

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10.30am**  
Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, NMW, Cathays Park, Cardiff

**Neil Monteiro**  
will give a talk entitled  
**Wales into Space**

**Neil Monteiro Business Development Manager at Space Forge**  
Tells us the story behind the launch of the First in-Space manufacturing  
Satellite developed entirely in Wales



This I'm sure will be a talk on a subject that we've never heard before by someone who obviously has a great depth of understanding of it and had many experiences that have enabled him and his team to achieved what they have already created.

Neil graduated from Imperial College London with a degree in Physics and still helps with engagement there as an Honorary Outreach Lecturer. He now works as a Business Development Manager for the Cardiff-based Space Engineering Company, Space Forge. He was previously employed there as a Space Engineer, where he designed and made things that go into space. Neil has been lucky to be part of many aspects of the space industry from working on a launch site to experiencing zero-gravity on a parabolic flight. He was also a science presenter based in the UK and working all over the world on science based videos and stage shows, improving an interest in science.

The launch of the satellite ForgeStar - 1 marked a major breakthrough for British-built space hardware and was developed entirely in Wales, built and qualified in-house by Space Forge's Cardiff team. Space Forge will also validate the re-entry technology that will eventually bring home the minerals and the items they have built from them using the satellite technology.

The fee of £10 is payable for the talk followed by coffee/tea and biscuits in the Oriel Suite and can be made as follows:

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