

WA SCIENCE AND ART MEET AT SCITECH

Australian visual artist Eleanor Gates-Stuart brings mining data to life as Scitech's 2016 Artist in Residence with her latest project *Under the Surface*, set to be launched later this week in Rio Tinto Innovation Central.

Professor Gates-Stuart's work allows visitors to interact with a unique projection surface to uncover stunning imagery of the WA mining and minerals industry, created using CSIRO data.

"The data sets are particularly incredible as they factor the intensity and scale of the scientific operation, a big picture defined by digits and code," said Professor Gates-Stuart.

"In my work, visualising innovation is a crucial part of my research and the context of scientific brilliance places Australia at the cutting edge of global science".

Scitech's Rio Tinto Innovation Central exhibition gallery engages visitors in the innovation process, and showcases leading edge science from WA and further afield.

Professor Gates-Stuart will be at Scitech to meet visitors from Thursday until early next week, including the Fringe World Family Night at Scitech on Friday January 29. [Check the Scitech website](#) for details and tickets to the special event.

"When I was offered the residency at Scitech I really felt this was a special opportunity as an artist, especially as someone who engages with science and scientists in sharing amazing things about this planet and how we get involved," she said.

"I hope to get playful with the visitors in that we might be able to join in the fun together and that we can exchange ideas about the content and exploration".

Rio Tinto Innovation Central, part of a longstanding education partnership serving the WA community, is an evolving showcase of innovation, creativity and new technology. [Watch this behind-the-scenes video for more.](#)

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