

The Royal Society of Biology works with its members, Member Organisations, researchers and volunteers to reach and engage with many different audiences.

Although the RSB's outreach and engagement programme has evolved over the years, the overall objective remains the same: to highlight the importance and relevance of the biosciences and increase its accessibility.



The RSB attends events and delivers activities across the UK

12,000

People engaged with us in 2019



13

Events that the RSB participated in during 2019

Isle of Wight Hullabaloo Festival
Glasgow Science Festival
Lambeth Country Show
Conwy Food Festival
Big Bang Fair

Topics covered in outreach and engagement activities:



Health and disease



Food security



Plant health and growth



Human anatomy



Genes and epigenetics



Marine plastics



The STEM community

Citizen science

The RSB has overseen large-scale citizen science projects that enable members of the public to collect data and contribute to scientific research

Flying Ant Survey

To study how and when flying ants emerge in the UK



13,000 Recorded sightings via social media

Data collected, published in *Ecography*, found that flying ants emerge on multiple days, not just one single day

House Spider Survey

To study how and when house spiders appear indoors



10,000 Recorded sightings via a mobile app

Data collected, published in *Arachnology*, found that house spiders appear around mid-September, in the early evening

Supporting the community



Biosciences Outreach and Engagement Symposium

Brings together more than 130 professionals and early career researchers to discuss areas of engagement, build networks and improve best practice



Outreach and Engagement Working Group

Representatives from Member Organisations come together to plan joint events, share best practice and collaboratively address sector challenges



Outreach and Engagement Award

Celebrates new and established researchers who go above and beyond to deliver innovative outreach and engagement projects



Outreach and Engagement Grants

RSB offers up to £500 to help members run their own outreach and engagement event



To find out more about the RSB's outreach and engagement work and how to volunteer:

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