

June 2013 BIG Green Week festival dates confirmed

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Organisers of BIG Green Week, the UK's international festival of environmental ideas, art and culture, have confirmed that the nine day festival will be back in Bristol from 15th to 23rd June 2013.

Visitors can expect some heavyweight environmental talks, discussions and workshops as Jonathon Porritt, one of the UK's leading environmentalists, curates his second year as Festival Chair. With the likes of Kevin McCloud, Vivienne Westwood, Bill McKibben, Caroline Lucas, Rob Hopkins, Tony Juniper, Prue Leith, Tim Smit, and Polly Higgins as guests in 2012, tickets are sure to sell fast again when they go on sale in the New Year.

Jonathon Porritt says, "BIG Green Week is a giant mixing bowl of experts, innovators, and fresh ideas, finished off with good food, friends, and fun, to inspire change for the better."

Throughout the nine days organisers are promising even more films, art, poetry, music and comedy than in 2012, when 7,000 tickets were sold for 100 events.

Festival highlights include two great weekends of free family friendly events which will transform the city centre and attracted over 40,000 people this year.

Festival Director, Paul Rainger, says he hopes visitors will "start early and stay late for these two mini-break weekends".

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BIG Green Week 2013 will start across Bristol's harbourside on Sat 15th and Sun 16th June with the Festival of Nature, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary as Europe's biggest free natural history festival. This will be combined on Sunday with the Biggest Bike Ride, where families can cycle on traffic free roads under the Clifton Suspension Bridge in one of the UK's biggest free non-competitive cycling events.

The following weekend will feature the BIG Market on Sat 22nd June, taking over the historic city centre and packed with entertainment for all the family. The action moves to Bristol's famous Park Street on Sun 23rd, transformed for the morning into a massive children's playground before hosting uphill electric bicycle racing in the afternoon.

Fringe Festival Director, Darren Hall of Bristol Green Capital Partnership, added, "This year we put a call out for community fringe events and some 50 West Country organisations got involved. Early next year we will be challenging green groups right across the UK to come and show us what they've got."

BIG Green Week 2013 takes place in Bristol from 15th to 23rd June 2013. See www.biggreenweek.com for more details and to sign up for the festival newsletter, or follow the festival on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.