



Centre of the Cell

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Centre of the Cell is a biomedical science centre for children, educational website, and widening participation and outreach project in Whitechapel.

A wide range of activities are available to attendees including the Pod Show, an immersive theatrical experience using sound, lighting, film, digital interactive games and objects to educate, inform and engage.

A combination of science shows, workshops and lectures are also available, and have been produced as collaborations between the local community groups, QMUL scientists, and the Learning Team at Centre of the Cell.

The Centre has also worked with local teenagers through their Youth Membership Scheme (YMS) to create joint activities such as the Heritage Lottery-funded 'Spores, Sores and Sickly Bugs' show and WW1 Whitechapel Medical Marvels Trail.

Results so far:

- Over 108,000 people have participated in Centre of the Cell activities since its opening in September 2009.
- Between 2010 and 2013, 81% of primary schools in the local borough of Tower Hamlets and 100% of the secondary schools had participated in Centre of the Cell activities.
- Over 1 million visits to the interactive website, featuring games, resources and teaching materials.

We aim to inspire and motivate local school children into higher education, stimulate interest in biomedical research, and help improve health in East London

