Society of Chemistry, and won some awards



Reasons to celebrate January!

- World Buskers Festival, Christchurch NZ (Jan 14th)
- Venice Carnival (Jan 23rd)
- National Pie Day, in both Iran and the USA (Jan 23rd)
- Burns Night (Jan 25th)
- Mozart's Birthday (Jan 27th)

For more curious January traditions and customs see:

<http://projectbritain.com/year/january.htm>

Why we feel SAD in January

Although we say the shortest day is December 21st, it actually carries on getting darker in the mornings well into January. In London, the latest sunrise in January 2016 is 8.06 am on January 5th. In Edinburgh the latest sunrise is 8.44 am from Dec 25th to Jan 2nd, while in New York it doesn't start getting lighter until January 11th. Have fun checking other places with this web-site:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/sunrise.html>

Things to look forward to in 2016

- The Juno probe arrives at Jupiter https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/juno/main/index.html
- For gardeners its the 300th anniversary of 'Capability' Brown <http://www.capabilitybrown.org>
- Its also 350 years since the Great Fire of London and 400 years since the death of Shakespeare <https://www.visitengland.com/biz/advice-and-support/travel-trade/anniversaries-2016>
- The Quidditch World Cup (Muggles only) will be held in Frankfurt : <http://www.the-leaky-cauldron.org/2015/11/19/iqa-announces-the-host-city-of-the-2016-quidditch-world-cup/>
- Its 100 years since the Cub Scouts were formed <https://www.cubs100.org>
- There's an important election (in Scotland of course)
- One of our favourite websites has been updated. Now you can run the French national grid from your desktop! (As well as the UK one) <http://www.gridwatch.templar.co.uk>

Things to discuss in 2016

- The environmental impact of the container shipping industry <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/nov/02/environmental-impact-of-shipping-goods> <http://www.gizmag.com/shipping-pollution/11526/>
- Photo-voltaic glass on buildings <http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/photovoltaic-glass-PV-glass> <http://www.oxfordpv.com/About-us/Our-Vision>
- Making steam without boiling water <http://www.technologyreview.com/news/507821/nanoparticles-make-steam-without-bringing-water-to-a-boil/>
- Gender bias in translations from Arabic https://www.google.co.uk/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=Arabic+translators+all+male&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&gfe_rd=cr&ei=32CWVsupF8e8bP2MhKgK
- Ways to keep young women doing sport http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/zoe-mellis/girls-sport_b_6855526.html <http://ukrda.org.uk/roller-derby/>