

## A Rich Programme of Celebrations to Mark the 1st Anniversary of the Ventspils Science Centre VIZIUM



One year has passed since the Ventspils Science Centre VIZIUM opened its doors to visitors, so on 18 June everyone is invited to a celebration cake with music, technology, science, attractions, creative workshops, games, magic and more! A good birthday party also includes presents, so the music group "Citi zeni" will be presenting a musical gift to the guests!

On 18 June, 11:00 – 15:00, the Ventspils Science Centre VIZIUM invites residents and guests to the 1st VIZIUM Digital Festival, offering a rich programme of creative, educational, attractive and fun activities that will delight both young and old visitors.. The VIZIUM Digital Festival will take place in front of the Science Centre's building and all activities will be free of charge!

Visitors to the VIZIUM Digital Festival will have the opportunity to take part in the Science Centre's creative technology workshops, which will include a robot, Lego, cassette tape winding and build-your-own-boat competitions, as well as water surface tension and electricity workshops. The School of Young Physicists will show that physics is not complicated but can be quite interesting. Retro computer games will take parents back to their childhood and show their children what Super Mario is all about, while the Pogo Stick attraction will test which member of the family has the best sense of balance. Fun moments will also be provided by the "Pielīpi" attraction and the 3-dimensional swing that will turn guests' worlds upside down! VIZIUM also invites visitors to participate in the making of a large-scale celebration cake and climb up onto the VIZIUM terrace, where they can play large-scale games and awaken their musical side in the Drum Workshop. The youngest visitors will also be able to enjoy the "Mazo ķiparu zona" and face painting. Both young and old will be able to experience the adrenaline rush of a laser tag game, while the inflatable attractions "Minecraft" and "Robot" are sure to bring a smile to the faces of the younger visitors.

Visitors to the Festival will also be treated to a varied stage programme. After a solemn address by Jānis Vītoliņš, Chairman of the Ventspils State City Council, the Festival will be opened with an energetic performance by the dance school "KSENIA PATOKINA DANCE". "Laboratorium" will surprise with science, chemistry and physics experiments, after which Transformer itself will come to VIZIUM to entertain both young and old with dance and songs! Magnificent magic tricks will be conjured up by illusionist Magic Weiss, and as a festive icing on VIZIUM's birthday cake – a concert by the band "Citi zēni"! DJ Toms Grēviņš will be on stage throughout the day to provide positive music.

Enjoying such a rich festive programme will take a lot of energy, so there will also be a variety of snacks available for purchase during the event!

All activities at the Science Centre will be free of charge, but you can visit the Science Centre's exhibition by buying tickets at the Science Centre's box office or on the website. The Science Centre's exhibition hall can only accommodate a limited number of visitors at a time, once this is reached, ticket sales will be temporarily suspended. Visitors are kindly asked to be considerate and to purchase tickets in advance on the website, thus reserving their visit time! 18. On 18 June, a 10% festive discount will be applied to tickets purchased at the box office! Discounts do not add up.

In case of bad weather, the Festival and the activities offered may be subject to change.

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