



## **BBK OPEN SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2021 OPENS THE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PERIOD FOR PARTICIPATION**

- **BBK Kuna promotes, together with BLOOK, the BBK Open Science Fest 2021, to take place from the 8th to the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.**
- **The Festival wants people to enjoy science and to promote social and environmental advancements in a participatory way.**
- **Submission of proposals begins on April 14<sup>th</sup> and will run until May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bilbao, April 14th 2021.** BBK Kuna and BLOOK are the institutions behind BBK Open Science Fest 2021. This Festival provides the opportunity to learn, share and enjoy open and participatory science, and the possibilities it generates as a driving force to achieve a better and more sustainable world.

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BBK Open Science Fest, (BBK OSF), which will be held from the 8th to the 15th of June, is an open science festival and encounter in which citizen participation is essential, it has therefore opened the period for the submission of proposals to participate.

The Festival is set within the line of BBK Kuna's promotion of citizen participation, focusses in this edition on exploring life, citizen science, community science and social innovation. From April 14<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, anyone with a proposal which fits in with the values, goals and/or categories of the festival may apply to be eligible to present in June, within the framework of the "Open Science Meeting" within the BBK Open Science Fest 2021.

This [Open Call](#) presents a series of categories that serve as a guide for individuals and institutions interested in participating: Citizen Science, Community Science, Digital Naturalism, After the Pandemic, Bioart and Biodesign, Sustainable Alternatives and Social Innovation, Workshops and Experimental or Creative Experiences, Educational Innovation, Life, Growth and Development, Open Science and Life/Science with Humour.

Proposals may be conceptual or practical. Particular value will be given to participative, practical or experimental proposals, especially those that use open source, low cost, easily accessible and sustainable equipment, materials and reagents.

Participative selection of the proposals

A diverse community consisting of the team made up of BIOOK, BBK Kuna, collaborators and volunteers will evaluate the proposals received. In order for citizens to also be

protagonists, citizens' response to the proposals submitted on social media will be taken into consideration.

The proposals received that meet the requirements of the call will be presented in chronological order on social media and citizens will be encouraged to give their opinion and choose their favourites. During the selection process, the committee will hold citizens' opinions and preferences in high regard.

The evaluation committees will also bear in mind other qualities such as originality, applicability, social impact, values, creativity, reproducibility, fun, humour, spectacular nature, understandable language, comprehension, collaborative proposals, equality and sustainability.

## **BIOOK**

BIOOK is an institution with a social vocation at the forefront of Do It Yourself biology (DIYbio), open science, citizen science and community science. These global movements facilitate the practice of biology and other sciences, in relation to other disciplines, promoting cultural and scientific production by and for citizens, using the tools and methodology of professional scientists. BIOOK's main aim is to make it easy for citizens to practice biology and science, focusing on the concerns and needs of the communities, so citizens can be the leading players in social and environmental advancement.

## **BBK KUNA**

BBK has always been closely linked to Bizkaia's reality, and engaged in resolving its challenges. For over 100 years it has led projects, through its BBK Social Projects,

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providing answers to the needs of Bilbao and Bizkaia at any time. Society is becoming increasingly complex and so are its challenges. Therefore, BBK has decided to work at two speeds. The here and now, through its Social Projects; and the future, through BBK KUNA. BBK will take a leap in time through KUNA to learn about the Bilbao of the future and resolve its challenges from the present. The factory providing solutions for the challenges of the future in Bizkaia will host a five-storey building right in the heart of Bilbao "La Vieja" to promote innovative projects providing solutions for issues such as the ageing population and the loneliness of elderly persons; climate change, the technological revolution, the transformation of cities, migration... Challenges that have to be addressed in order to continue to grow as a society, without leaving anyone behind. The idea is to create a pioneer international level centre, with research applied to social transformation, neighbourhood participation and the joint work of all the actors in society: citizens, universities and research centres, the public administration and private-sector businesses. All particularly necessary in these moments of uncertainty we are living in and which underlines the need to have the appropriate tools to enable us to detect new future crises and build future scenarios.