

Media Summary 28 Feb – 6 March

Coverage

This week coverage was dominated by the launch of the '[Pee-powered](#)' toilet on Frenchay campus. The project which is a partnership between researchers at the Bristol Robotics Laboratory and Oxfam, has launched a prototype urinal which students and staff are being asked to use to donate pee to fuel microbial fuel cells (MFC) stacks, this can generate electricity to power the indoor lighting. It is hoped the pee-power technology will light cubicles in refugee camps which are often dark and dangerous places particularly for women.

The project is explained further in a video made by the [UWE Bristol Press Office](#)

The story generated extensive worldwide coverage, examples of which are shown below, and Professor Ioannis Ieropoulos, the project leader gave many radio interviews.

[BBC Points West](#)
[ITV West Country](#)

Guardian – [University installs prototype 'pee-power' toilet](#)

Independent – ['Pee-powered' urinal to be tested at students' union bar](#)

Sky News – [Pee-power toilet generates electricity](#)

Mirror - ['Pee-power' toilet that generates electricity from urine installed yards from students' union](#)

Daily Mail - [Charge your phone with URINE: Pee-powered toilet could be 'everlasting' source of electricity, say inventors](#)

Reuters - [Pee-powered 'green' toilet to light up refugee camps](#)

BBC Newsround - [Pee-powered loo could be vital new electricity source](#)

Huffington Post – [UWE students wee to save the planet by turning urine in electricity](#)

Medical news today – ['Pee-powered' toilet could be game changer for refugee camps](#)

RT UK – ['Pee power' UK university trials electricity generating toilet](#)

International

International Business Times - [Pee-power: Urinals that generate electricity by eating pee 'to make refugee camps safer for women'](#)

Pressenza International Press Agency – [Pee-power the many uses of urine generated energy](#)

Australia - [ABC](#)

Belgium - [Rtl](#), [DeMorgen](#)

Canada - [La presse](#)

Dubai -[Khaleej Times](#)

France – [20 minutes](#), [La Tribune](#),

Germany -[Spiegel](#), [n-tv.de](#)

India – [India Today](#)

Indonesia – [The Jakarta post](#)

Luxemburg - [Le quotidien](#)

Singapore -[Straitstimes](#) and radio interview for 938LIVE.

Spain -[ABC](#),

The Netherlands -[Trouw](#), [Joop](#)

In other news this week –

Bristol Post – [Bristol universities fear labour plans could cut tuition fees by a third](#)

The Telegraph - [Typists, payphones and printer queues: how did we get by at university?](#)

Brownfield Briefing – [Beware ministers bearing gifts](#)

Gazette Series – [Abbotswood get a makeover through student project](#)

South West Business – [Key to success is knowing your market](#)