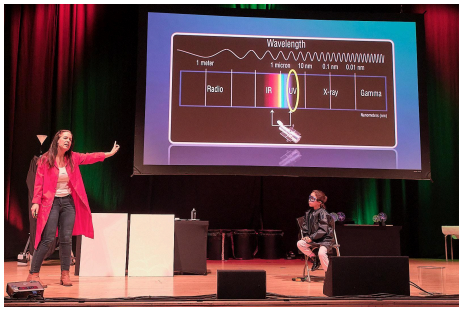
Call Out for Christmas Lecture Presenters!






Warwick Christmas Lectures 2023

Would you like to take the stage and share your passion for science with over a thousand school children, young people, families and adults? We are looking for enthusiastic and engaging scientists to take the stage at Warwick Arts Centre in December 2024.

The annual award-winning Warwick Christmas Lectures aim to inspire and engage the next generation of scientists. Running for over 10 years, this is a key event in our festive calendar in engaging our community. We want to break down the barriers to science by making Warwick's cutting-edge research accessible and engaging to a family audience.

We asked audiences to describe their experience of attending last year's lectures in three words and they said: *Interesting, explosive, cool, different, life-changing, engaging, amazing, fun, awesome, messy, informative, superb, thrilling, wow, phenomenal, factual, crazy, boom!*

Brief
Each Lecture is up to 20-minutes (you can do less than 20 minutes). We are looking for:

- Science / science related themes that are engaging and interesting.
- Exciting experiments and/or demonstrations that have a visual impact.
- Language that explains things clearly to those as young as 8 years old, but also engages the adults in the audience, and all the ages in between!
- Enthusiasm and passion for your subject
- A willingness to work with the Christmas Lecture team to shape your material
- Opportunities for the audience to be called on stage to volunteer or to participate from their seats. One experiment should ideally include the whole audience.
- If you are staff, ways to get your students involved in the planning or delivery of the lecture.
- A festive connection is desirable but not essential.
- You can be a PhD student, academic, technician, or any other science-related role.

You must be available for three rehearsal dates and one performance date as listed below.

Rehearsal dates:
Monday 4 November evening
Monday 11 November evening
Monday 18 November evening

Performance dates:
Monday 25 November evening
Monday 2 December evening

Here is what previous presenters said…
Thanks all and well done everyone for your efforts – I think we had a very satisfied and excited audience. Hopefully some future scientists too! Dr Alex Baker

Thanks to all for making it as wonderful as it was! It was an absolute privilege to present last night and the audience clearly had a wonderful time. Dr Rebecca Nealon

Thanks so much. Really appreciate all the support getting this year's talk together and getting everything to work on stage so seamlessly. Dr Phil Jemmett

What next?
Once selected, you will work with the Warwick Christmas Lectures team who will support you with accessibility for younger audiences and making your contribution ready for the stage of the Butterworth Hall.

The Christmas Lectures Team are Ally Caldecote, Senior Teaching Fellow, Physics; Paul Warwick, Co-Artistic Director, China Plate Theatre; and Asha Eade-Green, Assistant Programmer, Warwick Arts Centre.

To apply

- Outlines should fill no more than one side of A4 paper and successful applicants will be invited to a meeting where we ask you to present part of your proposal. Full versions of experiments will not be necessary.
- Please include your confirmation of availability of the rehearsal and performance dates given above.

Applications must be sent to Ally Caldecote at a.caldecote@warwick.ac.uk and received no later than **Friday 6 September at 10am.**



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