



Glasgow Science Festival 2024: Content Proposal Info

GSF will run a programme of in-person events from the **6th to 16th June 2024**. This year's theme is '**Glasgow's Transforming**'. We're thinking- the transformative effect of research on e.g., society, health care, technologies, future cities, changing opinions and thinking. Nature restorations- creating wetlands, reserves, and parks from brownfield sites. development and regeneration of the city, campuses, new bridges. The transformation of the city from industrial past to modern times. Changing one thing to another- metamorphosis, circular economy, recycling. The list is by no means exhaustive.

Our partners have a very broad research base, so as always, please don't worry if you have a great idea that doesn't fit with the theme. Not all our activities will, and we would still want to hear from you. We will also offer our online content '**Science on the Sofa**' throughout June, which continues to be very popular.

Submitting your Proposals

We are now inviting partners to share your ideas for events and activities to be part of the GSF 2023. Please submit your ideas to us by **Monday 15th Jan 2024** using the **[GSF 2024 Online Content Proposal Form](#)**. You are more than welcome to propose multiple ideas but please submit them as separate applications as we request specific info about each offer. The list of questions you will be asked has been included at the end of this document for reference.

The GSF team will be in touch to discuss your proposal(s) throughout Jan/ Feb. If you would like to discuss your ideas ahead of submitting your proposal, please contact us on sciencefestival@glasgow.ac.uk

Please note that we deliver a very sizeable festival on modest budgets which unfortunately mean we are not able to commission content. We would be very happy to collaborate on funding applications where possible.

[GSF 2024 Online Content Proposal Form](#)



Programme Strands

There are three strands to the programme, with more info on each strand described below:

- In-person- Main programme of events and activities
- Online- Science on the Sofa
- GSF in a Bag- activity pack giveaways to the local community

Please note that all GSF events are free of charge to our audiences, with only a small number of exceptions.

In-person: Thurs 6th to Sun 16th June

GSF Run Family & Community Days- Tabletop Activities as part of a GSF Event

GSF run small to large scale events for families, community groups and other interested publics. Get involved by proposing your ideas for interactive 'tabletop' activities e.g., experiments, games, demos, crafts, multimedia, research equipment, methods and people involved. With ethical approvals in place, we can also support data collection for your research.

At these events, we 'pop up' in various venues for a few hours, delivering activities for free, as a rolling drop-in. We do not typically host workshops as part of this offer due to space. Our audiences are very mixed: weekdays are adults, pre-school aged children and primary school pupils. Weekends are very mixed across all age ranges.

Examples of GSF Family & Community Days you can be part of, with suggested themes:

- Riverside museum: 6th to 16th June – tech, innovation, engineering, transport, renewables
- Glasgow Botanic Gardens: 8th to 16th June - sustainability, botany, medicine, health & wellbeing
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum: TBC June - digital innovation & visitor experience, wildlife, engineering & music
- Various community venues and gardens- all themes welcomed

Partner Family & Community Days- Organising your own event

Please select this option if you are planning on running your own family or community event. Previous examples would be the University of the West of Scotland 'Ultimate Science at UWS', 'Feel Good Future Community Day' from UofGlasgow School of Health & Wellbeing and 'The Wee Forrest Community Day' from the Glasgow Science Centre.

In Person Other Event Types

Examples would include panel discussions, films with Q&As, site visits, tours, trails, gardening activities, citizen science projects, food and drink events, workshops, networking events, student skills development..... If it involves research staff & students and/ or links to current research, we'd love to hear your ideas. We don't typically host lectures as many of our partners already run these, but welcome more informal talk events.

In Person Glasgow Libraries

We have been delighted to grow our partnership with the library network and team. Content to date has included STEM book displays, workshops, and exhibitions. Please let us know your ideas for working within library spaces across the city.

In Person Exhibitions

If you have an exhibition arranged, we would be delighted to collaborate and promote this within the festival. We may have some venues options available if your offer is small and can 'pop-up' within a space i.e. is on portable stands, as we wouldn't have access to walls to hang materials.



Science on the Sofa- Online: Sat 1st to Sun 30th June

A 'self-service' library of free digital content, ready to engage with at your own time and pace

Science on the Sofa Hands-online

This is basically a digital version of a family / community day, suitable for e.g., families, schools, uniform groups, youth clubs. Featuring activities, experiments and workshops using easily sourced materials. Previous examples have included coding workshops, hand washing demos, seed growing experiments and make your own edible cell activities. Typically accompanied by materials such as how-to videos, downloadable worksheets, recipe cards and activity templates.

Science on the Sofa Talking Science: Glasgow's Transforming

A series of short (max 10mins) informal talks linked to the theme. Think, sitting on your sofa chatting to someone about what you do.

Science on the Sofa Citizen Science

Promoting citizen science projects, ideally with a link to Glasgow. The participatory element could be either online or in-person

GSF in a Bag: delivered throughout June

Free STEAM activity packs

'GSF in a Bag' aims to increase the reach of festival content and support our local community groups/ clubs/ households by gifting STEAM related activities. GSF will provide a range of activities and we would very much appreciate any contributions to this as it allows us to reach more people. The packs are designed to limit barriers to engagement. They should contain all instructions and materials (while being mindful of waste) and there is no requirement to go online.

Costs

We offer free access to the programme to our University, College, and selected partner organisations. We support your content with a venue, audience generation, marketing, front of house and development/ delivery advice. As we do not charge you a participation fee or generate income from selling tickets (to remove the barrier of costs to our audiences), our delivery budgets are very modest. Additional event costs e.g., AV/IT or consumables will be met by you. We can partner on grant applications to support you with this.

For other partners interested in getting involved and not from HE/ FE or third sector, please email deborah.mcneill@glasgow.ac.uk to discuss programme fees or sponsorship options.

