



SCIENCE
MUSEUM
PATRONS

TIME
TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE

Visitors in the
*Making the Modern
World* gallery.



Welcome

For over a century, the Science Museum has engaged its visitors in a dialogue about the history, present and future of human ingenuity. Since our origins in the Great Exhibition of 1851, we have sought to make sense of the science that shapes our lives, using one of the finest and most important collections of scientific and technological objects in the world.

We have very ambitious plans for the Museum over the next decade and beyond. We aspire to create a new sophisticated cultural offer through world-class exhibitions and major new permanent galleries. We aim to sustain our school and family audience whilst also attracting a greater adult audience who have a growing curiosity about science in the modern world.

None of this can be achieved without the support of our Patrons. Patronage is a hugely important way of helping us in our mission, providing essential financial support for our outstanding exhibitions and learning programmes.

The Science Museum is a very special place for everyone who visits, and with your help we can make it *the* best place in the world for people to enjoy and learn about science.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Ian Blatchford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ian Blatchford
Director of the Science Museum

**TIME
TO ENGAGE**



Conservation of
Alan Turing's
Pilot ACE computer.



**TIME
TO EXPLORE**

Visitor on
A Cockroach Tour of
the Science Museum.



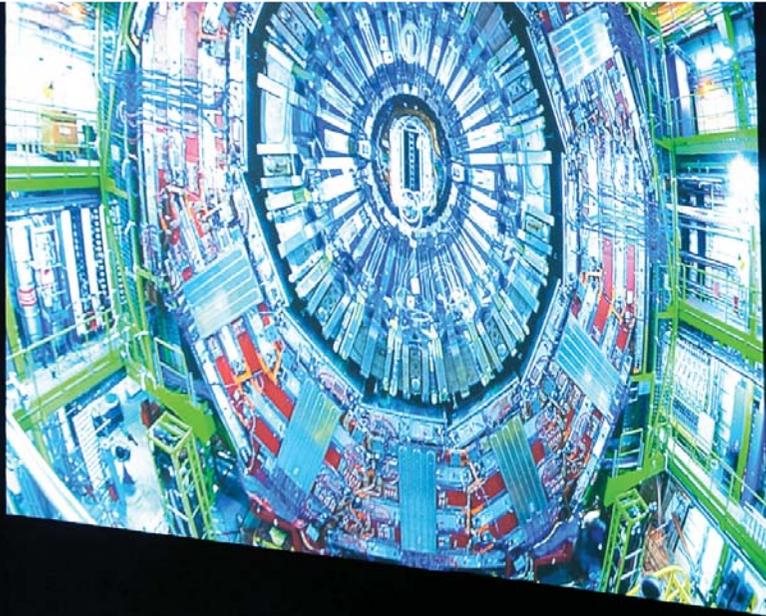
Inspiring the world

Every day the Science Museum inspires thousands of visitors by revealing the astonishing scientific breakthroughs and inventions which changed the world for ever. We have encouraged generations of young people to develop a career in science or engineering and motivated millions of others to explore science in all its forms.

As a charity, we rely on core funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, which allows us to maintain our world-class collections and to keep access for the public free. For everything else, including learning programmes, exhibitions and new galleries, we urgently need the support of individuals, businesses and foundations. Without this support, much of our work would simply not be possible.

Since the launch of the Patrons Programme in 2006, our Patrons have helped us to achieve so much, including:

- Extending our award-winning learning and outreach programmes (2006)
- Opening the *Cosmos & Culture* gallery – exploring how astronomy has shaped our world, from ancient times to the present day (2008)
- Opening the *Atmosphere ...exploring climate science* gallery – transforming how people think, talk and act about climate change (2010)



Rolf Heuer,
Director General
of CERN, at the
Science Museum
Annual Director's
Dinner in May 2012.



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TO SUPPORT

Our Patrons

Becoming a Patron of the Science Museum is a unique opportunity for our supporters to deepen their interests in science, engineering, technology and medicine. In recognition of their support and generosity, Patrons enjoy special access to the Science Museum's collection and to a programme of exclusive events including behind-the-scenes tours, evening receptions and talks by internationally renowned speakers.

Our Patrons come from a broad spectrum of backgrounds in industry, finance, academia and the arts. Together, they join us in our shared mission to raise the prestige of science, both in the UK and around the world.

As a Science Museum Patron I think it's a great feeling that I am contributing to something that will help to inspire future scientists. I also enjoy the chance to both listen to and talk to well-known scientists in a small, intimate environment and to learn from their enthusiasm for their subject. (It was also fascinating to meet Tim Berners-Lee's mum and dad!) The Science Museum staff are always very welcoming, friendly and interesting to talk to, so I really look forward to the Patrons' evenings and go to as many as I can.

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