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Expression of Interest

The **Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity** will be back again Monday 6 - Friday 17 February 2023 for its eighth edition. The festival is produced by local charity Ignite!, and is a collaboration between UoN, NTU, local authorities across Nottinghamshire and cultural and educational organisations.

We are **currently developing plans for the 2023 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.

The **first week of the festival is when we run our [Schools Programme](#)**, taking activities into schools and providing opportunities for pupils to visit activities off-site too. Teachers have told us that pupils have really missed this over the past few years, so this year we're putting a more concentrated effort of providing activities for schools. We're looking for people who'd like to run a workshops, deliver presentations or work with pupils to do research projects in primary, secondary or alternative provision settings.

The **weekend and second week of the festival is when we run our [Public Events Programme](#)**, where we take activities out into community settings across the county. This year we're programming smaller workshops as well as bigger drop-in events, so we're flexible on the kinds of activities we'd like to see, whether you have a more developed workshop that you'd like to target at a specific audience or if you have a simple quick activity they can be one amongst many at a larger event. These events will take place in libraries, museums and other community spaces right across the county from Nottingham to Mansfield, Worksop to Newark, and we will be able to support contributors with travel expenses to reach all of these audiences.

The **festival [Magazine](#)** targets children aged 7-12 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 6 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.

Get in touch

Please register your interest through [this form](#).

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 this year.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!