



# EXPLORERS WEEKEND 2024



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**Lake Geneva Region and Online**  
Weekend of Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jun'24; [ExplorersWeekend.org](https://ExplorersWeekend.org)

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CLUB**

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*The Explorers Club (Switzerland Chapter) is organizing a series of events in the Lake Geneva Region during the weekend of Fri 7<sup>th</sup> to Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jun '24 – open to all those interested in learning more about Scientific Exploration.*

**Several activities related to Exploration and Field Sciences including:**  
Expedition Lectures, Social Gatherings and producing a Mountain Documentary.

## **The Explorers Club (TEC) Talks @ EPFL and Online**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jun'24, from 12:30 – 17:00; free to attend, registration required to join live; [epfl.ch](https://epfl.ch)**

The "TEC Talks" sessions about our club member expeditions will be hosted at the Pallaz Auditorium (MED 01418), situated in front of the prestigious Rolex Learning Center, one of the most remarkable buildings in the world ([rolexlearningcenter.epfl.ch](https://rolexlearningcenter.epfl.ch)).

Several NGEN Next Generation members of The Explorers Club ([explorers.org](https://explorers.org)) joining us via Zoom will have 30 minutes long conversations with EPFL stakeholders present at the auditorium, please refer to [explorersweekend.org](https://explorersweekend.org) for the detailed event agenda including speaker profiles and topics covered.

This time our capacity is limited to 70 people, so please book your free ticket via this Eventbrite link to guarantee your spot in person: [tiny.cc/EW24ticket](https://tiny.cc/EW24ticket). Sessions will also be accessible online to the general public via this Zoom link [tiny.cc/ExplorersWeekend](https://tiny.cc/ExplorersWeekend).

This event is kindly supported by the Switzerland Innovation Foundation ([switzerland-innovation.com](https://switzerland-innovation.com)), a national organizing institution ecosystem allowing universities and innovative companies to collaborate and use their research results for the development of new marketable products and services.

**Additional sponsors would be most welcome to help us cover key organizational costs.**

## **Season Opening "Summer Plunge" @ Geneva Polo Club (GPC)**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Jun'23, 16:00 until late; entry fee includes a drink, upgrades available; [genevapolo.com](https://genevapolo.com)**

The Geneva Polo Club (GPC) will be hosting the "Summer Plunge" event opening of the season from 16:00 until late and have kindly provided us a tent to welcome our participants. This is an opportunity to mingle with other exploration-minded individuals in a relaxing environment and get to meet the local equestrian community. No equipment is required other than a curious spirit and joie de vivre... plus a hat and sun lotion just in case. Tickets available via <https://my.weezevent.com/summer-plunge-2024-1>

## **"Workshop with a Ghost" documentary shooting in Chamonix**

**Partner event starting from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Jun'23; [tobywrightfineart.com](https://tobywrightfineart.com); [theconvergence.co](https://theconvergence.co)**

Explorers Club member Toby Wright is a Monaco-born classically trained painter commissioned by Prince Albert II for a portrait of the Oceanographic Museum board of directors. He joined forces with club member Daniel Cervenka to film a documentary in Chamonix capturing the ethereal beauty of vanishing glaciers from bygone eras, all while seeking to unravel the profound story of climate change as told through the timeless brushstrokes of classical artists. The shooting of the documentary will take place from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> in Chamonix, if you'd like to be involved in this unique opportunity, please refer to this presentation: <https://docsend.com/view/jmtkamuq4i7hjgkp>.



Rolex Learning Center @ [epfl.ch](https://epfl.ch)



Explorers Tent @ [genevapolo.com](https://genevapolo.com)



Workshop with a Ghost documentary

**For more details on how to attend or sponsor this series of events please contact Marcelo Garcia via [switzerland@explorers.org](mailto:switzerland@explorers.org).**



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[explorers.org](https://explorers.org) – [epfl.ch](https://epfl.ch) – [tobywrightfineart.com](https://tobywrightfineart.com) – [genevapolo.com](https://genevapolo.com) – [wisdomaccelerator.org](https://wisdomaccelerator.org)





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## Main Event Venues and Core Stakeholders

### EPFL – École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

[epfl.ch](https://epfl.ch); [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/École\\_Polytechnique\\_Fédérale\\_de\\_Lausanne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/École_Polytechnique_Fédérale_de_Lausanne); [rolexlearningcenter.epfl.ch](https://rolexlearningcenter.epfl.ch)  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rolex\\_Learning\\_Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rolex_Learning_Center); [youtube.com/watch?v=LxabbECorRs](https://youtube.com/watch?v=LxabbECorRs) (RLC intro)

EPFL is known as the "MIT of Europe" – a world class top 10 university specializing in Engineering and Natural Sciences. The mission of The Explorers Club significantly overlaps with the EPFL 2021–2024 Strategic Plan below, therefore one of our key goals is to identify potential areas of stakeholder synergy:

1. Adapting our education portfolio to meet society's needs
2. Promoting the next generation of scientists, engineers and architects
3. Bolstering our research excellence in key scientific areas
4. Promoting a culture of open science
5. Deepening our relationship with the Swiss community
6. Developing a sustainable campus and dynamic community
7. Further enhancing the sustainability and stability of our funding

### Geneva Polo Club (GPC)

[genevapolo.com](https://genevapolo.com); [sponsoring@genevapolo.com](mailto:sponsoring@genevapolo.com)

The Geneva Polo Club was founded in 2008 near downtown Geneva on a 30-hectare estate and has hosted 100+ tournaments held from May to October in a very relaxed and casual atmosphere, which is very conducive to promoting dialogue leading to fruitful collaborations.

### Toby Wright Fine Art and The Convergence

[tobywrightfineart.com](https://tobywrightfineart.com); [theconvergence.co](https://theconvergence.co); [vimeo.com/896748432](https://vimeo.com/896748432)

Finding his early inspiration in the natural world, Toby Wright developed a wide range of subjects along with the study of the old masters in Florence. Spending as much time painting outdoors as indoors, he paints from life for his landscapes and in the studio for his figurative work.

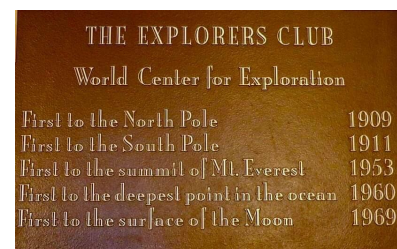
The Convergence is a creative impact studio, operating at the intersection of art, media, and technology. mission is to make sustainability accessible by uniting experts, leaders, and creatives from around the world to amplify a positive impact on the future of our planet through collaboration, multi-disciplinary projects, and philanthropic initiatives.

### The Explorers Club (Switzerland Chapter)

[explorers.org](https://explorers.org); [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Explorers\\_Club](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Explorers_Club); [mensjournal.com/adventure/how-to-become-a-member-of-the-explorers-club-w487146](https://mensjournal.com/adventure/how-to-become-a-member-of-the-explorers-club-w487146); [glexsummit.com](https://glexsummit.com); <https://youtu.be/nqbtisPyTdE> (TEC Behind the Scenes)

The Switzerland Chapter is the national representation of The Explorers Club (TEC), an international multidisciplinary professional society with the goal of promoting Scientific Exploration and Field Studies.

Founded in New York in 1904, it has since served as a major meeting point for explorers and scientists worldwide. The club is proud of its famous firsts, as our members have been first to the North Pole, the South Pole, the summit of Mt. Everest, the deepest point in the ocean, and to the surface of the Moon.



*Our "Famous Firsts" expeditions by TEC members – the last line was left blank for the upcoming Mars Landing*



*TEC HQ gala with the "Original Jedis", our Apollo moonwalker members; "virtual" lightsabers are jocular*



*A past TEC President served as an "Indiana Jones" inspiration; this is his whip on display at our NY Clubhouse*

Many thanks to EPFL Club  
Montagne for their support in  
the organization of our event

Links to Zoom Sessions via:  
[tiny.cc/ExplorersWeekend](https://tiny.cc/ExplorersWeekend)

This is a nonprofit event co-hosted by EPFL Club Montagne, The Explorers Club (Switzerland Chapter) and WisdomAccelerator.org – a Swiss NGO.



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