

The Royal Society of Biology's annual Biology Week showcases the important and fascinating world of the biosciences.

Biology Week is a chance to get everyone, across all ages, celebrating biology through events and activities worldwide.



Now in its **8th** year

2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019

Every year, the number of events is increasing:



62 → **104** → **150**
events in 2016 events in 2018 target for 2021

Biology Week celebrations include:



fungal forays

bio bakes

quizzes

BioArtAttack competition

Big Biology Days

career talks

nature walks

memory challenges

science fairs

museum visits

school assemblies

award ceremonies

Biology Week species poll

science debates

guest lectures



Biology Week highlights

In the past there have also been 24 hour lectures, memory games, citizen science projects and more

Biology Week takes place in the first week of October, and includes the prior weekend

Mon

Policy Lates

- Part of an evening series discussing hot topics in science policy
- Discussions have included insect declines, mental health research, and increasing diversity and inclusion

Royal Institution Debate

Tue

- Brings experts and members of the public together
- Topics in the past have included A.I., genetic modification, and curing cancer
- Is livestreamed to increase accessibility

Wed

Parliamentary Reception

- Brings together sector leaders, policymakers and politicians
- The evening includes an informal ballot for the year's species poll and keynote addresses
- Supported by BBSRC

Annual Awards Ceremony

Thu

- Celebrates the winners of the Photography competition, Outreach and Engagement and Nancy Rothwell awards, and the President's Medal
- In 2019 saw the launch of the Technician Action Plan

Fri

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- Encourages biologists to share photos of them in action
- Highlights the diversity of bioscience roles and people
- More than 1000 biologists take part globally



RSB's regional branches run Biology Week events across the UK, with 12 taking place in 2018



RSB's competitions and awards, celebrated as part of Biology Week, receive around 3000 entries in total



Thousands of people vote in the annual Biology Week species poll



2016 | UK's favourite mammal
Hedgehog
5,023 votes



2017 | UK's favourite tree
Horse chestnut
2,576 votes



2018 | UK's favourite flower
Sunflower
4,206 votes

Biology Week

If you would like to get involved with Biology Week events get in touch:

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