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"Science Performance Is Ready"  
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# Workshop for creating and running Science Shows

Ljubljana, Slovenia

## Program

(subject to change)

# Ingredients and the First Course

MONDAY

*Introduction to the concept of science shows, science demonstrations, science theatre and workshops as science communication tools.*

| From  | To    | Session   | Description   |  |
|-------|-------|---|---|--|
| 9:00  | 9:30  | Registration  |   |  |
| 9:30  | 10:00 | "Intro to the course – tea and coffee on the House" | Welcome, why, how <b>INSPIRE</b>                              |  |
| 10:00 | 10:30 | Who is who  | WHO IS WHO, participants and trainers present themselves      |  |
| 10:30 | 11:05 | Memoryology   | Science show  |  |
| 11:05 | 11:45 | Science adventure - cooking and digesting           | The making of Memoryology - a peek behind the Scenes          |  |
| 11:45 | 12:45 | Lunch ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )                       |   |  |
| 12:45 | 14:30 | I want to show you                                  | Participants performing demonstrations, 5' per demo           |  |
| 14:30 | 15:15 | I would like to add (+ tea and coffee)              | Discussion of performances and suggestions (intro to busking) |  |
| 15:15 | 16:45 | Finding the theme and the skeleton                  | Participants working in groups on new science shows           |  |
| 17:15 | 18:30 | InSTRAWments - help needed ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )  | Busking on the bridge   |  |
| 19:00 |       | Dinner ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )                      |   |  |

# Cooking

TUESDAY

*Understanding the methods and tools for constructing science shows and demonstrations. Beginning the construction of new shows by the participants. Understanding the importance of humour, eye contact and encouraging communication for the success of the performance. Understanding the evaluation methods as tools for improving quality.*

| From  | To    | Session  | Description   |  |
|-------|-------|--|---|--|
| 09:00 | 09:15 | Demonstration "On the top"                           | A short presentation of tops                            |  |
| 09:15 | 10:00 | Tour de centre (+ tea and coffe)                     |   |  |
| 10:00 | 11:00 | "It is good" but is it good enough                   | Methods for evaluating science communication            |  |
| 11:00 | 12:30 | Working on muscles and nerves                        | Adding contents to the show skeleton                    |  |
| 12:30 | 13:30 | Working lunch ( <b>in Hiša</b> )                     | Lunch in groups - discussion without tutors             |  |
| 13:30 | 15:00 | Science shows: when yes and when no                  | When science shows don't work - what then? + discussion |  |
| 15:00 | 15:15 | Break with tea and coffee                            |   |  |
| 15:15 | 17:15 | Look into the mirror                                 | Experience some tips and tricks from a theatre actor    |  |
| 17:30 | 18:30 | Dinner ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )                       |   |  |
| 18:45 | 19:45 | Showing demos to the »demos« ( <b>outside Hiša</b> ) | The previous day's demonstrations on the bridge         |  |
| 20:00 |       | Working on the show                                  | Late night work on the show                             |  |

# Seasoning and Tasting

WEDNESDAY

*Fine tuning the performance in front of different audiences. Understanding the importance of acting and active involvement of visitors during science performance.*

| From  | To    | Session                             | Description  |  |
|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 9:30  | 10:30 | Does it matter how I <b>INSPIRE</b> | Evaluation methods in practice                               |  |
| 10:30 | 10:45 | Break with tea and coffe            |  |  |
| 10:45 | 12:15 | "Dry training"                      | Training for the performance (without or with missing props) |  |
| 12:15 | 13:00 | "Ach ya" and "nish nish"            | Do's and dont's for performances in front of audience        |  |
| 13:15 | 14:15 | Lunch ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )       | Lunch in groups - discussion without tutors                  |  |
| 14:30 | 15:15 | "Pain in the a.." and pain killers  | How to enjoy and control the audience                        |  |
| 15:15 | 16:15 | Seasoning the shows                 | Using humour in science shows                                |  |
| 16:15 | 16:30 | Break with tea and coffee           |  |  |
| 16:30 | 18:30 | Show must go on                     | Working on shows (discussions)                               |  |
| 18:30 | 19:30 | Something else?                     | A bit different show   |  |
| 19:45 |       | Dinner ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )      |  |  |

# Serving the Main Course

## THURSDAY

Completing a science performance and presenting it to the public. Evaluation of the performance by the expert and self-evaluation by the performer. Joining the network of Znanstival performers. Wrapping up the course and receiving certificates.

| From  | To    | Session  | Description  |  |
|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| 08:00 | 9:00  | Now I have it                                    | Getting the props from the tools shop and completing shows |  |
| 10:00 | 11:00 | New shows on the bridge <b>(outside Hiša)</b>    | Participants performing shows before the public            |  |
| 11:00 | 11:30 | Evaluation of presentation <b>(outside Hiša)</b> | Discussion and evaluation                                  |  |
| 12:00 | 14:00 | Chefs get rewarded <b>(outside Hiša)</b>         | Wrap up of the course and receiving certificates           |  |
| 14:30 | 15:30 | Lunch <b>(outside Hiša)</b>                      |  |  |
| 16:00 | 19:00 | Show it to the others <b>(outside Hiša)</b>      | Scientivallers having short shows for others               |  |



# Serving Dessert

FRIDAY

*Learning by doing and understanding the evaluation results. Improving the science performances by the participants. Presenting improved performances to the public.*

| From  | To    | Session   | Description   |  |
|-------|-------|---|---|--|
| 10:00 | 11:00 | Znanstival's potpourri ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )  | Opening of the Sciencetival                                   |  |
| 12:00 | 13:30 | New shows on the bridge ( <b>outside Hiša</b> ) | Shows by participants translated by a translator into Slovene |  |
| 14:00 | 15:00 | Lunch ( <b>outside Hiša</b> )                   |   |  |



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