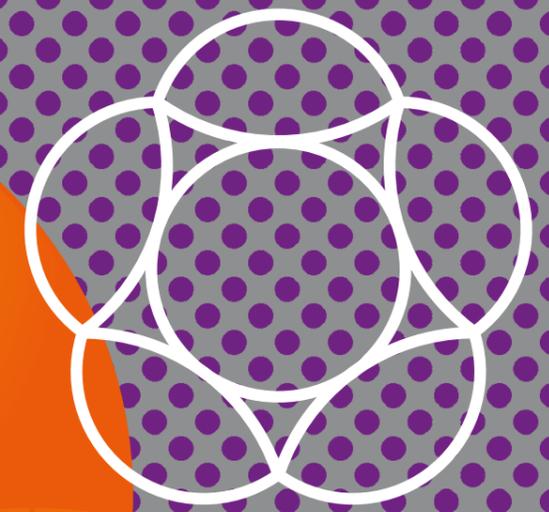


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"It's not every day you walk into a suspended cell and play all kinds of games"

"It was amazing seeing scientists working, so different from anything I have seen before"

"A computer scanned my hand and found I had 36,000,000,000 cells"

"It's not all sitting down putting your head down, you can actually have fun when you're a scientist"



## 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.

Centre of the Cell is located inside our distinctive orange 'Pod' suspended above biomedical research laboratories, so visitors will be able to see research scientists at work as they enter the centre. Once inside, visitors will learn about the amazing world of cells, the human body and the latest medical research.

Since the project opened to the public in September 2009, there have been over 80,000 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.



## Outcomes

Centre of the Cell is dedicated to inspiring curiosity and learning by connecting science to everyday life. We seek to have a positive influence on the career, educational and personal health choices of children and young people.

We aim to:

- Inspire the next generation of scientists and healthcare professionals
- Stimulate interest, excitement and dialogue about biomedical research
- Raise aspirations, especially in our local community
- Promote learning within the family and community
- Improve lives of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Widen participation in further and higher education
- Improve health and wellbeing in our local communities
- Create a local, national and global centre of excellence in Public Engagement

## What do we offer?

- Interactive sessions for schools in the 'Pod' during term time for pupils in Year 5 to Year 13
- Interactive sessions for families in the 'Pod' during the school holidays
- An online destination featuring more than 150 pages of unique content, videos, teachers' resources and interactive games ([www.centrefofthecell.org](http://www.centrefofthecell.org))
- Fun-filled science shows and workshops that can be delivered in schools and community organisations, as well as in Whitechapel
- Special events such as the 'Big Question' lecture series
- A Youth Membership Scheme for 14–19 year olds that includes internships, volunteering opportunities, mentoring and revision sessions, careers advice, and the Centre of the Cell Youth Panel

## 'Pod' sessions

Our distinctive orange 'Pod' is suspended above the laboratories in the Blizard Institute in Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, so visitors will be able to see research scientists at work as they enter the centre. Once inside, the experience includes KS2–KS5 curriculum-linked interactive games grounded in cell biology and the research happening in the labs below and around the world.

As well as our trained Explainers, we aim to have at least one medical or dental student 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 costs £150 and can accommodate up to 40 visitors (including accompanying adults), although we recommend 30 visitors for an optimal experience. For our family visits, individual tickets can be purchased in advance.

To book your visit, please contact our Bookings Officer on **020 7882 2562**.

## 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.centrefofthecell.org/we-visit-you/workshops-and-shows/](http://www.centrefofthecell.org/we-visit-you/workshops-and-shows/)

- £100 per workshop or science show that is booked alongside a Pod session
- £125 per workshop or science show that is not booked with a Pod session

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## 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'. You can also purchase our gift shop items online through our online shop at [www.centrefofthecell.org](http://www.centrefofthecell.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**.

