



FOSAC 2025

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WHAT IS FOSAC?

The Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity, also known as FOSAC, is an annual festival all about showcasing a world of science and curiosity that's around us every day. From 10th-21st February 2025, we will be celebrating 10 years of FOSAC, delivering an exciting programme of STEM activities across Nottinghamshire.

The festival is produced by Nottingham-based education charity Ignite! in collaboration with a wide range of partners across Nottinghamshire such as UoN, NTU, local authorities, cultural and educational organisations, businesses and enterprises.



THE FESTIVAL

Our Schools Programme runs from 10th-14th February with activities in-school and opportunities for pupils to visit activities off-site too. We already have lots of schools across the county signed up to take part in activities which may include workshops, presentations or research projects with pupils in primary, secondary, college or alternative provision settings, or inviting schools to visit your site.

From 15th-21st February we run our Public Events Programme, taking activities out into community settings across the county during half-term. This includes smaller workshops as well as bigger drop-in events, covering everything from structured sessions devised to target a specific audience or simple quick activities they can be one amongst many at a larger event. Venues for these events include libraries, museums and other community spaces right across the county from Nottingham to Mansfield, Worksop to Stapleford, and we will be able to support contributors with travel expenses to reach all of these audiences.



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WE ALSO HAVE A MAGAZINE!

The FOSAC Magazine targets children aged 9-11 and is distributed through schools, foodbanks and community organizations. We are looking for short articles, puzzles, quizzes, and suggestions for activities or experiments to do at home. The contributions will be reviewed by Year 7 pupils before going to print so you'll get some great feedback on how to reach the target audience. Our team of graphic design students will be happy to work with you on illustrations, graphics and layout. There's more information about the magazine [here!](#)

GET INVOLVED!

The FOSAC team are currently developing plans for the 2025 festival that include a range of activities focusing on work with schools and in-person events across the county. 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!

Last year, activities included How Superheroes Use STEM, Codebreakers, Identifying Crops and Plants, Sensing the Brain installation, a planetarium, Mind vs Machine shows, chemistry experiments, exploring the Wonderful World of Paper, 3D Printing, Electron Microscopy, science-busking, chromatology, and much much more!

If you'd like to get involved in FOSAC 2025, please register your interest through [this form](#). The deadline is 2 November 2024.

We like work closely with each contributor so that you're reaching the audiences you want to and so that the quality of the activities we deliver through the festival are of the highest standard. We'll have a read through your submission and then arrange a meeting with you to discuss your ideas in more detail and work out how your activity can fit into the festival programme.

For any questions or more information about FOSAC 2025, please contact catriona@ignitefutures.org.uk

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

