



# Learn about oceans and galaxies at big free-entry science celebration in city

**DO you know what an exoplanet is? Ever stood inches from some of Europe's largest satellites? Or held a living starfish in your hands? What if the opportunity to do this and much, much more was right on your doorstep?**

On Friday, September 23 Ireland will host 'Sea2Sky' – its first ever European Researchers Night – in Leisureland and the Atlantaquair, Salthill. This free one day celebration of science in inner and outer space, is being organised by NUI Galway in collaboration with the Marine Institute and Galway Atlantaquaria.

It will give visitors an opportunity to learn everything they've ever wanted to know about the sea and space in an action-packed day of theatre, art, shows, concerts, debates and exhibitions.

Visitors to the event will have the opportunity to take a 3D tour of the universe and the sea; see local theatre companies performing topical shows throughout the day; sit in on lively discussions in the Café Scientifique; be awe-inspired by a fire juggling and drumming show on the beach, and wrap it all up with a rocking live concert at 10pm.

Sea2Sky offers the opportunity for the public to engage with scientists and their research in fun and interactive ways. For one day only these 'ordinary people with unusual occupations' will come into contact with visitors and will present their research work to the general public.

Different exhibits exploring marine science, atmospheric science and astronomy will be set up throughout the Main

Hall at Leisureland. A circus tent on the lawn will be the venue for an array of theatrical performances ranging from storytelling to puppets, while a travelling Planetarium will be set up inside to provide an up-close look the galaxies beyond.

Atlantaquaria will provide free access to the Aquarium and all of its exhibits throughout the day and will be running kid-friendly science experiment demonstrations from 3-5pm.

Coinciding with Culture Night, the event will benefit from free transport being offered by Bus Éireann to bring revelers from the city centre to Salthill. To find out more, see the Culture Night website at <http://www.galway-culturenight.com/>.

For further information visit the event website at [www.sea2sky.ie](http://www.sea2sky.ie).