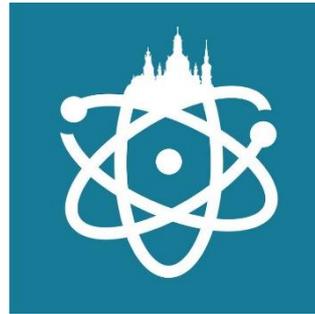


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March for Science Dresden



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Call to March for Science in Dresden

World-wide, people will join a non-partisan assembly on the 22nd of April 2017 to celebrate the value of science for society and to demand that politics acknowledges evidence-based facts in its decision-making process. In Dresden people of all different parts of society will gather on the 22nd of April as well, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Theaterplatz.

Scientific methods are essential to establish evidence-based facts, which should form the foundation of our society's democratic discourse and political decision making. The world-wide March for Science on April 22, 2017 is a non-partisan celebration of the very real role that science plays in each of our lives and highlights the need to respect and encourage research that gives us insight into the world. Here in Dresden, we will march to preserve research and scientific methods as achievements of civilization that are indispensable for an open democratic society.

In science, we come from all nationalities, all races, all religions, all gender identities, all sexual orientations, all abilities, all socio-economic backgrounds, and all political perspectives. Our diversity is our greatest strength: a wealth of opinions, perspectives, and ideas is critical for the scientific process. What unites us is an esteem of facts, a love of science, and an insatiable curiosity.

Saxony is a region with a rich history of innovation and inventions. Many diverse and groundbreaking innovations have been proposed in Dresden - including the first German locomotive in 1839 and a new approach to fighting AIDS in 2016. Science in Dresden is international: in Dresden and its surroundings, one third of scientists and more than 5,000 young students come from abroad. Xenophobic and populist activities and initiatives harm this fruitful diversity.

We all recognize that science is everywhere and affects everyone. We march to combat an anti-scientific worldview and "alternative facts" that endanger our modern way of life. We invite everyone, both scientists and non-scientists, to join us on April 22nd 2017 to stand up for science, facts, and evidence, for the benefit of society and mankind.

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