

RSGB National Radio Centre

Introducing thousands of people to amateur radio



The RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC) at Bletchley Park welcomes thousands of people through its doors each month. In August alone, nearly 14,500 came to find out more about amateur radio.

The small, dedicated team of volunteers share their experience and enthusiasm with the wide range of people who visit each day, as one of the volunteers explains:

“Volunteering at the NRC gives you a fascinating opportunity to meet people from all over the world – from locals to enthusiasts from as far afield as the USA, Australia and New Zealand. We also meet youngsters who love to try their hands at Morse Code. In fact, anyone and everyone from beginners to expert academics. You will love it.”
– Rob, G3UGX



Inspiring new radio amateurs

As well as being part of an enjoyable day at Bletchley Park, a visit to the National Radio Centre is often the springboard for a new interest in amateur radio.

Schools have started radio clubs after bringing pupils to visit and individuals often go away to get in touch with their local club or to start studying for their Foundation licence.

Ana, M7ANA developed a love for radio as a child but it was a visit to the NRC in 2017 that inspired her to get her amateur radio licence:

“The conversation I had with the NRC volunteer really inspired me and made me realise I could do it; it was the last impulse I needed to go for it and I ordered the Foundation licence training book from the RSGB website on the train!” – Ana, M7ANA

Krassi Frampton is a new member of the NRC team and is taking her Foundation licence exam shortly. She loves being part of the volunteer team and helping to showcase amateur radio:

“Anyone with an interest in communications would benefit from the experience and enthusiasm demonstrated by the volunteers at the National Radio Centre. It is a privilege to be part of the team at the NRC.” – Krassi Frampton



Would you like to be part of the team?

To cover the increased demand at the National Radio Centre we are looking for additional volunteers to help at the weekends. You will need to be confident talking with visitors and be prepared to work at least one, or preferably two, days a month. The National Radio Centre has a fantastic setup and full training on using the GB3RS radio station will be given.

“You don’t have to have huge knowledge, just an interest and enthusiasm about radio communication.”
– Nigel, G4RWI



The RSGB National Radio Centre

Run by the Radio Society of Great Britain, the National Radio Centre is a showcase for radio communications technology. The centre provides the opportunity to discover the history and development of radio from its earliest days through to modern communication methods. Visitors will also find a wealth of activities including a short film, interactive displays, hands-on experiments and the opportunity to see the GB3RS amateur radio station in communication with radio enthusiasts around the world.
www.nationalradiocentre.com



Being an NRC Volunteer is fun, rewarding and a great way to introduce amateur radio to the visiting public.



If you would like to join this fantastic team, contact the RSGB NRC Coordinator:
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