



STARDOME

OBSERVATORY

Volunteer Application

The Stardome is seeking volunteers to help with public evening sessions. Duties include telescope work, shop assistance and other duties related to the delivery of our public sessions. We also are seeking expressions of interest from individuals that may be able to assist with our daytime weekend and on occasion weekday daytime sessions.

Contact Information (Please note you must be 15 years or older to apply)

Name	
Street Address	
Town Postcode	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Mobile Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Availability

During which hours are you available for volunteer assignments? (Please tick)

Weekday mornings

Weekend mornings

Weekday afternoons

Weekend afternoons

Weekday evenings

Weekend evenings

Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarise special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarise your previous volunteer experience.

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Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
Town Postcode	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

To submit your application (please return pages 1 and 2)

Post: The Chief Executive
Stardome Observatory
PO Box 24180,
Royal Oak
Auckland 1345

OR

Fax to: 09 6252394

For any general enquiries please phone David Houldsworth on 09 6241246 ext 206
Or email davidh@stardome.org.nz



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About Us

The Stardome Observatory is situated in the One Tree Hill Domain, Auckland. It remains one of only a few dedicated science education and research facilities that is open to the general public. Stardome is visited annually by thousands of school children, attendees to its varied holiday programmes and the wider community who attend daily public shows.

Stardome's core business is teaching astronomy science and it is able to offer visitors the experience of learning together with in a world class planetarium environment (all weather facility). The visitors are then offered the additional benefit of being able to use telescopes to view the real night sky (weather dependant). The Stardome experience takes a learning, simulated environment and turns it into reality, this is a very unique combination and Auckland is one of the few cities worldwide that are able to offer both methods in one facility.

The Stardome History

Stardome Observatory is a not for profit charitable trust that has a proud 50-year history.

The business began with the donation one of the largest telescopes found in the southern hemisphere in 1967, donated by philanthropist Edith Winstone Blackwell. The Zeiss telescope was gifted on the proviso that it would be always accessible to the citizens of Auckland.

In February 1997 a planetarium was added to the site, which created a new medium in which to teach and learn astronomy. Today at Stardome you will find a vibrant facility incorporating the planetarium and observatory together with exhibit area, teaching spaces, shop and events facilities.

The Stardome employs administration and education staff who manage the day to day business of the operation and they are supported by numerous volunteers and enthusiasts who contribute thousands of hours of their time collectively each year. In addition to the education programmes at the facility dedicated astronomical research is done via time donated by volunteer astronomers who contribute a considerable amount of time and data that makes up an important contribution to serious global research.

Volunteer Benefits

As well as the chance to make a difference in a unique place, becoming a Stardome volunteer has many other benefits, such as;

- Volunteers receive free admission to Stardome shows.
- The Stardome runs regular training sessions on all aspects of the operation including the operation of the telescopes.
- Volunteers receive discounts in the Stardome shop and other staff benefits.
- The Auckland Astronomical Society offer a rebate on subs (currently a full rebate) to volunteers that help 12 times within a year.
- Meet people from all around the world.

Hours of work

Volunteer are usually required to work a minimum of one shift per month (except holiday volunteers). A usual shift is approximately three hours, but varies depending on requirements and sessions. Public Night shifts are usually between the hours of 6:30 and 10:30pm. Exact times vary depending on duties and season. A monthly roster is issued.

Contact

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.