



City to host country's first space science research night

A ONE-DAY celebration of science in both inner and outer space will be held in the city next month and will feature exhibits, lectures, and a chance to take a 3-D tour of the universe.

The event, Sea2Sky, is being held in Leisureland and the Galway Atlantaquaria on Friday September 23 from 11am to 11pm. It is being organised by NUI Galway in collaboration with the Marine Institute and Galway Atlantaquaria, and is funded under the European Union's Marie Curie Programme and Discover Science & Engineering.

It will be the first-ever European Researchers Night held in Ireland, and offers the opportunity to discover research facilities that are usually not open to the public (laboratories, research centres, museum collections).

Additionally, attendees will get to use some of the most recent technologies and instruments, with the guidance of expert scientists; participate in experiments, competitions and quizzes, watch demonstrations and simulations, exchange ideas and party with the researchers.

Different exhibits exploring marine science, atmospheric science and astronomy will be set up throughout the venue. Participants will have a chance to learn more about whales and dolphins in Irish waters, see a mini-sea exploration vehicle, take a 3-D tour of the universe, check out live demonstrations, take part in a host of hands-on activities, and much more.

In the lead up to the event the organisers are running an art competition for youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18. Entrants are asked to design a new Research Vessel for the Sea2Sky scientists for the year 2040. Information on the competition can be obtained on their website www.sea2sky.ie

Researchers' Night is a Europe-wide event bringing together the public at large and

researchers once a year on the fourth Friday of September. This is the first time that a European Researchers' Night event is being held in Ireland.

Sea2Sky is a free event that does not require tickets or advanced booking. Visit Leisureland and Galway Atlantaquaria anytime from 11am-11pm on Friday, 23 September to take part. For further information log on to www.sea2sky.ie/wordpress/