



The UK's largest hobby games convention, UK Games Expo, is set to take place at the NEC next summer.

The 12th annual UK Games Expo (UKGE) will run from 1st to 3rd June, 2018. Last year the event attracted around 32,000 people, making it one of the largest hobby games conventions in the world.

As a focal point for Hobby Games, UKGE attracts more than 300 games companies, from independent startups to major players in the industry. who are looking to release new games and demonstrate exciting prototypes. These include the event's major sponsors, Catan Studios, Games Workshop and Warcradle Studios, and its associate sponsors, Geeknsons, Osprey Games, Paizo, Greater than Games and Czech Games Edition and Family Zone Sponsors, HABA.

With a proven track record of successfully hosting national tournaments, 2018 will see UKGE playing host to the Catan UK Championships, the Agricola UK Championships and the Carcassonne UK Championships, the Fantasy Flight European championships including huge X-wing Miniatures and Android Netrunner European Championships and a Legend of the Five Rings Grand Kotei event.

UKGE also boasts the largest Role-playing Games schedule in the UK, with hundreds of games sessions in dozens of games systems over the three days. Magic the Gathering events are planned, and UK Games Expo also hosts British Historical Games Society events.

The event continues to expand with the addition of a full 2<sup>nd</sup> Hall with even more exhibitors as well as more gaming space.

UKGE is not just for gaming enthusiasts. Families and visitors are well catered for with a dedicated family zone and demonstrations throughout the Trade Hall of all the best and newest games both for the family audience and those looking for more complex games. There's no need to work through a complex rule book – there is someone on hand to guide you through and make this an easy, safe, and fun event to attend.

Cosplayers portray characters from Doctor Who, Star Wars and many other films and TV series, and there are live entertainment games with active audience participation. Alongside all that is a food festival and a full seminar programme, looking at all aspects of the hobby games world including Live recordings of Podcasts by The Dice Tower and Shut Up and Sit down and others. There is a dedicated Publisher-Designer Track where budding games designers can find out how to design and publish their game ideas.

Finally, UKGE welcomes guests from the industry including one of the founding fathers of modern tabletop gaming, author of the Fighting Fantasy series and founder of Games Workshop, Ian Livingstone. Tom Vasel from the hugely successful The Dice Tower podcast and you tube channel and Martin Wallace, prolific game designer are just some of the game industry celebrities in attendance.

Come and experience what the Hobby Games world has to offer.

Adult day tickets are £13. Family tickets available.

Dates for the 2018 Show: 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Location: NEC and NEC Hilton Hotel.

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