

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn337

Number of telescopes: 7

Number of organisers: 10

Number of attendees: 50

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Event Report:

With a perfectly clear night and all our society's telescopes, the event was a huge success. Despite transport issues, we managed to get 18 high school children from the local township to come and make telescopes.

They thoroughly enjoyed making the little telescopes and the talk on Galileo and how you don't need much to change the world. After the workshop, we joined the telescopes and about 50 members of the general public for an exquisite night of viewing the moon, Jupiter and a few clusters through all our society's telescopes.

The public enjoyed the event so much, it will likely become a regular occurrence. The children were inspired and there is now talk of them starting an astronomy club in their community. Galilean Nights certainly touched many lives in South Africa.