

List of Scottish science festivals

The table below includes the dates and locations of the science festivals that take place in Scotland, as well as a couple that have a UK-wide scope. Many of these involve community events as well as school visits. Festivals are listed in **calendar year** order. Details updated 3/9/21.

| Science Festival | Website | Contact / Email | Application Deadline | Next dates | Usually |
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| New Scientist Live (Usually London; next: Manchester / online) | https://live.newscientist.com/ | Jacqui McCarron, Sales Director, jacqui.mccarron@newscientist.com | Speakers deadline passed: July 2021 Exhibitors: ongoing call | 29 th – 31 st Jan 2022 | Mid-Oct (last: postponed to 2021) |
| Caithness International Science Festival (Highland) | https://www.science03.org/ | Prof Iain Baikie, Chairperson iain@kptechnology.ltd.uk Nicola MacLeod, Fest Coordinator festival@science03.org | Usually December / January | Expected: mid-March 2022 | Around British Science Week (last: 1 st – 31 st Mar 2021) |
| The Big Bang (usually Birmingham; online in 2021) | https://www.thebigbang.org.uk/ | Naomi Gilmour, ngilmour@engineeringuk.com General: info@thebigbang.org.uk | Deadline unknown | Expected: mid-March 2022 | British Science Week (last: 23 rd – 25 th Jun 2021 [online]) |
| Edinburgh Science Festival | https://www.sciencefestival.co.uk/ | General call: See online submission pages (available during Call for Ideas period only) | Deadline: 15 th Oct 2021 | 9 th – 24 th April 2022 | Edinburgh Easter holidays (last: 26 th Jun – 11 th Jul 2021) |
| | | University of Edinburgh Coordinated Programme: Dr Fiona Murray, f.murray@ed.ac.uk | Deadline: 1 st Oct 2021 | 9 th – 24 th April 2022 | Edinburgh Easter holidays (last: 26 th Jun – 11 th Jul 2021) |
| Inverness Science Festival | https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/inverness-science-festival | Dr Evelyn Gray, isf@uhi.ac.uk , or Facebook message: https://www.facebook.com/InvSciFest | Usually mid-March | Expected: early-May 2022 | Early May (last: 29 th April – 15 th May 2021 [online]) |
| Pint of Science, Edinburgh | https://pintofscience.co.uk/ | https://pintofscience.co.uk/team/Edinburgh%20Team | No broad call for content in 2021 | Expected: mid-May 2022 | Mid-May (last: 17 th - 20 th May 2021 [online]) |
| Falkirk Science Festival | https://www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/whats-on/summer-activities/falkirk-science-festival-2021/ | Anna Plant, Senior Events Officer: Anna.Plant@falkirkcommunitytrust.org | Deadline unknown | Expected: mid-May 2022 | Last: 24 th – 31 st Jul 2021 |

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| Festival of the Sea (Oban, Lorn and the Isles) | https://www.facebook.com/obanseafestival/ | Dr Anuschka Miller, SAMS, Anuschka.Miller@sams.ac.uk Facebook message: https://www.facebook.com/obanseafestival | Deadline unknown | Possibly: May 2022 | Late May (last: 23 rd -24 th May 2020 was cancelled) |
| Dumfries and Galloway Science Festival | https://www.facebook.com/DGSCIFEST/ | Dr Rebecca Crawford: rebecca.crawford@glasgow.ac.uk | Deadline unknown | Possibly: May 2022 | May (last: Family Day: 11 th May 2019; 31 st May 2020 was cancelled) |
| Glasgow Science Festival | http://www.glasgowsciencefestival.org.uk/ | Dr Deborah McNeill, Festival Director deborah.mcneill@glasgow.ac.uk / sciencefestival@glasgow.ac.uk | Existing partners applications process in 2021 | 1 st – 30 th Sept 2021 | Early-to-mid June (last: 9 th Sept – 9 th Nov 2020 [online]) |
| Orkney International Science Festival | https://www.oisf.org | Dr Howie Firth, Festival Director, orkneyscience@gmail.com | Ideally contact before the end of March in any given year. | 2 nd – 8 th Sept 2021 [online] | Early Sept (last: 3 rd – 9 th Sept 2020 [online]) |
| British Science Festival – host changes annually | https://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/british-science-festival | Online at: https://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/contact | Deadline passed: mid-February 2021 Event in Chelmsford and Essex | 7 th – 11 th Sept 2021 | Early/Mid Sept (last: Coventry: 10 th – 13 th Sept 2019; 2020 event cancelled) |
| Biggar Science Festival | https://biggarsciencefestival.co.uk/ | Email: admin@biggarsciencefestival.co.uk Facebook message: https://www.facebook.com/biggarsciencefestival/ | Deadline passed: July 2021 | 11 th and 18 th Sept 2021 | Mid/Late Sept (last: 7 th – 13 th Sept 2020) |
| Bang Goes The Borders (Melrose, Scottish Borders) | https://www.facebook.com/BangGoesTheBorders | Email: bgtbsms@gmail.com Facebook message: https://www.facebook.com/BangGoesTheBorders | Deadline unknown | 17 th – 18 th Sept 2021 [online] | Mid/Late-Sept (last: 21 st Sept 2019; 19 th Sept 2020 was cancelled) |
| Fun Palaces | https://funpalaces.co.uk/who-we-are/fun-palaces-scotland-2020/ | Lewis Hou, Scotland Ambassador, lewis@scienceceilidh.com or @FunPalacesScot on Twitter | None. “It’s about celebrating making culture, not consuming it” | 1 st – 3 rd Oct 2021 | First weekend in Oct (last: 3 rd – 4 th Oct 2020 [online]) |

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| Middle of Scotland Science Festival | https://www.facebook.com/mossfestscotland/ | Facebook message: https://www.facebook.com/mossfestscotland/ | Deadline unknown Festival now settled in Milngavie. | Possibly: 3 rd Oct 2021 | Sept/Oct (last: 6 th Oct 2019; 2020 event was cancelled) |
| Midlothian Science Festival | https://midlothiansciencefestival.com/ | Online: https://midlothiansciencefestival.com/contact/ | Public events deadline passed: late-July 2021 School events deadline passed: late-June 2021 | 11 th – 29 th Oct 2021 | Early-to-mid Oct (last: 3 rd – 24 th Oct 2020 [online]) |
| The Big Bounce (Glasgow) (formerly: Scottish Festival of Physics) | https://www.iop.org/physics-community/iop-membership-where-you-are/iop-scotland/big-bounce-2020-watch | Mikey Jarrell, Public Engagement Manager (Scotland), michael.jarrell@iop.org | Deadline passed. (Late proposals may be considered: https://form.jotform.com/201062878558059) | 12 th – 13 th Oct 2021 | Late Oct / early Nov (last: 30 th Oct – 1 st Nov 2020 [online]) |
| Stirling Science Festival | https://stirlingevents.org/tolbooth-event/stirling-science-festival-2020-2/ | Contact at Stirling Council currently unknown | Deadline unknown | Expected: 14 th – 16 th Oct 2021 | New in 2020 (last: 15 th – 17 th Oct 2020 [online]) |
| Dundee Science Festival | https://www.dundeesciencefestival.org/ | Carlene Cura, Development and Fundraising Advisor festivals@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk https://www.dundeesciencefestival.org/contact-us | Deadline expected: September 2021 | 1 st – 14 th November 2021 | Oct/Nov (last: weekends in Nov 2020 [online]) |
| TechFest (Aberdeen / Aberdeenshire) | https://www.techfestsetpoint.org.uk/ | Jenny Taylor, Festival Manager, jennytaylor@techfest.org.uk / enquiries@techfest.org.uk | Deadline unknown | Expected: November 2021 | Aug/Sept (last: public programme online Nov 2020) |

Further lists of science festivals across the UK can be found at the following (accessed 3rd Sept 2021):

<https://sciencefestivals.uk/list-all-members/>

<https://sciencefestivals.uk/festival/> (same information as link above but in a map format)

<https://www.britishteachers.org.uk/what-is-a-science-festival/> (less up-to-date in comparison with the two options above)