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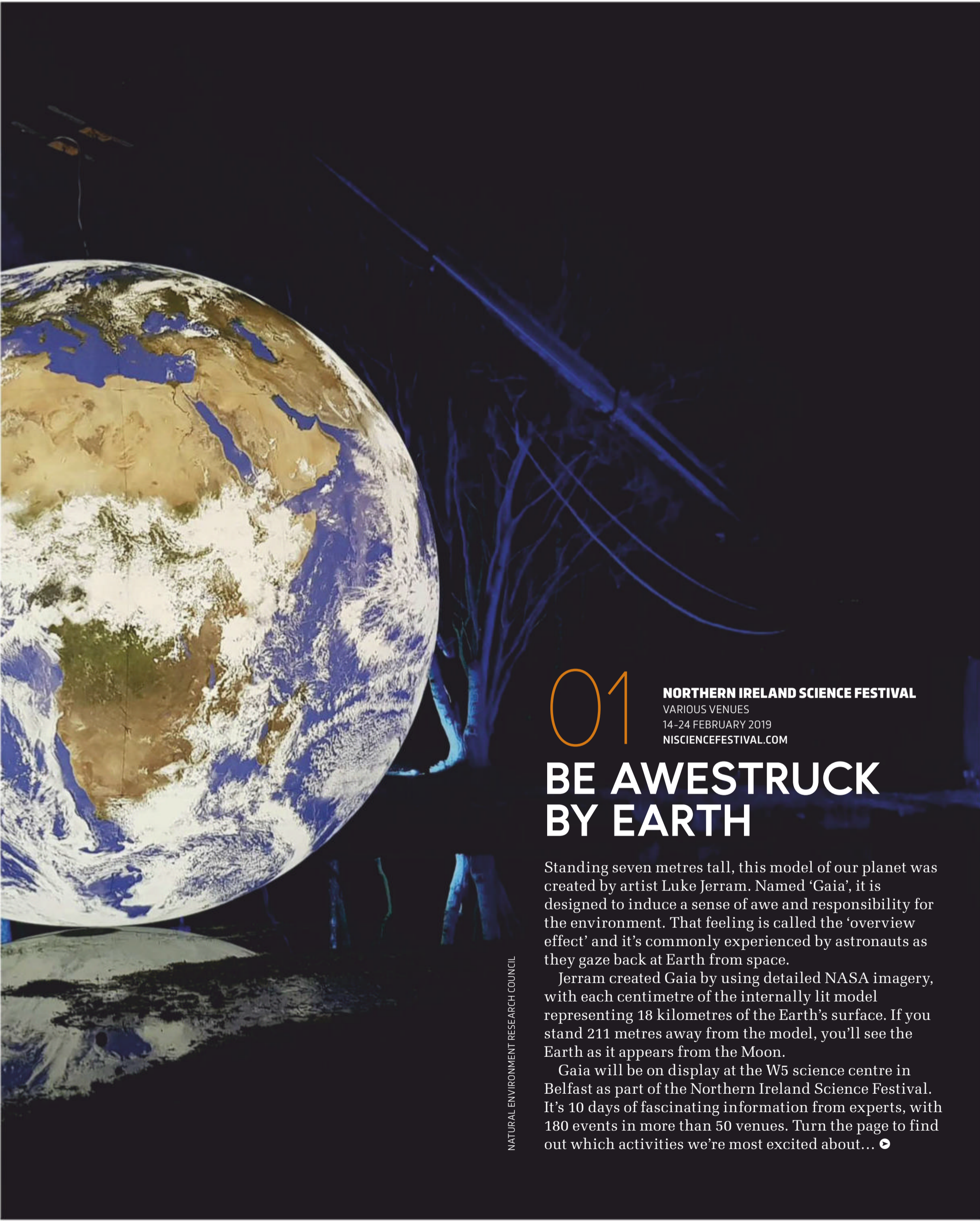
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## BE AWESTRUCK BY EARTH

Standing seven metres tall, this model of our planet was created by artist Luke Jerram. Named 'Gaia', it is designed to induce a sense of awe and responsibility for the environment. That feeling is called the 'overview effect' and it's commonly experienced by astronauts as they gaze back at Earth from space.

Jerram created Gaia by using detailed NASA imagery, with each centimetre of the internally lit model representing 18 kilometres of the Earth's surface. If you stand 211 metres away from the model, you'll see the Earth as it appears from the Moon.

Gaia will be on display at the W5 science centre in Belfast as part of the Northern Ireland Science Festival. It's 10 days of fascinating information from experts, with 180 events in more than 50 venues. Turn the page to find out which activities we're most excited about... ▶

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