Testimonials from grant recipients

‘Thank you so much for enabling us to deliver this event. We attracted at least 500 participants from what is a generally very deprived community with very limited access to science events. It was a LOT of fun!’

‘Fantastic experience and I’m looking forward to next time and already planning and researching what I could do. I’ve learnt so much about the science behind textiles...and I am much more confident at embedding science into my craft teaching.’

‘British Science Week has been an amazing experience. It has allowed us to work in partnership with organisations we do not normally work with and engage young people in fun, creative science projects, shifting their ideas of science.’

‘I loved seeing the community come together. Kids loved [the event] but also seeing elderly participants doing experiments was really nice and was something they definitely would not have been exposed to had the event not be held.’

‘I think this is an excellent initiative in Britain. I feel very proud to be part of it!’

‘The funding we received made such a huge difference to our ability to provide access to science for those who are least likely in our community to engage with it. We would love to be part of British Science Week in the future.’

‘[Our event] was enormously successful and something we wouldn’t normally do. We will now include more science based activity to our sessions.’
Events were led by community groups that work directly with audiences who are traditionally under-represented and currently not engaged in science activity. Across 2016 and 2017 we’ve reached 32,000 participants.

- **2016**
  - 50 events
  - £25,000

- **2017**
  - 124 events
  - £74,000

Grants were awarded in 11 of 12 regions of the UK. Events attract generally low and medium engaged audiences, which is a slight increase on 2016.

The scheme reached more rural communities in 2017, compared to 2016.

- **2016**
  - 35%
  - White
  - 53%
  - Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority

- **2017**
  - 23%

81% of participants said their interest in science had increased - a slight increase on 2016.

- **2016**
  - 88%
- **2017**
  - 88%

Of event participants do not work in a science-related job.

- 95% of participants rated the event they attended as excellent or good.

53% Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority

43% White

Words used most often by participants to describe their experience.

- **informative**
- **interesting**
- **fun**

Science is one of those things that I think people without money, without the ability to go to some big science museum or science project, which kids love, can’t do. So to bring science right into the heart of their community, and make it accessible to them, has made people sit up and think... ‘yeah, this is something that I can engage with, something about me and my world’

2016 grant recipient