

Meet the Scientist @ Scitech

Get your research out there!

Scitech is Perth's premier science centre, visited by around 300,000 people per year. We would love for you to either give a talk to our visitors, have a stall with specimens, or run an activity related to your work during the April school holidays. Our theme is engineering over those two weeks.

Why are we asking for your contribution?

- To allow members of the general public to meet and chat to a real scientist in an informal environment, contributing to their positive attitude towards science.
- To promote your research in the wider community and engage West Australians with cutting-edge science relevant to their lives.
- To enjoy a positive science communication experience in a supportive environment. Many experts find that they gain valuable communication skills that can be applied elsewhere.

You may choose to bring along specimens, activities and/or photos to stimulate conversation. We provide tables, AV equipment and other items you may need for an activity, including staff for set up and pack down. Talks can range from 15-30 minutes, and stalls/activities can be run for any amount of time. You are welcome to bring any promotional banners or material from your organisation.



Examples from past talks and activities

- palaeontologists brought bones and fossils for visitors to hold
- plant energy biologists got hands-on with DNA extraction in fruit
- an origami expert showed his R&D process for making paper planes
- bee scientists showed a hive of live bees and offered honey tastings
- forensic scientists demonstrated fingerprinting techniques



Who is your audience?

Over the course of a typical holiday day, Scitech is visited by around 1200 visitors of all ages and backgrounds, with a large number of families with children under 12. Keeping your language simple with not too much jargon will help get your ideas across. You will have as many curious adults as children so try to consider key messages that may be relevant for parents in different ways to their children. Something hands-on or a prop is a great way to start a conversation and get the questions flowing.

Feel free email our Volunteer Coordinator Andrew Quarles de Quarles at andrew.quarles@scitech.org.au if you have any further questions.