

# Community Science Museum

“Explore together”

Come join us at the Community Science Museum where we're committed to making science accessible to all.

Over the course of human history, science has developed from our early understanding of fire, wind, water, and earth to exploring everything from galaxies far away to the very building blocks of life itself.

The aim of our museum is to create a space where everyone can experience the wonders of our discoveries and perhaps even ignite a lifelong passion to continue the exploration of the world around us.

We believe science should not be confined to the textbook, but brought to life through exhibits. This is why we have over 1000 different exhibits on the many varied subjects of science to explore. Many of these exhibits are designed for you to interact with and play around to see science come to life (apart from the dinosaur exhibits – they only come to life at night when everyone's gone home).

## Explore

### **For kids**

Are you a young person looking to learn more about science? Come on down to our museum, there's plenty to see and do.

You can learn about Newtonian physics from our bumper swing, or why not travel back in time and meet our resident Woolly Mammoth? Our exhibits are designed to be accessible for interested minds, so make sure you come ready to learn and explore.

We also have the Young Stars club which meets once a week on a Saturday between 10:00 and 13:00 where you'll get to explore and experiment with our team of experts.

During the school holidays we run special holiday clubs where you can join other children your age to go on a journey of discovery. Each holiday we pick a new theme to explore. To find out more about the holiday club and how you can join, send us a message.

### **For teachers**

As a community-driven museum, we want to work with schools to create places of learning and exploring. Our team are on hand to give your students guided tours of the museum, teach them in our learning laboratory, and provide great video presentations that will excite and inspire them.

Please get in touch with us [here](#) to find out more about our facilities and to arrange a time to bring your students through for a visit.

### **Researchers**

Are you looking to get involved with our team of researchers and academics? Our museum offers various ways for you to use our resources and contribute towards them. We have online records, laboratory space, and a working relationship with a number of universities around the country.

## Exhibition Spaces

### *Cosmology*

Explore the wonders of our cosmos. Our fantastic exhibition, 'The Sky Above Us', explores the night sky and what we can see and know about the universe around us. We'll locate the various constellations and galaxies that can be seen and learn a bit about the early navigators who used the stars to travel by.

Follow the journey of our solar exploration: from early Arab traders, to Galileo's telescope, to the latest exploration of the planets in our solar system.

### *Evolution*

For centuries, philosophers and scientists have wrestled with the question of our origins. Where do we come from and how did we get here? Since Darwin proposed his theory of evolution we have had a framework for exploring and understanding our place in this world.

Discover the origins of life on this planet and how the species we know today have evolved over time. You can also take some time to meet a few of the creatures who didn't survive, including our Woolly Mammoth, the Dodos, and a number of dinosaurs too.

### *Biology and Medicine*

From micro-organisms to the human body, major breakthroughs in biology are offering us unique insights into the great wonders of the tiny world.

For many people their life expectancy is much longer and their quality of life much improved, thanks to the growth of our understanding of medicine. Over a series of exhibits we explore the history of medicine and take a look at some major breakthroughs including the discovery of penicillin and the first heart transplant.

Many of our great medicinal discoveries have come not only from the lab, but also from observing animals in the wild. Often our fellow creatures have beat us to it.

### *Robotics and AI*

The information revolution is here and robotics and artificial intelligence are the science of the future. From useful home applications of AI to industrial uses of robotics, the future is here. You can even say hello and shake the hand of Rob the Robot.

### *Ecology*

As we learn more and more of the impact humans are having on the planet, the more important it becomes that scientists explore how to create a sustainable future not just for humans but for the whole planet.

In our ecology section of the museum, we unpack the dangers we currently face including global warming, extinction of species, and pollution. But we also focus on the positive ways we can all contribute to a brighter future.

## Special Events and Exhibitions

### News

#### Visiting Professor of Aeronautics

It is our pleasure to announce that Prof Sheila Widnall from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be delivering 3 lectures on the development of aeronautics and where the future lies in this exciting 'space'.

#### Night in the Museum

Get your family together for an exciting night in the museum as you sleep over beside dinosaurs and science displays. Bring your own sleeping bag and get ready to rough it as we go exploring the wonders of science.

#### Energetica Exhibition on Loan

On loan from the NEMO Science Museum in Amsterdam, the Energetica exhibition is coming to the Community Science Museum. It's a series of installations that allow visitors to experience the power of the elements as we harness them. From solar energy powering lighting, to 'Wind Island' that shows how turbines are able to use and control wind to create power.

## Visit

### Location

The museum is located at [student to include address].

### Admission

The entrance is free for all.

There are guided tours of the museum that leave every hour. These tours are 70 NOK per person and include a handy printed guide of the museum.

If you would like to organise a guided tour for your group of 6 or more people, please contact us to arrange the tour.

### Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 – 16:00

Wednesday: 10:00 – 16:00

Thursday: 10:00 – 16:00

Friday: 10:00 – 19:00

Saturday: 9:00 – 16:00

Sunday: 9:00 – 13:00

### **Accessibility**

The museum has wheelchair accessibility ramps. It also has audio guides and braille display signs for the visually impaired.

### **Food and drink**

There is a café attached to the museum where you can get light lunches, soft drinks, coffee, snacks and more.

### **Shop**

Our shop offers a range of memorabilia from the museum as well as great gifts and activity packs that allow you to continue to explore science even after you've left the museum.

## **Get Involved**

### **Support**

There are various ways you can support the museum. Donations are very welcome and are an important way we keep this museum open and accessible to the whole community.

You can also support us by donating items of interest to the museum's collections. If you have some item or collection that you think others would enjoy, please let us know by contacting our Collections Department and they will be able to assist you.

### **Volunteer**

A number of people volunteer their time and effort to keep the displays in good order and ready for visitors to come and enjoy. Volunteering has its perks including getting to see behind the scenes of a working museum, access to staff-only lectures, and a monthly lunch where all staff and volunteers come together to discuss ideas for future exhibits and strategies for the museum.

You can help volunteer in a number of different spheres. Please contact us if you'd like to find out more about how you can get involved.

### **Internships**

Are you interested in working in a museum? Do you enjoy the fun and excitement of sharing the wonders of nature with people? Well you could be just the right person to enjoy an internship at the museum.

You'll be learning from a number of different academics and people who are passionate about science and sharing it with the wider community.