

# Astronomy for the Blind and Low Vision

A centralized community hub connecting existing resources, experts, and organizations to make astronomy accessible to blind and low vision individuals worldwide.

SPONSORSHIP

## Opportunities

Founding sponsor recognition

### Tactile

RESOURCES & MATERIALS

### Audio

SONIFICATION OF DATA

### Global

RESOURCE NETWORK

### Central

COMMUNITY HUB

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

Resources for BLV astronomy abound but are not broadly distributed. Space agencies and education organizations have created tactile materials, sonification tools, and accessible content—but **resource creators and potential recipients remain separated by geography and discipline.**

A4E is building a centralized, multidisciplinary hub that connects this small but passionate community.

#### WHAT WE'RE BUILDING

- Curated repository of BLV astronomy resources for beginners
- Emphasis on DIY resources that can be made anywhere
- Network connecting experts, clubs, and BLV organizations
- Mentorship program pairing astronomers with local organizers
- Examples of tactile planetarium domes and how-to guides
- Model programs for amateur clubs to replicate

#### RESOURCES WE'RE CURATING



##### NASA / STScI

Tactile materials from Hubble Space Telescope



##### Chandra X-ray

Tactile representations of X-ray astronomy objects



##### IAU Working Group

Repository of accessibility resources for astronomy

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS

##### IAU Working Group for Equity & Inclusion

Subgroup focused on astronomy access for blind and low vision individuals

##### Amateur Astronomy Clubs

Several have developed BLV outreach programs; others want to start

#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Help build the first global hub for accessible astronomy.  
**Founding sponsor opportunities available. Contact for details.**

### The Universe is for Everyone

Help build the first global hub for accessible astronomy.

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