August Newsletter

Welcome to the August edition of the Science in the City Newsletter!

What happens when science, creativity and a little bit of resistance come together? As we prepare to celebrate the 15th edition of Science in the City, this month's newsletter takes you behind the scenes of the festival launch. Find out who joined us at our recent press conference, what this year's Research, Resist, Reimagine theme is all about, and get a first look at some of the experiences, activities and events coming to Valletta this September.

Festival Flyer **Free Tickets**

Read on to discover what's in store for Science in the City 2026!

Research
Resist
Reimagine
Street Festival
Triton Fountain, Valletta
25th-26th
September
2026
Performance Festival
MICAS, Floriana
6th-7th
November
2026

Science in the City returns for its 15th Edition

Science in the City, Malta's national science and arts festival, returns to Valletta for its 15th edition on **25th and 26th September 2026**. This year's festival invites all interested people to **Research, Resist and Reimagine**, bringing curiosity, creativity and critical thinking into the heart of the city.

Taking place **from 6pm to 11pm** around **Triton Fountain**, the festival transforms Valletta into a lively outdoor space for visitors of all ages, filled with science experiments, hands-on activities, games, robots and interactive installations. Explore topics ranging from health and technology to the environment and culture, test your brain health, turn trash into art, learn more about Malta's sharks and rays, discover how Triton is being restored, or put your investigative skills to the test in a forensic mystery, with plenty more to discover along the way!

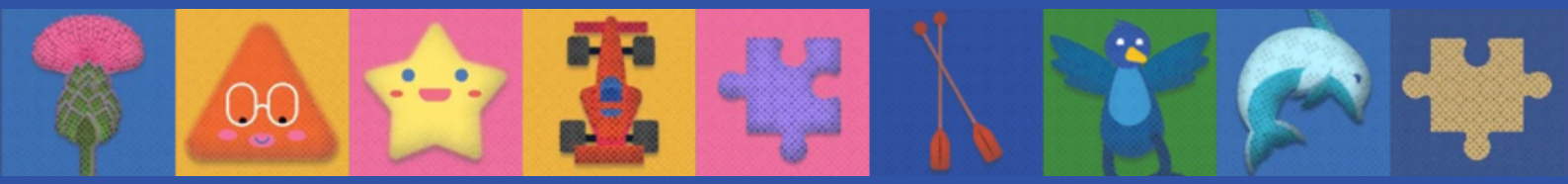
Whether you're a science enthusiast, an artist, a curious mind, or simply looking for something different to do, there's something for everyone at Science in the City 2026.

Join us in exploring new ideas, questioning what we know, and imagining what could come next.

Help Us Improve!

We’d love to hear from you! Your feedback helps us understand who participates in Science in the City, what you enjoyed, and where we can improve. By taking a few minutes to complete this survey, you’re helping us shape future editions of the festival and make them even more engaging and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for being part of Science in the City and for sharing your thoughts with us!

Survey



Press Conference

With less than a month until the festival, academics, artists, sponsors, and government ministers joined the Science in the City 2026 press conference on 25th of August to launch this year's festival. The room was filled with chatter about the challenges Malta faces today and how creative science communication can be a vehicle for solutions. From calls for greater investment in research to an invitation for young people to explore, the message was clear: the future demands curious minds and everyone's active participation.

As Prof. Edward Duca points out, "It's important now more than ever for Malta to invest in research." Council Member, Prof. Claudia Borg, at the Malta Chamber of Scientists emphasizes that "tomorrow's challenges cannot be solved with yesterday's thinking."

We would like to thank all our speakers for joining us and helping us kick off this year's festival: **Prof. Edward Duca**, Festival Coordinator & Associate Professor at the University of Malta; **Prof. Claudia Borg**, Council Member at the Malta Chamber of Scientists; **Prof. Simon Fabri**, Pro-Rector at the University of Malta; **Hon. Dr Byron Camilleri**, Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation; **Hon. Dr Clifton Grima**, Minister for Justice, Research and Innovation; **Dr Luke Dalli**, CEO of Arts Council Malta; **Ms Mary Ann Cauchi**, Senior Director at Esplora; **Dr Elaine Cutajar**, EU-JAMRAI Project Representative; and **Dr James Ciarlo'**, Researcher and Artist.

Rewatch the livestream!

Pre-Festival Events

For everyone eagerly waiting for the street festival at the end of September, we want to remind you of a little something while you wait. We have an amazing selection of pre-festival activities in the coming weeks. We just finished our first workshop "Shark Conservation in Malta", so waste no more time and book a space or two at our upcoming events.

Multisensory and Interactive Storytelling

Step into a story filled with sounds, movement, textures and imagination. Children and families can explore, listen, touch and join in at their own pace in this inclusive storytelling experience. (age 5+)

11 AM – 11:45 AM

Thur, 3rd September

APS Hub St. Julian's

Tickets

Little Explorers & Team Science Challenge

A playful science adventure for little explorers and families! Discover, build and move through fun hands-on activities that spark curiosity, creativity, teamwork and problem-solving in an inclusive and joyful session for all. (age 6 months - 2 years)

11 AM – 12PM,
Sat, 5th September

4:30 PM – 5:30PM,
Fri, 11th September

APS Hub St. Julian's

Tickets

Sensory Yogis

A gentle yoga session for pre-teens to stretch, move and unwind. Explore sensory-friendly movement that supports calm, body awareness and wellbeing, in a relaxed and inclusive space where everyone can join at their own pace. (age 9+)

10:30 AM – 11 AM
Tues, 8th September

10 AM – 10:30 AM
Mon, 14th September

APS Hub St. Julian's

Tickets

Beyond the five senses

Think you know your five senses? Discover the hidden senses that help your body understand the world around you. Join this playful, hands-on session and test your perception through fun and interactive challenges. (age 8+)

6 PM – 6:45 PM

Wed, 9th September

APS Hub St. Julian's

Tickets

The Science of Calm

Why can busy, noisy places feel overwhelming? Explore the science of sensory processing and discover why calm spaces matter, plus practical tools to help children and adults feel more comfortable, balanced and regulated. (age 10+)

11 AM – 11:45 AM

Thur, 10th September

APS Hub St. Julian's

Tickets

Exploring the X Chromosome: DNA and Forensic Genetics

Why can busy, noisy places feel overwhelming? Explore the science of sensory processing and discover why calm spaces matter, plus practical tools to help children and adults feel more comfortable, balanced and regulated. (age 10+)

7 PM – 8 PM

Thur, 10th September

Valletta Design Cluster

Tickets

Beyond Eczema: Empowering Better Living

ProHealth is hosting two interactive, hands-on workshops; one for adults and one for children with eczema and their caregivers. Learn practical tips and skills to better manage eczema and improve everyday life. (all ages)

10 AM – 11 AM

Sun, 13th September

Valletta Design Cluster

Tickets

Turn Off the Lights, Turn On the Sky

Rethink the way we light our nights and discover how small changes can help protect Malta and Gozo's animals, birds and plants, while bringing back our stars. (age 16+)

5 PM – 7 PM

Mon, 14th September

Valletta Design Cluster

Tickets

Dance & Leisure

Dance, move and have fun in this relaxed, inclusive workshop! No experience needed—just come as you are. Explore movement, creativity and the science behind why dancing feels so good, with siblings welcome too. (age 10+)

11 AM – 11:30 AM

Mon, 14th September

APS Hub St. Julian's

Tickets

From Photosynthesis to Power Grids: Harnessing the Energy of Plants

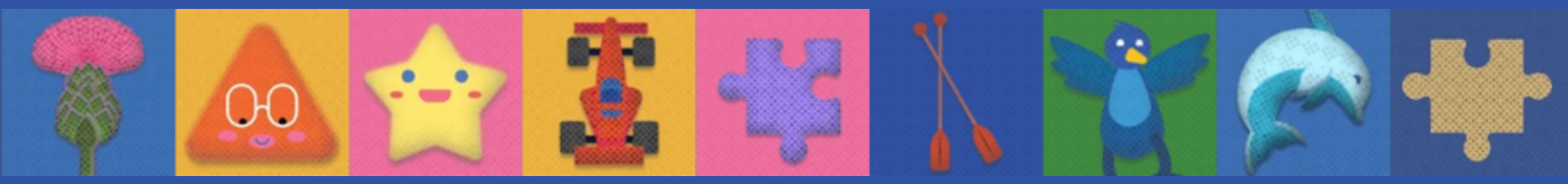
Explore Plant-E, an innovative technology that harnesses energy from plants. Discover how it works, meet the scientists behind it, and explore its potential applications in Malta through real-world case studies. (age 16+)

6 PM – 8 PM

Wed, 23rd September

Argotti Gardens, Floriana

Tickets



Check out the full Festival Video!

Ready to dive into Science in the City 2026?

Head over to our Eventbrite page to discover the programme, grab your FREE tickets and follow us on social media so you don’t miss any updates, behind-the-scenes moments and festival highlights!

Free Tickets

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