# The World Science Fiction Convention's Role in Supporting and Spreading Global Science Fiction Culture



## What is The World Science Fiction Convention?

Founded 1939

Celebrates the best of international science fiction and fantasy

Organised by fans

5 days long

Networking event for authors and publishers

Up to 1000 panels and discussions

The Hugo Awards

















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# **The Hugo Awards**







# 'People Make Worldcon'





## **How is Worldcon Organized?**



Volunteer run

Long development process

bidding

organizing event

networking

International Collaboration

Teams move in cycles to the next organizing body

Traditional / Social Politics

#### **Tradition and Innovation**

Movement away from tradition

Younger organizers

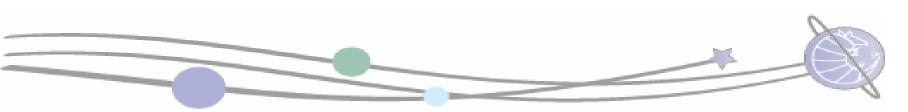
Online participation

Cutting edge science fiction writing and authors are highlighted

Inclusion

Non-US conventions





## A Global Family (of Science Fiction Nerds!)





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