



The Arts and Sciences Festival, CurieuCity, returns to Brussels for its second edition.

Following the success of the first edition, the CurieuCity festival is back for a second fascinating adventure, this time in the Marais Wiels district of Forest. From 27 to 29 September 2024, CurieuCity #2 invites young and old alike to explore the world of biodiversity and the natural sciences through a rich and accessible programme, where art and science meet in an unprecedented way.

Visitors will be immersed in a virtual reality exploring various forms of life, discovering the ingenious ways in which flora and fauna communicate with each other, and learning about the innovative uses to which mushrooms can be put to help build a better future.

‘CurieuCity is a true fusion of science, art and STEAM education. This second edition reinforces our mission to directly engage local communities, particularly residents and schools, in participatory projects. Through our collaboration with OPSCHEPfabriek (#MugFacts pre-project), ULB, VUB and Innoviris, we continue to demonstrate that science can be accessible, exciting and, above all, inclusive.’ - explains Helga Baert, VUB project coordinator.

Through workshops run as part of pre-projects with schools, such as ‘Focus on Chlorophyll’ and ‘Goodbye plastic thanks to microbes’, young people have discovered major ecological issues such as food webs and bioplastics. The ‘Lichens GO’ programme, meanwhile, is raising pupils' awareness of air quality, with results to be exhibited during the festival.

‘More than just a festival, CurieuCity brings life to your neighbourhood all year round! For this year's festival in Forest, we worked with four French-speaking schools and three Dutch-speaking schools, involving nearly 200 pupils in our preliminary projects. Together, we're giving young people the chance to explore the world of science in a fun and engaging way.’ - says Alexandre Christoffel, ULB project coordinator.

Press invitation

You are welcome to join us for a tour of the festival on **Saturday 28 September at 10h30**. Meeting point: bar of the Wiels Centre for Contemporary Art, Av. Van Volxem 354, 1190 Forest.

CurieuCity

curieucity.brussels

Press contact :

ULB

Sandra Splouchal (communication) - sandra.splouchal@ulb.be - 0472 36 85 37

Alexandre Christoffel (coordinator) - Alexandre.Christoffel@ulb.be - 0498 49 18 24

VUB

Helga Baert (coordinator) - helga.baert@vub.be - 0497 88 53 88

More information

All the information about the festival can be found at:

www.curieucity.brussels. Curieucity is financed by the Brussels Region via Innoviris, which brings together the sister universities ULB and VUB and their artistic co-director, OHME, with the support of the National Lottery and its players, also associated with the VGC for the educational pre-parcours in schools.

On the programme:

- Exploration of the **Wiels Marsh**: Discover the diversity of the local flora and fauna and test the quality of the water while observing the micro-organisms that live there.
- The World of Fungi at **Ten Weyngaert**: Dive into the fascinating world of fungi and learn more about their vital ecological role and the new perspectives they offer on our society.
- Communication and Collaboration at **P.A.R.T.S**: Explore how species communicate and cooperate, with living works by Anne Marie Maes and a reflection on the language of whales.
- Microorganisms and Microzoo: Discover the invisible world of rotifers at **L'Imprimerie** and visit the microzoo at **La Marelle**.
- Workshops and Games at **Divercity** and **La Marelle**: Interactive activities for children and adults, including the Land Connection Practices participatory art project in Parc Duden.