

First events announced for Edinburgh Science Festival 2025

The first events in the 2025 Edinburgh Science Festival have been announced.

These include the first American woman to walk in space, Dr Kathy Sullivan, who joins the festival for two events on 5 April.

Regularly described as '**The World's most vertical woman**', Dr Kathy Sullivan was the first woman to reach Challenger Deep, and the first American woman to walk in space. Join Kathy on **5 April** at the Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre for ***Above and Below: An Astronaut's View of our Planet***, to hear firsthand about her unparalleled experiences, including her time as a crew member on three Space Shuttle missions, her role in deploying the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as her dive to the Challenger Deep.

Specifically tailored to younger science-curious minds, Dr Kathy Sullivan will also be chatting to the constantly curious science presenter **Siân Bevan** about her adventures in space and on earth in the family-focused event ***Walk Like An Astronaut***, at the National Museum of Scotland, also on **5 April**.

Above and Below: An Astronaut's View of our Planet and ***Walk Like An Astronaut*** are programmed with support from the United States Embassy.

The Director of Community Clothing and The Great British

Sewing Bee Judge, Edinburgh-born Patrick Grant, on 5 April at Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre in for **Less with Patrick Grant**. Clothes are important. They define who we are, impact our mood and influence how people think of us. Today the average person buys 60% more clothes than they did 15 years ago and wears them for half as long. Join Patrick Grant in conversation with broadcaster and climate writer **Lucy Siegle** as they consider the crisis of consumption and quality in fashion.

Edinburgh Science Festival runs from 5 – 20 April 2025. The full 2025 Festival programme will be announced in February.

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