

## **Festival of Ideas Report 2015**

This year the Faculty of Education hosted two events as part of the University's annual Festival of Ideas.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October we welcomed members of the public to a talk given by Siddharth Pandey: '*A home in the hills: Indian Summers and the making of India's Little England*' (pictured below). This event was very successful with 45 people visiting the Faculty to attend. I would like to thank Siddharth for his engaging and enjoyable presentation.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October we welcome a large number of families to the Faculty for two events: '*Find your own Superpower!*' and '*Who can resist the power of play? Playful learning zone*'. 153 children attended these events, along with 87 adults, bringing the total to 240 visitors in one day! The children enjoyed exploring and taking part in experiments in the psychology lab, taking part in 'junk modelling' and various arts and crafts activities. The Faculty Library also hosted a storytelling session with the children (pictured below), which was a huge success.

Yet again we had lots of people visiting the Faculty for the first time. The events provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with the public and the wider University body and let them know who we are, about the huge range of study programmes and research we have happening here and the fantastic building in which we work.

I would like to thank everybody who helped with the preparation and running of the events – it was fantastic to have such a great team working to make sure the events ran smoothly. The events would not have been possible without the support of a team of volunteers. I would therefore like to give a special thanks to the 17 wonderful volunteers who made the events such a success.

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