



Abingdon-on-Thames  
*at the heart of science*



14th - 22nd March 2020

The ATOM Festival of Science & Technology takes place **14th-22nd March 2020**. Two major outreach opportunities exist for organisations and science communicators wishing to drive engagement with their activities, and allow people to do hands-on science.

**The Science Market** (Saturday, Mar 14) is a dynamic and inspiring collection of organisations, stands, demonstrations, live science and public engagement on the Abingdon Market Square from 10am - 3pm. Participating organisations take a stall on the Square, and interact with visitors through information displays, science demos and individuals happy to chat to visitors about science.



Visitors throughout the day are of all ages, from scientists and their families to people who have come across the market by chance and may have little or no experience of science. We have won plaudits for the ability to engage hard-to-reach audiences and members of the community. Recent years have seen organisations from Bath, Sheffield take part, as well as local organisations including Harwell Campus, Oxford Biomedica, Oxford Physics and the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy.



ATOM can provide a table and gazebo on the day if required. **Sian Tedaldi** (University of Oxford Department of Physics) is the Science Market Co-ordinator:  
[atom.science.market@gmail.com](mailto:atom.science.market@gmail.com) - email for an application form and to book your place.

**The Family Science Fair** (Sunday, Mar 22) is the grand finale of ATOM. It's a hands-on, lab-based science activity fair for the whole family which takes place at the Yang Science Centre in Abingdon. It's free to attend. Recent years have seen an impressive array of science organisations including Science Oxford, Curiosity Box, Bright Sparks Science, outreach groups from Oxford Brookes, Oxford University, Reading University, Health England, Oxford instruments and local science companies and research organisations.

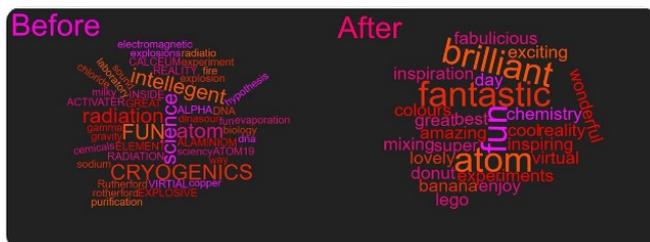


The Family Science Fair is aimed at children, young people and their families. The Yang Centre offers the highest quality laboratory and science facilities, together with technicians on hand to assist. The opportunity is to do more involved demonstrations which might be inappropriate outdoors, or where you need lab facilities to hand.



**Freddie Nicholson** @Freddie\_Nic · Mar 24

@ATOMSciFest @AbSciPart Here's what people were saying about science before and after today's Family Science Fair! 🥳🧪 #ATOM19



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Setting up our cosmic ray telescope to collect data as we talk to the public about our cosmic ray #physics project at #ATOM19

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