

Glasgow Science Festival 2027: Content Proposal Info

As we move into the third decade of Glasgow Science Festival, we've been thinking about how things have grown and changed over the years. Which has inspired this year's theme **Glasgow's Evolving**.

Glasgow has reinvented itself so many times throughout the years. From a medieval bishopric to industrial powerhouse benefiting from the transatlantic slave trade to post-industrial decline. Now a city of culture, music, knowledge creation and innovation. How will we and the city continue to evolve?

We would love to explore some of those these with this year's programme. Some possible inspiration for content:

- What in your research field or area has had to change and adapt to keep up with the modern world, with e.g. climate, AI, health discoveries, technology?
- How have humans, animals, environments evolved and adapted?
- How has your own research path evolved over time?
- How do we develop the connections with and between communities across Glasgow to ensure all needs and perspectives are considered?
- How has public engagement evolved over time? In what ways has your practice changed or adapted to stay relevant and impactful?
- How has/ is the cityscape changed e.g. redesigning neighbourhoods and transport links
- How are we utilising the river Clyde corridor and what will that look like in the future?
- How are we changing and adapting as a city to local and global challenges e.g. climate change and net zero.

Glasgow's Evolving, Thurs 3rd to Sun 13th June 2027

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. GSF is a STEAMS festival, encompassing Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Mathematics and Social Science. Proposals from all fields are very welcome.

Submitting your Proposals

We are now inviting partners to share your ideas for events and activities to be part of the GSF 2027. Please submit your ideas to us by **Wednesday 13th Jan 2027** using the **GSF 2027 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 cannot commission content. We would be very happy to collaborate on funding applications where possible.

[GSF 2027 Online Content Proposal Form](#)

Online Info Sessions

The GSF team will be running a series of info sessions on Teams ahead of the proposal deadline to share a little more info about the festival and give you opportunity to ask any questions. The session dates and times are Wed 28th October 2-2:30pm and Thurs 26th November 10-10:30am. Book using the following link:

[**GSF Info Session 28 Oct- Eventbrite Booking Link**](#)

[**GSF Info Session 26 Nov- Eventbrite Booking Link**](#)

GSF Programme

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

Festival Activity Days- Tabletop Activities
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 as a rolling drop-in. We do not typically host workshops as part of this offer due to lack of available space. Our audiences are very mixed: weekdays are adults, pre-school aged children and school pupils. Weekends are very mixed across all age ranges. Examples of GSF Festival Activity Days & Community Days you can be part of, with suggested themes: • Riverside museum: 3rd to 13th June – tech, innovation, engineering, transport, renewables • Glasgow Botanic Gardens: 4th to 13th June - sustainability, botany, biodiversity, health & wellbeing • Various community and library venues- all themes welcomed
Events
Examples would include panel discussions, films with Q&As, site visits, tours, trails, gardening activities, citizen science projects, food and drink events and workshops. 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.
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.

Please note if you would like to take part in more than one strand, **we ask that you submit a separate proposal for each**. E.g. if you are submitting a tabletop and an event, that would be two proposals.

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 science.festival@glasgow.ac.uk to discuss programme fees or sponsorship options.

Next Steps in Brief

Successful applicants will be contacted throughout Jan & Feb, then provided with an info pack which will explain in full detail everything you need to know to progress with being part of the festival. Below, we share a brief overview of our timeline:

- 13th Jan: Content proposal deadline
- End Feb: Confirmation of successful applications
- Feb to March: Discussions with the team around content, dates, venues etc
- 5th March: Finalise tabletop activity information (date, venue, content)
- 24th March: Finalise in-person event information (title, blurb, dates, times, venue, booking info as required)
- 28th April: GSF programme goes live
- 30th April: submit PLI, risk assessment, event/ activity requirements, t-shirt requests
- 3rd to 13th June 2027: Glasgow Science Festival delivery
- June to Aug: evaluation and reporting

GSF 27 Online Content Proposal Form Questions

These are the questions you will be asked when submitting your online proposal:

- Event organiser name, phone number, email & twitter handles.
- What organisation you work at.
- If you are working at University of Glasgow, you will be asked your college or service area & school. If you work at another University or organisation, we do not need this info from you
- Option to add a second and third organiser (same info requested as above).
- Title of your event/ activity
- Short description of your event/ activity (max 100 words)- please use this space to provide the team with info on your offer, being specific about what will happen, what you are proposing to deliver & what audiences will do.
- Blurb (max 40 words) – if you have a draft blurb ready, please do share it with us. This is the short text used for promoting your activity to audiences- don't worry if you don't have this. We can help. GSF reserves the right to edit all blurbs as required.
- Programme strand – refer to table above for category descriptions.
- Tabletops – how many tables and if electricity is required.
- How many days of delivery would you like to do and which days are you available.
- Any other info?
- Would you like to sponsor an event?
- Email address to get your proposal emailed to you