



# Festival of Social Science



*From the Festival of Social Science Cardiff University reuse and repair workshop, November 2021. Credit: Matthew Horwood.*

The ESRC Festival of Social Science is an annual, UK-wide, free celebration of the social sciences.

The 2022 festival will run 22 October to 13 November.

The festival consists of a series of events run each autumn, delivered by ESRC's 'festival partners', higher education institutions spread across the UK. Events range from exhibitions, lectures and panel debates through to performances, guided walks and workshops.

The festival is an opportunity for anyone to explore topics relating to social science, from health and wellbeing to crime, equality, education and identity, through events

run by researchers from UK universities.

There's no cost to attend, and most events are open to everyone, though some are aimed at specific groups.

## Aims of the festival

The aims of the festival are to:

- encourage, support and create opportunities for social science researchers to engage with non-academic audiences
- promote and increase awareness of the social sciences and ESRC-funded research
- promote and increase awareness of the contribution social science makes to the wellbeing and the economy of society in the UK
- enable the public to engage with social science research
- engage with teachers and young people and to raise their awareness of the social sciences.

Read more about the festival on the [Festival of Social Science website](#).

## How to participate as an event organiser

If you are interested in running an event as part of the festival, you need to [check if your research institution is one of our festival partners](#).

If you're based at a partner institution, please contact your own festival team directly. For institutions with an ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA), the festival team will sit within the IAA.

If you're not based at one of our partners, please contact your nearest partner institution to explore potential for collaboration.

## Find out more

You can find out more, view event listings, and book places, on the [Festival of Social Science website](#). Follow us on Twitter at [#ESRCFestival](#).

For any queries not covered by the information here, please contact the ESRC IAA team.

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