



## University opens its labs for brain awareness

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12 March 2007, Roehampton University is to celebrate International Brain Awareness Week, opening its laboratory doors to local GCSE students.

Universities and research organisations across the globe are hosting a variety of educational activities for the general public, including lectures, lab tours, classroom visits and exhibitions, all highlighting the importance of neuroscience research to the health and wellbeing of the public.

Principal lecturer in neuroscience Jolanta Opacka-Juffry said the event involved a number of colleagues and PhD students taking part in the neurochemistry, microscopy, electroencephalography (EEG) and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) demonstrations.

Jolanta, who has led the University's involvement in the annual event for the past four years, said tomorrow's researchers- today's students- would be given first hand experience of brain research.

"International Brain Awareness Week is a global celebration of brain research and a good opportunity to popularise brain science, and to reach out to the community," she said.

"It is co-ordinated across Europe by the European Dana Alliance for Brain (EDAB) – a charity for brain research. Here at Roehampton we are hosting an open lab afternoon for a group of local GCSE students and their teachers."

The campaign involves more than 1,200 partners world-wide, including medical and research organisations, charities, hospitals and universities that share an interest in raising public awareness of brain and nervous system research.

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