

Newbies On The Air UK

NOTA - Newbies On The Air

Event Details

- **Name of the event:** NOTA - Newbies On The Air
- **Participants:** 15 - 20
- **Experience Level:** Beginner (Newbies)
- **Duration:** 2 Days (1 Night Sleep)

Location and Facilities

- **Space Needed:**
 - Dormitory accommodation
 - Fully stocked toilets and shower facilities
 - Canteen with various food options (including vegetarian/vegan)
 - Special events station area for radio operations
 - A small room for teaching and workshops
 - Outdoor areas with marquees for activities

Food

- **Meals:**
 - Day 1: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 - Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, and optionally Dinner (depending on check-out time)
 - Organized by the event team with a variety of options available to accommodate dietary needs

Finances

- **Budget:**
 - Accommodation: £1,200 - £4,800
 - Food: £1,400 - £3,000
 - Venue: £6,000 - £12,000
 - Bills: £1,000
 - Total Estimated Cost: £9,600 - £20,800
- **Funding:**
 - Event fees from participants
 - Sponsorships from local businesses or amateur radio clubs
 - Crowdfunding or online donations

Materials and Equipment

- **Event Materials:**
 - Basic kit-building materials, with pre-organized components and detailed instructions
 - Whiteboard for teaching sessions
 - Radio equipment: transceivers, antennas, cables, computers for logging and digital modes
 - Soldering kits for hands-on activities (seasonal-themed kits like Christmas trees during holidays)
 - Reliable internet connection for research and digital radio modes

Organizer Preparations

- **Key Preparations:**
 - Create a detailed event timetable, including time slots for operating the event station
 - Pre-prepare kits with all necessary components to avoid confusion
 - Secure access to emergency supplies and snacks
 - Book accommodation and organize food service
 - Set up a Discord server or similar platform for communication and coordination
 - Coordinate with local radio clubs for volunteers to help with setup and mentoring

Participant Checklist

- **What to Bring:**
 - Handheld radio

- Sufficient clothing and toiletries for 2 days
- Some cash or card for personal expenses
- Any personal radio equipment participants want to use

Event Structure

- **Day One:**

- **Morning:** Arrivals and check-in, followed by an introductory briefing
- **Late Morning:** Basic workshops covering the fundamentals of amateur radio (frequencies, antennas, basic operating procedures)
- **Afternoon:** Kit building (beginner-friendly kits with instructions) and setting up the event station
- **Evening:** Group dinner followed by an icebreaker event (such as a radio-related game or scavenger hunt)
- **Night:** Open-air stargazing or outdoor free time by the fire

- **Day Two:**

- **Morning:** Optional group sightseeing or outdoor activity
- **Late Morning:** Time slots for operating the event station, with guidance from experienced volunteers
- **Afternoon:** Participants split into interest groups for activities of their choice (antenna building, digital modes, satellite communication demos, etc.)
- **Late Afternoon:** Closing remarks, certificates of participation, and group photos
- **Evening (optional):** Farewell dinner (depending on check-out time)

- **Optional:**

- License exam opportunities for participants (if applicable in the region, e.g., UK sub-regional camp)
- Free time for socializing, relaxing, and experimenting with personal radio setups

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