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SYDNEY SCIENCE FESTIVAL COUNTDOWN TO LAUNCH

The countdown is on with **Sydney Science Festival 2016** and *Collider* launching this month. The Festival rockets into venues across Sydney with a stellar line up of science superstars and over 100 events, from **Thursday 11 to Sunday 21 August, 2016**. From the London Science Museum, *Collider* opens on **6 August** and runs until October.

As part of National Science Week, the festival offers talks, exhibitions, and family friendly events. Promising 11 days of engagement, exploration and discovery, Festival highlights include:

- **MAASive Lates: Science** – Hosted by special guest **Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith** and featuring **Dr. Alan Duffy**, this free, adults-only event will be a night of science-inspired activities, presentations, performances and music. Thursday 11 August, Powerhouse Museum
- **Collider** – The exhibition that takes you behind-the-scenes at CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) particle physics laboratory in Geneva, home of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). 6 August – 30 October, Powerhouse Museum
- **Sydney Mini Maker Faire** – Sydney's best Makers, from a wide range of disciplines, come together to showcase their creations and share the wonder of invention with the public. 13-14 August, Powerhouse Museum
- **Winning Sky Photos** – Exhibition that showcases top entries from the David Malin Awards annual competition for amateur astronomers and photographers. 13 – 30 October, Sydney Observatory
- **Super Science Saturday** – Science comes to life with explosive shows and your chance to participate in scientific explorations. Saturday 13 August, Australian Museum
- **The Secret Life of Eels** – Learn about the history of Parramatta's eels and create your own eel to take home. Saturday 20 August, Parramatta Park
- **The Indigenous Science Experience** – Meet local elders and learn about Indigenous science. Sunday 21 August, Redfern Community Centre.
- **Science in the Swamp** – Treating families to some outdoor fun and the chance to get little hands dirty with some outdoor science. Saturday 13 August, Centennial Park
- **Powerhouse Museum Family Day** – A day of hands-on science for all the family. Sunday 21 August, Powerhouse Museum

Be inspired by the talks from leading names in science including:

- **Dr Alan Duffy** will explain how CERN's Largest Hadron Collider works in **The world's greatest science experiment**. Friday 12 August, Powerhouse Museum
- British physicist **Professor Brian Cox** explores some of the universe's great unanswered questions in **A Journey into Deep Space**. Thursday 11 August, State Theatre
- New York Genspace co-founder and director **Dr. Ellen Jorgensen** joins a panel of experts in **Biohacking: Why should we care?** Friday 19 August, UTS Great Hall
- A special guest appearance by Australia's favourite **Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki** in **BAHFest**, promising an evening of wit and horrendous inaccuracies. Friday 19 August, Powerhouse Museum
- NASA's *New Horizons* journalist Amy Shira Teitel makes science relatable in **Amy Shira Teitel Talks Science**. Thursday 18 August, Powerhouse Museum

The full Sydney Science Festival program is available online at www.sydneyscience.com.au. For more information about National Science Week events visit www.scienceweek.net.au.

The Sydney Science Festival is produced by the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences as part of National Science Week, with support from Principal Partner, Microsoft.

Science fans can make the most of the Festival by purchasing one of two Festival Passes:

- **MAAS Science Festival Pass** allows science lovers to enjoy **unlimited daytime access** to the Powerhouse Museum and free entries to the events worth over \$200, for only **\$25**.
- **MAAS Science Festival Premium Pass** boasts additional benefits including free entry to talks by Australia's hottest scientist and festival ambassador **Dr Alan Duffy** and **Amy Shira Teitel**, for only **\$45**.

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