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Cross-consortium & online/remote activities

1.	The Big Regional Family Quiz	Online; lead UoP.	25 Sept, 7-8pm	Families; children, young adults. Participants: 800
Following the success of the FUTURES 2020 Big Family Quiz, we will organise and host a family quiz using an online platform such as Cahoot which allows and encourages interaction and live feedback on team performance. Researchers from across the consortium will contribute to rounds relating to science and humanities. This regional quiz will close the <i>FUTURES 2021</i> programme and celebrate the wide range of research at the participating universities.				
2.	FUTURES on Air	Community radio stations across SW England; lead UoBA & UoE	24 & 25 Sept, 10am-10pm	Adults; community groups Participants: 10000
Collaborating with community audio producers Stellaria Media, FUTURES on Air will co-create a series of radio shows with community groups from across the South West of England and is a cross consortium activity. This programme will build on the 'takeover' of local radio stations at FUTURES 2020 and will create relevant and engaging content that connects research and innovation with people's lives and interests. We will work with the diverse network of community radio stations to engage their community programme makers and diverse audiences to identify topics they are interested in and match them to researchers from across the consortium partners to co-create programmes that will air across the region during European Researchers' Night.				
3.	The FUTURES Science Show	Twitter; lead UoBA	25 Sept, 12pm-6pm	Young adults. Participants: 5000
Using Twitter, researchers will share their research, answer participant's questions and share demonstrations in a digital science show. Based on its success at FUTURES 2020, the FUTURES Science Show will feature researchers from across the participating universities take over the Global Science Show account throughout the day in slots and engage users with their research.				
4.	Nature-gram	Instagram; lead UoBA	24 & 25 Sept	Young adults. Participants: 15000
Young adults 18-34 are less well served in engagement with environmental sciences, with a more traditional focus on families and children. Nature-gram will see environmental researchers from across the five consortium universities collaborate with nature-based Instagram content creators to reach and engage young adults digitally with their research. This builds on the experiences of the takeover of the Natural History Consortium's Instagram account as part of FUTURES 2020. The evaluation demonstrated it was an effective way to reach this target group and generate a high degree of engagement with the content researchers produced.				
5.	Ask me Anything	Reddit; lead UoBA	24 & 25 Sept	Adults. Participants: 8000
Researchers from the consortium will run an 'Ask Me Anything' through the online forum Reddit (234 million users). This activity will provide an adult audience with the opportunity to participate in open discussions with researchers around cutting-edge research taking place in the region and its impact on their daily lives.				

6.	Writing Futures!	Online; lead BSU	24 & 25 Sept	Primary schools. Participants: 600
<p>Paper Nations, in association with the Research Centre for Transcultural Creativity and Education (TRACE) will deliver a series of workshops, both virtually and in-person, for primary school students across Bath and Wiltshire. Our programme builds on the success of the <i>Writing Futures!</i> creative workshops from 2020 and 2019, and Professor Bambo Soyinka's 'Dare to Write?' methodology, which emerges from extensive research with authors and educators about what inspires and supports writing. These workshops will be delivered by published authors and developed in consultation with creative researchers from the Arts Council England funded project, Paper Nations. <i>Writing Futures!</i> will engage schoolchildren of all levels, encouraging them to embrace and explore the freedom to imagine and create. With notebook in hand, anyone can undertake a journey of discovery led by writing to free expression, exploration and personal creation. In these workshops, children will be empowered to write their own simple short story and poem and share their work with their peers to improve their writing and confidence. The workshops will encourage children to use creative writing to create new worlds and explore them.</p>				
7.	I'm an EU Scientist, Get Me Out of Here!	Online; lead UoB	17 – 24 Sept	School pupils. Participants: 600
<p>We will host an EU edition of the popular science engagement activity I'm a Scientist, Get Me Out of Here! from 17-24 September. Young people across the South West will interact directly with MSC Fellows and other EU funded researchers from across the consortium, asking anything they like about their work, their interests and how they came to be scientists. Participants vote for their favourite, and the winner is announced during a final live chat open to all on the Night. In the South West, young people are often challenged and disadvantaged by geography, particularly the significant number of school students located rurally in Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. This can lead to low aspirations and fewer career choices so schools will be recruited from these areas to reach young people who might not otherwise be able to attend <i>FUTURES 2021</i> events.</p>				
8.	Discover and Discuss	Online; lead UoB	17 – 24 Sept	School pupils. Participants: 500
<p>Discover and Discuss proved an effective engagement activity in <i>FUTURES 2020</i> and will be further developed in 2021. With advice and guidance from Curiosity Connections, researchers from across the consortium working in STEM, the Arts and Humanities will develop activity resources for use in primary schools with disadvantaged intakes. Classes will complete the activity, and then participate in a webchat with the researcher who created it. These webchats will last up to 45 minutes and provide an opportunity for the researcher to discuss the activity, and to answer questions about their research, how and why they became a researcher, and what it is like to be a researcher. This enables pupils to engage with research and role models, express their curiosity, and consider research as a career.</p>				
9.	Do Try This At Home	Online; lead UoB	17 – 25 Sept	Children; families. Participants: 400
<p>Building on the success of this activity in 2020, Do Try This at Home will be expanded to incorporate researchers from across the consortium. A range of downloadable or online resources aimed at young people will be created by researchers, with advice and guidance from Curiosity Connections. The activity will be hosted on the <i>FUTURES 2021</i> website before and during the ERN, when website traffic will be at its highest. Do Try This At Home will be promoted to youth groups and forums for parents, particularly those who are home-schooling their children.</p>				