

March Events at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Main Events

Fiction For all Tastes: a writing workshop

Saturday 3 March/11am – 3pm/£15

A workshop led by two award winning authors, Abi Oliver/Anne Murray and Helen Matthews. Come along and share tips on the writing process and how to get published. The workshop is led through a mixture of talk, discussion and writing exercises.

Science Night

Wednesday 14 March/From 6pm

Please note that all talks are intended for an adult audience

Discover the World's Largest Telescope Under Construction - Europe's ELT 6pm – 7pm / £3.50

Come along and find out about the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) and the engineering science behind its construction. This talk is presented by Dave Shave-Wall, former Chairman of Basingstoke Astronomical Society, part time Astrophotographer and full time Chief Technologist at IBM.

Get Creative with Cosplay 6pm – 7pm / £3.50

Members of the Basingstoke Cosplay Collective explore a range of different techniques and materials to inspire you to make your own costumes in this very visual demonstration!

Gravitational Waves: A new window to the universe 6pm – 7pm / £3.50

Learn about what gravitational waves are, how they are made, and how scientists detect them. Discover the monster gravitational wave machines that live in space, and how they can be used to solve the mysteries of the universe, as we embark on the era of multi-messenger astronomy.

The Scientific Secrets of Doctor Who 7.30pm / £5

Writer Simon Guerrier and astronomer Dr Marek Kukula team up to explore the scientific secrets of Doctor Who. When Doctor Who was first broadcast in 1963 the show was intended to educate as well as entertain. Although teaching science may have slipped from its agenda, a show featuring black holes, time travel and alien worlds still presents a great opportunity to engage audiences with the real science behind the fiction.

Learning in Libraries

Free courses for adults, led by a qualified tutor.

Kickstart your Creative Writing

Wednesday 14 March/10am – 1pm/FREE

For people who write/who wish to write in any genre or for any age, this course aims to help generate new ideas and get your creativity flowing.

Get to Know Your iPad

Saturday 17 March/10am – 4.30pm/FREE

An introduction to iPads for new owners, those thinking of buying one and for those who already own an iPad but would like to get more out of it.

Digital Photography Introduction

Friday 23 March/10am – 12.30pm/FREE

This course aims to explore the various parts and features of a Digital Camera and take photographs using different settings plus portrait, flash and macro photos. You will need a digital camera and a compatible memory card and charged batteries and the camera manual if you have it.

Children's Events

Children's Craft- World Book Day Celebration

Saturday 3rd March/from 10am/FREE/Ages 3+
Book character fun with crafts and colouring.

Mini professors Children's Science Days

Saturday 10 & 17 March: 10 am – 12 noon / FREE / Ages 2+
Drop-in science with the Miniprofessors, plus crafts and treasure trails.

Children's Craft – Easter craft and trail

Saturday 31 March / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+
Egg-tastic craft and colouring.