

Festival of Physics Call for Proposals Guidelines

Information on the festival

The Institute of Physics are delighted to announce that the inaugural Festival of Physics will take place on the 4–5 November at George Watson's College in Edinburgh.

This is a new endeavour for the IOP in Scotland, and will be a two-day celebration of the role of physics in our lives, with an emphasis on cross-disciplinary content that demonstrates the intersections of science and other forms of culture, and celebrates the roles of Scottish physicists in the inventions and discoveries that have shaped our world.

The programme will be family- and teen-oriented during the day, with events for adults taking place during the evenings.

We are looking for content to be a mixture of hand-on activities, performances, talks, debates and exhibitions. We particularly welcome ideas that highlight the links between physics and other aspects of society, such as art, music, history, languages, architecture, cuisine, sports and the environment. We are also interested in offering a platform for new ideas and experimental content, so if you have an idea for something you'd like to present at our festival, please don't be shy!

Guide to completion

The information we have asked you to supply for each section is intended to give us a comprehensive understanding of the nature and capacity of your content. Please answer all questions or record an N/A for 'not applicable'. Feel free to use the final space to provide additional information. Images, videos and links to online content are also welcome – anything that helps to give us an accurate picture of what you have on offer.

Technical information:

Dates

The festival takes place on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November. Whilst you do not have to be available for both dates in order to be considered for inclusion, please let us any current limitations to your availability in the 'further information' section.

Timings

The festival will run from 10am – 10.30pm on Saturday 4th and 10am – 5pm on Sunday 5th.

Location

The festival will take place in George Watson's College, 69 Colinton Rd, Edinburgh EH10 5EG.

Spaces

The main exhibitors' hall is a large open space 26m x 22m with a large raised stage at one end. The stage has a 4m x 3m rear projection-enabled screen and a full lighting rig. An AV technician will be available during the days to assist with setup, lighting and sound.

Standard exhibitors' tables are 1m x 1m. Please let us know how many of these you require.

The lecture theatre has a capacity of 157 in fixed raked seating. It is a discrete soundproof space with a fixed desk centre stage, two hand-held mics (radio mics can be supplied on request), a 2m x 2.5m projection screen and full AV facilities. There is also a separate area for refreshments/packed lunches.

Equipment

Standard 13amp power is available on request throughout the spaces. Please let us know how many power points you require.

The stage and lecture theatre have a full complement of basic lighting, sound and AV equipment. Please let us know if you have any specific requirements.

Water

The lecture theatre has a small sink. Otherwise, we are able to access sinks, drainage and handwashing facilities through the classrooms. Accessible public toilets with washrooms are available around the space.

Deadline for submissions: Friday 23rd June, 12.00pm

Please contact Siân Hickson, Public Engagement Manager for Scotland with any questions on sian.hickson@iop.org