

# VIDEO – Edinburgh International Science Festival looking 25 years ahead



The Edinburgh International Science Festival has been on the go for 25 years. The Edinburgh Reporter met up with Festival Director Simon Gage to find out what the Festival was all about this year, and found him looking very firmly to the future.

The Edinburgh International Science Festival's flagship City Art Centre venue will open on Saturday with five floors transformed into a giant science playground packed full of exciting circuits, scary skeletons, racing robots and manic monsters. With workshops, hands-on activities, exhibitions and demonstrations galore, the City Art Centre offers a full day out for families and the perfect Easter Holiday adventure.

New activities for 2013 include the **Polyfloss Factory**, where kids can see the transformation of everyday plastic items into recyclable fibres in front of their own eyes, get hands-on with some plastic recycling techniques and explore some of the uses of plastic in everyday life. They will have the chance to use the innovative, artisan recycling Polyfloss machine – a converted candyfloss machine which turns plastic into a floss-like fibre which can then be melted and moulded into shape – and design and create their very own multi-coloured, funky recycled plastic ruler to take home. Funding and support from Zero Waste Scotland has enabled the Science Festival to bring

Polyfloss Factory to the City Art Centre.