

Balloon captures beautiful images of space

Weather balloon, launched from Hackney, takes photos of Earth's sunrise from space

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HAGGERSTON, we have lift off... Or so went the call on 25 April, when a weather balloon was launched from [the park](#) to capture images from the edge of space.

The launch, which happened at 4.30am in order to avoid air traffic restrictions, was part of a 10-year project by artists Ella Good and Nicki Kent.

Called 'A Decade With Mars', it will follow the small group of ordinary people who have signed up to the Mars One Project, to become the first people to colonise the red planet.

Watched by a small group of early-rising residents, the balloon rose to a dizzying 100,000 feet while the camera mounted on it captured images of the sunrise over London.

"After the balloon went up, we drove to Braintree in Essex where it was predicted to land and waited for a signal from the GPS tracker," said Ella Good. Adding: "It took a while for us to find it, but we eventually did – stuck up a 40 foot tree!"

Having launched the project in Hackney, the artists also gave a series of community talks and school workshops on the subject of space travel.

[The project](#) will now tour the UK, though Ella and Nicki will continue to work in partnership with [Shoreditch Town Hall](#).