



Institute of Art, Design + Technology, Dún Laoghaire brings the Future of Engineering to Dublin during Engineers Week 2017

IADT is calling on residents in Dublin to get involved in Engineers Week 2017, a seven day programme of nationwide events celebrating the world of engineering in Ireland. The annual event is coordinated on a national basis by Engineers Ireland's STEPS programme - a strategic partner of Science Foundation Ireland's (SFI) Smart Futures Programme.

Taking place from 4th- 10th March 2017, Engineers Week encourages primary and post-primary students, their teachers and parents to explore the exciting world of engineering as well as highlighting the diverse career opportunities engineering offers.

As Part of **Engineers week**, IADT invite you to explore '**Resistance**' an exhibition at IADT, Dún Laoghaire on **March 9th** at **1pm** in the Atrium building. This is a fascinating and engaging exhibition, showcasing the work of students from our Creative Media Technologies programme. Please join us for a unique experience of Audio, Visual, Interactive Electronics and Robotic creations that demonstrate a broad range of technical and creative skills.

Book your tickets here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resistance-tickets-32254442907>

IADT will also host '**A Rough Guide to Engineering**' where performer **Becca Smithers** will explore how Engineering has changed our lives! This is a careers driven show aiming to introduce secondary school pupils to the wide range of careers available in engineering, and to show them that they can aspire to be engineers too.

This show is most suitable for 11 - 16 year olds and the exhibition is suitable for all ages.

Students must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Book your tickets here: https://engineers_week_guide_to_engineering_iadt.eventbrite.ie

Commenting in advance of Engineers Week, **Caroline Spillane, Director General of Engineers Ireland**, said: "Now in its 11th year, Engineers Week is going from strength to strength and we want to once again engage new audiences and showcase the exciting world of contemporary engineering in Ireland.

"Participation in Engineers Week not only benefits the community, it also yields benefits for the individual engineer, the organisation, and the profession as a whole. Engineers have a key role in society solving global problems in areas like water management, infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, energy security and food supply. A career in engineering offers great diversity and I strongly urge residents in Dublin to get involved and attend events in their locality," she continued.

Dr Ruth Freeman, Director of Strategy & Communications at Science Foundation Ireland, said: "Science Foundation Ireland is delighted to partner with Engineers Ireland for Engineers Week 2017. By supporting this national initiative, we are enabling engagement with young people, prompting them to consider the science and engineering in their everyday lives and inspiring them to explore career paths in these areas. I would encourage everyone in Dublin to get involved in Engineers Week and experience this exciting world."

To find out more about events taking place around the country or to register an event visit www.engineersweek.ie. As well as events organised by companies, third-level institutions and the public sector, teachers are also encouraged to run their own classroom-based activities, quizzes and competitions. A full list of resources and activities are available on the Engineers Week website.

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About Engineers Ireland

Engineers Ireland is one of the largest representative bodies in Ireland, with 23,000 engineers. The membership incorporates all disciplines of the engineering profession across public and private industry, academic institutions and engineering students.

The Engineers Ireland STEPS programme encourages primary and post-primary students to explore the world of STEM while also promoting engineering as a career choice.

STEPS works in strategic partnership with Science Foundation Ireland on Smart Futures, a collaborative government-industry-education programme promoting STEM careers to post-primary students in Ireland. STEPS is managed by Engineers Ireland and supported by Science Foundation Ireland, the Department of Education and Skills, and a number of major engineering employers (Arup, ESB, TII and eirgrid).

