

Recording of the week: Harold Wilson's 1963 pledge to harness the white heat of a scientific revolution

Today's selection comes from Emmeline Ledgerwood, Discovering Science website co-ordinator. Sixty years ago, on 1 Oct 1963, the then Labour party leader, Harold Wilson, delivered his famous 'white heat' speech at the Labour party conference in Scarborough. In this speech he outlined the party's plans to harness a 'scientific revolution'...

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Recording of the week: Recalling the 1981 Hunger Strike at Maze Prison

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Emmanuelle Olivier's 'Damara-Nama' recordings and their return to Sesfontein, Namibia

In March 2022 a full set of digital copies of recordings of 'Damara-Nama'

musics now archived in the British Library was returned to the Indigenous rights holders in Sesfontein, north-west Namibia. These recordings were made in 1999 by French ethnomusicologist Emmanuelle Olivier, assisted by the late Minette Mans, an ethnomusicology..

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