The Great Science Share

Initiative

The Great Science Share (GSS) is the flagship event aimed at increasing the number of young people with science and engineering. The school’s campaign culminates in day in the Summer for young people to share science with new audiences, offering teachers an opportunity to raise the profile and quality of science teaching and learning.

Developed incrementally since 2013, and part of the European City of Science 2016, GSS moved to new heights in 2017 with over 10,000 young people engaged across the UK. GSS offers primary schools support to develop child-led investigations with children at the heart of the sharing process - a unique approach to engaging teachers in the development of their teaching and learning approaches. Through support and guidance teachers work with others within and beyond their school, as well as with external partners, reaching out to whole school communities. Science learning has been improved across Greater Manchester and the UK.

GSS continues to develop as a national campaign. 2018’s GSS will work in partnership with the BBC’s Terrific Scientific programme, targeting over 14,000 UK primary schools - an ambition that is exciting and invigorating to explore and develop.

How the Great Science Share Team has Made a Difference

GSS has made a difference by successfully:
1. reversing the roles of traditional public engagement event as children took centre stage in communicating science learning. 10,000 children embraced the opportunity to share a wide variety of activities. Social media tracked engagement of GSS nationally through Twitter using #GSShare17.
2. engaging teachers with professional opportunities to improve the teaching and learning of primary school science. The impact was illustrated in the involvement of 945 attendees at the Etihad Campus where children demonstrated science to their peers and the local communities.
3. stimulating new partnerships and associations, crossing boundaries between science and culture and enhancing opportunity for 38 businesses, educators, STEM and cultural organisations to come together through this endeavour.

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