
THE FUTURES SO BRIGHT

You'll have to wear shades!

INTRODUCING 'LIGHTWAVE' AT THE SCIENCE GALLERY

Pearse St will be pulsating with light next February, for LIGHTWAVE.

LIGHTWAVE is the first event to take place at the new Science Gallery, a brand new cultural centre located in the grounds of Trinity College, Dublin.

THE SCIENCE GALLERY AIMS TO BECOME "THE COOLEST SCIENCE CLUB ON THE PLANET".

How? Well, not only will it be a new social space, celebrating science, technology and innovation, it will run a dazzling programme of exhibitions, public experiments, challenges, festivals, debates and workshops. Kicking off its programme of festivals and events with LIGHTWAVE, the Science Gallery will open its doors in Feb 08.

EVERYTHING WILL BE ILLUMINATED

Running from February 2nd – 9th, LIGHTWAVE will explore light in science, technology and art, offering a fascinating glimpse into the world of light.

HOW DOES LIGHT AROUSE OUR EMOTIONS? HOW DOES LIGHT FEEL?

The festival will feature displays, installations, events and interactive work by engineers, scientists, lighting designers and artists from around the world to answer these questions.

HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE:

LED light graffiti, Lumina Domestica; an installation by U2's lighting designer Willie Williams; and Light Tracer, an interactive installation by Karl Willis that asks participants to draw with light in 3D. Alongside these pieces will be a participative installation developed by secondary school students working with a group of talented mentors including computer scientists, electronic engineers and techno artists.

A range of LIGHTWAVE workshops will also run throughout the nine-day festival. Highlights include a workshop with Lottolab founder Beau Lotto, as well as a hand-cranked luminescent jewellery workshop. Light Therapy will be available in the Daylight Lounge, where participants can beat the winter blues and get involved in discussions on SAD and its effects. The scientists, artists and engineers who developed the LIGHTWAVE installations will also be there ready to talk about their work.

Check www.sciencegallery.com for updates on when tickets for Lightwave events will be available.

LIGHTWEAR

As part of the festival finale, LIGHTWEAR will celebrate the use of light in fashion, providing a platform to showcase the fusion of light technology and textiles within visually stunning garments.

Using materials with unusual light reflective properties, LED technologies, sensory materials and fibre optics, LIGHTWEAR will provide a visual feast and an opportunity to further explore the role of technologies in textiles.

Staged as a performance event, each garment will be enhanced through the choreographed movement of the models and their interaction with light installations throughout the Gallery space. Noted fashion designer Ciaran Sweeney will be producing and directing the event. Following on from the performance event, the Science Gallery will provide opportunities for the designers to speak about their work and the technologies involved in producing their individual pieces.

LIGHTING THE WAY

The Science Gallery will be the first venue of its kind in the world.

IT WILL BE THE PLACE 'WHERE IDEAS MEET'.

It will capture the imagination of the public, young adults, professionals, the media and policy-makers by opening up science and raising questions about where we want science to take us.

It will bring young adults into informal social contact with thought leaders from research and industry, through workshops and events. The Science Gallery will be a crucial meeting place where emerging raw creative talent, imagination and vision in science and technology can be discovered.

The overall calendar of events for the Science Gallery will highlight the possibilities for creativity, imagination and global change provided by science and technology in the 21st century. This is a direct response to Ireland's challenge of a continued fall in the numbers of students taking these subjects at university level.

THE SCIENCE GALLERY WILL FIRE UP THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A PASSION FOR SCIENCE.

Michael John Gorman, Director of the Science Gallery, comments: “I am genuinely excited about being involved with the Science Gallery at Trinity College. It represents a truly original approach to exploring the interface between science and culture in a social environment. Trinity College has taken a leap in creating the world's first Science Gallery, which will highlight the role of the university as a meeting place for ideas in the twenty first century.”

“The Science Gallery is Trinity’s flagship project – a new manifestation of the role of the university in the twenty-first century”, continues John Hegarty, Provost of Trinity College.

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EDITORS NOTE:

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE GALLERY?

Located in the grounds of Trinity College Dublin at the new gateway to the college, opposite Pearse Street station, and housed in the new Naughton Institute alongside CRANN, the Science Gallery is right at the epicentre of Dublin’s cultural, business and scientific communities. With landmarks including the IFSC, the gallery district and Temple Bar within walking distance, and the country’s most active creative thinkers on its doorstep, the Science Gallery is uniquely positioned at the heart of the city.

But the Science Gallery will not just be at the centre of the city, it will be at the heart of the debate about how we want science to be.

It will bring together people with diverse interests and backgrounds including creative thinkers and young innovators, to connect, explore, create, debate and share ideas on science, technology and the arts, opening up these fields to new audiences.

The Science Gallery ‘space’ consists of a 144-seater multimedia PACCAR theatre, studios, café and stunning open gallery space, providing an ideal location for exhibitions, festivals, events and workshops.



where ideas meet

The Science Circle is an initiative inviting leading science, engineering and technology companies to support the Science Gallery over a five-year period, with leading computer manufacturer Dell already on board.

The Science Gallery is being funded through government, Trinity College and private sources, including members of the Science Circle.