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## Science Futures for Father's Day

Southampton Solent has joined up with universities from across the region to produce a fascinating and fun-filled family day at Winchester Science Centre this Father's Day.

In addition to the centre's usual programme of more than 100 hands-on science exhibits and the UK's largest-capacity digital planetarium, visitors on Sunday June 15 will find a range of extra activities and expert talks on university research at the *Science Futures* exhibition.

Part of Universities Week, *Science Futures* is a collaboration between local universities that aims to lift the lid on the research being carried out in higher education.

Academics and researchers from Southampton Solent University will be giving expert talks and providing interactive activities on a range of topics, including: **Seeing for success** - how the world's top athletes use their eyes in sport; **How loud is too loud?** - using official guidance and ear simulation technology to highlight the dangers of machinery and music amplification; and **Illusions: Probing the Mind** - how scientists use visual images to illustrate how the brain creates our representation of the world.

Dr Anthony Gallagher, Southampton Solent University's marine sustainability expert and an organiser of *Science Futures*, says: "It's an excellent opportunity for the public to engage with some of the fantastic applied research that is going on within their local universities, and to give some insight into how these projects might affect their lives in the future."

The *Science Futures* exhibition also features talks and activities from the University of Southampton, Bournemouth University, the University of Portsmouth, the University of Reading, the Solent Forum and South East Physics Network (SEPnet). Research topics from other universities will include prosthetics, advances in cancer research, and polymers.

The Winchester Science Centre will be open on Sunday 15 June from 10am-5pm. Cost of admission to the centre is £9 for adults, £6.50 for children aged 3-16 years and £7.50 for concessions.

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Southampton Solent University offers more than 23,000 students over 200 qualifications ranging from HND to PhD, in subjects such as maritime education and training, fashion and design, media and television, music, health, sport and leisure, business, IT and technology. The university was awarded the 2013 Quality Assurance kitemark for quality and standards of teaching and learning. Solent was voted one of the most creative universities in the UK in a Which? University 2013 poll of students. It has been awarded 'Gold approval' by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Small Business Charter Award, which is supported by the Association of Business Schools and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.