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Dear colleagues,

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Now that the PONToon project is underway it is only fitting that we throw an exciting launch party and you are all invited. Like all good parties, it won't be the same without enthusiastic participants. Let's kick off the Festive Season together as we embark on a journey set to raise aspirations and expectations, and create ladders of opportunity and a community of life-long learning in the Interreg region (Southern England & Northern France), leading to a legacy of equality for future generations.

PONToon (Partnership Opportunities using New Technologies fostering sOcial and ecONomic inclusioN) is an Interreg 5A France (Channel) England research project running June 2017 – November 2020. This project is led by the University of Portsmouth Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries and has 11 UK and French project partners. PONToon will employ digital technologies and creative practices in order to provide equal access to training and employment services and respond to the digital skills shortage that exists across all sectors. The project is focussed on female social inclusion, targeting those furthest from the labour market.

In fact we have not one, but two celebratory events planned, which will include;

- Motion Capture demos
- VR/immersive experience demos
- Webinars
- Live streaming
- Networking opportunities
- Hands on workshops and roundtable discussion

**Event 1** Interactive, immersive launch party  
Schedule to be released soon  
Drop in as you can

**Date** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**Time** 10.30am – 4.30pm  
**Location** University of Portsmouth, Eldon building  
Winston Churchill Avenue  
Portsmouth  
PO1 2DJ

**Event 2** Networking and business speed dating event

**Date**  
**Time** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**Location** 7 – 9pm  
Aspex Gallery  
The Vulcan Building  
Portsmouth  
PO1 3BF

Register for both or one event here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pontoon-project-launch-tickets-38630984314>

Kind regards

The PONToon team