



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **SCIENCE GALLERY RAPID RESPONSE: WHAT ARE DIOXINS?**

In a series of RAPID RESPONSES to the latest burning scientific issues in the news, Science Gallery at Trinity College, will host a briefing on Wednesday morning to allow the public to delve deeper into dioxins, and to learn more about the science behind the latest food contamination scare.

The briefing, which is open to the public, starts at 8:30am on Wednesday December 10th and will feature Prof James Heffron, specialist on the biochemistry of detoxification from UCC and experts from the School of Public Health, UCD.

Members of the public are also able to post their questions on [www.sciencegallery.com](http://www.sciencegallery.com) where the briefing and chat will be posted following the event.

Speaking ahead of the RAPID RESPONSE briefing Science Gallery Education and Outreach Manager Lynn Scarff said "This latest food contamination scare poses a lot of questions for members of the public. Most of us don't get the opportunity to talk directly to the scientists who are the experts in the field. At Science Gallery we aim to bring the latest burning topics to the public and allow them to interact directly with science and the researchers at the cutting edge."

Science Gallery is a world first – a place where science and art collide and where the white hot scientific debates are thrashed out. Since opening in February 2008 Science Gallery has welcomed over 110,000 visitors to its four major exhibitions - Lightwave, Pills, TechnoThreads and Lab in the Gallery. Science Gallery is an initiative of Trinity College Dublin.

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**FROM 8:30AM ON WEDNESDAY 10:12:08,**

**SCIENCE GALLERY CAFÉ, PEARSE STREET, DUBLIN 2**

**QUESTIONS CAN BE POSTED ON THE SCIENCE GALLERY BLOG ON  
[WWW.SCIENCEGALLERY.COM](http://WWW.SCIENCEGALLERY.COM) FROM TUESDAY LUNCHTIME.**

**Ends**