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Wales & West Spacefest 2027 to bring Space, Science and Astronomy to Life at Aerospace Bristol

Everyone is invited to discover the extraordinary nature of space at **Wales & West Spacefest 2027**, taking place at Aerospace Bristol on **Saturday 6 March 2027**, from **09:30 to 17:00**.

Now an annual public exhibition, Wales & West Spacefest brings together **space businesses, not-for-profit organisations and amateur astronomical societies** to demonstrate how accessible space and astronomy can be—and how an interest in space can develop into a hobby, a passion or a rewarding STEM career.

Following the inaugural event in 2026, which attracted nearly **800 visitors**, organisers are aiming to welcome **1,500 people in 2027**. The event is particularly designed to appeal to families with children from Key Stages 1 to 3, amateur astronomers and photographers, and anyone fascinated by stargazing, engineering or space exploration.

Held inside the **Concorde Hangar at Aerospace Bristol**, Spacefest will provide a unique environment in which visitors can explore, experiment and discover. Exhibits will cover everything from the science of astronomy and Britain's space heritage to the engineering and technologies being developed for the future.

For parents and young people, the event offers an exciting opportunity to discover the breadth of STEM careers available through real examples from organisations working in and around the space sector. For leaders of youth organisations, it provides an engaging destination for young people to encounter science and engineering beyond the classroom and see where their curiosity could lead.

Amateur astronomers and photographers will also find plenty to explore, including a wide range of telescopes, from smart telescopes to large reflecting instruments, alongside opportunities to discover how you can listen to the Sun or find planets orbiting other stars.

A programme of talks will run throughout the day in the auditorium. The morning theme will be **“Exploring the Solar System”**, while the afternoon will ask the enduring question **“Is there life out there?”** European Space Agency Reserve Astronaut **Dr Meganne Christian** will attend to meet the astronauts of the future and deliver a talk on future crewed spaceflight to low Earth orbit, the Moon and beyond.

Visitors can also immerse themselves in the Universe through a **planetarium**, experience space through **virtual reality**, and attempt to dock a spacecraft with the International Space Station using a realistic simulator.

Spacefest also provides businesses and industry bodies with a valuable platform for **public engagement and STEM outreach**. Exhibiting offers organisations the chance to showcase their work, raise awareness of their contribution to the space and technology sectors, and inspire potential future employees. Organisations interested in exhibiting can find further information at spacefest.uk/become-an-exhibitor/. The organisations already intending to exhibit are listed at spacefest.uk/exhibitors/.

Visitors will additionally be able to explore the wider Aerospace Bristol museum, including spacecraft models and replicas designed, built and tested at Filton, such as **Giotto**, which photographed Halley's Comet in 1986, and walk inside the final Concorde aircraft to be built and the last to fly.

Tickets include entry to Spacefest and **a year's entry to the Aerospace Bristol Museum**.

Wales & West Spacefest 2027 is organised by **Bath Astronomers, Bristol Astronomical Society and Cardiff Astronomical Society**, in partnership with Aerospace Bristol.

Saturday 6 March 2027 | 09:30–17:00
Concorde Hangar, Aerospace Bristol, Bristol, BS34 5BZ

Tickets are available from Aerospace Bristol.

For further information or enquiries, please visit spacefest.uk or email **info@spacefest.uk**.