



## Recruiting!

Run out of dinner party audiences to entertain with your hilarious anecdotes from ‘the field’?

Scare people in coffee shops by laughing to yourself whilst typing research papers?

Have you been secretly holding back at conference presentations on all those dark and yet deeply humorous quips?

Do you have a sneaking suspicion that your research might be really, really funny?

Are you an anthropologist?

Then we’re looking for you!

**Take your inner comedian to the next level and bag yourself a spot on the stage at Bright Club @ ASA2014**

In partnership with Bright Club Edinburgh [The Association of Social Anthropologists Decennial Conference](#) will be hosting an evening of drinks and jokes with all of the entertainment provided by anthropologists in the form of short stand-up comedy routines about their work. In preparation for the event Bright Club Edinburgh will be hosting training sessions in Edinburgh during March and April. There are also Bright Clubs in many cities across the UK if you are unable to travel to us. Bright Club training is worth attending, it’s fun, funny, and great for developing that certain edge to your public speaking skills. We will be selecting 8 people from the training sessions to perform at the event itself, selection will reflect a range of levels of seniority and topic area, no auditions to select for ‘funniness’ will be held, with a little help from the Bright Club experts *anyone* can be a comedy hit.

Contact [brightclubasa2014@gmail.com](mailto:brightclubasa2014@gmail.com) to express your interest, ask questions, or to spam the organizers with your best jokes.

A special Bright Club 'duck' will be designed in honor of the first ever anthropology themed Bright Club and we would be pleased to receive your suggestions on design to the address above.

### **And finally ... a message from Bright Club Edinburgh**

The Bright Club is a public engagement event unlike any other. Researchers, from all fields and backgrounds, take to the stage to perform short stand-up comedy routines about their work. Why? Because it's fun, interesting, and genuinely useful. Comedy and research have a lot in common. Most of our performers have no experience of doing stand-up comedy – or have even considered it before - but that doesn't matter. We provide training with the help of professional comedians. No matter how much experience you have with public speaking or teaching, there is something valuable you can learn from the world of stand-up – and have a great time as you do it.

We had a sell-out debut show at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2011 with the BBC, and are working with brilliant comedy people including The Stand Comedy Club – one of the top comedy clubs in the UK. Our shows sell out and we've had lots of media attention, including New Scientist ("sexy, cool – and funny!") , New Statesman, and Radio Scotland. We even did a full run at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2013 at the Assembly Rooms.

All our performers are, of course, researchers (from PhD students to professors) and not comedians, so you absolutely don't need any stand-up experience. You don't even need to have any jokes written, because we give you all the training and practice you need. It's easier than you think, but don't tell your friends that because they'll look at you in awe.

The biggest incentive I can offer is that performing is brilliant fun – Bright Club Edinburgh

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