**SEPnet Public Engagement Awards Criteria**

People or projects can be nominated for more than one award (a nomination form for each award will be needed) and the same people/project can be nominated in successive years. Please note that winning people or projects will not receive the same award twice. Each award has their own form. Nominations must be received by midday on **Monday 28 September 2015**.

**Public Engagement Innovation Project Award**

This award recognises public engagement projects which include activities where physics research has been shared with the public through interesting and innovative ways. Projects can take any form of engagement to any audience.

The nominations in this category should be for a particular public engagement project based on research, either run by an individual or a team.

Good nominations will include one or more of the following:   
- A longer project rather than a single activity.  
- Working with underserved (non-traditional) audiences.   
- A thorough evaluation of the project and its impact.  
- Unusual and innovative ideas.  
  
**Public Engagement Notable Impact Project Award**

This award recognises public engagement projects which have had notable impact. Projects will have generated impact from their research through any channel involving engaging with the public – including knowledge transfer, working with user groups, debates, pro-bono schemes and many more.

The nominations in this category should be for a particular project resulting in visible impact where impact is defined as a benefit, change or influence on a group. The impact may relate to wealth and/or job creation, environment and/or resource use, health, treatments and/or life style choices, improving safety including influencing safety standards, influencing end user practices, influencing aspiration and/or study/career choices, changing public understanding and/or appreciation of physics, influencing policy and/or infrastructure or service provision, etc.

This may be an individual or a team project.

Good nominations will include one or more of the following:   
- Evidence of the impact achieved.  
- Evidence of the Reach of the impact.  
- Evidence of the Significance of the impact.

**Communication Award**

This award recognises an individual’s ability to communicate their own research through different channels including broadcast media (television, radio or film), writing for print or online journalism and public speaking (festivals, lectures, debates or panel discussions).

Good nominations will include one or more of the following:   
- Working across a range of media types.   
- Engagement at a national or international level.   
- Regular contributions to high profile events such as festivals, lectures, debates and panel discussions.  
- Ability to communicate their research to different types of audiences, giving evidence on how each audience is considered.

**Achievement Award**

This award recognises an individual’s record of sustained (at least ten years) of excellence in engaging the public with research through a range of engagement activities and audiences.

Good nominations will include one or more of the following:   
- Evidence of supporting others in their department with their own engagement activity.   
- Engagement with a variety of audiences, through a range of different channels.   
- Engaging at a wider strategic level.   
- Strong communication skills.   
- Evidence of having planned and run a variety of activities over the years.

**Newcomer Award**

This award recognises an individual who is new to engagement and have made an impact that could include any type of engagement activity or project linked to their research.

The nominees in this category are likely to be early in their research career and should have taken part in a significant project and/or a range of different engagement types.

Good nominations will include one or more of the following:  
- Initiating and leading on an engagement project or activity.   
- A variety of engagement types.   
- Developing their own activities.   
- Clear evaluation of the activity.