

Friday Programme Grid

	Main	Alternate	Workshops	Off-piste
15:00	Opening Ceremony			
	Ice Giants in SF	Inadvisable Rockets		
16:00	Green AI Paradox	Internet Cats	Yarn and Yatter	
17:00	Real Places in SF	Science of Chilli		
18:00	Economics of Mining	The Drogna Game	Games Room	
19:00	Closed for set up	Quark's Bar		
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21:00	Ceilidh			
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Saturday Programme Grid

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10:00	Space Manufacturing	Qi Gong	Decorate a Hand-drum	Table Talk: Charles Stross
11:00	Star Trek at 60	Nuclear Emergencies		
12:00	Away with the Faeries	Salve-ation!	Ming's Morsels	
13:00	Kuiper Belt Objects	Satellite Debate	Writer's Workshop	
14:00	Can't take it with you	Finding Uranus		
15:00	Liz Williams GoH			
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17:00	Real Steampunk	Worldcon Legacy	Hogbooks	
18:00	Chariots of the Mind	Elsewhen Launch		
19:00	Closed for set up	Open Mic Readings	Games Room	
20:00		Defend the Indefensible		
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23:00	Karaoke			
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Sunday Programme Grid

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10:00	Generative AI	Need an Editor?		
11:00	Desert Island Books	Hangover Cures!	Public Speaking	Table Talk: Ken MacLeod
12:00	Back to the Moon	Dead Authors		
13:00	Vikings in Scotland	Shoreline Launch	Poetry Circle	
14:00	I've Seen Things	To Urania and Beyond	Bayeux Comet	Table Talk: Liz Williams
15:00	Soviet Space Dogs	Moving to Scotland		
16:00	Multiculturalism	Open Mic Readings		
17:00	Explore Ice Giants	To Serve Man		
18:00	Closing Ceremony		Games Room	
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Friday Programme

Opening Ceremony

Main, 14:30 - 15:00

Christine, Liz Williams, Mad Elf, Mark, Meg, Michael, Morag

A warm welcome to the convention.

Uranus and Neptune in Speculative Fiction

Main, 15:00 - 16:00

Alan, Dave Lally, Mark (M), Rosie Oliver, Vincent Docherty

Satellite's perennial panel explores books, movies and TV featuring our Planets of Honour and their moons.

Inadvisable Rocket Science Part IX

Alternative, 15:00 - 16:00

Phil

Just because you can doesn't mean you should, the aerospace edition. Phil describes more ideas that will make you wonder why anyone ever thought they were a good plan.

The Green AI Paradox

Main, 16:00 - 17:00

Charles, John Bray (M), Kirsti, Naveed, V Anne

AI has brought about improvements in environmental monitoring, resource management and climate change prediction. However, the high energy and water consumption of data centres has significant environmental impact. The panel discusses whether AI can ever be sustainable.

The Internet is (still!) made of Cats

Alternative, 16:00 - 17:00

Mad Elf

Another eclectic selection of the bizarre, stupid and beautiful from the internet mostly featuring cats, science fiction and music. Note: contains the occasional bad word and some fake blood.



Yarn and Yatter

Workshops, 16:00 - 18:00

Catriona

What do knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross-stitch and weaving have in common? You can do them using some form of yarn and while chatting to others. Even better, you can do them at *Satellite 9!* Catriona will host an informal Yarn and Yatter session. Bring your own project and enjoy some time with other like-minded crafty types.

Factual Places, Fictional Stories

Main, 17:00 - 18:00

David Bamford, Ken, Liz Williams, Meg (M), Russell A Smith

Whilst building alien worlds is demanding, setting speculative fiction on Earth is not necessarily any easier, especially if the locations are well-known. The panel discusses the challenges of setting speculative fiction in 'real world' geography.

Serious Scientific Talk: The Science of Chilli

Alternative, 17:00 - 18:00

Doug S

There is a correlation between the quantity and heat of chilli consumed and the physiological effects on the consumer. Some claim this correlation is positive; some claim it is negative. Doug will explain the difference, and argue for a more nuanced position.

Economics of Extraterrestrial Mining

Main, 18:00 - 19:00

Jesper Stage

When we settle other worlds, it will be cheaper to mine some of the materials we need on those worlds rather than bring them from Earth. But will mines on other worlds ever be a reason to establish settlements in the first place? Mining colonies are a popular staple of SF, but how plausible are they? In this talk, Jesper will look at what some of the economics of extraterrestrial mining might look like in reality, and compare with how we see this treated in SF.

The Droгна Game

Alternative, 18:00 - 19:00

Brian Munchkin Milton

Eighties TV is a goldmine of ideas for silly games. Here, we bring you a favourite from *The Adventure Game*. Can you work out which set of rules we're using? Are

you doogy rev enough to win a prize? Are you an aspidistra? Will any of these questions be answered? Why not come along, take part, and find out!

Games Room Open

Workshops, 18:00 - 24:00

A space for members to play their favourite games. Some will be provided but feel free to bring your own. However, please note that any member leaving their games unattended in the Games Room does so at their own risk.

Quark's Bar Challenge

Alternative, 19:00 - 20:00

Christine, Michael, Morag

Quark's Bar returns with yet another alcohol-based quiz proving that hoo-mons will drink just about anything if it's free. For over 18's only. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 35 participants.

Ceilidh sponsored by Glasgow 2024

Main, 20:30 - 23:30

Come and dance the night away with the Jiggers Ceilidh Band, kindly sponsored by *Glasgow 2024, A Worldcon for our Futures* as a big 'Thank You' to the Scottish fan community. The band will talk us through all the moves, so everyone is welcome - from complete beginners to advanced, well, jiggers!!

Saturday Programme

Making spacecraft in space: how manufacturing moves from science fiction to engineering reality

Main, 10:00 - 11:00

Dr Gilles Bailet

Science fiction is full of orbital shipyards and self-building spacecraft. This talk explores what it would really take to manufacture hardware in space: the physics, the materials, and the constraints that fiction often skips. Gilles will share recent microgravity demonstrations and how we're developing safer, more sustainable ways to industrialise space.



Wise Ones Qi Gong

Alternative, 10:00 - 11:00

Allison Ewing

Accessible, simple Qi Gong sequence. Can be done seated or standing. No equipment required. Wear loose comfortable clothing to move in. All welcome. N.B. We recommend participants have a light breakfast at least 1 hour before attending the workshop.

Decorate a Hand-drum

Workshops, 10:00 - 12:00

Christine, Nik

Hand-painted drum heads have a long history and are found in multiple cultures across the globe. Come along and create your own example. All materials supplied. Up to 10 participants. Sign up in Ops.

Star Trek at 60: still boldly going?

Main, 11:00 - 12:00

Cuddles, Kirsti, Phil, Rhionnach (M), Vincent Docherty

In September 2026, Star Trek becomes eligible for its Bus Pass (in Scotland at least)! The panel discusses the various iterations of the series over the decades and its wider influence on the genre and society.

Pigeons, Polonium and the Press - Radiochemistry in nuclear emergencies

Alternative, 11:00 - 12:00

Michael

Despite stringent safety measures, radiation accidents and emergencies do occasionally occur. Michael will talk about several incidents that he was involved in during his career as a radioanalytical chemist with the UK Government's radiation watchdog, the United Kingdom Health Security Agency.

Charles Stross Table Talk

Off Piste, 11:00 - 12:00

Join *Satellite 3*'s Guest of Honour Charles Stross for coffee and a chat. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 8 participants. Meet at Green Room.

<p>A bit of Satellite trivia: No doubt you'll have noticed that the Frost Giants' shields (on their t-shirts and the logo) have their initials in runes on them, but did you spot that their shield colours are their element's emission spectrum from <i>Satellite 7</i> and their mineral's colour from <i>Satellite 8</i>?</p>
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Away with the Faeries

Main, 12:00 - 13:00

Ila, Jo [M] Thomas (M), Liz Williams, Meg, Naveed

Speculative fiction has always drawn deeply from the wells of folklore and mythology, transforming old tales into new worlds, reimagining archetypes, and challenging cultural narratives. The panellists explore some of their favourite examples.

Salve-ation!

Alternative, 12:00 - 13:00

Pepper

A talk about black salve, its history, and why people are buying a flesh-eating paste from dodgy places on the internet then using it for all their dermatological needs. WARNING: Contains gruesome photos.

Ming's Minging Morsels WARNING: UNSUITABLE for ANYONE ALLERGIC to NUTS

Workshops, 12:00 - 13:00

Mark, Morag

The latest in our series of tastings is inspired by NZ-based fan Kin Ming-Looi, who brought one of the items on today's menu all the way to the Glasgow Worldcon for us. You've tried Scottish sweeties, cakes, and even cheeses. Take the next step in your culinary journey by sampling some Rude Foods, including Jobbie and Kickapoo. Your taste buds will thank you for it (or maybe not!). Up to 10 participants. Sign up in Ops.

Kuiper Belt Objects

Main, 13:00 - 14:00

Nik

There is a lot more in the Outer Solar System than just four gas giants, a couple of dwarf planets, and the Voyager probes. This talk explores the rest of the rubble.

The Great Satellite Un-invention Debate

Alternative, 13:00 - 14:00

Alison Scott, Christine (M), Dave Cartwright, Doug S, The Fossil, Tlanti

Our five master debaters attempt to convince the audience which discovery, invention or device the world would have been much better without.

Writers' Workshop: Putting Science into Science Fiction

Workshops, 13:00 - 15:00

Rosie Oliver

Want to make your futuristic science and technology realistic, without turning geek or using it as a magic wand? This writing workshop shows you how, while avoiding some of the common traps that writers can fall into. Up to 10 participants. Sign up in Ops.

You can't take it with you!

Main, 14:00 - 15:00

Bill Ray (M), David Craig, Dr Gilles Bailet, Dyllanne, V Anne

The future of space exploration likely relies on using whatever we find there rather than lifting heavy payloads into orbit. The panel discuss options, from drinking moon ice to mining asteroids.

Finding Uranus

Alternative, 14:00 - 15:00

Mad Elf

Guide your “probe” around the Solar System in our live-action game featuring Space Science Trivia, Science Fiction Trivia, and Shouting!

Liz Williams: Guest of Honour talk

Main, 15:00 - 16:30

Liz Williams

Our Guest of Honour Liz Williams talks about her life and work.

Real Steampunk - Propping up a dodgy idea?

Main, 16:30 - 17:30

Feorag

Many inventors have attached propellers to trains, and only some of them died as a result! The notable Scottish example is the Bennie railplane. Feorag will consider the development of the railplane, examine Hugh Fraser's later career, take in a science fiction classic on the way, and show how it was a direct ancestor of one of the most recent monorails to open.



The Legacy of the Glasgow Worldcons

Alternative, 16:30 - 17:30

David Bamford, Esther, Marguerite (M), Michael, Vincent Docherty

Satellite was effectively born out of the 2005 Worldcon *Interaction*, whilst *Glasgow 2024* helped inspire the team running the 2027 Eastercon. The panel explores the influence and legacy of Worldcons on Glasgow fandom and conrunning.

The Hedgehog can hardly be Folded at All!

Workshops, 16:30 - 18:30

Morag, Serena

Learn about the noble art of book folding through this easy-to-craft project that will allow you to create your very own hedgehog from an old paperback. All materials supplied. NB: not for those of a squeamish nature - book spines will be broken and some pages may be removed. Up to 10 participants. Sign up in Ops.

Chariots of the Mind?

Main, 17:30 - 18:30

Claire, Dyllanne, Ken, Nik, Tlanti (M)

Erich von Däniken (1935-2026) famously claimed that early human civilisations were influenced by extraterrestrials. Despite being pseudoscience, did his works spark serious thought about SETI, and inspire creators of SF shows such as *Stargate*?

Elsewhen Press Book Launch

Alternative, 17:30 - 18:30

Alison Buck, Peter Buck, Rosie Oliver

A Truth Beyond Sense by Rosie Oliver is a sequel to *A Truth Beyond Full*, both set on Uranus' moon Miranda. Dirk, chief compineer, is on the run from Mars for starting a nano-plague (which he didn't) and has a nano-ghost enhancing his performance. Rosie will read from, and sign copies of, her novel. There will be refreshments!

Open Mic Author Readings

Alternative, 18:30 - 19:30

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Games Room Open

Workshops, 18:30 - 24:00

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Defend the Indefensible

Alternative, 19:30 - 20:30

Alan Fleming, Dyllanne, Ian Sorensen, Morag, Richard Stephenson (M)

Other conventions have shamelessly stolen Radio 4 Panel games but we at Satellite go one better, by stealing ours from Radio 5. The panel are given indefensible statements, such as “Boris Johnston was the best Dr Who ever!” and must use their charm and eloquence to persuade fandom that the words are plain old-fashioned common sense. It's a battle of wits - so moderator The Legend that is Richard Stephenson is half prepared.

Shoreline of Infinity presents Event Horizon

Main, 20:30 - 22:00

Noel Chidwick, Shoreline of Infinity

Join us for another blast of science fictional songs, stories and poetry. Featuring music from Neil Williamson, and spoken word from Pippa Goldschmidt, Liz Williams, Ken MacLeod, and one more yet to confirm. Hosted by Andrew J. Wilson.

Karaoke

Main, 22:15 - 24:00

Claire (M)

Come along and belt out some of your favourite songs. Note: we invite you to wear something purple or sparkly in memory of Vanessa May who organised past Satellite karaokes and sadly passed away in late 2024.

Sunday Programme

Exploring Cydeside Fun Run

Off Piste, 09:00 - 10:00

Audrey

Curious about what that strange thing outside the convention called “real life” is?

Here's your chance to see some sights on a shortish run, jog or walk around the local area. Build up a thirst for the beverage of your choice, and tick off "real life - seen that" in your personal programme book. Meet at the hotel entrance.

Generative AI: Overview, Implications, and Harms

Main, 10:00 - 11:00

Dr Yashar Moshfeghi

This talk will introduce Generative AI and its current applications, ranging from virtual assistants to medical diagnosis, as well as proposed future uses in areas such as scientific discovery and healthcare support. Yashar will also examine key challenges facing the field, including legal issues around copyright and consent, technical limitations such as hallucinations, and ethical concerns related to bias inherited from training data.

Why do I need an Editor anyway?

Alternative, 10:00 - 11:00

Charles, Claire (M), Noel Chidwick, Peter Buck, Robin

Has the ease of self-publishing decreased the importance of the professional editor, or does the upsurge in AI-generated manuscripts make the role even more vital? The panel discuss the merits of working with a publisher versus going it alone.

Liz Williams Desert Island Books

Main, 11:00 - 12:00

Liz Williams, Meg

Liz Williams reveals which books she'd heroically rescue from a soggy fate, trusting them to fend off boredom, madness, and hunger of the soul. She also sneaks along one gloriously unnecessary luxury and one piece of music.

Funcon II presents: Hangover Cures!

Alternative, 11:00 - 12:00

Emma J King, Pepper

Nurse your hangover with Dr Pepper* and Dr Emma*. See a presentation on curing your hangover through the ages and in different countries, and try a few out for yourself. Pickled sheep eyes and deep fried canary, anyone?*

* please note none of our cures are approved or endorsed by legitimate medical professionals.

** no sheep or canaries will be harmed in the production or delivery of this talk.

How to Tame your Fear of Public Speaking

Workshops, 11:00 - 13:00

Tlanti

Do you hate public speaking but would like to become more confident? Join Tlanti for an informal and supportive workshop that aims to make speaking in public a bit less scary, for work, events and - importantly - conventions! Active participation desirable but not mandatory. Up to 10 participants. Sign up in Ops.

Ken MacLeod Table Talk

Off Piste, 11:00 - 12:00

Join *Satellite 1*'s Guest of Honour Ken MacLeod for coffee and a chat. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 8 participants. Meet at Green Room.

Fly me (back) to the Moon

Main, 12:00 - 13:00

Bill Ray, Nik (M), Phil, Rhionnach, Robert

The Artemis programme will send people to the Moon for the first time since Apollo 17 in 1972 and take the first steps towards establishing a permanent Moon Base. The panel discuss the programme and why it has taken more than 50 years to go back.

Dead Authors Society Vol. 2

Alternative, 12:00 - 13:00

David Dryden, Mark, Michael (M), The Fossil, Yvonne Rowse

Once an author stops producing new work, they are often no longer in the public perception and their works are no longer as prominent. Each member of the panel will propose for discussion an author whom they feel is no longer as well known or highly regarded as they once were.

The Vikings in Scotland

Main, 13:00 - 14:00

Edward James

In keeping with the Norse theme of our convention, Edward James, Emeritus Professor of Medieval History at University College Dublin, discusses the impact of the Vikings on Scotland from the late eighth century AD through to the tenth or eleventh centuries. How much destruction did they bring (and is it possible to know)? And did they leave any kind of positive legacy?

Shoreline of Infinity Book Launch

Alternative, 13:00 - 14:00

Noel Chidwick, Shoreline of Infinity

From the hallucinatory margins of Scottish fiction comes a career-defining retrospective. Spanning fifteen years of nightmares, time crimes, and transgressive visions, *Collected* gathers the essential short fiction of Chris Kelso. Blending Beat-generation urgency with body horror, surrealist science fiction, and a grim Scottish wit, these stories map the changing landscape of a restless imagination. Includes readings and chat with the author.

Poetry Circle

Workshops, 13:00 - 14:00

Richard Stephenson

A chance to share your own poetry or read your favourite poems. Any convention member is welcome to read or just turn up and listen to poetry.

I've Seen Things You Wouldn't Believe...

Main, 14:00 - 15:00

Alan, Ann, Brian Munchkin Milton, Dave Cartwright, Esther, Neil Williamson, Robin (M)

Come join the fun as we roll out mysterious words for which one panellist gives the true definition, while the others weave an elaborate tissue of pork pies. Two teams battle for a hugely underwhelming trophy and almost no glory at all! (With audience participation!!)

To Urania and Beyond!

Alternative, 14:00 - 15:00

Alison Scott, Ian Sorensen, John, Meg (M), Robert

The first Glasgow fanzine was (appropriately enough for *Satellite 9*) titled *Urania*. It was the journal of the Junior Astronomical Association, which was founded in 1933. The panel discusses the history of Glasgow fanzines, and the importance of fanzines more generally, from early examples to recent times.

Sew your own Bayeux Tapestry Comet

Workshops, 14:00 - 16:00

Nik

Almost a millennium before *Satellite* adopted a comet as our convention series logo, one was included in the world-famous Bayeux Tapestry. Join Nik and sew your own Bayeuxesque masterpiece in this embroidery workshop. Suitable for

participants aged 10 and over. Experience of embroidery is useful, but not essential (beginners welcome). All materials supplied. Up to 10 participants. Sign up in Ops.

Liz Williams Table Talk

Off Piste, 14:00 - 15:00

Liz Williams

Join Guest of Honour Liz Williams for coffee and a chat. Sign up in Ops. Maximum 8 participants. Meet at Green Room.

Soviet Space Dogs

Main, 15:00 - 16:00

Emma J King

Before humans orbited Earth, a brave group of canine cosmonauts led the way. This talk explores the true stories behind the missions of Laika and the other remarkable dogs who helped launch the space age, and looks at how data visualisation can help us better understand and engage with history and science by transforming their mission statistics into a vibrant work of art.

So you want to move to Scotland?

Alternative, 15:00 - 16:00

Alan Fleming, Christine (M), David Bamford, John, Serena

Reigning champions Alan and David defend their title against new challengers who have (at least in principle) considered the option of moving (back) to Scotland.

Multiculturalism or cultural appropriation?

Main, 16:00 - 17:00

Farah (M), Ivan, Liz Williams, Naveed, Russell A Smith

How much lived experience of a specific culture should a writer have before basing a story in it? The panel discuss the fine line between cultural appreciation and cultural appropriation.

Open Mic Author Readings

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Exploration of the Outer Planets

Main, 17:00 - 18:00

Robert

Robert's talk will include the discovery of the ice giants, their observations, and Voyager 2's encounter with Uranus in January 1986 and Neptune in August 1989. He'll bring his presentation - and indeed the whole convention - to a close by looking at proposals for future space missions to our Planets of Honour.

To Serve Man

Alternative, 17:00 - 18:00

Throgg the Despicable

We end the convention with some Satellite-style fun. Five Aliens are required to compete to win the prestigious honour of preparing a meal for The Supreme Leader. Participate in a live-action game collecting human body parts for your menu. However, due to the shortage of humans you may (will!) have to steal ingredients from other players. Do not panic! We know humans are toxic and utensils will be provided so you don't have to handle them directly. (No advance sign-up required).

Closing Ceremony

Main, 18:00 - 18:30

Christine, Liz Williams, Mad Elf, Mark, Meg, Michael, Morag

Time to say our goodbyes and thankyou's.

Games Room Open

Workshops, 18:00 - 24:20

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Dead Laika Party (including Pub Quiz starting around 21:00)

Main, 20:00 - 23:00

Christine, Mad Elf, Mark, Meg, Michael, Morag

Satellite's traditional end-of-convention Dead Dog party, dedicated to the memory of the world's most famous space dog, Laika. Includes our (in)famous Science Fiction, Science Fact, Science Fun Pub Quiz (starting around 20:30)!

