

OUR OFFERS



EXHIBITIONS

With the cooperation of many network partners, the association initiates touring exhibitions, which provide insights into exciting interdisciplinary subjects experienced with hands-on exhibits (on e.g. networks or borders & boundaries).



EVENTS

With creative science center activities through workshops, action days and contests we encourage visitors in all Austrian provinces to marvel and research. Our website and our newsletter keep you up to date.



SCHOOL PROJECTS

Learning out of curiosity and independent research shape our projects for the classroom. As learning outside the classroom sites, science centers and museums create new educational opportunities. Learning with a sense of achievement for pupils and teachers!



NETWORKING

Open exchange at the regularly scheduled network meetings promotes new contacts, joint development of strategies and ideas and the implementation of new projects. The Austrian network is also a valued partner in the international community.



TRAINING

Workshops, study groups, seminars as well as symposia and lectures with international guests provide quality interactive and participative teaching of science, technology and innovation.



RESEARCH

With its own research, ScienceCenter-Netzwerk analyses the impact and factors of successful science communication activities and informal learning and makes them available for further use.

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Dear Readers!



To make science come alive and become immediately tangible – that is the goal of the ScienceCenter-Netzwerk. We want to inspire fascination, motivate to question and facilitate an unbiased access to science and technology for people of all ages. With a wide range of opportunities, we encourage self-determined learning and hands-on experimentation throughout Austria.

Today, we face social challenges that require increased commitment to education and lifelong learning, interest in scientific and technological occupations and participatory action. With its more than 120 partners, the ScienceCenter-Netzwerk gives fresh impetus and breaks new ground across Austria.

Learn more about the great potential and the factors of success of science center activities. Details on our partners as well as our current range of projects, event information and much more can be found on our website. Get inspired and be curious! We look forward to seeing you!

Yours,

Margit Fischer

President Association ScienceCenter-Netzwerk

We would like to...

- **kindle curiosity for science and technology** to make their processes and relationships comprehensible and promote the enjoyment of individual discovery in young and old.
- **create a variety of high-quality educational offers for informal**, self-determined and playful learning – for a diversity of people with different backgrounds in education, age, gender or nationality.
- **raise awareness for the importance of sciences and technology** within our society and contribute to a democratic debate about how they impact our daily lives.
- **contribute towards dealing with current societal challenges** through our interactive science center activities.



Science center activities...

- ...are **interactive** (hands-on, minds-on)
- ...enable **self-determined learning**
- ...don't **require any prior knowledge**
- ...have a **playful component**
- ...give **impulses to think further**
- ...are **science-based**

They contribute to **overcoming reserve** and to **discovering one's own capabilities**. A successful science center activity can tip the scales towards a future scientific or technological career choice.

They show that **learning can be fun**. With their playful approach, they enable **self-determined learning** according to each individual's needs and interests.

They make science and technology **comprehensible** and relate them to daily life. They invite to question phenomena and results and encourage to take the **thinking and questioning** even further – thus they also foster basic democratic competencies.

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ASSOCIATION

The association ScienceCenter-Netzwerk explores the development, implementation, use and impact of science center activities. It coordinates the network of the same name, acts as an information hub and arranges appropriate public relations. In addition it initiates innovative projects and conducts research to increase the quantity and quality of science center activities in Austria.

NETWORK

The network builds a cooperative structure where all partners contribute according to their individual strengths and abilities, while at the same time receiving incentives for their own activities. Through openness and mutual trust, differences are made useful for co-operation and are transformed into synergies.

PARTNERS

Partnership within the ScienceCenter-Netzwerk implies an active commitment to the common goals. All partners are considered equals and can contribute towards the network and its activities according to their own potential. Diversity is our strength: network partners are organisations and individuals from a great variety of fields: education, science and research, museums, exhibition design, arts, media and industry.