

# Scopes4SEN

Telescopes for Special Educational Needs (SEN)



## We donate telescopes to special educational need locations

We believe all children should have the opportunity to explore the Moon, the stars and the Planets!

Having a telescope, it gives them a space to explore, to exercise their imagination, and dream of new possibilities. Our "Reach for the Stars" project is aimed at schools, hospitals, retreat centres, trusts, and also home schooling families that cater for children with special educational needs and institutions for children with disabilities.

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### FUNDRAISING

We raise funds to buy telescopes and educational material

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### DONATING

We donate and send telescopes to SEN locations

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### INSPIRE

The more we raise, the more we can buy, the more we can inspire



#### Mason Eyles

"We can't wait to put it to use tonight. Mason is absolutely over the Moon." Nikki



#### Lillington Youth Centre

"One girl in particular has chosen to study astronomy at university, she will be the first person in her family to attend university." Emma Stuchbury



#### Anakin Emery

"Anakin received his Astronomy Kit. He was so excited to get a parcel just for him & screamed (happy) the house down when he seen what he had received he sat & has read through & he loves the planisphere. He's so excited & happy." Tina

## Donating telescopes and educational material

Scopes4SEN donates telescopes to locations who support special educational needs pupils and vulnerable people

In about four years and half, we donated 931 telescopes (status June 18, 2020). We obtain and buy telescopes with fundraising. Or we get donations from individuals, or companies who have stock where boxes are damaged or something is missing, wrong parts etc. In that case telescopes are checked and completed prior to send them out. On of what was original sending out one telescope a month, became a whole one-man-band-charity-operation. But it is worth. Seeing the sparks in those pupils' eyes is fuel to continue.



**“Seeing the bird poo on the school roof across the road was the funniest thing to look at and got lots of laughs”**  
**Emely Redgwick**

**Why?** Budgets in schools are limited. Overall, science and astronomy does not get enough attention in Special Education Needs schools. With a telescope, the SEN pupils get more comfortable handling an instrument. The pupils get inspired by using the telescope. Just daytime objects like buildings, trees, animals. But of course also watching the Moon, the Planets and the stars provokes a spark in their eyes. So many SEN pupils are bright and brave to use a telescope, with or without guidance.

**How many SEN pupils do benefit?** About 100 pupils per location do benefit of a telescope. Which is absolutely a minimum. Overall it is far more pupils who have access to the telescopes. Telescopes last for many years to come! We only donate to UK locations!

**What do we need?** We buy direct from manufacturers. At an average of £50 per telescope (including shipping). Depending on the funding we get, we can donate more telescopes to special educational needs locations. If Scopes4SEN is shortlisted for a smaller amount, we just send less telescopes to SEN locations. So far we donated at least 200 telescopes a year. Any donation is welcome!

### SCOPES4SEN CONSTITUTION - REGISTERED CHARITY

To advance the education of children with special educational needs by donating astronomical telescopes, binoculars and educational materials free of charge to schools and other relevant institutions.

