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Inventing the Future: can sci-fi predict the shape of things to come?

Kick-start your year-round
FutureFest experience by coming to
our first Late at 6.30pm on May 8th
at The Vaults, London, where Jim AlKhalili, host of BBC Radio 4's The
Life Scientific, author and physicist
will be discussing how science fiction
can inform and predict the future. An
expert on areas of cutting-edge



science (such as aark matter and quantum biology) that will shape our understanding of the world around us in coming decades, Jim Al-Khalili will explore the future through the lens of science.

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FutureFest is back

Download the 2018 festival programme >

The fifth edition of FutureFest will be taking place in London in March 2020. More details coming soon.

What is FutureFest?

Nesta's FutureFest is one of Europe's largest festivals of the future. Over four festivals, 11,000 people have engaged in conversations about what our future might look like and how we can become more active in shaping it.

For many, our relationship with the future is troubled. From hidden influences over the media and politics to growing threats of terrorism and environmental degradation, the forces shaping our world can appear threatening or remote. FutureFest brings together thousands of forward thinkers to discover how to put power back into the hands of citizens; tapping into new ways of thinking and solutions for some of this era's biggest challenges.

We explore ways to make a better future through immersive installations, interactive debates and inspiring talks from the likes of **Edward Snowden**, **Vivienne Westwood**, **Nicola Sturgeon**, **Annie Mac**, **Akala**, **Ruby Wax OBE**, **Brian Eno**, **Paul Mason** and **Imogen Heap**. If the best way to predict the future is to invent it, then FutureFest is the place to start.

FutureFest, the story so far



Past headliners include:



Nicola SturgeonFirst Minister of Scotland



Edward Snowden
Whistleblower



Vivienne WestwoodFashion designer and activist



Akala Hip-hop artist, writer, social



Brian Eno

Musician and record producer



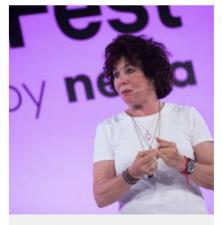
Annie MacDJ and broadcaster



George Clinton Musician, singer, producer



Lily Cole Model, actress, entrepreneur



Ruby Wax Writer, performer, mental health campaigner



Owen Jones
Political commentator



Imogen Heap Musician, founder of Mycelia / mi.mu Gloves



Paul Mason Journalist, author and filmmaker







Will Self

Novelist, journalist and TV personality



Leader of the Women's Equality
Party



Academic, presenter and former politician



Kate Raworth

Renegade economist, author of Doughnut Economics



Douglas Rushkoff

Journalist, author and documentary maker



Amy Lamé

London's Night Czar



Sir Nick Clegg

Former Deputy Prime Minister of the UK



Vinay Gupta

Founder Mattereum Ltd



Jude Kelly

Founder of the Women of the World Festival









Noel Sharkey

Emeritus Professor, University of Sheffield, Chair elect, ICRAC



Anne-Marie Imafidon

Head Stemette, Co-founder, Stemettes



Jeremy Heimains

Co-Founder and CEO, Purpose, author of New Power



Cindy Gallop

Advertising consultant and entrepreneur



Evgeny Morozov

Writer



Jamie Bartlett

Author and tech blogger



DJ Spooky

Multimedia artist



Caroline Lucas

Leader of the Green Party



Aral Balkan

Cyborg rights activist

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Ruby Wax interview: Can we heal ourselves through



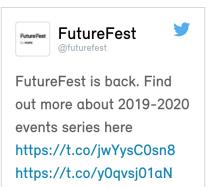
technology?

FutureFest 2018 speaker Ruby Wax shared some insights on the relationship between wellness and technology with Nesta. Take a look at her interview here.

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