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Wednesday 1st April, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Main Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, School of Electronic Engineering, Dean Street.

'Life, the Universe and Happiness'

Dr John Parkinson, Senior Lecturer

School of Psychology, Bangor University

THE SPEAKER

Dr Parkinson is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Psychology, Bangor University. One of his main research interests is how motivational and emotional states can affect our cognitive processes. Dr Parkinson is widely respected in his field and his Talks and Lectures are extremely popular and always very well received.

THE TALK

The Talk will look at the influence of motivational states on memory and decision-making and focus on the subject of 'happiness' and the effect it and 'positivity' has on us as individuals. Both happiness and positivity impact on day to day life, but it is not just our home life that will improve if we have a positive, happy outlook. Happy workers can be a significant benefit in the workplace and collectively and individually be a great asset to any organisation.

Happy workers usually:

- Receive better job evaluations, get paid more and are less likely to burnout.
- Are more likely to be collaborative thinkers.

- Are more likely to exhibit 'collective efficacy' win-win.
- Find mutually beneficial solutions when conflicts arise.
- Persist at difficult tasks longer and are more optimistic about likely outcomes.
- Are likely to rate co-workers more favourably.

Happiness doesn't cost anything and is also contagious. So by using simple mathematics, if we are happy, those around us will become happier too; improving both our work and home life for free!

The Talk will also explore:

- 'Happiness' as a concept.
- The benefits of a happy and positive approach to life.
- Happiness as an action goal.
- Practical tips for optimising life experiences.

So come and join us to learn how being happy and positive can benefit ourselves and the workplace.

We look forward to seeing you at the Talk.

Refreshments will be provided from 2.00pm. Talk starts at 2.15pm.



INFORMATION



VENUE FOR 1ST APRIL 2009

The Main Lecture Theatre is on the ground floor of Bangor University's School of Electronic Engineering Building, which is located on Dean Street in Bangor – this building is also referred to as 'Informatics'. The Lecture room is accessible via the main entrance and then follow the directional signs on display.

The University is signposted from the A5/55 Expressway. A location map for the building can be found via the University's Homepage on: www.bangor.ac.uk. See: www.eng.bangor.ac.uk/LocationMap.pdf - Informatics, Location 60.

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