



Following on from last years successful **Stargazing Live** television show, **Professor Brian Cox** and **Dara O'Briain**

will be back on our screens again this year for another three days of Stargazing shows. This will be on

BBC Two from 16th to 18th January

As well as the live television shows, the BBC are putting on events around the UK throughout January and as the NIAAS is now an official BBC partner, we will be out and about with them!

On **Saturday 14th January** we will be in Derry/Londonderry for the BBC Big Screen Stargazing Live Event. This starts at 12 noon in Waterloo Place near Guildhall Square. From 1pm to 2pm there will be a live feed on the big screen from the Faulkes Telescope, Hawaii and from 2pm you can become a screen star and try out the interactive big screen quiz! There will also be fun stargazing activities for all the family!

For more info on this event visit the [BBC Things To Do Website!](#)

Then on **Wednesday 18th January**, the NIAAS will be back at the **Armagh Planetarium** for another action packed night of activities. Many of you came along to this successful event last year and this year looks even better as the Planetarium opens its doors again.

The start time is **6.30pm** and we'll be there with our telescopes giving advice and showing you the night sky in all its glory! For the young astronomers, the Planetarium will have a space based arts and crafts session and new this year there will also be a Meteorite Workshop which will include the first public display of the planetarium's latest lunar meteorite acquisition!

But thats not all, they will be screening free presentations of their new digital theater show '**Experience The Aurora**

' (Seats for the shows must be pre-booked in advance to avoid disappointment!)

[Visit the Armagh Planetarium website for more info.](#)

On **Monday 6th February** the club will be holding it's annual Andrew Trimble Lecture in **Ballyclare High School**

lecture theater. We are pleased to have

Ronan Newman

from

Galway Astronomy Society

as our guest speaker who will be talking about the NASA Space Shuttle Program!

*Unfortunately Ronan won't be able to make the February meeting, however we have rescheduled him for April. We are very lucky, as we now have **Dr Tom Mason MBE, Director of the Armagh Planetarium**

, as our speaker at the February meeting.*

But thats not all, throughout January we will of course be having more observing sessions on clear nights! Join our forum for up to date info on when and where they are happening!

If you have got a telescope and want some expert advice bring it along to one of our events and we will be more than happy to help you, or if you are looking at getting into stargazing come along for a friendly chat.

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