

BA Festival of Science 2006, Norwich

2-9 September

What is the BA?

The BA (British Association for the Advancement of Science) was established in 1831 and organises the annual BA Festival of Science and National Science Week.

The BA Festival of Science was first established to provide a forum for scientists to discuss the latest scientific research and ideas outside the capital, London. It has an illustrious history with the famous Huxley-Wilberforce debate in Oxford in 1860 and the coining of the word 'dinosaur' in 1842.

Over the years it has developed into the largest public access celebration of science in the country, which anyone can attend.

This year the annual BA festival of Science will be held in Norwich – a really exciting opportunity to find out about cutting edge science from world experts. There will be a full and varied range of events - suitable for all levels of interest - and a dedicated schools programme.

What is Happening in Norwich?

The Norwich festival's theme is 'People, Science and Society' and will take place from 2-9 September 2006.

A city launch will be followed by events across University of East Anglia campus and the John Innes Centre, the Institute of Food Research as well as Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

The festival will explore a range of issues including the impact of climate change on the region and the development of the 21st century family to food in the future and the latest health research.

Young People's Programme

More information and a draft programme for the young people's events will follow shortly. In the mean time if you have any queries please contact the relevant people below.

8 - 12 years old programme - Please contact Phil Smith of the Teacher Scientist Network 01603 450304 • phil.smith@bbsrc.ac.uk

12 - 19 years old programme - Please contact Stephanie Forman the Young People's Programme officer at the BA, 020 7019 4945 • stephanie.forman@the-ba.net

Details of all events are available online at www.the-ba.net/festivalofscience. Tickets can be booked online or by calling 020 7019 4963."

National Science Week (10-19 March 2006) is on its way... Visit the BA (British Association for the Advancement of Science) website to find out how you can "Click for the Climate" and how to enter our Illuminate competition. Plus, there's everything you need to organise your own event, activities to do at home and an online programme of what's on during the week:
<http://www.the-ba.net/nsw> <<http://www.the-ba.net/nsw>>