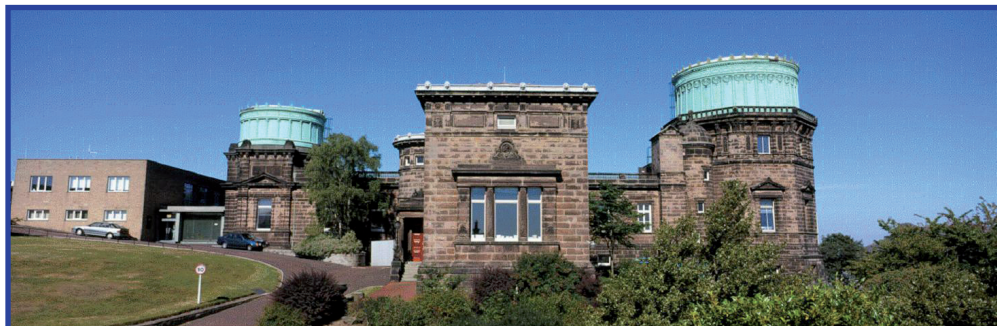


The Royal Observatory, Edinburgh is unique among UK scientific establishments in that it houses on a single site a UK Research Council establishment, a university astronomy research group and a Visitor Centre.



- Group and school visits to the Centre.
- Public outreach using the Starlab Planetarium and astronomy activities.
- Training for teachers and other professional groups.
- Open days.

The mission of the centre is to promote and respond to public interest in astronomy and to support science

The UK Astronomy Technology Centre

The UK Astronomy Technology Centre is the national centre for astronomical technology and part of the Science and Technology Facilities Council. We design and build instruments for many of the world's major telescopes. We also project-manage UK and international collaborations.

Our scientists carry out observational and theoretical research into questions such as the origins of planets and of galaxies.

We support an active science and society programme through the work of the Royal Observatory Visitor Centre.

Nuclear Physics, the Institute for Condensed Matter, the Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre, and the Institute for eScience).

The IfA shares the historic and beautiful Royal Observatory Edinburgh on Blackford Hill with the UK Astronomy Technology Centre (UK ATC). This allows the research astronomers within the IfA to work in close collaboration with the STFC-funded scientists and instrument builders at the UK ATC.

The IfA also has a vigorous teaching programme at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, leading to BSc Hons, MPhys Hons and PhD degrees in Astrophysics.

Visitor Centre

The ROE Visitor Centre is a window into the fascinating science, technology and heritage of the Observatory and the world of astronomy. The Centre runs activities and special events for the general public and for schools and teachers, both here at the Observatory and at venues around Scotland.

Activities include:

- A programme of public lectures and observing sessions.



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The Institute for Astronomy

The Institute for Astronomy is one of five major components of the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Edinburgh (the others being the Institute for Particle and

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