



# What is Centre of the Cell?

**Centre of the Cell** is a science education centre based at the Whitechapel Campus of Queen Mary University of London. It is the first science education centre in the world to be located within working biomedical research laboratories.

Since the project opened to the public in September 2009, there have been over 171,000 participants in Centre of the Cell activities. We have won a number of major awards including the Museums & Heritage Excellence Award for the Best Educational Initiative in the UK and the EngageU Award for the Best Innovations in University Outreach and Public Engagement in Europe.

### 'Pod' sessions

Centre of the Cell's distinctive orange 'Pod' is suspended above the laboratories in the Blizard Institute in Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry. Visitors can look down from the bridge and see research scientists at work as they enter the centre. Once inside the 'Pod', the experience includes KS2 – KS5 curriculum-linked interactive games which explore the amazing world of cells, the human body and the latest medical research.

As well as our trained Explainers, we aim to have at least one medical or dental student, a health professional and/or scientist join each visiting group to enhance the learning experience and to answer visitors' questions about science and careers.

'Pod' sessions are suitable for visitors aged 7 and up. A school session can accommodate up to 40 visitors (including accompanying adults), although we recommend 30 visitors for an optimal experience. For the 2018/19 school year, each session costs £160.

To book your visit, please contact our Bookings Officer on **020 7882 2562**, or book online at www.centreofthecell.org/visit-pod/book/

# Onsite workshops and shows

You can now book our fun, National Curriculum-linked workshops and shows to be delivered onsite as part of your visit to Centre of the Cell. We aim to provide a more comprehensive visit to Centre of the Cell and workshops and shows can be booked alongside your Pod session.

All of our key stage specific workshops and shows relate to cells and the human body, and include audience participation and interaction. If you would like more information about the range of workshops and shows we have available, please visit www.centreofthecell.org/we-visit-you/workshops-and-shows/

#### Prices until 31st July 2019

- £110 per workshop or science show that is booked alongside a Pod session
- £135 per workshop or science show that is not booked with a Pod session

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#### Online rescources

Our website (www.centreofthecell.org) has a range of educational online resources, including interactive games and apps which can used in the classroom, lesson plans, and sections on careers and biomedical ethics.

### **Youth Membership Scheme**

Centre of the Cell's Youth Membership Scheme is open to all young people aged 14-19 and offers a range of activities and opportunities, including:

- Work experience and volunteering opportunities
- Careers advice
- The chance to meet scientists and healthcare professionals
- Mentoring and revision sessions with scientists, Medicine and Dentistry students and Centre of the Cell staff
- Opportunity to be part of the Youth Forum
- Opportunity to take part in special projects with Centre of the Cell, such as developing new content and resources

To enrol, download the application form from our website or email **youthmembers@centreofthecell.org**.

## Centre of the Cell's shop

Our gift shop has a fantastic selection of interesting and quirky souvenirs, games and books, including the very popular GIANT Microbes plush toy series by Drew Oliver, stationery, post cards, teddies and our 'Cell Trumps', 'Virus Trumps' and 'Bacteria Trumps' cards. You can also purchase our gift shop items through our online shop at www.centreofthecell.org.

## **Outreach**

We offer fun-filled and curriculum-linked science shows and workshops that can be delivered at schools and community organisations.

Our content relates to cells and the human body. All of our school shows and workshops have specific curriculum links. Our activities enable teachers to enrich their teaching using scientifically accurate and curriculum-linked activities. Students take part in activities that connect science to everyday life and enhance what they have been learning in class.

We can run 2, 3 or 4 sessions a day—we are very flexible and happy to work around the school day. We can also deliver these workshops and shows on campus at Centre of the Cell by arrangement.

For details and prices visit our website and click 'We visit you'. To book a visit, please contact our Bookings Officer on **020 7882 2562**.

