

## **The Higgs Boson and the LHC: Adventures in Physics, in Public**

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The last few years have been extraordinary for physics at the energy frontier. I will give a personal account of what it was like to be involved in the start-up of the world's biggest experiment. I will cover the motivation and conclusion of the Higgs search, and some other novel aspects of doing physics above the electroweak-symmetry-breaking scale. I will also discuss the unprecedented public and media interest in the experiment, and the impact that had on our work. And I will speculate about the next steps in particle physics.