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EXPLORE PLASTIC POLLUTION AT SCIENCE CENTER'S CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE
PANEL DISCUSSION SHARES INSIGHT ON PLASTIC WASTE, POLLUTION, AND OVERUSE

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 23, 2019 — Get the scoop on the highly anticipated Straw Forward art sculpture and join [Sustainable Pittsburgh](#), [Allegheny CleanWays](#), [Pennsylvania Resources Council](#), [Construction Junction](#), and First Mile of [Thread – International](#) for a panel discussion about reducing plastic pollution, raising awareness, and building economies through single-use plastics during Carnegie Science Center's next **Café Sci** event, **Mon., Feb. 4 from 7–9 pm**.

In addition to the panel, an abridged version of the documentary *A Plastic Ocean* also will be screened, providing a deeper look into these issues on a global scale. Earlier this year, the nonprofit Sustainable Pittsburgh launched Straw Forward, a collaborative, community-wide campaign involving nearly 40 restaurants, nonprofits, and businesses over a seven-month period. Using straws as the main medium, the Straw Forward team collected used and littered plastic-based items and transformed them into a stunning art sculpture on display now through Fri., Feb. 15 in the Riverview Café at the Science Center.

The Straw Forward campaign recognizes that plastic straws are critical for people living with certain disabilities and medical conditions. The goal of this project is to foster meaningful conversations around the problem of plastic pollution. Join us for a discussion about the sculpture and what we can do locally to help solve this globally.

Admission to Café Sci is **FREE**. Food and drinks are available for purchase. The doors to the event open at 6 pm for networking and refreshments, and the event lasts from **7–9 pm**. The evening includes time for informal discussion, eating, and drinking with a cash bar. Parking is \$5.

For more information and to register, visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org or call 412.237.3400.

Café Sci is presented by PPG and sponsored by Green Mountain Energy.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

Accessibility: Features for All

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or info@carnegiesciencecenter.org. Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

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