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Free festival showcases the best of British bioscience

- Twenty interactive exhibits from real bioscientists create the Great British Bioscience Festival, marking 20 years of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
- Witness the invisible electrical world of bees, discover new inventions and explore your insides with a walk-through giant gut
- Open to the public and FREE to attend, the festival will be held in Bethnal Green on November 14-16

Twenty interactive exhibits from real scientists will come together in London for the Great British Bioscience Festival from **November 14-16**.

The **free** festival, suitable for people of all ages, will showcase the best of British bioscience at the Museum Gardens in London's Bethnal Green.

Find out how bioscience feeds us, fuels us and keeps us healthy from world-leading scientists based around the UK.

The festival is accessible for all and is the culmination of a year-long programme of activities marking BBSRC's 20th anniversary – bringing together exciting exhibits from bioscience research groups.

Visitors to the Great British Bioscience Festival will be able to:

- Explore your insides in our walk-through giant gut
- See glow in the dark seeds that could help save our oceans
- Witness the invisible electrical world of bees in our special flight arena
- See new inventions like replacement body-parts and pain-free injections
- Hop, skip and jump on pressure pads to discover how animals move
- Become a vet, farmer and wildlife manager on our virtual farm
- Take a worms-eye view of the hidden underworld of soils

- Follow leafcutter ants to a new world of medicines

Professor Jackie Hunter, BBSRC Chief Executive, said: “The Great British Bioscience Festival is a unique and exciting chance for BBSRC and our scientists to bring awe-inspiring bioscience research to the public.

“We have a fantastic array of entertaining and engaging exhibitions to show, highlighting some of the best of BBSRC funded world-leading bioscience and we look forward to welcoming visitors to the festival during November 14-16.”

BBSRC is partnering with London Science Festival 2014 to deliver the Great British Bioscience Festival.

The festival will be open to the general public and will be free to attend. The festival will be open between 10am-5pm on November 14-15, and 10am-3pm on November 16.

Follow the festival on Twitter with the hashtag: #GBbioscifest.

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Notes to editors:

A full list of the exhibits appearing at the Great British Bioscience Festival are available at: <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/society/exhibitions/gb-bioscience-festival/gb-bioscience-festival-index.aspx>

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About BBSRC

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) invests in world-class bioscience research and training on behalf of the UK public. Our aim is to further scientific knowledge, to promote economic growth, wealth and job creation and to improve quality of life in the UK and beyond.

Funded by Government, BBSRC invested over £484M in world-class bioscience in 2013-14. We support research and training in universities and strategically funded institutes. BBSRC research and

the people we fund are helping society to meet major challenges, including food security, green energy and healthier, longer lives. Our investments underpin important UK economic sectors, such as farming, food, industrial biotechnology and pharmaceuticals.

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