

2018 Festival of Physics Call for Proposals Guidelines

Information on the festival

Following the success of the first Institute of Physics Festival of Physics in 2017, the 2018 Festival of Physics will take place between the 26 – 28 October at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

As before, the festival will be a celebration of the role that physics plays in our world and beyond, 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 lives and culture. There will be two evenings' worth of adult events, alongside family and all-ages content taking place throughout the days.

This year, the theme of the festival is *Time*. We would be keen to encourage submissions of content that explores or is related to this theme, although it is not prohibitive.

In general, 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.

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.

Type of content

Please check the box or boxes that you feel most closely describe your event.

Tabletop activities include small-scale interactive experiments, make-and-takes, object handling experiences, equipment displays, games, etc. that can be run from a 6ft x 2ft trestle table

Workshops are longer duration and usually timed activities that require a specific space, e.g. pinhole photography, chocolate making

Shows are timed performances and can include traditional science shows or theatrical works.

Talks can take the form of a traditional lecture, a debate, a hosted conversation or a cabaret-style multi-speaker event, Show

Exhibitions are larger stands, artworks or pieces of specialist equipment. Where possible, we encourage all exhibitions to be interactive.

Art can include visual art, musical performance pieces, photography or storytelling

Other (please add description in field below) if your submission does not fall into any of the above categories

Technical information:

Dates

The festival takes place from Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November. You do not have to be available for all dates in order to be considered for inclusion, but please indicate any current limitations to your availability in the ‘further information’ section.

Timings

The timings of the 2018 festival are

Friday: 6pm – 10.30pm

Saturday: 10am – 11pm

Sunday: 10am – 5.30pm

Location

The festival will take place in Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Road, EH8 8AS

<http://www.dynamicearth.co.uk/>

The venue has a variety of fully-equipped spaces on offer, including workshop spaces, theatre spaces, lecture rooms, a dome, and a large exhibition hall

Deadline for submissions: Wednesday 11th July, 4.00pm

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