

WHAT IS THE FDAO SOCIETY?

The Friends of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory Society (FDAOS) is a new, registered community organization open to all citizens who are dedicated to restoring public programming at the DAO, as well as revitalizing the visitor's centre at the Observatory. Our supporters include Canadian Astronaut Bob Thirsk and CBC Science Journalist Bob McDonald (an advisor and honorary member of our Board).

WHY THE FDAO?

Due to funding cuts, there has not been a school tour at the observatory since June of 2013, and the evening viewing schedule has been extremely limited compared to the past. It is our belief that the historic Plaskett Telescope and the associated facilities previously used for public outreach can once again be a vibrant centre accessible to the public and dedicated to science outreach, particularly if we take advantage of 21st Century information technology.

We believe that with the dedication and commitment of volunteers the Centre of the Universe can be even better than it was, and once again be a valuable resource for the public.



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**SCIENCE OUTREACH
ON THE HILL**

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?

Imagine visiting in person, or online, a new type of visitor's centre, where skilled educators and volunteers engage you with experiments you can conduct, music and artwork, and the latest personalized 21st century information technology. You learn about current developments in Canadian astronomical science and related fields and astronomy's cultural connections to societies.

You are made to feel welcome whether you are a student wondering how to develop a career in science, a parent looking for opportunities for a young child, a member of a First Nation, a person with a disability, or a tourist. On each subsequent visit, the content is different and you learn something new, whether it be about your place in the universe or the latest exoplanets found.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

- Become a member of the FDAO
- Tell your friends, coworkers, or fellow parents about the FDAO
- Write a letter of support
- Donate to the FDAO (watch for our crowdfunding campaign, coming to social media in the near future!)
- Encourage scientific exploration in the field of Astronomy

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

You get to be part of helping science outreach come back to Observatory Hill.

You get to help the local community access this resource.

You get a say in what programmes are offered and a vote at the AGM.

You get to help thousands of students access this resource.

You get to help spark the imagination of our youth.

THANKS TO

Many thanks to the members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Victoria Centre for organizing and volunteering at the Saturday Star Parties, and to Science Venture for offering their popular summer camps at the Centre of the Universe. The Friends of the DAO will continue working in partnership with both organizations and the NRC.



STAR PARTY DATES

JULY, 2015:

- July 18
- July 25

AUGUST, 2015:

- August 1
- August 8
- August 29

SEPTEMBER, 2015

- September 12

SUGGESTIONS?

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email us at info@observatoryhill.org.

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