

Science Festival 2026

Lineup booth



All day

How is peace achieved and how does it last? Insights from current peace and conflict research

Booth 4 #infostand

PRIF – Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

Here you can find out which solutions we propose for current conflicts around the world: How can the war in Ukraine end, for example? How strong is Europe? How do we tackle the climate crisis? How do we strengthen our democracy? Play our quiz on hidden messages online and talk to us while making peace doves about your questions.

All day

Magic with Chemistry— Chemistry Changes Materials

Booth 10 #experiment

DECHEMA Society for Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology

At the DECHEMA tent, children and adults can become “magicians” and try simple but amazing chemistry experiments. They can also find out what happens during each experiment and why. There will be short science shows throughout the day, with plenty of surprises. Visitors can also take fun photos in a photo booth and bring the pictures home.

All day

Who knows the history of education and upbringing?

Booth 9 #quiz

DIPF | Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education

When was the first kindergarten founded, when was the Abitur introduced? Since when has compulsory education been enshrined in law or has corporal punishment been prohibited? When were girls allowed to study? Place important milestones in the history of education in the correct chronologic.

All day

(In)Equality of Opportunity in Education

Booth 5 #infostand

Goethe University Frankfurt

At the Collaborative Research Center 1750 [in:just], we explore why some people have better educational opportunities than others. We study how migration, disability, and social background shape access to education, participation, and experiences in educational institutions.

All day

A Look Inside the Brain!

Booth 16 #experiment

Cooperative Brain Imaging Center (CoBIC)

At the CoBIC booth, you'll discover how brain imaging neuroscience explores the workings of the human brain and what researchers have already learned from it. In a live experiment, you can use an EEG headband to visualize your own brain activity and even turn it into music.

All day

A Neutron Star You Can Touch

Booth 5 #experiment

Goethe University Frankfurt

Neutron stars are some of the most fascinating and extreme objects in the universe. They may be only about the size of a city like Frankfurt, but they pack nearly twice the mass of our Sun into that tiny space. This interactive model lets you explore, layer by layer, what happens inside these incredibly compact stars.



All day

Big Quiz on Hidden Messages Online: Which Ones Can You Spot?

Booth 4 #quiz

PRIF – Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

How well do you know the meanings of emojis, numbers, and symbols on social media? Many seem harmless — but some can convey unexpected political messages and derogatory attitudes. They don't always mean the same thing. Their meaning depends on who uses them, when, and where. Have fun with the quiz.

All day

Immerse Yourself in the ArtLab Virtually

Booth 15 #experiment

Max Planck Institute for Empirical Aesthetics

Step into our research space through virtual reality.

All day

Join Us in Making a Dove of Peace: What Questions and Wishes Do You Have about peace?

Booth 4 #workshop

PRIF – Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

Here, you can do crafts with the whole family: As we cut, paint, and fold the little dove of peace, we can talk about your questions and thoughts on conflicts around the world and possible solutions. How do you imagine peace?

All day

SCALE—The Self-Organizing Principles of Life

Booth 5 #experiment

Goethe University Frankfurt

How do the principles that organize life emerge? Explore our Augmented Reality cell and discover through interactive experiments how molecules self-organize into membranes, compartments, and organelles. Experience how simple building blocks give rise to the complex architecture of living cells.

All day

Where does our law come from?

Booth 7 #infostand

Max-Planck-Institut for Legal History and Legal Theory

Where do the things we take for granted today actually come from? Visit the booth of the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory in Frankfurt am Main and join researchers who study law in its history and its theory – from the early modern period to the present, in Europe and far beyond.

10:00-19:00

„Gemeinsam forschen“ at Senckenberg

Booth 12 #infostand

Senckenberg – Leibniz Institution for Biodiversity and Earth System Research

There are numerous opportunities to get involved in Senckenberg's nature research. As a citizen scientist, as a volunteer or in various working groups. Everyone can contribute his or her skills and knowledge, contribute to research and gain and deepen new insights by working together with Senckenberg scientists.

10:00-14:30

Be aware of biodiversity!— FEdA introduces itself

Booth 12 #infostand

Senckenberg – Leibniz Institution for Biodiversity and Earth System Research

The Research Initiative for the Conservation of Biodiversity (FEdA) provides new insights into the loss of biodiversity in Germany and its causes. There will also be a tombola on biodiversity at the stand and information on the 'Achtung Artenvielfalt!' campaign week, which will raise awareness of biodiversity from 7 to 13 October.

10:00-19:00

Fascinating insights into the human heart

Booth 6 #infostand

Cardio-Pulmonary Institute (CPI)

Let us guide you through our walk-in heart model and find out how heart disease develops and how it can be treated. Do you have any questions? Our scientists from the Excellence Cluster „Cardio-Pulmonary Institute“ are ready to talk to you.

10:00-14:30

Frankfurt's changing urban nature

Booth 12 #infostand

Senckenberg – Leibniz Institution for Biodiversity and Earth System Research

Which animals and plants live in Frankfurt? How do flora and fauna change over time, and why? And how do we even know that? Come visit our booth to learn all about Frankfurt's urban nature!

10:00-18:00

Fun Photos with DECHEMA

Booth 10 #infostand

DECHEMA Society for Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology

For children and adults: Step into our photo booth and become a chemist or scientist for a moment. Choose a costume, put on safety glasses, a lab coat or other science accessories, and take fun photos with your friends or family. Your photo will be printed right away, and you can take it home with you. Visit us in the DECHEMA tent. We look forward to seeing you!

10:00-11:45

Junge Mathe-Adler Frankfurt: Targeted promotion of an interest in maths

Booth 5 #experiment

Goethe University Frankfurt

Discover maths, puzzle over problems, be amazed: the Junge Mathe Adler Frankfurt project @ Goethe University has been offering interested and gifted learners fascinating insights into mathematics. At the info booth, children and teens can explore and investigate exciting mathematical phenomena. Come along and immerse yourself in the world of maths!

10:00-16:30

WildLIVE! Discover the wild animals of Bolivia and South Africa!

Booth 12 #citizen-science-projekt

Senckenberg – Leibniz Institution for Biodiversity and Earth System Research

Join us on a journey around the world and help us identify animals! We need your support in analysing the data from our camera traps - all from home, of course! At the booth you can discover the project and test how the identification works.

10:30-18:30

Course of Life

Booth 14 #experiment

Max Planck Institute of Biophysics

When something in the body isn't working right, malfunctioning proteins might be the cause. But how do we figure out what's going wrong? How do researchers get a close look at these tiny molecules and unravel the secrets of their structure and function? Find out on our Course of Life!

10:30-18:30

Dive Into the Cell!

Booth 14 #experiment

Max Planck Institute of Biophysics

Step into the virtual reality of a cell and experience what it looks like from the inside.

11:00-17:00

A Look into the Invisible— Cancer Cells Under the Microscope

Booth 2 #experiment

German Cancer Consortium

What do researchers see when they study blood cancer? At this station, take a look through the microscope and discover how healthy and cancerous blood cells differ – and what these differences mean for diagnosis and treatment.

11:00-12:00

Inside the Fight Against Blood Cancer— A Closer Look at the Bone Marrow

Booth 2 #infostand

German Cancer Consortium

Bone marrow is where our blood is made – and where blood cancer can begin. At this station, an oversized model lets you explore how a bone marrow biopsy is performed and why it plays such an important role in diagnosis and treatment.

11:00-17:00

One swab. One match. One life saved.

Booth 2 #infostand

German Cancer Consortium

In cooperation with Frankfurt gegen Leukämie and the German Red Cross, you have the chance to register as a stem cell donor – quickly and easily. For many leukemia patients, a matching donation is the only chance of recovery, and you might be exactly that chance. Come by and find out how simple it is to save a life.

12:00-14:00

Atmospheric and Climate Research at the Taunus Observatory: Live Data and Virtual Insights

Booth 5 #infostand

Goethe University Frankfurt

At the Taunus Observatory, we measure trace gases and aerosol particles using highly precise instruments. These data help us better understand changes in the atmosphere and their role in climate and air quality. At our stand, we present live data and VR insights into the measurement station.

12:00-13:00

Seasn App

#talk

Professor Andreas Hackethal introduces the SEASN App and provides exclusive insights into the idea behind it, its key features, and its potential.

12:00-13:00

Talk with Stefan Kroll: New Conscription and More. The Latest in Peace and Conflict Research

Booth 4 #talk

PRIF – Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

Talk to us about current issues in peace and conflict research: for example, the new draft and the consequences of climate change. Stefan Kroll heads the Department of Science Communication. His work focuses on interdisciplinary research on norms and institutions, knowledge transfer, and civic education.

14:00-15:00

The Financial Architecture of Stablecoins

Booth 4.1 #infostand

Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE

Private Digital Money – and Why Europe Needs to Respond.

14:00-18:00

The Great Biophysics Quiz

Booth 14 #quiz

Max Planck Institute of Biophysics

Test your knowledge with our Biophysics Quiz! Learn about the topics our researchers are working on and discover how biophysics plays a role in your everyday life.

14:15-16:15

Speaking with Our Hands— Experiencing Visual Communication

Booth 5 #experiment

Goethe University Frankfurt

How much can our hands say? At the ViCom stand, visitors can explore visual communication in two short experiments. They will discover how gestures carry meaning in their own right, complement speech and structure interaction. Researchers show why communication is fundamentally multimodal.

14:30-19:00

Biodiversity and climate— are we eating our future?

Booth 12 #infostand

Senckenberg – Leibniz Institution for Biodiversity and Earth System Research

Interactive presentation on the opportunities and challenges of sustainable, climate-friendly nutrition.

15:30-17:30

The Mood in Germany's Executive Suites: A Look at the SAFE Manager Sentiment Index

Booth 4.1 #infostand

Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE

Optimism or a sense of crisis? The SAFE Manager Sentiment Index shows how Germany's top executives are talking about the economic situation and what this reveals about companies and financial markets.

16:00-16:30

Talk with Lars Wiegold: Are Social Media and Video Games Full of Extremists?

Booth 4 #talk

PRIF – Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

Lars Wiegold conducts research on radicalization processes on the Internet. As part of the RadiGaMe project, he has examined gaming-related communication platforms and developed potential solutions for law enforcement and preventive measures.

16:30-18:00

A Conversation with Jan Schneider— How Does Gaming Help Us Learn?

Booth 9 #talk

DIPF | Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education

Jan Schneider discusses how learning can become more playful, digital, and immersive. He conducts research in the EduTec research group at the DIPF.

16:30-18:00

Learning Languages Made Easy— How AI Brings Vocabulary Learning into Everyday Life

Booth 9 #experiment

DIPF | Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education

With smart learning environments, vocabulary can be absorbed almost effortlessly—for example, while making your morning coffee or performing other everyday tasks—making it easier to learn languages. Get an insight into how this technology works and what learning progress can be achieved with it.

17:00-18:00

Banks & Climate: How Does the Financial Sector Influence the Green Transition?

Booth 4.1 #infostand

Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE

What role do banks play in climate protection, and how do climate risks influence their decisions?

10:00-19:00

IDeA—How children with educational risks learn in the best possible way.

Booth 9 #experiment

DIPF | Leibniz Institute for Research and Information in Education

At the IDeA Center, we study developmental and learning processes in children during their first 12 years of life. We are particularly interested in barriers to learning. Try out how we use an eye-tracking camera to gather information about learning or how we can use a digital tool to improve reading fluency.

10:00-19:00

Mobile lab on tour: A look behind the scenes of modern research

Booth 1 #infostand

Fraunhofer Institute for Translational Medicine and Pharmacology ITMP

Our science platform on wheels shows you how experiments and analyses are carried out directly on site. Come along, be inspired and discover the world of research! An exciting experience for young and old that brings science to life!