ATOM Science & Technology Festival 2017, brings together scientific institutions and companies, schools, local retailers and the community, in an eclectic mix of science-based events across five days, the 22nd to the 26th of March.

This year the festival returns in force to the town where it was first conceived, with the organising committee once again being based in Abingdon-on-Thames and all the events planned to take place in and around the town centre. It's a celebration of the fact that the medieval market town of Abingdon is surrounded by high-tech campus locations on every side and a high proportion of Abingdonians are employed in science and technology jobs.

Through a varied programme of talks, presentations and hands-on science activities, ATOM 2017 will inspire children, both at school and with their families, and offer grown-ups a glimpse of the exciting breakthroughs in research and development happening in our locality.

If you think Abingdon-on-Thames is a quiet backwater, think again! ..and choose an ATOM 2017 event to find out why this historic town is at the epicentre of global science and technology.