

From Atoms to Astrophysics

The Explore Your Universe partnership

Partnerships

Working together for better engagement

Sharing our incredible science and technology across the length and breadth of the UK is deeply important to STFC. Since 2012, we have worked with the Association for Science & Discovery Centres (ASDC) to find new ways of inspiring people across the country. We call this partnership Explore Your Universe.

Both ASDC and STFC want people of all ages and backgrounds to have an opportunity to enjoy and explore science. Science and technology have a major impact on our lives, but not everyone has the chance to be inspired by the power of science in helping us to unravel the mysteries of the world around us.

The Explore Your Universe programme runs across 29 science centres, facilities and universities in the UK. It allows children and their families to experience STFC science in a totally different manner to anything else



ASDC are delighted to be leading this national strategic programme celebrating the exceptional stories and science of UK research in these fascinating areas of physics and engineering. This unique partnership has been able to showcase and share the UK's very best science with hundreds of thousands of children and adults by utilising the vibrant network of UK science centres and their professional science engagement staff working across the UK.

Penny Fidler, CEO of ASDC



Explore Your Universe was a huge success for us. It allowed us to develop a whole suite of activities in physics-related areas. We know that school and public attendees really enjoyed the activities, and staff confidence has dramatically increased in delivering what is sometimes perceived as challenging content.

Lee Pullen, At-Bristol Science Centre

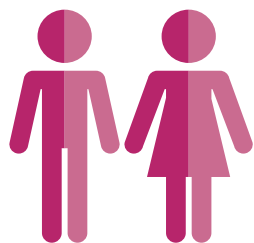
they will have encountered before, and to meet real scientists and engineers face-to-face. Every centre involved in the programme has found new ways to take these physics and engineering stories to a wider audience, and trained their own staff to speak with confidence about cutting-edge science.

Between 2012 and 2015, over 341,000 people directly experienced Explore Your Universe. Four out of every five participants said they were more interested in science after attending an Explore Your Universe event. Both girls and boys equally say that the programme has increased their interest in science, and their interest in careers based on science and technology.

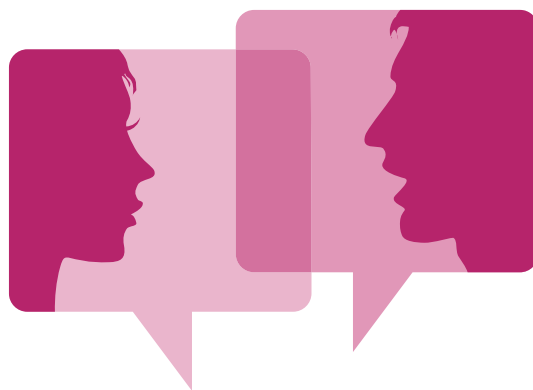


Explore Your Universe has been one of the best projects we have worked on. Teachers have reported that their pupils are really enthusiastic about the workshops - even those that are usually uninterested in science. It has become one of our best received projects.

Louise Smith, Dundee Science Centre



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