

Edinburgh International Science Festival – Building Better Worlds



The 2016 Edinburgh International Science Festival will show how science, technology, engineering and design all have the potential to improve our world and the way we live.

The programme was launched today and will offer something meaningful to entertain your school age children during the Easter holidays, but we were rather more interested today in finding out about the adult events which now form a large part of the 272 events.

Running from 26 March to 10 April 2016 there are shows, exhibitions and talks in many city venues from Summerhall to the National Museum of Scotland.

[The Edinburgh Reporter News](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

ADULT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Lord Martin Rees, ESA astronaut Jean-François Clervoy and Professor Chris Rapley will share their views and experience on the big challenges facing us today
- Meet *Mars One* finalist Ryan MacDonald at *The Big Bang Bash*, dance the night away with Peter Lovatt aka Dr Dance, and let Prof Richard Wiseman blow your mind in *Experimental*
- Astronomy pioneer Kevin Govender and the International Astronomical Union are jointly awarded the 2016 Edinburgh Medal
- Andy Robinson creator of blockbuster virtual reality game *EVE: Valkyrie* takes part in *The Reading*

Experiment with author Charles Stross and researcher Emese Domahidi

- **As part of GastroFest Prof Paul Hadley will be putting chocolate under the microscope to examine the nature of this essential crop and look at how modern chocolatiers are bringing the laboratory into the kitchen in search of new creations**

Creative Director **Amanda Tyndall** told us: “In 2016 Edinburgh International Science Festival asks: how can we all collaborate to help build a better world? It’s a huge question but I’m excited by the mix of world-leading scientists, artists, authors and innovators that will join audiences in Edinburgh to share and debate their visions of a better world.

“Science and technology have the potential to help us address so many of the key challenges we face; from how we feed, heal and fuel the world to how we live happy and fulfilling lives as we do so. But they don’t work in isolation from the wider world. It is through collaboration with their creative cousins that we stand the best chance of innovating and securing our future.

“This year’s Festival celebrates this with a programme focus on the fertile space where science meets the arts, with something for curious minds of all ages.”

Here is the programme for this year’s Festival :



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