# SUMMER EVENTS Guide



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# DISCOVER W5 THIS SUMMER...

With over 250 interactive exhibits including the ALL NEW technological marvel that is 'RoboThespian', our BIGGEST EVER exhibit 'Climbit', a 'Rogue Robots' lasertag activity, summer events and science demonstration shows... W5 is a great value day out for all the family young and old! And don't forget all special events are FREE with your admission!

At W5, imagination, curiosity and hands-on play are your keys to discovery and fun. Exploration begins on the ground floor with just a taster of what you can expect on your journey of discovery. Play with shadows on an interactive wall, create smoke rings, launch hot air balloons and be the one of first to meet RoboThespian! Climb the musical stairs to Level 2 where you'll find the town of DISCOVERY - an immersive interactive exhibition area created for 8s and under. DISCOVERY is a specially themed environment that encourages children to imagine, explore and experiment, but most importantly to play and have fun.

Discovery is sponsored by The Outlet Village, Banbridge.





#### Experience Climbit - our BIGGEST exhibit ever!

Climbit is the first of its kind in the UK and Ireland - a unique, visually elegant, three dimensional sculpture specially designed for climbing. Oval platforms suspended from steel pipes and cables let children traverse over, under and through the amazing structure.

Our two main exhibition floors also house hundreds of interactive activities in a series of themed areas such as Flight, Nature Quest, Crime Lab, Spy School, Weather Watch and much much more...

This summer we introduce a new lasertag activity 'Rogue Robots'. How many robot targets can you deactivate in the time available?

W5 has a coffee shop on level one and several picnicking areas for families who wish to bring their own lunch. Your ticket is valid all day and you can stay as long as you wish!

With so much to do, a day out at W5 offers an incredible variety of activities and great value-for-money!

For information on W5 and all our special events and exhibitions please visit our website **www.w5online.co.uk** 

## THIS SUMMER

### MEET



## THE INTERACTIVE ROBOT AT W5

The newest member of the W5 team arrives on **Saturday 2 May 2015** and he can't wait to meet you!

We'd like to present our new exhibit for 2015, the technological marvel that is RoboThespian™!

RoboThespian is a life sized, humanoid, interactive exhibition robot who can move, speak, educate, interact and entertain. RoboThespian is primarily a robot actor and performer. He is fully interactive, user friendly, and capable of communicating and entertaining in a way that few people will have experienced before. This static, humanoid robot can be controlled by the visitor, via a touchscreen panel, and can sing, greet, inform, act and even do impressions. Visitors can choose from a wide range of pre-programmed performance sequences or can even control RoboThespian's movement and voice to create performance pieces of their own!



To celebrate the arrival of RoboThespian, We're making May Robot Month at W5.

Join us for a series of robot inspired events throughout the month. Events kick off during May bank holiday weekend with the arrival of RoboThespian.We also invite families to come along over the three days of the bank holiday, 2 - 4 May, and make one of our new papercraft 'Rogue Roboxits' to take home.

#### ROGUE ROBOXITS PAPERCRAFT Saturday 2 -Monday 4 May: 2-4pm

Get creative and

construct one of our new papercraft Rogue Roboxits. Miniature cube versions of our Rogue Robots to pop out, build, then take home and display on a shelf in your bedroom.

**TRANSFORMERS**T WEEKEND Saturday 9 May: 10.30am - 5pm Sunday 10 May: 12.30pm - 5pm W5 has teamed up

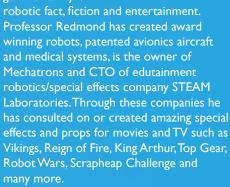


with the Transformers' fans at Opticon for a weekend event celebrating Transformers. The highlight of the weekend will be the appearance of Transformers comic creators Nick Roche and Simon Furman. Nick and Simon will be meeting visitors, sketching, signing and doing lecture theatre talks and interactive workshops throughout the two days. Nick will also be here to launch an exhibition of his Transformers art in W5's Level 5 Gallery with 22 large backlit images on display. The Opticon fans will be staging a small display of collector's toys and figures for the weekend. Also on display will be the incredible life size Optimus Prime bust, created by the Transformers fans at D-Signs and Displays. Costumer Brian Campbell will be making appearances throughout the weekend in his amazing 'Ironhide' costume and Wee Gamers invite you to play along with some great Transformers and robot themed tabletop games.

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#### MECHATRONS Saturday 23 May: 10.30am - 5pm Join Peter Redmond,

inventor, engineer, scientist and robotics guru for a day of



Pete is bringing his very special robot creation AL-IX along to meet and greet visitors throughout the day.AL-IX is a cyber-lifeform, left on earth by a passing spaceship. It is rumoured that this was not an accident but due to a malfunction in his common sense chip.AL-IX is now a hard working domestic assistant who likes dancing and walks on the beach but dreams of stardom in robot show business. Either way, AL-IX is always happy to meet new people and learn new things about his new home planet.

#### **Robots:Sci-fi to Sci-fact** Shows at 12.30 & 2.30pm

Professor Peter Redmond takes us on a robotic journey that shows the blurring boundaries between robots in Science Fiction and state of the art real life robotics. Are we going to be replaced by android lookalikes? Will the robots rise and overthrow humans or will they be our friends? Professor Redmond tells us where we are today and what the future is likely to hold.



**Lasertag Activity** Monday 25 May 10.30am - 1pm & Sunday 24 May I-5pm



Over the second May bank holiday weekend, visitors get a sneak preview of our new Lasertag activity for this summer - Rogue Robots. Rogue Robots is a fun challenge for all the family (we actively encourage mum's and dads to join in too!) Take part in a short, story driven challenge to identify and deactivate as many robot targets as you can in the time available.

#### **GENERAL** GRIEVOUS Saturday 30 May: 2-4pm

Our final event of Robot Month, John Donaldson from the 501st Ireland



Garrison, Star Wars costuming club, will be appearing throughout the day as General Grievous, the cyborg leader of the droid army! John's movie accurate costume has to be seen to be believed - do you dare approach him for a photograph?

All weekend events are free with admission to W5.



# NICK ROCHE Illustrations & comic art

Saturday 9 May - Sunday 30 August 2015

A gallery exhibition of 22 large backlit images showcasing the amazing art of writer/artist Nick Roche.

Initially known for his fan-favourite Transformers comicbook work (Death Of Optimus Prime, Last Stand Of The Wreckers), Nick has moved on

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to working with Marvel Comics on their Death's Head and New Warriors titles. Nick has recently side-stepped into the hard rock arena, designing the album artwork for The Darkness' upcoming LP, 'Last Of Their Kind', and providing the Viking-themed comicbook imagery for the video to their song 'Barbarian'. Nick's current work can be seen in the comic Monster Motors: The Curse of Minivan Helsing (written by 'Hop' and 'Minions' screenwriter, Brian Lynch) which is available now from IDW Publishing.

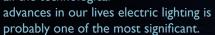
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# LIGHT\_\_\_\_\_ FANTASTIC

#### THE SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION SHOW

#### Saturday 6 June 2015: 2pm & 3.30pm

Science at the speed of light! From infrared to ultra-violet, the visible spectrum will have nowhere to hide from our watchful eyes. Of all the technological



Join us for some interactive theatre fun as we use light to fight crime, make magic, capture shadows and blow up spaceships (OK we may have exaggerated on the last one but the show does have an explosive ending!). Don't miss what should be a truly 'enlightening' experience.

LECTURE THEATRE LEVEL 5

#### ROGUE ROBOXITS PAPERCRAFT Saturday 13 & 20 June & Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 July: 2-4pm

If you missed them during Robot Month, don't worry! There are more opportunities to get creative and construct one of our new papercraft Rogue Roboxits. Miniature cube versions of our Rogue Robots to pop out, build, then take home and display on a shelf in your bedroom.



ROGUE ROBOTS Saturday 27 June - Sunday 30 August: 10.30am-1pm & 2-5pm Monday to Saturday & 1-5pm on Sundays

The year is 2115...

For many years The Space Council has been sending research robots into deep space on planetary exploration missions. But recently they have lost communication with a number of missions. Disturbing reports are coming in of rogue robots invading inhabited planets. Our scientists believe that a form of alien intelligence has taken control of our robots. The Space Council has declared that we need to send specially trained RoboSquads to de-activate, recover and re-programme the rogue robots.

In our new training facility, you will learn how to use our phasers and then be challenged to de-activate robot targets in two target range sets. Have you got what it takes to be a member of RoboSquad and will your squad deactivate the most robots in the time available to make it onto the Roll of Honour?

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This challenge activity lasts around five minutes and is free with admission to W5. Rogue Robots Lasertag is suitable for 6 year olds and over. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.





# W5 Information

**W5** is the amazing interactive discovery centre at Odyssey, Northern Ireland's Landmark Millennium Project, in Belfast.

#### All the temporary exhibitions and events in this flyer are FREE with admission to W5

W5 opening hours Monday - Friday: 10am - 5pm Last admission at 4pm Saturday: 10am - 6pm Sunday: 12noon - 6pm Last admission at 5pm

Summer Opening Hours On the following dates W5 will be open to 6pm daily with last admission at 5.00pm: Monday 4 & 25 May, Saturday 27 June - Sunday 30 August 2015

#### **Admission Prices**

 Adult
 £8.50

 Child (age 3 - 16)
 £6.50

 Concession (students & over 60's)
 £7.00

 Family 2 Adults + 2 Children
 £25.50

 (Group & other family ticket prices available)
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Please note that we accept Euro notes. We do not accept Euro coins or Euro cheques. Change from Euro notes will be given in Sterling.

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Gift Aid your ticket and get money off vouchers for our shop or coffee shop to use on day of purchase. Ask at ticket desk for details.

#### **Please Note**

Children must be supervised at all times. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.