

USING NANODAYS TO BUILD COLLABORATIONS

NanoDays is an annual festival engaging people of all ages in nano. NanoDays events are organized locally by NISE Network partners and take place at over 250 museums and universities across the country.

NanoDays offers a tangible opportunity for partners to participate in the national Network and collaborate locally. The events draw on universities' content knowledge and museums' audience engagement knowledge.

"The NanoDays event and kit continues to bolster our institution's connection to current science and technology. Because of our association with the NISE Network and the resources it has provided, we have been able to find and leverage new partners, especially among our state universities."

— Joe Schwanebeck, Science Center of Iowa



ALL 50 STATES
received NanoDays kits

100%
OF KITS
are used throughout
the year

EVALUATION FINDING

Of those who reported partnering around nano:

86% of museum partners report that NanoDays has been "helpful" or "very helpful" in forming and sustaining their partnership with a university or college.

89% of university / college partners report that NanoDays has been "helpful" or "very helpful" in forming and sustaining their partnership with a museum or science center.

(Annual Partner Survey, 2013)

Building a Network

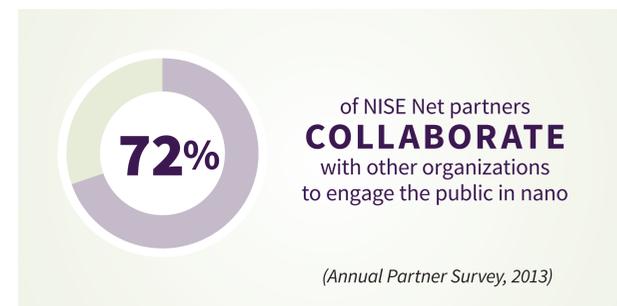
The NISE Network includes hundreds of invested organizations that continue to build on and expand national, regional, and local collaborations.

HOW?

We encourage partnerships when awarding resources such as NanoDays kits, mini-grants, and Nano mini-exhibitions.

We provide networking opportunities, professional development, and guides to partnering.

We encourage partners to participate in ways that work for their organizations.



SUSTAINABILITY:

Local and Regional Collaborations

By promoting meaningful, mutually beneficial collaborations, NISE Net has created opportunities for partners to develop long-term relationships that extend beyond their work in nano.

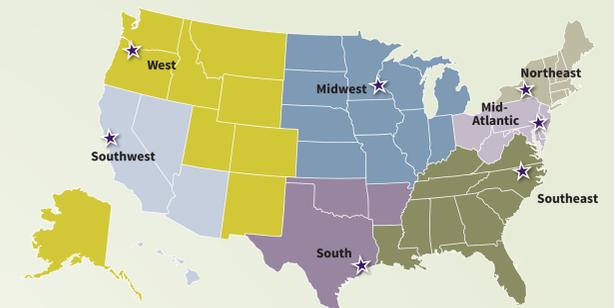
"Collaborations with other partners that began for NanoDays have blossomed into deeper relationships. For instance, one partner is currently working with us on a grant for a collaboration that would permanently change the science center, allowing us to reach all new audiences in entirely new ways!"

— Jennifer Crispin, Impression 5 Science Center

Local and national collaborations have led to many new projects focused on nano and other STEM topics.

REGIONAL HUBS

The NISE Network's seven regional hubs facilitate communication among partners, participation in Network activities, and local collaborations.



Top left: Industry partners volunteering at NanoDays at the Museum of Science, Boston. Top right: Face-to-face meetings help build community and foster communication across the Network. Bottom: Cornell University and the Sciencenter, Ithaca partnering to host NanoDays.



"It's an amazing thing to bring together high education people, community centers, science centers, and people like me who come from formal education. Everybody seems to have a place and a way to get something very meaningful out of this partnership."

— Gail Jones, North Carolina State University

EVALUATION FINDING

The regional hub structure provides a personal, go-to resource for professionals. It serves as a central resource to disseminate Network updates, respond to partners' needs, and foster community at the regional level.

(Network Communication Study, 2012)

