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People-powered science event secures national funding

A people-powered science engagement activity designed to bring experts and audiences together in the name of climate science is among this year's events funded for National Science Week (10–18 August 2019).

Curious Climate: Asking Tasmania what it wants to know about climate is one of three University of Tasmania events successful in the funding round, which included 53 projects nationally sharing in a total of \$723,000 in funding.

The University, including the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, will collaborate with CSIRO and the ABC to host a series of Q&A sessions on climate change across Tasmania's regions.

People across the State will be encouraged to lodge their Curious Climate questions online, where communities will then vote for their top 10 questions to be presented in a Q&A session.

Local, and mostly younger, scientists from across Tasmania will answer each of the top questions in a short, visually appealing five-minute presentation before a panel.

Other University of Tasmania events to receive funding for the 2019 National Science Week include:

Maker Exhibition

A one-day exhibition at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre will showcase the region's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) activities ranging from our unique and impressive local engineering and advanced manufacturing, to mini-drones and the virtual reality of our digital future. The event will involve local industries, schools, community groups and individuals running exhibits, workshops, activities and public lectures. Local musicians and food producers will provide a festival atmosphere for this community-based learning event.

Young Tassie Scientists: Sharing local science in our local community

A geologist who blasts rocks with lasers, a brainy researcher studying our super senses, Tasmania's own BugGirl and an Antarctic expeditioner with a passion for Pokémon. These are just a few of the past Young Tassie Scientists — early-career researchers who become the State's ambassadors for National Science Week. The recruits for 2019 will go through a science communication boot camp, then go out to share their science stories through inspiring and interactive presentations at schools and events around Tasmania.

In Tasmania, National Science Week is supported by Inspiring Australia, the University of Tasmania and the State government.

It is managed by the Tasmanian Science Week Co-ordinating Committee.

Funding for National Science Week is administered by AusIndustry for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

For more information on the events or 2019 National Science Week, visit <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/national-grant-recipients-announced-for-2019/>

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