

Mount Stromlo Tactile Galaxy Night

Mount Stromlo Observatory will introduce a pilot astronomy event designed for blind and vision-impaired audiences, inspired by *The Tactile Universe* project from the University of Portsmouth (Bonne et al., 2018). This program combines a guided exploration of Mount Stromlo's history with a hands-on "Tactile Galaxy" session, using 3D-printed models of astronomical objects visible from the site. Participants will learn about the Milky Way and the life cycle of stars through touch and inclusive narration, offering a non-visual pathway into astronomy.

About the workshops

A trial workshop: - A small group of people with vision impairment, who can provide feedback so that we can build on and create a better workshop plan:

- Preferred date: 11th September, 1:30-2:30pm
- Location: CBS Office
- Looking for: 2-3 participants

Main event: A session at Mount Stromlo Observatory with professional astronomers, who will guide the participants in the workshop:

- Date: 17th of October, 6:00-8:00pm
- Location: Mount Stromlo Observatory Visitor Centre
- Looking for: 12-15 participants

If you are interested to participate in this astrophysical experience, please contact Aalo on 6247 4580 or email admin@canberrablindsociety.org.au