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The official newsletter of the Space Science  
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## September 2025

### COMING UP IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- ISSDC Finals
- News from the UKSDC Finals
- *Why SDC? And does experience matter more than marks?*
- My ISSDC experience
- Upcoming events for 2025

**LATEST SPACE NEWS** from around the Web; #space and #enviro on social.

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**Get ready for the 2025-2026 season of SSEF competitions and challenges.**

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1 - ISSDC Finals



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6 - Afonso Teixeira



## ISSDC Finals



*7 - UKSDC Team and volunteers at the ISSDC finals*

A report from Beatrix Wellings-Thomas about her experience on the ISSDC 2025

To read the article, [CLICK HERE](#)

## News from the UKSDC Finals



**UKSDC Finals 2025: Future Space Engineers Rise to the Challenge**

To read the article [CLICK HERE](#)

Visit our website for more information about the UK Space Design Competition and how to get involved: [uksdc.org](https://uksdc.org)

## Why SDC?

**"Why SDC? And does experience matter more than marks?"**

An article to help you update your CV and to help any job/admissions interviews where you want to discuss SDC as a work experience.

By Alison, who worked at Imperial College London, teaching engineers, for 30 years.

To read the article [CLICK HERE](#)

## My ISSDC Experience



*8 - Afonso Teixeira with Jenny Lyons*

By Afonso Teixeira, from Portugal

To read about his experience [CLICK HERE](#)



## Upcoming Events



**REGISTRATION FOR 2025-26 REGIONALS NOW OPEN**

START GETTING A TEAM TOGETHER FOR THE UKSDC REGIONALS FOR 2025-26

DATES FOR SPECIFIC REGIONALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED, WITH MORE TO BE CONFIRMED, SO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**REGISTER HERE!**

**UKSDC**

The banner features a dark blue space background with stars, a rocket ship on the left, and various celestial bodies like planets and a comet on the right.



**EDC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN CHALLENGE**

2025/26 DATES ALREADY COMING IN

Take part in a unique ecology mitigation simulation, crafted for students aged 5-13 and 14-18.

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The banner has a green background with a forest scene. It includes a large green leaf on the left, a globe with a plant growing on it, and several butterflies.



**EUSDC REGIONALS FOR 2025/26**

- ✓ ITSDC
- ✓ ROSDC
- ✓ SPSDC
- ✓ PTSDC

**FIND OUT MORE**

**EUSDC**

IN PERSON & DIGITAL COMPETITIONS

The banner features a dark background with a large orange and yellow planet on the right. On the left, there is a yellow rocket ship and a small globe icon.

## News

We look at the latest space and environmental news from around the world.



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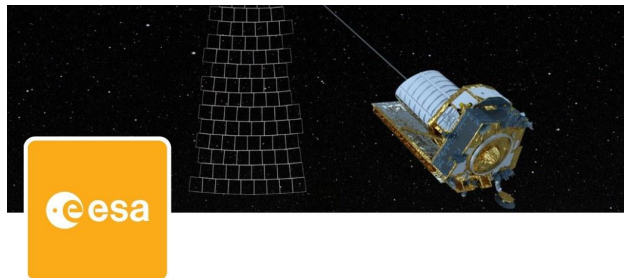
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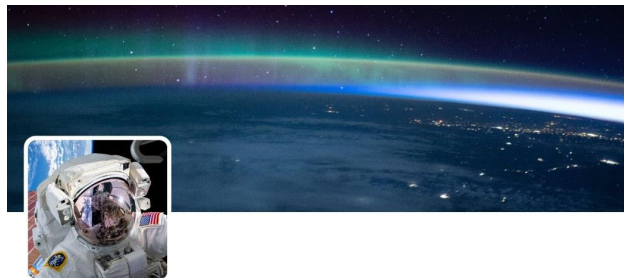
If you're interested in learning more about space, there is much information out there on social media. We've selected some recent #space tweets and videos. Why not follow some of the sites, to keep up to date with their latest news?



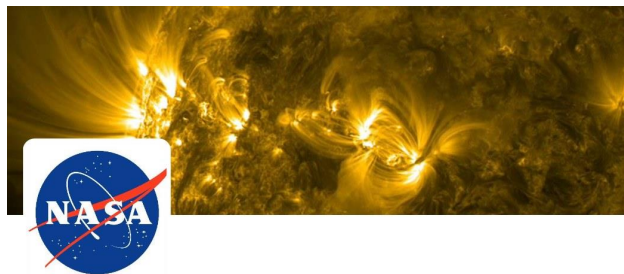
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