2026 Exhibition Details on Exhibits, Shows and Workshops

Áras na Mac Léinn and Bailey Allen Hall – Blue Zone –

Bailey Allen Hall School Exhibits	**Primary Schools:** Ballinasloe NS Clarinbridge National School Clontuskert NS Kilglass NS Milltown NS St Nicholas Parochial School Scoil Rois, Taylor's Hill Scoil Chroí Íosa, Shantalla Tuairín National School SeedPop Pilot School	**Secondary Schools:** Colaiste an Chreagain Coláiste Muire Máthair Dominican College, Taylor's Hill Coláiste Éinde, Salthill		
Bailey Allen Hall Company Exhibits	Aerogen Boston Scientific Cisco CLS Fidelity	Mathworks Merit Medical TE Connectivity Trane Technologies Galway Astronomy Club		
Bailey Allen Hall Educational Exhibits	Atlantic Technological University (ATU) The Marine Institute in partnership with Galway Atlantaquaria			
Bailey Allen Concourse	Origami with Tom Cuffe | Junior Achievement | Foróige | Irish Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists | Tuatha of Terryland Forest Park | The Corrib Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge group | Water, climate and parasite transmission			
Quiet Space	The Hub	This space is reserved for families with additional needs who require a few minutes of quiet time supported by GAP.		
Exploration Dome	The Cube	"Living in Space: The Past, The Present and The Future" How can we survive in Space? What is it like to live in a space station and what will the future hold? **11am & 2pm reserved for sensory friendly**	Parents & children Ages 5+ Duration 25 mins Capacity 30	10.15 : 11.00 : 12.00 : 14.00 : 15.00 : 16.00 :
K'nex Workshop	The View	A colourful, fun workshop focusing on spatial building systems for all to enjoy.	Children only Ages 6 – 10 Duration 45 mins Capacity 35	10.15 : 11.15 : 12.15 : 14.15 : 15.15 : 16.15
Planet Science Kids	The Space – upstairs	The best slime workshop with loads of experiments – come and make a fun mess in our lab.	Children only Ages 6+ Duration 45 mins Capacity 25	12:00 : 13:30 : 14:30 : 15:30
Science of Music Make your own musical instrument	Meeting Room 1 & 2	This interactive workshop will guide you through the science of sound, how sound is made, how we can make music and participants will make their own instruments using recycled scientific lab materials.	Parents & Children Ages 8+ 45 mins Capacity 25	10.15 : 11.15 12.30

Food Outlet	SULT	The student bar offers full meals, sandwiches, pizzas, pastries - Open all day
Food Outlet	Truck	Coffee & Ice Cream Truck outside the Bailey Allen Hall. Please ensure to bring your own coffee mug.

Human Biology Building – Blue Zone The Medtronic Experience

Medtronic Exhibition HBB Foyer	Ever wondered what the **future of healthcare** looks like? Come visit Our **Medtronic Exhibition** and discover how **science, engineering, robotics and digital technology** are coming together to help shape the future of healthcare! **Meet Hugo, Medtronic's surgical robot** and see how robotics are helping transform surgery. **Meet our FIRST LEGO competitors from four local schools!** See the students **showcase what they've learned, demonstrate their cool LEGO robots and share their engineering and coding skills**. **Get hands-on with fun, interactive experiments** and put your science skills to the test. Supporting Medtronic will be students from Cappataggle NS | Moylough NS | Seamount NS | Creggs NS	
Medtronic Quiet Time	**Galway Autism Partnership (GAP),** in collaboration with Medtronic, are thrilled to present "Quiet Time" experience at this year's Medtronic Exhibition. This special event is designed to offer a comfortable, sensory-friendly environment for individuals and their families who may find the full festival atmosphere challenging or overwhelming. Booking through GAP website	9am to 10am
Blast Off! A Space Adventure for All the Family 🚀 Venue: HBB G001	Get ready for an out-of-this-world experience packed with rockets, space exploration and hands-on discovery! Travel back to the Space Race with the Computer and Communications Museum, explore fascinating space memorabilia, track satellites live in orbit and uncover Ireland's surprising connections to NASA and the Apollo missions. With interactive exhibits, space activities, retro games and real rocket launches, this is a fantastic opportunity for families and budding astronauts to discover the science, technology and excitement of space exploration. Come along, explore, experiment and let your imagination take flight!	
Talk 🚀 **Life as a NASA Engineer:** *Building the International Space Station, Training Astronauts, and Launching Rockets!*	Ever wondered what it's like to work at NASA? Join former NASA engineer David Bushman as he shares fascinating behind-the-scenes stories of building the International Space Station, training astronauts for spacewalks, working on the Space Shuttle programme and developing rocket technology. An inspiring journey into the world of space exploration! Venue: G019 Lecture Theatre	Parents & children Ages 9+ Time: 12 noon Duration 30 mins
Talk 🚀 **Water in Space:** *From Ocean Depths to Deep Space Exploration*	Join **David Bushman**, former NASA engineer and International Space Station designer, for a fascinating journey exploring water in space. Discover where water exists beyond Earth, how astronauts use it for survival, and why this remarkable molecule is essential to the future of space exploration. **Venue**: G019 Lecture Theatre	Parents & children Ages 9+ Duration 30 mins Time: 3pm
Talk 🚀 Ireland's Future Space Explorers – **with Jay Looney**	Join Jay Looney from the University of Limerick as he introduces EirSEDS (Irish Students for the Exploration and Development of Space), the Irish chapter of the international student-led organisation SEDS, founded in 1980. Learn how passionate university students across Ireland are coming together to design and build rockets, explore space technologies and develop the skills shaping the future of the aerospace industry. Perfect for curious minds, aspiring engineers and anyone who dreams of reaching for the stars! **Venue**: G019 Lecture Theatre	Parents & children Ages 9+ Duration 30 mins Time: 4.15pm

Donogh O'Donoghue Centre – Blue Zone University of Galway Zone				
University of Galway Experience	**Explore the Wonders of Science!** From the tiniest microbes to futuristic technology, our interactive exhibits bring science to life for all ages. Meet real scientists, try hands-on experiments, and discover how science shapes our everyday world — from the food we eat and the gadgets we use to the environment we share. Whether you're curing a teddy, building a robot hand, or uncovering hidden worlds under the microscope, there's something here to spark everyone's curiosity.			
ReelLIFE SCIENCE Cinema	O'Donoghue Theatre	Watch a 30-minute collection of short science videos made by Irish children this year www.reellifescience.com	Parents & children All ages Duration 30 mins	11:00 : 12:00: 13:00 : 14:00 : 15:00 : 16:00
ZooSoc **University of Galway** *Please note Dr Michel Dugon is in The Aula Maxima*	Seminar Room	Learn how reptiles are suited to their environments and the adaptations they have, from bright blue tongues to self-dropping tails, and get up close and personal with incredible insects.	Parents & children All ages - 30 mins	11.00 : 12.00 : 14.00 : 15.00 : 16.00
10am session of ZooSoc reserved for a quieter, sensory-friendly experience for families with additional needs				
Teddy Bear Hospital & Podiatry Clinic	Studio 1	Bring your favourite teddy for a health check with real medical students and learn how doctors and podiatrists care for patients. A fun, hands-on way for children to explore medicine and healthy living!		
3D Tour of the Universe	Studio 2	University of Galway Centre for Astronomy will offer 3D Tours of the Universe, which will take the audience on a trip from earth to nearby stars, across our galaxy to groups of stars finally through to the whole Universe.	Parent & Children Ages 10+ Duration: 30 Mins Capacity 35	11.00 : 11.45 : 12.30 : 14.00 : 14.45
Buggy Room	Bank of Ireland Theatre	**Due to health & safety Buggy's are not permitted in the Bailey Allen Hall.** We offer a safe place to store your buggy while you enjoy the exhibition halls. All requests will be denied.		
Orbsen Building Concourse – Green Zone				
Superbug Zone University of Galway	The Foyer	Come and find out all about the history of microbes, current and future treatments and more…	Parent & Children All ages Duration 35 mins	10.00 : 11.00 : 12.00 : 14.00 : 15.00 : 16.00
Build a Bridge	The Foyer	In this hands-on activity, pupils will construct a large-scale structure using simple techniques, gaining insight into the principles of design, teamwork, and problem-solving.	Children only Ages 8 – 12 1 hour	12.00 : 13.00 : 15.00 : 16.00
Quiet Room **Seminar Room** **Upstairs Orbsen Building**	Quiet Space – Take a Break Need a little time out from the excitement? Our Quiet Space offers a calm, welcoming environment where families can take a break, relax and recharge. **Everyone is welcome to take a moment, unwind and enjoy the festival at their own pace.**			
Computer Science Building – Green Zone				
New show **Scientific Sue's** The Science of Hogwarts: Magical Forces & Enchanting Experiments	CSB 1006	Step into the magical world of Hogwarts for a spellbinding science show! Young witches and wizards will explore the amazing properties of water through enchanting experiments, from disappearing water and ocean chemistry to protection against dragon fire! Packed with spectacular demonstrations, magical surprises and audience participation.	Parents & children All ages Duration 45 mins	12.00 : 13.30 : 15.00 : 16.15

Kitchen Chemistry	CBS 1007	Fantastic Kitchen Chemistry Experiments.	Children only All ages 45 mins	11:30 : 12:30 : 14:30 : 15:30
Bricks4Kidz Lego I Technic Workshop	CSB 1007	Join Bricks 4 Kidz for their LEGO® bricks and Technic workshop.	Children only Ages 6 – 12 Duration 45 mins Capacity 35	11.15 : 12.30 : 13.45 : 15.00 : 16.15
Bricks4Kidz Lego II Technic Workshop	CSB 1008	Join Bricks 4 Kidz for their LEGO® bricks and Technic workshop.	Children only Ages 6 – 12 Duration 45 mins Capacity 35	11.00 : 12.15 : 13.30 : 14.45 : 16.00
Corrib Kids Coding Coding and Game Making with Scratch	CSB 1002	Learn the basics of Scratch, creating a game where a diver plays their part in saving the oceans by collecting trash in the sea. Use conditionals, loops, and special effect sounds to code a diver who has to avoid a scary shark as an additional challenge.	Children only Ages 10+ Duration 75 mins Capacity 25	10:45 : 12:15 : 14:15: 15.45
Pytch Coding Trinity College Dublin	CSB 1003	Join this fun one-hour **Pytch workshop** and learn to create your own game while discovering the basics of Python programming. Pytch is a free, web-based platform developed by **Trinity College Dublin.** No experience needed - just curiosity and creativity!	Parents & Children Ages 12+ Duration 60 mins Capacity 12	11.00 : 12.30 : 14.00 : 15.30
The Cloud Café	Freshly made sandwiches, wraps, treats, coffee and tea			
Arts and Science Concourse – Red Zone				
Buggy Room	Bank of Ireland entrance	**Due to health & safety Buggy's are not permitted in Shows and Workshops.** We offer a safe place to store your buggy while you enjoy the events.		
Science Buskers	Concourse	The Institute of Physics return with their amazing Science Buskers – ensure to include time to spend time here and enjoy their rockets.		
Bricks4Kidz	Concourse	Bricks4Kidz Lego Free Build Space – just rock up and release the engineer within.		
Electricity Workshop **Junior Einsteins**	AC204	Get ready for a hair-raising adventure into the world of electricity! Explore static electricity, electrical fields and circuits through exciting hands-on experiments with a Van de Graaff Generator, Plasma Ball and Energy Stick.	Children only Age 5 -12 Duration 45 mins Capacity 30	11.00 : 12.15 : 13.30 : 14.45
New to 2026 🚀 **Rocket Building Workshop**	AC202	Blast off with Irish Rocketry in this exciting, hands-on family workshop! Discover how rockets work, design and build your own model rocket, then head to the launch field to watch it soar into the sky. An unforgettable adventure into the science of space and flight! Launch of the rockets in Fisheries Field	Parents & children Ages 7+ Duration 60 mins Capacity 40	10.30 : 13:00
Water Workshop **Junior Einsteins**	AC203	Dive into the science of water with fun, hands-on experiments! Explore floating and sinking, discover how oil spills affect our oceans, and learn about pressure, density and buoyancy. Create your own Ocean in a Bottle to take home!	Children only Ages 5 - 12 Duration 45 mins Capacity 30	11.45 : 12:45 : 14:30 : 15:30

New to 2026 **Science Show** By Junior Einsteins	AC201	Prepare to be amazed by a spectacular science show packed with exciting experiments and surprising discoveries! Watch water disappear, hair stand on end, objects fly and chemical reactions bubble over as we explore the wonders of physics, chemistry and electricity in a fun, interactive show.	Parents & children All ages Duration 50 mins Capacity 100	12.00 : 13.30 : 14.45 : 16.00
New to 2026 **The Drop Bubble Show**	O'Flahert y Theatre	Discover the fascinating science of water and bubbles in this fun, interactive show! Explore surface tension, cohesion, adhesion, air pressure and the magic of light, while uncovering why bubbles form, float, shimmer and pop.	Parents & children All ages Duration 40 mins Capacity 300	11.00 : 12.30 14.10 : 16.10
New show **Wind & Solar Energy Show** **By Declan Holmes**	Dillon Theatre	What's a watt? What comes out of a battery? And what's the difference between AC and DC? Get on your feet, move electricity around the room and send waves through the crowd in this high-energy show. Explore different types of energy and discover what the future of power could hold.	Parents & children All ages Duration 45 mins Capacity 130	11.30 : 13.00 : 14.15 : 15.30
Food Outlet	Smokey's Café	A coffee dock on the concourse serving a full range of hot and cold drinks, snacks, fresh juices and smoothies.		Open all day
Food Outlet	An Bhialinn	Offering a diverse menu of quality food with options for a full dinner.		Open all day
The Aula Maxima, located in the Quadrangle – Orange Zone				
Time travelling in the **James Mitchell Geology Museum**	Walk through	A hidden gem for earth science enthusiasts. This fascinating museum houses an extensive collection of minerals, rocks, and fossils - ancient, fossilized creatures to vibrant crystals, making it a unique destination for learning about our planet's geological history.		
Bug Doctor with Dr Michel Dugon	Aula Maxima	Snakes, snails and spiders.	Parents & children All ages - 40 mins Capacity 35	11.00: 12.00 : 14.00 : 16.15