



FOSAC23 Projects

Our generic call for contributors will open in September. This will be a google form and will be where we welcome all sorts of different ideas for contributing activities for the festival. If you're interested in running a hands-on activity/workshop in a library, for example, please wait for this form to submit your ideas. Keep an eye on our website and social media. Our call for magazine content is currently open, so have a look on our website for what we're looking for:

www.nottsfosac.co.uk/2023-festival

Outlined below are the areas that the festival steering group is specifically looking to develop for the 2023 festival (6 - 17 February 2023). If you're interested or you have any other ideas, please get in touch: megan@ignitefutures.org.uk.

School/college visits

Schools are telling us that this is something pupils have really missed out on over the past two years due to covid and they're keen to bring back. Are you able to welcome pupils to your department/lab event for a half-day? We could work with you to develop a rounded activity that gives pupils an opportunity to see research close-up as well as take part in creative activities.

Are you able to get off campus and take activities into a school? We have connections with primaries, secondaries, colleges, alternative provision and home-ed groups, so we can work with you to develop an activity, whether it's a one-off or a longer project over a series of weeks, that connects with specific groups of children and young people.

Festival-wide experiment

We'd like to invite schools to participate in a shared investigation, something simple that can take one lesson but gives an opportunity for pupils to take part in finding out the answer to a question that actually matters to researchers. Pupils could collect data or try out an experiment in their classrooms and then the results can be shared back to them at the end of the festival. Do you have an investigation that schools in Nottinghamshire could help you with? Submit your idea to us and we'll see if we can make it work!

Special-interest groups

We're keen to run activities that pair researchers with local people with a specific interest; this might be sports scientists with a youth basketball group, plant scientists with community gardens, textiles researchers with knit and natter groups... or you might just want to specifically engage with older people, people in a specific part of the county, refugee families, guides and brownies... We have a wide range of connections with lots of different groups so get in touch if you've got an idea about engaging specific groups with your research.

Homework help

We'd like to develop some sessions for parents/carers that give them tips and techniques to help children with homework and to inspire children in specific subjects at home. If you think you could contribute to a session like this, which will most likely take the format of online conversations, please get in touch.