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## Book your place at the British Science Festival!

Bookings for events during the British Science Festival – of which Northumbria University is an associate partner – have now opened.

The Festival, which comes to Newcastle from 7-12 September, is one of Europe's largest celebrations of science, technology, engineering and maths. It will bring together hundreds of the UK's top scientists, engineers, science presenters, performers and journalists and is expected to attract more than 100,000 visitors to the North East.

The Festival will kick off with an entire weekend dedicated to entertaining

and educating families into the many wonders of science, including a Family Sunday event at Northumbria University's Sport Central on Sunday 8 September to explore science... but not as you know it! The day will include a teddy bears' picnic at which you can explore the evolutionary history of teddy bears, the chance to beat the Newcastle Eagles at their own game in a basketball demonstration and the opportunity to learn how to save lives in a CPR masterclass.

Visitors can also find out more about the latest developments in health, forensic science, computer gaming, the environment and bugs and can try a range of sports from dodgeball to climbing to ultimate frisbee in the Northumbria University Sport Academy.

There will be further opportunities to hear from many Northumbria University academics and researchers in various venues across the city and region during the week of the Festival.

They will share the science behind subjects including myths relating to computer forensics in well-known TV crime drama series; how cyber-hackers can create destruction; caring for wounds in the battlefield using maggots and getting an insight into the world of financial markets using our specialist Bloomberg share trading equipment.

Guest speakers in the city during the Festival include Professor Robert Winston, geologist and BBC science presenter Iain Stewart, cosmologist and astrophysicist Martin Rees, *The One Show's* medical expert Michael Mosley, space scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock and BBC Radio 2 presenter Simon Mayo.

Click here to download a <u>Festival brochure</u>, or click here to <u>book your place</u> at any of the festival events.

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