



FOSAC22

Expression of Interest

The **Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity** will be back again 7-16 February 2022 for its seventh edition. The festival is produced by local charity Ignite!, and is a collaboration between UoN, NTU, local authorities across Nottinghamshire and cultural and educational organisations.

We are **currently developing plans for the 2022 festival** that include activities that we can be sure of going ahead and some flexibility for online/in-person events as restrictions change. We are now **keen to hear from academics and researchers**, staff and students from all disciplines, cultural backgrounds and career stages who are interested in taking part.

The festival **Magazine** targets children aged 7-12 and is distributed through schools, foodbanks, community organizations and supermarkets. We are looking for short articles, puzzles, quizzes, challenges and suggestions for activities/experiments. The contributions will be reviewed by Year 6 pupils before they go to print so you'll get some great feedback on how to reach the target audience. Our team of graphic design students from Confetti college will be happy to work on illustrations, graphics and layout.

Wollaton Watch is a series of live broadcasts running throughout the first week of the festival. Designed to broadly encompass all 'science and curiosity', the programme will be hosted live from Wollaton Hall and will feature lots of pre-recorded clips. We're looking for people to produce short videos for use within the programme. These could be videos explaining how research is making a difference to local people, a 'Did You Know?' feature about research, 'Amazing Nottingham Discoveries' or creative animations or demonstrations. We may also have opportunities for people to come and present live experiments and interviews. We can support video production where needed.

The Curiosity Project is the festival's schools programme, where we support pupils to explore the questions that matter to them by linking them up with researchers. This project works with pupils of all ages - Year 1 to College - and all the research questions come from pupils' own curiosity. This project runs throughout the academic year. The topics the pupils might want to investigate are infinite, so we're looking to build a database of researchers who we can contact when schools share their questions with us.

Careers Events will be running for secondary school pupils as part of the festival and we are currently working with the local authorities to develop these plans.

The Festival website hosts **Online Resources for people to try out at home**, and we'll be looking to update these for the 2022 festival so we're interested in hearing from people who've created interesting online resources.

The Great Unknown! - Online/In Person Events. We're really keen to get back to delivering **in-person events for families** across Nottinghamshire in spaces like libraries, shopping centres, markets and community centres, as well as our "lates" programme for adults in bars, pubs and cinemas. We hope to be working across the county for these events, including in Mansfield, Worksop, Newark, Nottingham City, Ashfield and Ruddington. We'll make a decision about this in October/November time, so keep an eye out for information or sign up to hear more from us through the form below.

Get in touch

Please register your interest through [this form](#). Where necessary, we'll arrange a meeting to chat through ideas so we're looking forward to hearing from you!

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