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## DEFY THE DARKNESS: **LIGHTWAVE ILLUMINATES SCIENCE GALLERY TONIGHT**

From a cube shaped universe, to conversations with electric fish and a new kind of fuel cell to provide off-grid light in Africa, the **LIGHTWAVE** festival and exhibition at Science Gallery has a full range of delights in store for you as it opens to the public on Friday January 23rd.

The official turning on of LIGHTWAVE will start at Ulster Bank Head Quarters at 17:30 on Thursday Night, when the Guerrilla Lighting group will cast new light on landmark buildings in the city. The LightTrail continues to College Green where it illuminates the Trinity's Front Arch just after 18:00.

The nine-day **LIGHTWAVE** festival features talks, workshops, performances and a LightClub where new enlightened ideas develop over a cocktail. Following the festival the interactive **LIGHTWAVE** exhibition will run on at the Science Gallery until February 20th.

Speaking ahead of its launch Science Gallery Director, Michael John Gorman said "**LIGHTWAVE** is an annual festival and event celebrating innovation with light. Light is so essential in our lives, we tend to take it for granted. This January is your opportunity to play with light in **LIGHTWAVE** – join us as we defy the darkness at Science Gallery."

**LIGHTWAVE FESTIVAL:** from 23 January – 31 January. Open every day from 16:00-21:00. Exhibition admission free – event prices vary. Full event programme on [www.sciencegallery.com](http://www.sciencegallery.com) - Booking will be open from Wednesday 14th January. **LIGHTWAVE EXHIBITION:** continues until 20 February. Open Tuesday-Sunday 16:00-21:00. Exhibition admission free.

Science Gallery is a world first - a new type of venue where science and art collides. Since opening in early 2008 over **120,000 people** have visited Science Gallery. Science Gallery aims to ignite interest in science and technology careers in 15-25 year olds, inspiring the next generation to participate in Ireland's development as a creative economy and celebrating the connections between science and all areas of our culture.

LIGHTWAVE is supported by Discover Science and Engineering. Science Gallery is supported by founding partners Ulster Bank and Wellcome Trust, and is an initiative of Trinity College Dublin. Science Gallery is also supported by the Science Circle: Dell, Google, ICON, Paccar and Wyeth. The gallery is located in a cutting edge building on Pearse Street, Dublin. To find out more check out [www.sciencegallery.com](http://www.sciencegallery.com)