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FutureFest 2016 – venue, curators and themes announced

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FutureFest 2016 heads to London's Tobacco Dock next September

Love, Work, Thrive and Play set the tone for Nesta's flagship future thinking event

[Nesta](#), the UK's innovation foundation, today announced that FutureFest 2016 (#FutureFest2016) will be held for the first time in historic London's iconic and most versatile conference and events space, [Tobacco Dock](#), between 17-18 September 2016. Taking place every 18 months, FutureFest is a weekend of immersive experiences, compelling performances and radical speakers designed to excite and challenge perceptions of the future. Visit the new [FutureFest website](#) to find out more.

FutureFest 2016 will see the juxtaposition of high-quality scholarship and spectacle programmed around four distinct themes, each curated by an expert in the field. Details as follows:

FUTURE LOVE will see body technologist and researcher Ghislaine Boddington test the most universal of all emotions – exploring what happens to romance, dating, identity and even skin when we move beyond the physical and merge with the virtual.

FUTURE WORK sets the scene for British entrepreneur and inventor Ruth Amos to ask what does the workforce culture, environment and technology of the future look like and what place will it hold in our lives?

FUTURE THRIVE enables food futurologist Dr. Morgaine Gaye to take event attendees on an experiential and sensory journey – exploring the health, wellness, tech and food that will help us to thrive in the future.

FUTURE PLAY lets musician and writer Pat Kane (lead curator of FutureFest 2013/2015) address how play and games are the building-blocks of human creativity and explores how new technologies – whether digital, robotic, biological – are amplifying our appetite for experiment and competition.

Full event and agenda details will be announced in the coming months at www.futurefest.org and tickets go on sale in February 2016.

Since its inaugural event in September 2013 and repeated sell-out success in March 2015, FutureFest has seen Dame Vivienne Westwood and Edward Snowden discuss the future of democracy, legendary funk musician George Clinton take attendees on a journey through space, time and music, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC examine power structures in the face of globalisation and Wikipedia's Jimmy Wales and social entrepreneur and model Lily Cole take to the pulpit to give 'Sunday Sermons' about the future.

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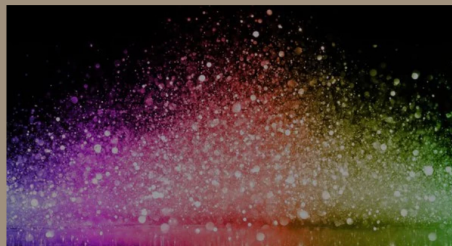
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