

Festivals, Events and Competitions

There are lots of STEM festivals, events and competitions taking place. Information on the events listed below can be accessed at <https://www.smartfutures.ie/explore-discover/stem-festivals-events/>

BT Young Scientist

The BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition is much more than a competition; it is an unforgettable experience of a lifetime for the students who take part. The Exhibition itself is the final stage in the competition, which is open to all second level students from Ireland, both north and south. As well as the student projects on display, there are a further four exhibition halls filled with science and technology based exhibits and entertainment, making it a thrilling event for those who entered and for general visitors too.

<https://btyoungscientist.com>

ESB Science Blast

ESB Science Blast involves the whole class in this non-competitive programme investigating the science behind a simple question and then display their work at a showcase event. Science is everywhere and in everything, so you can cover a huge amount of the curriculum through participation, from art to numeracy to language skills.

<https://www.rds.ie/Members/Our-Work/esb-science-blast>

SciFest

The SciFest programme consists of a series of one-day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) fairs for second-level students. The aim of the programme is to encourage an interest in, and love of, the STEM subjects. The programme is designed to be as inclusive and accessible as possible. Established in 2008 the programme is now implemented at four distinct levels.

<https://scifest.ie/>

Coollest Projects

Coollest projects is an International technology showcase, in the RDS annually which is open to all. Coollest Projects gives young people the chance to showcase the great ideas they have created. It inspires and rewards innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, and technology skills.

<https://coolestprojects.org/>

iWish

I WISH is an initiative to inspire, encourage and motivate young female students to pursue careers in STEM. STEM can change our world. We have so many world problems to solve – food shortage, climate change, pollution, ageing population. These will be solved through STEM if you help us harness the power of thousands of girls to shape a better world.

<http://www.iwish.ie/>

Engineers Week

Engineers Week is a week-long festival of nationwide events celebrating the world of Engineering in Ireland

<http://www.engineersweek.ie/>

Tech Week

Tech Week is Ireland's nationwide festival of technology aimed at students, parents and the public. Tech Week is made up of a range of classroom and community activities taking place across Ireland – in libraries, schools, community centres, and many other locations. These activities give students a chance to develop their interest in technology subjects, examine potential career prospects, learn new skills, be creative and, most importantly, have a lot of fun.

<https://www.techweek.ie/>

Space Week

Space Week is run in parallel with World Space Week, taking place every first week in October. It is a week where we will ask the people of Ireland to focus on: Our Planet, Our Space, Our Time. Students, families, community groups and members of the public will come together with the space community, professional astrophysicists, the broader educational community, artists, hobby astronomers and space scientists to use the powers of creativity, critical thinking, science, technology, engineering and maths to focus on the wonders and realities of the Universe around us.

<http://www.spaceweek.ie>

Maths Week

Maths Week has grown to attract participation from as many as 300,000 people annually across the island of Ireland. It has evolved into a partnership of more than 50 organisations including universities, institutes of technology, teacher training colleges, further education, professional bodies, museums, libraries and visitor

centres and other groups, all united with the shared vision of making maths accessible to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

<http://www.mathsweek.ie/2018/>

Science Week

Science Week is a week-long celebration of Science across the country, with festivals and events taking part in every corner of the nation.

<http://www.sfi.ie/engagement/science-week/>

College Awareness Week

College Awareness Week is a national campaign which aims to promote the benefits of going to college, to help students of all ages to become college-ready and to showcase local role models

<https://www.collegeaware.ie/>

Dublin Maker

Dublin Maker is a free to attend, community run event, which will be held on Saturday July 21st, 2018 in Merrion Square. Dublin Maker takes the form of a “show and tell” experience where inventors/makers sourced through an open call, will have an opportunity to showcase their creations in a carnival atmosphere. It is a family friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the maker movement. It’s a place where people show what they are making and share what they are learning.

<http://www.dublinmaker.ie/>

Festival of Curiosity

Playful days & Curious Nights. Experience a cultural feast of unique, visual and interactive experiences in Dublin that merge cutting-edge technology, design, arts and science in playful, immersive & curious ways.

<https://festivalofcuriosity.ie/>