

Edinburgh International Science Festival – Busking Bikes



We were called to Gorgie City Farm this morning to watch some scientific experiments, but nothing to do with the animals! It was a bit rainy so we retreated to the comfort of the stables where the goats live.

‘Busking Bikes’ demonstrated some weird and wonderful street science to Councillor Frank Ross, Economy Convener and a few school children from Dalry Primary School.

Spectacular street science is expected to attract large crowds from this weekend to Edinburgh’s town centres.

The [‘Busking Bikes’](#) project is part of the [Edinburgh International Science Festival](#) and the City of Edinburgh Council is supporting seven performances from 5-12 April.

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Each trike carries a box full to the brim with impressive, explosive, messy, and down-right weird science experiments. From the power of friction to finding out how carbon capture could save the planet, each demo will explain some of the most interesting science happening today.

As well as watching expert performers do some unforgettable demos, the audience can get stuck in too and learn their own science tricks, from gravity defying water to inflating a marshmallow man.

Cllr Frank Ross, the City of Edinburgh Council, said: “This is

a really exciting project as we expect the bikes to draw large crowds to each area creating a vibrant atmosphere, colour and life where ever they go.

“The ‘Busking Bikes’ project is being funded as part of the [Council’s Town Centre Strategy](#) to build stronger town centres by driving up footfall to support local businesses.”

Dr Simon Gage, Director of the Edinburgh International Science Festival, said:- “Thanks to the support of the City of Edinburgh Council, the Science Bikes can be found across the city in the run up to the Science Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to bring some science out onto the streets, and to get everybody involved in some mind-boggling experiments and dazzling demonstrations. So if you see a Science Bike, come on over and watch out for explosions, weirdness and, of course, plenty of mess.”