

The Royal Society of Edinburgh announces autumn programme for Curious

Returning for its fifth Year, the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) has announced the programme for the Curious series.

This will bring together science-lovers and big thinkers for the free three-day event with an exciting variety of discussions, workshops and events asking participants to get “Under the Surface” of the big issues in the world of science today.

From 4-17 September there will be discussions on climate change, food security and topics such as deep sea mining.

Speakers at the event have shared their enthusiasm in anticipation of the annual event.

Nicole Anderson, a PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh said: “As this year’s theme for Curious is ‘under the surface’, we will be exploring this by asking members of the public to think critically about the purpose of museums, and the importance of repatriation of ancestral remains to both communities and institutions.”

Dr Sam Illingworth of Edinburgh Napier University, Member of the Young Academy of Scotland and speaker said: “I am really looking forward to Curious this year. It presents a fantastic way of communicating cutting edge research to a variety of audiences. I’m also really looking forward to running my own

event – Exploring the climate crisis through poetry – and hope that people enjoy the idea of using poetry to discuss and take action against the climate crisis.”

The President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Sir John Ball said: “As the theme suggests, this year’s Curious programme promises to delve beneath the surface of cutting-edge topics on a wide range of subjects. I am certain that those who attend the many free events will depart with a renewed perspective, enhanced understanding, and a desire for deeper knowledge.

“The involvement of so many talented and accomplished speakers this year serves as a testament to the high reputation of *Curious*. Alongside online events, panel discussions, interactive workshops and walking tours, this year’s series boasts more in-person events. I hope you find the programme inspiring and that you will want to take part.”

The free event unites Scotland’s leading thinkers in the fields of biology, poetry, anthropology, healthcare to astrophysics and forensic science to encourage people to ‘look a little deeper in their search for knowledge’.

[More details here.](#)



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