

Dear IMEMS colleagues,

This spring newsletter contains some good news, two important dates for your diary, and a request for information.

1. First, the good news! I am delighted to be able to tell you that our Institute has been awarded **funding for next academic year** by our two universities' Partnership Board. This is in recognition of the achievements of IMEMS so far on many fronts, including a great deal of basic research co-operation in our 'strands' and seminars, a variety of innovative projects, success in winning grants, and the development of relationships with external, often international, partners. Congratulations to all!
2. The Tuesday video-linked seminar series is now taking a break for the Easter vacation, but resumes on **Tuesday 13th April** at 5pm with a paper by Prof. Marion Wynne-Davies (University of Surrey) entitled "'With such a Wife 'tis heaven on earth to dwell": Memorialising Early Modern Englishwomen'. As always, please pass on details of this and any other relevant IMEMS events to your postgraduates and other scholars who may be interested in attending.
3. The second IMEMS date for your diary is the **Annual Meeting on Wednesday 26th May** at the National Library in Aberystwyth from 10.30 to 4pm. The speakers will include specialist librarians from the NLW introducing collections of interest to IMEMS researchers, as well as colleagues from a variety of disciplines giving short talks on their new research. There will also be an opportunity to meet with fellow researchers in your strand. A full programme will be circulated after Easter, but in the meantime please reserve the date!
4. Finally, would you kindly let Gary Reid know of any activities you undertake which result in your research being shared with a non-academic audience. We are all fairly used to keeping a record of conference papers or guest lectures given at other universities, but Gary is compiling a list of more **public research activities** by IMEMS members – for example, speaking at a literary or music festival about your research, teaching a day-school for the general public, or giving a lecture to an external group such as the local branch of the National Trust. Please pass on brief details of any such 'outreach' activities, past or planned, to Gary (gar@aber.ac.uk).

Many thanks.

With best wishes for a fruitful Easter vacation,
Helen (Wilcox)

P.S. We apologise for the cancellation of the workshop on research funding on Tuesday 23rd March. It turned out to coincide with other commitments for many IMEMS members; it will now be held after the summer at a time when we hope that more colleagues will be able to attend.