

ORGANISING A SCIFEST@SCHOOL



Before you begin be sure to visit the SciFest website www.scifest.ie

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START SMALL

It's often better to start with a smaller group in the first year and build on the experience

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GET HELP

Don't try and do it all by yourself. Ask other science teacher/s to help you

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LET OTHERS KNOW

Inform your principal and your colleagues

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DECIDE ON A DATE

Remember to check if the date is free on the school calendar

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BOOK THE HALL/ROOM

Check that the hall/room is free on your chosen date

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BOOK THE DATE

Visit the SciFest website and fill out an online registration form

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START PROJECTS

Introduce the idea to students and get them started on their investigations

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DESIGN A PROGRAMME

Compile a programme and a list of projects.

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INVITE JUDGES

Invite guest judges, e.g. retired teachers, parents, past pupils and people from local industry

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CONFIRM JUDGES

Download judges' guidelines and send to judges along with a programme

WHEN TO HOST A SCIFEST@SCHOOL

A SciFest@School fair can be held at any time during the school year but bear in mind that, if you wish to use the event to select students for SciFest@College, the final date for entries is usually early in March.

Suggestions:

- Transition Year night
- Open-day
- During the mock exams
- Just before parent teacher meeting – exhibit projects
- Science week

**PARTICIPATION
IN SCIFEST IS
FREE AND
INCLUSIVE**



SUPPORT FROM SCIFEST FOR YOUR SCIFEST@SCHOOL FAIR

Resource materials are available in the resources section of the SciFest website, www.scifest.ie. These resources include a guide on how to do a SciFest Project and a TY module.



WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR A SCIFEST@SCHOOL SCIFEST PROVIDES:

- Advice on the organisation of your SciFest@School STEM fair
- Teacher's pack (teachers new to the programme)
- Certificates and 'freebies' for participating students
- A number of prizes and rosettes for winning projects
- Support on the day of the event

SCIFEST STEM SCHOOL AWARDS



- Awarded in recognition of the support and commitment of school principals, teachers and leadership teams in second-level schools who, in collaboration with SciFest, have implemented the SciFest@School STEM fair programme.
- A school must be registered with SciFest and have hosted five SciFest@School STEM fairs (Silver Award) and ten SciFest@School fairs (Gold Award).
- The awards consists of a framed certificate and an official SciFest STEM School Award digital badge which can be posted on the school website.

SCIFEST@SCHOOL AND THE CBAs

The skills acquired in preparing a project for a SciFest@School fair are also those assessed in the CBA. Conversely, an EEI prepared for a CBA could, with additional work, be subsequently further expanded and developed into a project suitable for exhibiting at a SciFest@School fair.

SCIFEST@SCHOOL AND TY

Researching, developing and presenting a SciFest project can constitute an ideal module for a Transition Year programme



SciFest is a Gaisce Challenge Partner

- TY students participating in a SciFest STEM fair can use their participation as the Personal Skill element of their Gaisce Award.
- TY students involved in organising SciFest events can use their activities to meet the Community Involvement element of their Gaisce Award.

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Registration Form

