

New for 2019 we want to get more local individuals and groups involved in our festival from the very start! We would like some local people and community groups to volunteer with us, to help with festival planning, event development and management and various other behind the scenes roles too.

This is a great opportunity to gain experience, meet new people, to get involved in something different and to also suggest activities you would like to see in your local area.



### A brief introduction to our Festival

The Festival started in 2012, and is now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year. The overall aim of the festival is to provide a programme of fun, interesting and accessible science events and activities across Midlothian to demonstrate that science is everywhere and for everyone!

We aim to keep nearly all of our events completely free of charge for people to attend and we want to offer relevant and new events that local people have suggested, shaped and created (with the support from the Festival team) .



### What kinds of things might I get involved in?

As a local volunteer you can get involved in many different aspects of the festival either using existing skills or a chance to challenge yourself and gain new skills. You could help with:

- Exploring and researching event and activity ideas
- Work with a local group to create a new event
- Review and improve existing events to suit a new audience
- Develop new science activity resources
- Event management
- Marketing and communications (including social media and web content)

It's completely up to you how you volunteer with us. No experience is necessary and you don't need to have a science background / any specific scientific experience or skills. More important is you have enthusiasm to get involved and support the "sharing" of science across Midlothian. (We will help with the science content)



### What is the commitment?

There is no minimum requirement. The amount of time involved will depend on the role / areas you are keen to get involved in. Developing and planning an event will take regular hours over a number of weeks, helping with marketing and communications will get busier nearer the festival and helping at events will require time and availability during the actual festival itself.

We will hold monthly meetings where we will discuss updates, tasks and bring in guests for some informal training and help, but the Festival team will also be on-hand to support and assist individuals and groups as required.

**How do I get in touch /express interest?** If you are interested in being involved please fill out the short form and email to [claire.jellema@ed.ac.uk](mailto:claire.jellema@ed.ac.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.