

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 11/5/20.

Science Festival	Website	Contact / Email	Application Deadline	Next dates	Usually
Caithness International Science Festival (Highland)	http://www.science03.org/	Prof Iain Baikie, Science03 Chair (iain@kptechnology.ltd.uk) / Rachel Sheridan, Administrator (rachel@kptechnology.ltd.uk)	Usually Dec/Jan	Expected: 1 st – 20 th March 2021	Around British Science Week (last: 2 nd – 21 st March 2020)
The Big Bang UK Fair (Birmingham)	http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/activities/	activities@thebigbangfair.co.uk	Deadline expected: end Aug 2020	Expected: 10 th – 13 th Mar 2021	British Science Week (last: 11 th – 14 th Mar 2020, although cancelled)
Smaller Big Bang events for school pupils run throughout the UK. Details can be found here – http://nearme.thebigbangfair.co.uk/ – using the “search by region” facility towards the top of the page; last Scotland edition was in Glasgow: https://nearme.thebigbangfair.co.uk/view/?eve_id=2014 (31 st May 2019)					
Edinburgh Science Festival	http://www.sciencefestival.co.uk/	General call: See online submission pages (available during call for submissions period only)	Deadline expected: early Sept 2020	Expected: 3 rd – 18 th Apr 2021	Edinburgh Easter holidays (last: online programme in 2020)
		University of Edinburgh Family Programme: s.dunbar@ed.ac.uk	Deadline expected: early Sept 2020	5-day blocks allocated	Edinburgh Easter holidays (last: online programme in 2020)
Inverness Science Festival	http://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/inverness-science-festival	Dr Evelyn Gray, isf@uhi.ac.uk , or Facebook message: https://www.facebook.com/InvSciFest/	Deadline passed: end-Mar 2020	1 st – 16 th May 2020 [Online programme]	Early May (last: 29 th Apr – 12 th May 2019; family day: 11 th May)
Dumfries and Galloway Science Festival	https://www.facebook.com/DGSCIFEST/	Rebecca Crawford: rebecca.crawford@glasgow.ac.uk	Deadline unknown	Cancelled for 2020. Target was 31 st May 2020	May (last: Family Day: 11 th May 2019)

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Falkirk Science Festival	http://www.thehelix.co.uk/all-events/falkirk-science-festival [not live currently]	Anna Plant, Senior Events Officer: Anna.Plant@falkirkcommunitytrust.org	Deadline expected: Jun 2020	Cancelled for 2020. Target was: 9 th – 24 th May 2020	Last: 11 th – 26 th May 2019
Glasgow Science Festival	http://www.glasgowsciencefestival.org.uk/	Dr Deborah McNeill, Festival Director deborah.mcneill@glasgow.ac.uk / sciencefestival@glasgow.ac.uk	Deadline passed: 20 th Dec 2019	Cancelled for 2020. Target was 4 th – 14 th Jun 2020	Early-to-mid June (last: 6 th – 16 th June 2019)
TechFest (Aberdeen / Aberdeenshire)	http://www.techfestsetpoint.org.uk/	Jenny Taylor, Festival Manager, jennytaylor@techfest.org.uk / enquiries@techfest.org.uk	Deadline unknown	Schools: 29 th Aug – 4 th Sept 2020. Public: mid-Sept 2020 [TBC]	Aug/Sept (last: 24 th Aug – 28 th Sept 2019)
Orkney International Science Festival	http://www.oisf.org	Dr Howie Firth, Festival Director, orkneyscience@gmail.com	Ideally contact before the end of March in any given year.	3 rd – 9 th Sept 2020 [Online programme]	Early Sept (last: 5 th – 11 th Sept 2019)
British Science Festival – host changes annually	http://www.britishscienceassociation.org/british-science-festival	Online at: https://www.britishscienceassociation.org/contact	Deadline expected: mid-Feb 2021 Event in Chelmsford and Essex	Cancelled for 2020. (Postponed to 7 th – 11 th Sept 2021)	Early/Mid Sept (last: Coventry: 10 th – 13 th Sept 2019)
Biggar Science Festival	http://biggarsciencefestival.co.uk/	Dr Janet Moxley, Festival Chair, admin@biggarsciencefestival.co.uk Send message through Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/biggarsciencefestival/	Deadline expected: Jun 2020, but still worth contacting after	11 th – 13 th Sept 2020 [Potential online programme]	Late Sept (last: 16 th – 27 th Sept 2019; mainly: 21 st – 22 nd)
Bang Goes The Borders	https://www.facebook.com/BangGoesTheBorders	Email: bgtbsms@gmail.com Send message through Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BangGoesTheBorders	Deadline unknown	19 th Sept 2020	Mid/Late-Sept (last: 21 st Sept 2019)

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Middle of Scotland Science Festival	https://www.facebook.com/mossfestscotland/	Send message through Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/mossfestscotland/	Deadline unknown Festival appears settled in Milngavie.	Expected: 4 th Oct 2020	Sept/Oct (last: 6 th Oct 2019)
Fun Palaces	https://funpalaces.co.uk/who-we-are/fun-palaces-scotland/	Lewis Hou, Scotland Ambassador, lewis@scienceceildh.com or @funpalaces on Twitter	None. Grassroots campaign to celebrate "Everyone an Artist, Everyone a Scientist"	3 rd – 4 th Oct 2020	First weekend in Oct (last: 5 th – 6 th Oct 2019)
Midlothian Science Festival	http://midlothiansciencefestival.com/	Online: http://midlothiansciencefestival.com/contact/	Public event deadline expected: mid-May 2020 School event deadline expected: mid-Jul 2019	Expected: 3 rd – 17 th Oct 2020	Early-to-mid Oct (last: 5 th – 19 th Oct 2019)
Dundee Science Festival	http://www.dundeesciencecentre.org.uk/dundee-science-festival/dsf-home [not live currently]	festivals@dundeesciencecentre.org.uk	Deadline expected: early Aug 2020	Expected: 3 rd – 18 th Oct 2020	Mid-Oct (last: 5 th – 20 th Oct 2019)
The Big Bounce (Glasgow) (formerly: Scottish Festival of Physics)	http://iopscotland.org/news/19/page_73977.html	Mikey Jarrell, Public Engagement Manager (Scotland), michael.jarrell@iop.org	Deadline: 26 th May 2020, although late applications may be considered	30 th Oct – 1 st Nov 2020	Late Oct / early Nov (last: 25 th – 27 th Oct 2019)

Further lists of science festivals across the UK can be found at the following (accessed 11th May 2020):

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

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

<https://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/sciencefestivals>