Maker Faire UK

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**Life Science Centre is a charity and we rely on the generous support of other organisations to help us fund Maker Faire UK. So as much as we love it, we can’t commit to a 2019 event. If and when we are in a position to host Maker Faire UK again, we’ll let everyone know. If you want to be amongst the first to find out, please sign up to e-news:** [**life.org.uk/subscribe**](http://www.life.org.uk/subscribe)

Maker Faire UK is the greatest show (and tell) on Earth! Taking place at Life Science Centre in Newcastle, it’s a two-day family-friendly festival of invention and creativity.

It brings together over 300 hackers, crafters, coders, DIYers and garden shed inventors from across the globe – people who love to make stuff and who want to share their passion with the public.

It’s really great fun for adults and kids alike, with all sorts of different things to try your hand at from traditional crafts to hi-tech hacks. The atmosphere is one of collaboration, sharing and experimenting, where you’ll try new things, deepen existing knowledge and have loads of fun! Be prepared to be inspired. Don’t be afraid to get stuck in!

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**About**

**Maker Faire UK: a two-day festival of hackers, crafters, coders, DIYers and garden shed inventors.**

[Maker Faire](http://www.makerfaire.com) is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth—a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement.  It’s a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning.

[embedded video: <https://youtu.be/B7y4Le5FPA0> ]

Makers range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to homesteaders to scientists to garage tinkerers. They are of all ages and backgrounds. The aim of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect and grow this community.

The original Maker Faire event was held in San Mateo, CA and in 2017 celebrated its twelfth annual show with some 1200+ exhibits and 150,000 people in attendance. World Maker Faire New York, the other flagship event, has grown in seven years to 900+ makers and 95,000 attendees. Thirty-four larger scale Maker Faires occur in cities around the world—Berlin, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, and Shenzhen to name a few— and over 175 community-driven, independently organized Mini Maker Faires are now being produced in the United States and in 40 other countries around the world.  
Maker Faire is supported by Make: magazine and Maker Media.

Besides the magazine and the Faire, Make is:

* a vital online stream of news and projects, blog.makezine.com;
* a retail outlet for kits and books, the Maker Shed;
* a steady stream of fun and instruction via our [YouTube channel](http://www.youtube.com/make);
* [Make: Projects](http://makezine.com/projects/), a library of projects with step-by-step instructions
* a publisher of best-in-category titles via [Make: Books](http://shop.oreilly.com/category/publishers/make.do), including introductions to electronics, Raspberry Pi, 3D printing, Arduino and more.

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# Maker Faire UK 2018 press release

Hundreds of Makers from around the world will be heading to Life Science Centre in Newcastle-upon-Tyne later this month for its annual festival of crafting, coding and inventing that is fun for all of the family.

Maker Faire UK 2018, which will be held on 28-29 April, will bring together more than 450 Makers to showcase their creative talents to visitors.

Dr Lucy Rogers, TV’s Robot Wars judge and founder of the [Guild of Makers](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/guild-of-makers/), said: “I’m excited to be attending Maker Faire UK at Life Science Centre in Newcastle and I’m looking forward to meeting Makers and visitors of all ages. Events such as this are great showcases for ideas and they inspire us all to look again, reuse, recycle, celebrate traditional skills and learn more about, and even contribute to, cutting-edge technology.”

**Highlights for 2018 include:**

* “Rustang Sally” and “Clampasaurus” – two vehicles created by [Mutoid Waste’s](https://makerfaireuk.com/headline-makers/mutoid-waste-company/) Joe Rush, which visitors might recognise from their appearance at the 2012 London Paralympics closing ceremony;
* LED light painting by [Waterlight Graffiti](https://makerfaireuk.com/headline-makers/waterlight-graffiti/) – a six metre-long LED light wall, which illuminates when visitors use water to draw;
* [Steam-powered roadsters](https://makerfaireuk.com/headline-makers/steamroadsters/) – giant penny farthing steam punk bicycles;
* [Battling robots](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/rs-components/), which visitors can control;
* A roaming [herd of mechanical animals](https://makerfaireuk.com/headline-makers/the-herd/) made by Foolpool;
* YouTube star [Colin Furze](https://makerfaireuk.com/headline-makers/colin-furze/) who will demonstrate his “Ejector Bed” and X-Men Magneto-style magnetic boots, which allow him to walk on the ceiling.

2018 marks 10 years since Life Science Centre launched the first Maker Faire UK.

Regular visitors will be pleased to find that more than half of this year’s Maker stalls are new to the festival this year, so there’s plenty to discover. New makers include local craft groups, beautifully textured and scented soaps created by Durham-based [The Blind Soap Maker](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/the-blind-soapmaker/), a [glass blower](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/hen-ogledd-glass/), a [chainsaw carver](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/sherwood-carving/) and a local [Dalek builder](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/greeblies-2/).

As always, the emphasis at Maker Faire UK is to encourage people to join in, with lots of hands-on opportunities to try something new.

Annabelle Bradley, artist, blacksmith and owner of workshop and gallery [Malham Smithy](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/malham-smithy-blacksmiths/), said: “I’m looking forward to taking part in Maker Faire UK for the first time. It’s a great opportunity to explain and showcase what can be done using traditional blacksmithing techniques to make all sorts of contemporary, practical and decorative designs. It will be great to meet people of all ages during the weekend and I’ll be looking for lots of volunteers to join in and hand-forge some wrought ironwork, too.”

This year is also the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Tyne Bridge and, to mark the occasion, volunteers from the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) will help visitors at Maker Faire UK to [build a mini-bridge](https://makerfaireuk.com/makers/institution-of-civil-engineers/) that they can then walk across.

Buy tickets for Maker Faire UK now at [**MakerFaireUK.com**](https://makerfaireuk.com/buy-tickets/)

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# The Venue

## Maker Faire UK takes place at Life Science Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.

[**Life Science Centre**](http://www.life.org.uk/) is based at the heart of a self-sustaining science village, called [**The International Centre for Life**](http://www.life.org.uk/about). Almost 600 people from 35 countries work at The International Centre for Life: researchers, doctors and nurses work alongside people in the fields of education, public engagement and business. What unites everyone is a passion for science.

Life Science Centre is an award-winning visitor attraction, welcoming around 250,000 visitors annually. Life’s public engagement programme attracts a broad audience for exhibitions and special events, and the education team deliver the biggest schools’ science workshop programme in any European museum or science centre. Life’s mission is to be the most innovative place in the world for uniting people who are passionate about STEM.

All this makes it the perfect venue for **Maker Faire UK**.