



**a telescope for every neighborhood**

## **The problem**

Our cities are often divided along racial, ethnic, or class lines with few opportunities for people of different backgrounds to interact and learn from one another. Our public spaces often go underused and underappreciated. Improving gender equity and diversity continue to be challenges in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) careers and academic majors.

## **What's #popscope?**

We are an urban astronomy movement that hosts free “pop-up” events with telescopes in public spaces. We want to do our part in addressing these challenges by bringing the knowledge and inspiring beauty of astronomy to our communities. We seek to partner with existing organizations in our communities to maximize our collective impact.

## **Our mission**

- ❖ Connect people to each other, in-person and online,
- ❖ Promote the use of public spaces, and
- ❖ Educate communities about science and astronomy.

## **Our impact**

Since our launch in 2014, we have hosted over 300 events that have connected more than 16,000 to the night sky and to each other. We have popped at schools, on sidewalks, parks - any public space you can imagine! How do we know? We record the date, time, and location of every one of our #popscope events. You can view photos and videos from these events at [www.popscope.org](http://www.popscope.org).

## **Join us**

Imagine looking up at the sky on a clear night —it's beautiful, inexplicable, and awe-inspiring. When was the last time you looked at the stars, the craters of the moon, or the rings of Saturn?

Whether you're in Ottawa, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Jacksonville, New York City, Boston, or elsewhere, we hope you can join #popscope in person, or through our online communities on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

For thousands of years, the night sky has inspired and brought people and communities together. We hope to bring people together for many more. Keep looking up!

**Find a #popscope chapter near you**

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