

# News story: Exploration Education and Outreach Grants Awarded

A total of £122 000 has been awarded for these exciting new projects.

The following partners have been awarded funds for projects that support the objectives of the Agency's education and exploration programmes:

- Curved House Kids: City on Mars Discovery Diary
- North Hertfordshire College: Airbus Foundation Discovery Space – Aurora Programme
- Northumbria University: Family Space Explorers
- Spacefund: RoboKids Primary School Tour

The UK Space Agency is delighted to be able to support these projects, which meet our education objectives in encouraging children to take up STEM subjects, raise awareness of careers in space-related areas, and raise awareness of the UK's exploration programme.

We look forward to publishing more details on the individual projects as they get up and running over the next few months.

NUSTEM at Northumbria University who will be working on the 'Family Space Explorers' project said:

NUSTEM at Northumbria University are delighted to have been chosen as part of the outreach programme for the UK Space Agency. Space is a fascinating subject, and we're looking forward to bringing the story of space exploration to toddlers and their families. Through story books and creative activities, we'll be sharing a glimpse of the UK's role in space with North East families.

Joanne Fox from Spacefund, who will be creating the 'RoboKids Primary School Tour', said:

Sponsored by the UK Space Agency's Exploration grant scheme, RoboKids aims to take over 7,000 Primary School children on a fun and inspirational journey to Mars. Pupils will help programme our friendly robot "Nao" and embark on a robotic mission to the Red Planet. Curriculum mapped to Key Stages 1 & 2 for computing, science and design technology, RoboKids uses a successful recipe of fun, excitement, and technology to deliver a 40 minute interactive show followed by a 40 minute ExoMars rover building and programming workshop. Available from October 2017.