

# NORTH EAST DARK SKIES FESTIVAL 2026

13-21 February

A region-wide festival  
illuminating the importance  
of our unique dark skies



## North East Dark Skies Festival: Get Involved

We're lucky to have some of the darkest and most awe-inspiring dark skies in Europe. From The Borders to the coast, and across the region our landscapes offer the perfect backdrop for people to slow down, look up and reconnect with the natural world.

The North East Dark Skies Festival is our chance to celebrate that. Together, we're creating a region-wide programme of stargazing, storytelling, night walks, creative and educational workshops and family-friendly adventures that highlight the magic above us.

### Why It Matters

#### Boosting our Tourism & Visitor Economy:

Dark skies tourism is one of the fastest-growing visitor experiences. The festival extends the season, attracting people during quieter months.

**Wellbeing & Connection:** Stargazing encourages reflection, mindfulness, and a sense of wonder – something we could all use a bit more of.

**Education & Inspiration:** From astronomy to conservation, the festival will bring science to life and spark curiosity.

**Regional Pride:** Our dark skies are a unique regional asset. Celebrating them strengthens the North East's identity as a world-class destination.

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### How You Can Join In

We're inviting regional businesses, venues and community organisations to help shape the festival.

Why don't you...

- ★ Host an event – from a stargazing supper to a night-time outdoor activity or creative workshop.
- ★ Create a special offer, package, product or themed menu.
- ★ Open your venue for talks, exhibitions activities or something else.
- ★ Support through sponsorship, equipment or volunteer time.
- ★ And if you've already got something planned for that week – let's bring it into the festival!

### What's in it for you?

By getting involved, you'll help create something special for our region – and you'll also reach new audiences, boost off-peak bookings, and build new connections across our communities.

We will support with branding and promotion – come and join the festival fun – the sky's the limit!

### Get in touch

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