

CurieuCity

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The CurieuCity Festival settles in the Marolles district, a world of science and art in the heart of Brussels!

CurieuCity returns for one last session this year, transforming Place du Jeu de Balle into a space for discovery combining science, engineering, and art. From November 29 to December 1, the festival invites people of all ages, free of charge, to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and their impact on society.

Complex subject? Not at CurieuCity, where, through the playful and creative lens of art, even the youngest among us can grasp complex scientific concepts. Among the main activities, Sophie Van Eck, an astrophysicist at ULB, will give a talk titled *"Stars, Black Holes & Co"* to take the audience on a journey through the Universe and discuss recent discoveries in astronomy. Sophie shares:

"How about embarking on a little journey through the Universe? We'll visit stars, (exo-)planets, and even black holes. This virtual journey through the Universe reminds us of how precious our planet is and how essential it is to preserve it."

CurieuCity, more than a fleeting festival, establishes itself sustainably in the neighborhoods where it takes place, building strong ties with local schools and associations to nurture scientific curiosity throughout the year. Else Magnus, an astrophysicist at VUB, designed a unique pre-project for this edition around dance with Atelier Léon, titled *Kosmos*. She explains:

"CurieuCity is the result of collective and inclusive work done here with the Brede School Nieuwland and the Hubbie association. With Kosmos, we invite participants to become planets and stars in motion in a cosmic dance. This creates a unique connection between science, art, and community."

The **#MugFacts** project, also developed in the CurieuCity#2 edition in Forest, is another example of this participatory approach. It aims to break the ice and stimulate scientific curiosity informally and inclusively.

"The #MugFacts project, created in collaboration with the Bravvo association, involves genuine participatory work by bringing science and research closer to people. By establishing itself in the heart of the community, we build strong bonds and foster lasting curiosity," shares Leentje Vandenbussche, founder of the #MugFacts project.

Find Leentje at the *Des Petits Pas* nursery on Rue de la Querelle, and participate in the game built around scientific topics until the end of the festival. On Friday, November 29, you can collect your mug at the closing evening at the Bureguel Center and discover the results of the game together.



Press Invitation

We invite you to a discovery of our program **on Friday, November 29, at 2:00 p.m.**
Meeting point: Bruegel Cultural Center (entrance hall), Rue des Renards 1F, 1000 Brussels.

Please confirm your attendance by Friday, November 29, at the following address:
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Additional Information

All information about the festival is available at www.curieucity.brussels.

CurieuCITY is a free, traveling festival that has already had two editions this year: *“Discover the City of the Future”* in Molenbeek and *“Dive into the Heart of Biodiversity and Nature’s Wonders”* in Forest, and a special edition at the Maison des Cultures in Molenbeek on *“Robotics.”*

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Program for the 3rd Edition:

- **Bruegel Cultural Center** – Space, Machine Room, and Mathematics: Dive into exhibitions and animations that will awaken your curiosity about the mysteries of the cosmos, the complexity of mechanisms, and the beauty of mathematical formulas.
- **Art & Marges Museum:** Discover *“Arborescences”*, an exhibition where Michel Goyon merges mathematics and art to explore the world through an “imaginary encyclopedia of metamorphosis.”
- **Hectolitre:** Offers an approach to chemistry, physics, and the biomedical world through liquids, fluids, and everything that flows.
- **Mazette Bar:** Board games, chemistry, bread, and beer.
- **At the Brussels City Archives:** Understand what is considered true or false in science and why. Explore the construction of knowledge by blending science, technology, and arts.