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The Royal (Dick) School  
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# Engaging Communities with Research at Easter Bush Campus

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# Easter Bush Campus

## University of Edinburgh Easter Bush Campus

Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Roslin Institute,  
Division of Global Agriculture & Food Systems

- Largest concentration of animal science-related expertise in Europe
- Education, research and clinical services addressing local and global challenges in animal health and welfare, agriculture and One Health

## Roslin Innovation Centre

- 50,000 sq ft lab & office space
- Supporting business in the Animal Health, Agri-tech & Aquaculture (A3), and One Health sectors



# Animal Science at Easter Bush

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Practice

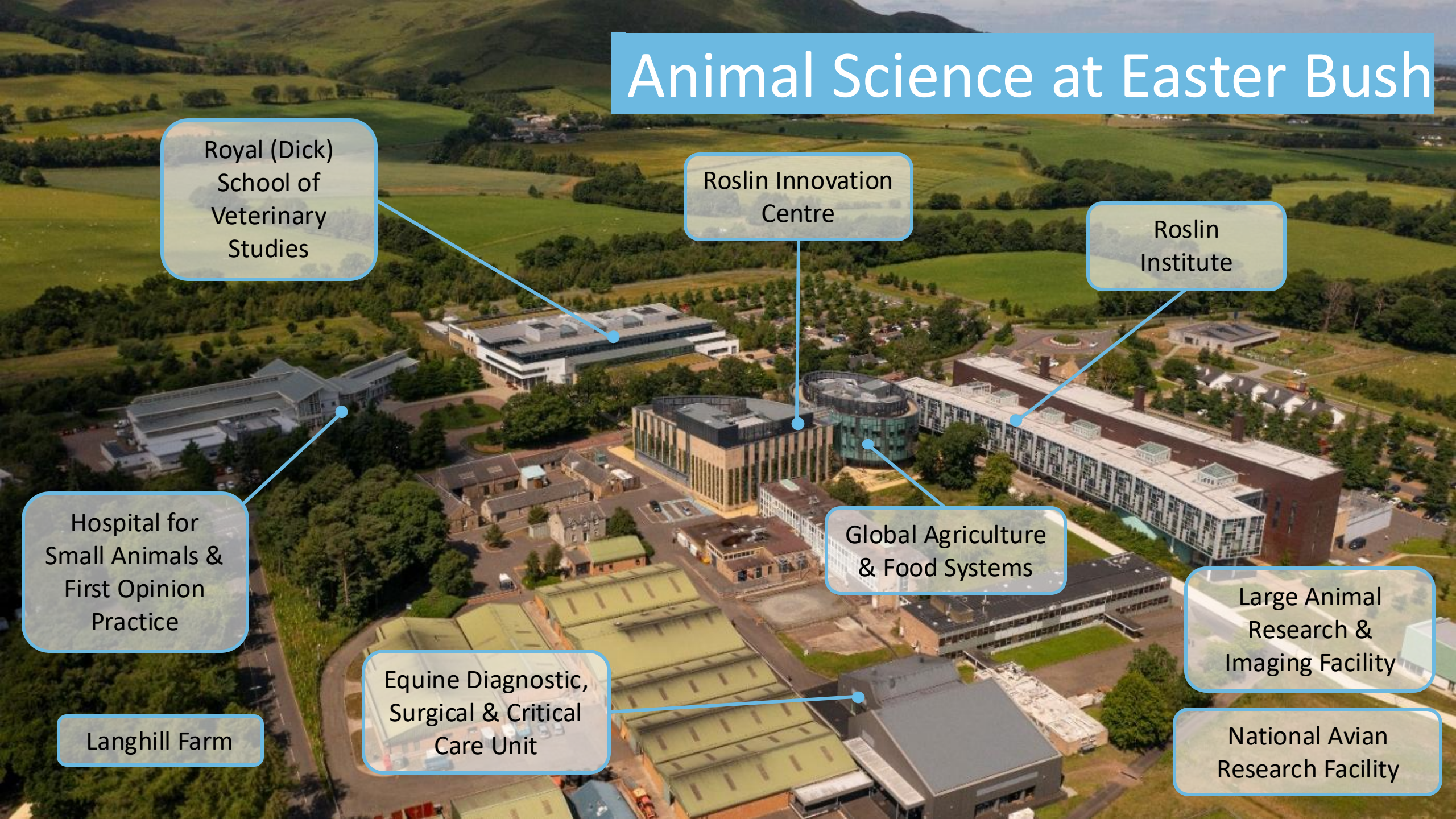
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Langhill Farm

Equine Diagnostic,  
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**Easter Bush Science  
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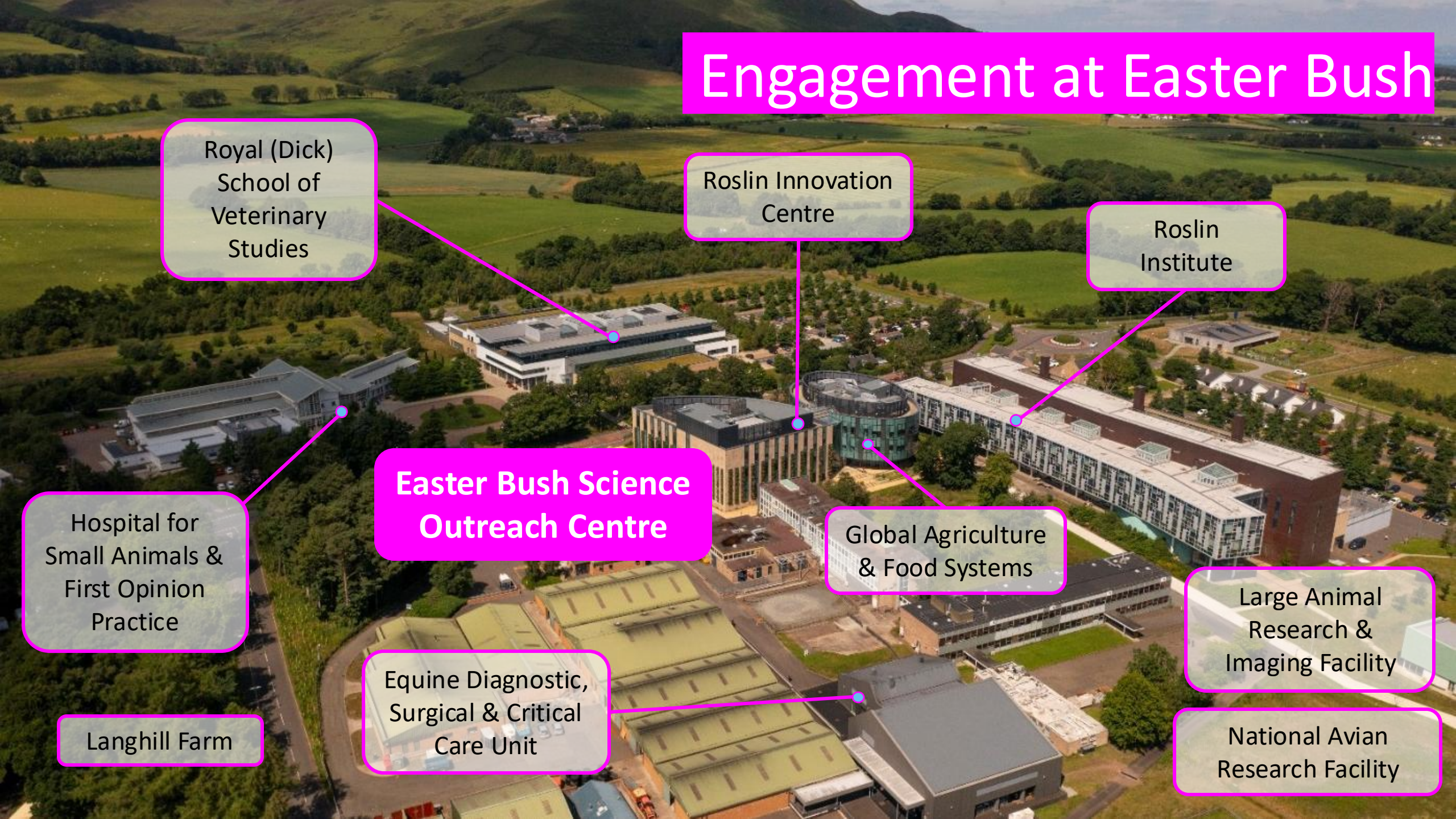
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# EASTER BUSH SCIENCE OUTREACH CENTRE



**Get hands-on  
with real-life  
science**

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# SCIENCE IS FOR EVERYONE

## OPENNESS

Maintain and grow public trust, support and confidence in Roslin Institute research and innovation by revealing how our science impacts society, and inviting and facilitating questions, challenge and dialogue.

## COLLABORATION & INVOLVEMENT

Shape our research and engagement activities and increase their potential for impact by involving a diverse range of partners and perspectives throughout the research process.

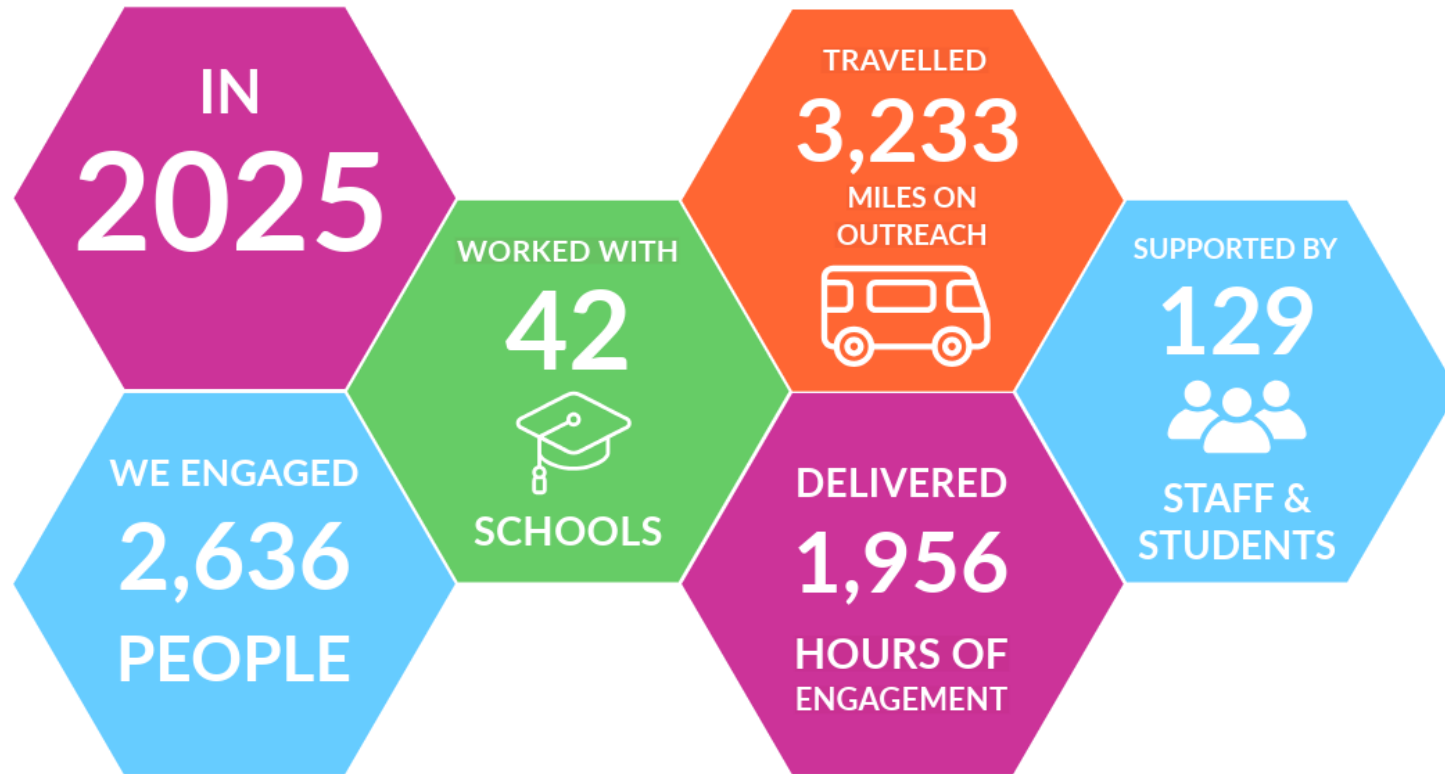
## INSPIRATION & ASPIRATION

Work with young people from diverse backgrounds to break down negative stereotypes about science and scientists, build confidence in science skills & raise aspirations around studying and working in STEM; creating a future generation of scientifically-informed citizens.

## POSITIVE RESEARCH CULTURE

Promote a positive and inclusive research culture by supporting all staff and postgraduate students to develop new skills and perspectives through public engagement, and valuing and rewarding their contributions.

# EBSOC engagement in numbers



We also deliver live, online engagement sessions and provide free, downloadable teaching resources which have reached an estimated 130,000 learners since 2020.

# Our priority audiences

Our Public Engagement with Research Programme aims to make our research accessible to everyone.

We prioritise engagement with under-served, rarely heard and low Science Capital audiences via the **Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre**, a unique engagement hub.

## Socio-economic deprivation

- Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)
- Free school meals

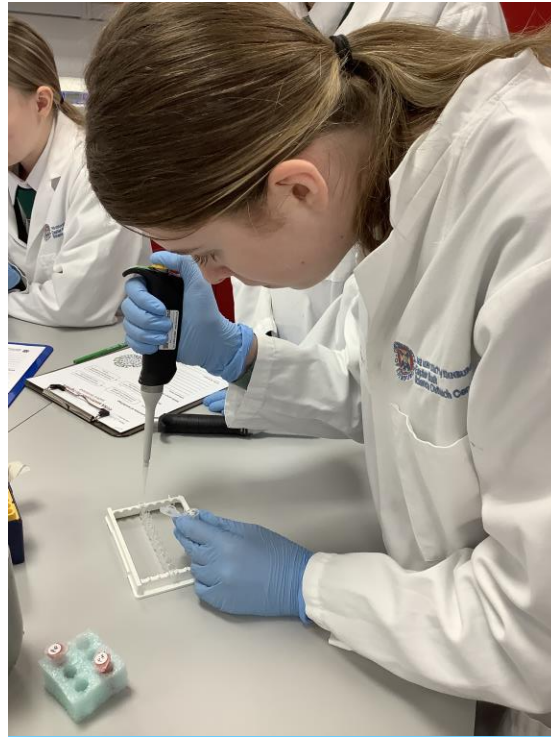
## Rural isolation

- Scot Gov Urban Rural Classification
- Research-relevant locations

# On-campus Engagement



**Primary Schools**  
P6 & P7  
(Upper KS2)



**Secondary Schools**  
S5 & S6  
(Sixth form)



**LabCamp school**  
holiday workshops  
16+



**Local**  
Community  
groups

All linked to animal science research and supported by staff and students at every career stage



# Roslin on the Road



## Roslin on the Road: PCR Masterclass

- Newton Rooms Thurso & Inverness
- Higher Biology



## Roslin on the Road: Aquaculture

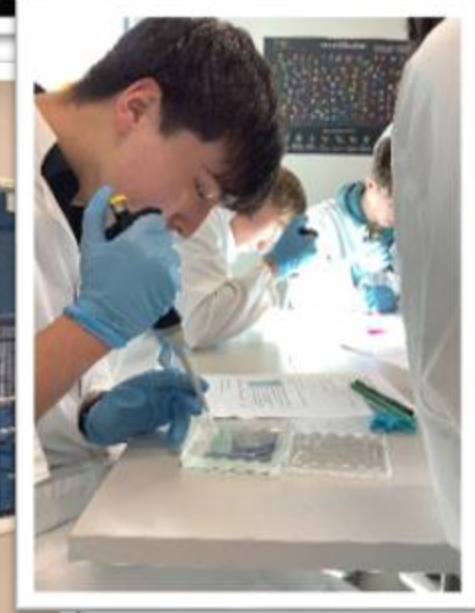
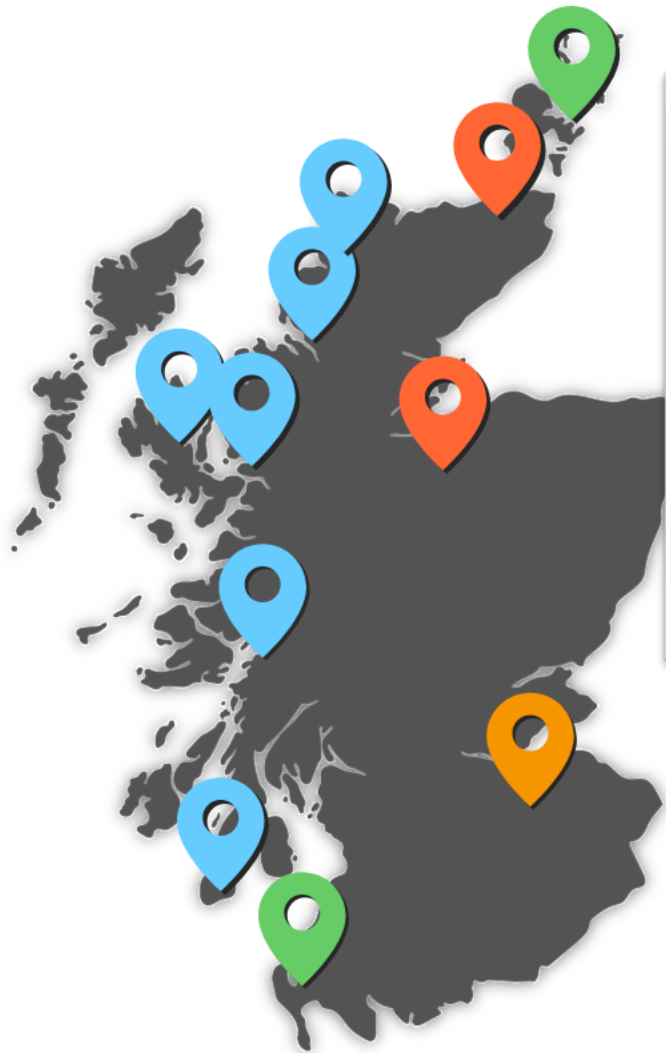
- Shetland & Orkney high schools
- Higher & AH Biology



## SalmoStrong Outreach Programme

- West coast high schools
- Nat5, Higher & AH Biology





# Supporting staff & students

**Opportunities** – involvement in **all** PE activities



**Ideas** - support to develop new PE activity ideas

**Funding** - bespoke support for PE *and* research grant applications

**Training** - in-house PE training and mentoring

# Challenges for engagement at Easter Bush





Thank you for listening

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