



ELARGIS TES  
HORIZONS

So that **today's**  
young girls can  
become **tomorrow's**  
scientists





## History & About Us



The eleven current members of the Elargis tes Horizons Committee.



Lorraine McDowell, President of Elargis tes Horizons Genève.

Inspired by an organization founded in California in 1974, **Lorraine McDowell, Andrea Delannoy, Wendy Keller, François Aye, Florence Coulin Talabot, and Nathalie Pataki** realized that it is often difficult for young girls to enter fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). This career choice remains a real challenge for many of them even today.

**In response to this need and growing demand in the Lake Geneva region, they decided to jointly found the association Elargis tes Horizons Genève (EtH) in 2011.**

Elargis tes Horizons Genève is a **nonprofit organization recognized as being of public interest.**

My daughter loved her visit to the Skyguide control tower and now **wants to make it her career!** It's wonderful to give our daughters opportunities like this!

*S.R. – Parent of a participant*



## The situation & Our goals

In our society and culture, **toys, education, and attitudes convey the idea that science and technology are not for girls.** Yet, from the very start of their schooling, girls perform just as well as boys in mathematics.

The low number of girls in fields has significant **consequences for women's financial security, the economy, and innovation.**

They account for only **about 20% of jobs in science, engineering, and computer science. Only 7% of CIOs are women,** and one in seven is an engineer, despite women making up 60% of high school graduates and 48% of the workforce.

### Our activities

The activities of Elargis tes Horizons are **primarily led by female scientists** and give girls the opportunity to meet inspiring role models.

They also give young girls the chance to **connect with other girls their age who are interested in science.**

**The goal of Elargis tes Horizons Genève is to encourage young girls to study science and technology and to consider a career in one of these fields.**

We offer young girls new experiences in the fields that they never would have imagined existed.

We conduct our activities in French and English to promote inclusion and international openness, as these languages are among the most widely used in the scientific community.

### 10 Wednesdays per year

Science workshops or guided tours for small groups of 10 to 15 girls.  
Price: CHF 10.

### Every two years

A major FREE science event for 400 girls ages 11 to 14.



## The Wednesday Science Activities



**The Wednesday science activities** are the first step in the outreach process. They offer a fun and hands-on introduction to science careers in small groups of 10 to 15 girls.

About 10 times a year, we offer science workshops or visits in the Geneva area. These activities usually take place on Wednesday afternoons and are generally open to **girls aged 10 to 18**.

The girls can learn about the work of an air traffic controller, fly a drone, visit a particle accelerator, explore the machinery behind the Jet d'Eau, extract DNA from an onion, ride a racing bike in a wind tunnel, discover the geological history of the Salève during a nature and geology hike, and more...

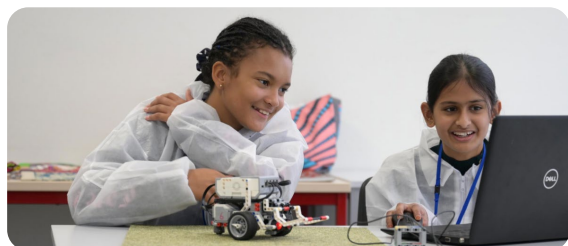




# The Biennial Event

## Highlights

- **FREE** for 400 girls ages 11 to 14 from the canton of Geneva and the surrounding area
- More than 20 hands-on workshops
- An exploration fair with over 20 interactive booths
- **FREE** lunch for all participants and volunteers
- And lots of other fun surprises...



## Examples of previous workshops

- The Crab Nebula (UNIGE Observatory)
- Come program Roberta (UIT)
- What is a website? (CERN)
- AI (TechSpark Academy & Nextthink)
- Build the world of your dreams! (HEPIA)
- Light circuits (Moulin à étincelles)
- Personalized Medicine (SIB)
- Survey: Environmental Protection (X Labs)
- Virtual Reality & Programming (Future Kids)
- Drones for the Mobility of Tomorrow (HEPIA)
- Seeing the Invisible: Mysteries of the Universe (CERN)
- Cryptography (UNIGE Infoscope)

## Next Biennial Event

**Saturday 7 November 2026**

Since 2011, eight events have been held, with approximately 3,000 young girls participating. The workshops and stands are led primarily by women working in local companies and institutions in the fields.

The event is packed with exciting activities designed to show girls that science and technology can be fun and interesting.

## The impact on girls

In 2022, when asked, “Has the biennial event changed what you want to study?”

- **46% of girls said they are slightly more interested in or will definitely study subjects.**



# The Community

Without the help of about **80 volunteers**, this biennial event could not take place. Among them are some young women—former participants—who return enthusiastically to support the event, taking on a variety of roles such as welcoming guests, mentoring participants, assisting workshop and stand leaders, setting up stands, and taking photos for social media.

Our funding comes primarily from **donors and sponsors**, some of whom have supported us since the very beginning. Thanks to them, as well as our **partners**—many of whom have also been with us since the first editions—this event continues to grow and gain recognition.

Our main donors and sponsors:



About **120 workshop and stand leaders** take part in the biennial event, some of whom have been involved for many years, always bringing enthusiasm and smiles. Mostly women who are experts in fields, they play a central role by sharing their personal stories with young girls and offering hands-on activities to show them that these careers are exciting and accessible.



Our partners:





## Our expenses

### Expense 2023 + 2024 : CHF 128'000.-

The biennial nature of the event entails an operational cycle of approximately twenty-four months, spanning preparation, implementation, and project closure.

**This timeframe justifies fundraising efforts aimed at supporting a two-year project.**

#### 44% Preparation and closure of biennial events

- 33% Administrative, accounting
- 8% Communication
- 3% IT costs

#### 29% Organization of a biennial event

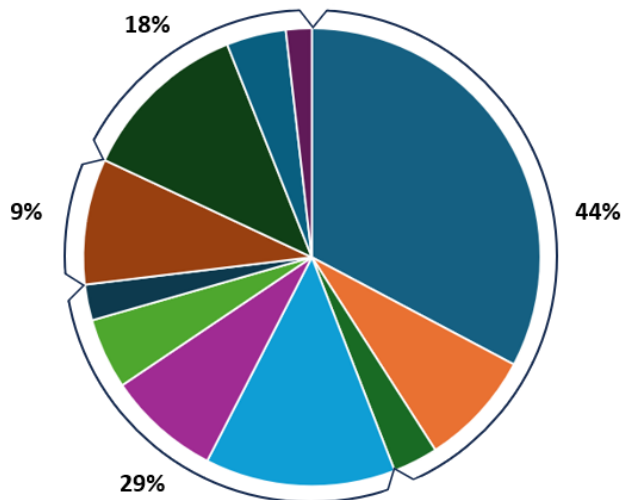
- 13% Event catering
- 8% Material purchase, announcer, workshop and stand fees
- 5% Volunteer recognition
- 3% Security costs

#### 9% Wednesday Science Outings

- 9% Costs for around twenty outings

#### 18% Other operating expenses

- 12% Administrative, accounting, partnership relations
- 4% IT costs
- 2% Marketing and Communications





# Your impact

Your financial support is essential to help us continue our work. **Become a donor or sponsor of the organization, or of a specific event**, and help inspire young girls to pursue exciting and promising careers in fields.

## Income 2023 + 2024

- 4% Wednesday Science Outings Fees
- 45% Donations
- 51% Sponsorships**

## Sponsorships



- 25% Enterprises
- 30% Foundations, Associations & others
- 15% Universities
- 30% State, Cities & Municipalities

## Sponsorship Options

Various forms of donations and sponsorship can be explored and discussed. Here are a few sponsorship options starting at CHF 500.

### Option 1: Sponsorship from CHF 500 to CHF 4,999

- Your logo with a link to your institution on the EtH website, under the “Supporters and Partners” section

### Option 2: Sponsorship from CHF 5,000 to CHF 7,999

*Benefits from Option 1 plus:*

- A VIP tour during EtH’s biennial event
- Your logo on EtH posters and flyers

### Option 3: Sponsorship from CHF 8,000 and up

*Benefits from Option 2 plus:*

- A short video highlighting your workshop or stand, which you can then post on your social media

Our main partners and long-standing supporters:



# In summary



Together, we can bring about **real, positive change in the paths and careers of tomorrow's female scientists.**

We sincerely thank you for your attention and for your potential support of Elargis tes Horizons. **Every contribution counts and can make a real difference in bringing us closer to our shared vision:** a world where women are as numerous as men in science, in all fields and at all levels.

**We would be delighted to discuss** partnership opportunities or any other forms of support you might be willing to offer in more detail.

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Queen Elizabeth II Platinum  
Jubilee Volunteering Award

Volunteer Award received in 2022

Thank you for being an inspiration to our daughters. What you do is wonderful, and we wholeheartedly encourage you to keep it up.

– *Parent of a participant*