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International
Day of Light

16 May

TRUST SCIENCE

About the International Day of Light

First celebrated in 2018, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Day of Light on 16 May is a global initiative that provides an annual focal point for the continued appreciation of light and the role it plays in science, culture and art, education and sustainable development, and in fields as diverse as medicine, communications and energy. The broad theme of light allows many different sectors of society worldwide to participate in activities that demonstrate how science, technology, art and culture can help achieve the goals of UNESCO – education, equality and peace. More information can be found: lightday.org.

Trust Science

The message of this year's International Day of Light – Trust Science – encourages both scientists and the public alike to sign and support a declaration affirming their trust in science and the importance of public confidence in the scientific process.

By signing the pledge to Trust Science, supporters of science including educators, scientists, engineers, healthcare professionals, Nobel Laureates, science enthusiasts, organizations, students and people worldwide are uniting to raise awareness of the importance of light science and technology in areas such as communications, sustainable development, climate action and healthcare.

The Pledge

Trust in evidence-based, scientific facts is essential for providing sustainable solutions to today's challenges. By adding my name to this declaration and pledge, I recognize the key role that scientific research and discovery plays in improving quality of life for all. I pledge to trust science at trust-science.org/take-action.

Founding Signatories

See the founding signatories of the Trust Science pledge at trust-science.org/founding-signatories.



Champions of Science

Champions of LightDay2021 are people who are making contributions in light science and related technology.

From clean energy to clean water and communication to healthcare to astronomy, these trust science champions are taking significant steps in improving our world.

Meet some of these champions at trust-science.org/champions.



Share the Message

How can I take part in the Trust Science campaign and share its message?

1. Sign the pledge to trust science at trust-science.org
2. Experience the message and articles and find additional resources also available at trust-science.org
3. Share your commitment to #TrustScience and #LightDay2021 on social media and follow the campaign here:

 facebook.com/InternationalDayOfLight

 instagram.com/dayoflight2021

 twitter.com/IDLOfficial

 linkedin.com/company/international-day-of-light

4. Questions?
 - **General:** info@trust-science.org for questions about how you can engage with the campaign
 - **Media:** pr@trust-science.org

Who organizes the International Day of Light and the Trust Science campaign?

The International Day of Light is administered from the International Basic Science Program of UNESCO by a multi-partner Steering Committee (lightday.org/governance), and supported by a global network of grassroots organizations and national nodes (lightday.org/nodes). The Trust Science campaign is cosponsored by the Steering Committee, IEEE Photonics Society (photonicsociety.org), SPIE, the International Society for Optics and Photonics (spie.org) and The Optical Society (OSA) (osa.org).