The Department of Infection Immunity and Inflammation hosted Leicester University’s first World TB Day. The aim of this year’s event was to encourage collaboration between researchers at the university and clinical staff in the surrounding 3 hospitals.

A series of talks from clinicians and researchers was well received by everyone in attendance and most of the presenters and half of the audience looked very smart in their World TB day T-shirts. These had been printed from the template on the stoptb.org website to increase awareness of TB in the wider community and to raise funds for Medicins Sans Frontier and Health Action Leicester Ethiopia in honour of Sir Wren Hoskyns who died on the 19th of February 2015. Dr Hoskyns was a paediatrician in Leicester, his research included considerable work with Tuberculosis and special tribute was paid to him this year.
This was Leicester University’s first World TB Day. Hopefully in future years in addition to supporting collaborations’ between researchers and clinicians in the fight against tuberculosis we can focus upon events in our communities to raise funds and increase public awareness and help turn the tide on the war against TB.

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