



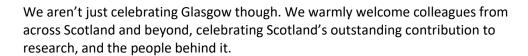
Glasgow Science Festival 2025: Content Proposal Info

In 2025 the city of Glasgow turns 850 years old, the perfect excuse for a party! To mark the occasion, this year's festival will run from the **5th to 15th June 2025** with the theme **'Glasgow Celebrates'.** We're thinking party games, music and wanting to foster a feeling of excitement. Let's explore the city's culture, bring people together and share the best of research in a fun and informal way.

This theme is widely open to your interpretation but as a guide, we want to celebrate all things Glasgow. From the growth of the city to the importance of the River Clyde. We want to celebrate the amazing scientific research being done here along with the people from past and present who have made all this possible.

We are taking inspiration from the city coat of arms, which features an oak tree, robin, bell and two salmon, each with a ring in its mouth. Remembered by the poem:

Here's the tree that never grew, here's the bird that never flew, here's the bell that never rang, here's the fish that never swam.





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 continue to offer our online content 'Science on the Sofa' throughout June. 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 2025. Please submit your ideas to us by **Monday 13th Jan 2025** using the **GSF 2025 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 2025 Online Content Proposal Form





Programme Strands

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

- In-person- Main programme of events and tabletop activities
- Online- Science on the Sofa

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

In-person: Thurs 5th to Sun 15th June

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 Festival Activity Days & Community Days you can be part of, with suggested themes:

- Riverside museum: 5th to 15th June tech, innovation, engineering, transport, renewables
- Glasgow Botanic Gardens: 6th to 15th June sustainability, botany, medicine, health & wellbeing
- Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum: TBC June digital innovation & visitor experience, wildlife, engineering & music
- Various community and library venues- all themes welcomed

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.

Events includes running your own family of community event such as 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.

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: Sun 1st to Mon 30th June

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

Hands-online

This is a digital activity or piece of content suitable for e.g., families, schools, uniform groups, youth clubs 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.

Talking Science: Glasgow Celebrates

A short (max 10mins) informal talk linked to the theme. Think, sitting on your sofa chatting to someone about what you do. This will form part of our 'Talking Science' series.

Citizen Science

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

Please note if you would like to take part in more than one strand, we ask that you submit a **separate** proposal for each. Eg. if you are submitting a tabletop, event and Science on the Sofa content then this is three 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. I'm sharing a brief overview here to give you an outline of the timeline we are working too:

- 13th Jan: Content proposal deadline
- End Feb: Confirmation of successful applications
- Feb to March: Discussions with the team around content, dates, venues etc
- Feb to early March: Finalise tabletop activity information (date, venue, content)
- 26th March: Finalise in-person event information (title, blurb, dates, times, venue, booking info as required)
- 26th March: Deadline to provide digital content as part of Science on the Sofa





- 29th April: GSF25 programme goes live
- Mid to late May: submit PLI, risk assessment, event/ activity requirements, team list and t-shirts
- 5th to 15th June 2025: Glasgow Science Festival delivery- in-person
- 1st to 30th June 2025: Glasgow Science Festival delivery- science on the Sofa
- June to Aug: evaluation and reporting

GSF 25 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.
- 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 there is sometimes a weird scripting issue which you can just ignore. Delete the text in the box and add in your email address.