

Cawthron Scitec Expo

Encouraging and inspiring future generations of scientists!

The Cawthron Scitec Expo is an annual event for students throughout the Nelson Tasman region. This year is a full expo, meaning it is open to both primary (years 1 – 8) and secondary (years 9-13) students.

This year's expo was originally planned for September but has now been postponed to take place in the week beginning 26 October due to the current COVID lockdown. The format for this year's event is yet to be decided.

Why not join our judging team?

Being a judge is hard, but it's worth the effort. You are making a memorable impact on the lives of some very talented young people. Some students' perceptions of you could influence their career choices. As a judge you need to be;

- *Genuinely keen to encourage and inspire the next generation*
- *A trained professional capable of methodically and fairly assessing student projects within the guidelines provided by our lead judges*
- *A sound communicator who can provide thorough feedback – both written and oral - in a constructive and positive manner to primary and/or secondary students.*
- *Available in the week beginning 26 October*
- *Competent with technology, particularly with operating video-conferencing*

What's in it for you?

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in a community initiative that utilises your professional skills and abilities. As a judge, you will be working alongside the likes of scientists, teachers, environmentalists, engineers, communicators, artists and businesspeople who understand and appreciate the value of science. It's a great way of engaging in professional development. And most importantly, it's a chance to encourage and inspire our future generation.

How do you become involved?

Simply email us your answers to all the following five questions;

1. *What is your profession and/or areas of scientific interests?*
2. *Are you available to judge primary projects, secondary projects or both?*
3. *Briefly identify any previous experience you have communicating with students and/or assessing their work.*
4. *Do you have any dietary requirements and if so, what?*
5. *Is there anything else we need to know that might impact on your ability to judge at this year's Scitec Expo?*

We'll be back in touch with everyone who has volunteered to judge after online entry registrations close on 1 October and we've had the chance to prepare a judging schedule.

Any questions? Please email event co-ordinator Karen Goodger; karen.goodger@cawthron.org.nz

Thank you for your interest!