

# Fame Lab

TALKING SCIENCE



## Interview with Anthony Galea, a FameLab Winner!

- 1. Where did you hear about FameLab?**  
I heard about FameLab in 2016 through an email at work and a poster advert, but due to time limitations I applied for it the next year.
- 2. What made you want to participate?**  
I wanted to improve my public presentation skills, particularly in Science Communication which is very related to my work.
- 3. How do you describe your experience in FameLab?**  
It was a massive learning curve, especially during the Masterclasses organised by FameLab which taught me how to best deliver a talk in only three minutes.
- 4. What did you like best during your time in Cheltenham?**  
The MakerShack! A huge tent filled with creative scientific materials and marvellous gadgets, where we got our hands dirty to create various technological items.
- 5. Do you think that FameLab was somewhat beneficial for your career/studies?**  
The science communication skills learnt through FameLab have already helped me in various deliveries: lectures, talks, shows, and in other competitions, even at simple bar discussions.
- 6. How did you decide on your talk topics?**  
I wanted to talk about what I am passionate about, and what the audience can also relate to. In fact, I spoke about how aeroplanes fly and I linked it to why the shower curtain creeps up your leg while having a shower.
- 7. Do you think that science communication is important and why?**  
Absolutely yes! If scientists do not communicate their work and findings to the public in a simple engaging way, then their efforts will remain locked in lab/office and limited to scientific communities.
- 8. Would you recommend others to take part in FameLab?**  
Yes - It helps you gain the confidence to deliver a scientific talk, be it at a conference with an audience coming from a scientific background or a science talk show with a more generic audience.
- 9. What advice would you give for the next FameLab finalists/winner?**  
Enjoy every moment during the festival - it is not just a competition but a brilliant networking opportunity with plenty to learn from all the other participants (future collaborators).