



Our mission

We believe that by talking about the future we enhance people's capacity to shape it. FutureFest is a non-profit initiative aimed at bringing future thinking to the public realm, so that everyone can benefit. Since 2013, FutureFest has attracted more than 11,000 visitors.

Learn more about past editions and programmes [here](#).

Who comes to FutureFest?

For changemakers or creative minds who want to keep on top of radical ideas, FutureFest dares to ask the most pressing questions about the future - challenging the status quo and imagining a better world. For professionals who are tasked with solving social and public problems in their jobs (from businesses, civil society, governments, charities or

academia), FutureFest is also an opportunity to debate and experience what their sectors could look like in the future, and explore new or surprising ways to solve problems.

The minds behind FutureFest

FutureFest is the flagship festival from Nesta - a global innovation foundation that backs new ideas to tackle the big challenges of our time: from the pressures of an ageing population to stretched public services and a fast-changing jobs market. Using knowledge, networking, funding and innovation skills, Nesta grows new ideas that can change the world for the better. Nesta is a UK charity but works globally, and always in partnership with others - including governments, businesses and charities. Nesta scans the horizon to find the emerging technologies and radical ideas that will help tackle the next generation of challenges we face. To find out more visit nesta.org.uk

Meet the team behind FutureFest

FutureFest is curated by Pat Kane, Ghislaine Boddington and Nesta's Explorations and Futures Team. The curators work together to bring the festival to life through a cutting-edge mix of talks, debates, performances and immersive experiences. Nesta's Communications and Events teams work on the operational and executional activities around FutureFest and the marketing, content and promotion to help grow the event.

Meet the team



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Lead FutureFest curator



Chair: Ghislaine Boddington



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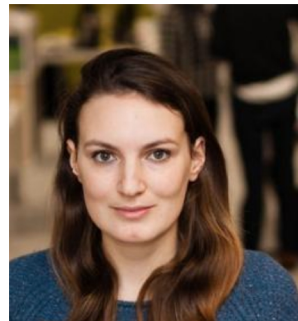
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Data Scientist,
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Georgia Ward Dyer

Researcher and
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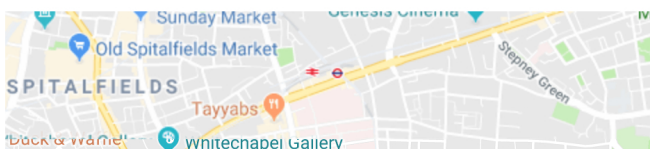


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FutureFest
Marketing Manager

Location

Tobacco Dock, London >



6-7 July 2018



The Dock
Tobacco Quay
London
E1W 2SF

FutureFest will be held at **Tobacco Dock**, which is located just ten minutes walk from Tower Hill (District/Circle Line), five minutes from Shadwell (Overground/DLR) and seven minutes from Wapping (Overground).

The festival has featured in the following media and broadcast items

theguardian

The Telegraph

VICE

EveningStandard.

WIRED

BBC NEWS

THE NEW EUROPEAN

TheObserver

VANITY FAIR

TimeOut

M THE MEMO

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THE Sun

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.@jimalkhalili will be exploring the future through the lens of science at our first

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FutureFest is back. Find out more about 2019-2020 events series here <https://t.co/jwYysC0sn8>

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John Loder, Head of Strategy at @nesta_uk, explored machine intelligence in health care

FutureFest Late, May 8th
at...

<https://t.co/P9xK9t8u3D>

01:09 PM - 22 Mar 2019

<https://t.co/y0qvsj01aN>

01:02 PM - 20 Mar 2019

and how we can use
technolo...

<https://t.co/159wHMU6rl>

02:53 PM - 13 Mar 2019



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