SciFest is a series of one-day science fairs funded by Intel Ireland and Discover Science and Engineering as project partners and hosted nationwide by the Institutes of Technology. A **SciFest** fair includes a competition and exhibition of projects, a selection of science talks, science demonstrations and a prize-giving ceremony.

The inaugural **SciFest** was held in the Institute of Technology, Tallaght, Dublin, in 2006. Following a second successful **SciFest** in Tallaght in 2007 the project was launched nationwide in 2008. It has grown rapidly to become the largest second-level project-based STEM competition in Ireland. Students of all abilities are encouraged to participate in SciFest and to experience the magic of science and technology. In the 4 years since its launch nationwide 9,148 students have exhibited 3,856 projects.

SciFest encourages students of all abilities to:

- Participate in a science fair and experience what it is like to be a professional research scientist.
- Develop an interest in science through inquiry and activities that link to their everyday lives.
- Visit their local Institute of Technology and view the facilities and courses available
- Grow in confidence by exhibiting in a small student – friendly environment.
- Develop 21st century skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, presentation, collaboration etc.

SciFest will take place at the Cork Institute of Technology on Friday, 20th April 2012. This year we have 130 projects, with 300 participants from 22 Second-level Schools in the Cork City and County regions and 1 student from Dublin.. There are three different categories as follows:

Age Category: Junior, Intermediate & Senior

Project Type: Individual and Group

Project Category: Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Technology

	List of Schools Participating
1	St. Angelas College, Cork.
2	Kinsale Community School, Co. Cork.
3	Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy, Co. Cork.
4	St. Peter's Community School, Passage West, Co. Cork.
5	Mount Saint Michael, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork.
6	Sacred Heart Secondary School, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.
7	Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Blarney, Co. Cork.
8	St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, Co. Cork.
9	North Presentation Secondary School, Cork
10	North Monastery Secondary School, Cork
11	Regina Mundi College, Cork
12	Presentation Secondary School, Ballyphehane, Cork.
13	Mayfield Community School, Cork
14	Christian Brothers College, Cork
15	Davis College, Mallow, Co. Cork.
16	Scoil Mhuire, Wellington Road, Cork.
17	Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.
18	Christ King Secondary School, Cork.
19	Presentation Brothers College, Cork.
20	Gaelcholáiste Mhuire AG, Cork.
21	Ashton Secondary School, Cork.
22	St. Andrews College, Blackrock, Dublin
23	St. Aloysius College, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork