Royal Astronomical Society

Education and Outreach Officer

Salary - £40,000 Full time

The Royal Astronomical Society is seeking a creative and proactive Education and Outreach Officer. Based in London at our Burlington House premises, this role will involve developing and delivering a wide range of engaging astronomy and geophysics education activities to audiences both local and some across the country.

As an education and outreach officer you would play a vital role in our team, working with schools, families and young children to bring the fields of astronomy and geophysics to life for these audiences.

Primary Responsibilities Include:

- Develop and deliver engaging astronomy and geophysics education and outreach programmes for schools, families, community groups and other audiences.
- Design, present and facilitate inspiring talks, workshops, activities and learning experiences in both face-to-face and online environments.
- Lead the Royal Astronomical Society Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) programme, supporting students aged 14–16 to develop their knowledge and research skills.
- Create high-quality, innovative educational resources and learning materials for use in schools, community settings and online.
- Build and maintain a network of teachers and education partners to support the development and continuous improvement of Royal Astronomical Society education programmes.
- Support the wider public engagement activities of the Royal Astronomical Society, helping to increase awareness of astronomy and geophysics.
- Champion diversity, inclusion and accessibility, working to engage audiences that are underrepresented in these fields.
- Represent the Royal Astronomical Society across the UK through outreach activities, events and partnerships, including occasional evening, weekend and travel commitments.

About Us

The Royal Astronomical Society (The Society) is the UK learned society that promotes astronomy, solar system science and geophysics. The Society is a company incorporated by Royal Charter and UK registered charity and is headquartered at

Burlington House in Piccadilly, London. Founded in 1820, the Society supports research, education, public engagement and science policy through meetings, publications, awards, grants and library services. Staff support these activities and play a central role in enabling the Society to fulfil its charitable purpose.

What You Bring

- Knowledge of astronomy and geophysics, and an understanding of how these subjects are taught and explored within the UK education sector.
- Experience of developing and delivering engaging education, outreach or public engagement programmes and learning resources.
- Experience of working with children and young people, ideally across primary and secondary education settings.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills, with the ability to engage and inspire a wide range of audiences.
- Strong organisational and project management skills, with the ability to manage multiple activities and priorities.
- A commitment to diversity, inclusion and widening participation, with a passion for making astronomy and geophysics accessible to all.