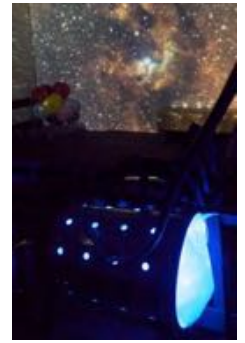


Laika (High vis jackets and hard hats)

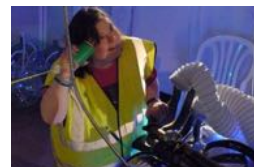
Environment Simple framework of a rocket shape with various accessories attached - metallic instruments, pipes, horizontal braziers (with flashing lights and bubble wrap inside). Metal bowls colanders, chains (silver necklaces) Variety of tubing, large blue water bottles, cup n strings. Countdown and lift off sfx. Space journey projection, globe helmets, coloured lantern spinning planets with lights inside. Chocolate 'moons/stars'



Technicians to the launchpad. Meet Laika and son and take them to the rocket. Repairs and fine tuning required - play instruments and rocket frame, building rhythms and exploring different sounds as you work together to prepare for take-off. Encourage moving round to different parts of the machine, trying different sounds. Accessible to wheelchair users too.



Refuelling and Countdown Have fun with all the different varieties of tubing - calling through, looking down, wiggling, dancing with, playing sounds. Then attach tubing all over rocket frame, to pipes and poking through framework, filling up with water bottles, rolling, tipping over and back, watching balls roll around inside. When fueling complete, hold on tight - countdown begins and we have lift-off!



Earth to Laika Using tubes and/or cup n strings, call each other and hear the sound of voices and off world transmissions travelling from one end to the other. Space projection draws you out on a spacewalk - put on globe helmets and float amongst the stars. Hear the sound of your own voice, feel the smooth roundness of the helmet, help each other make repairs to the ship, then watch as coloured planets spin around you, before drifting off into another galaxy.



Observations Rhythmic rocket repairs greatly enjoyed by whole groups. Variety of instruments and beaters made this accessible to all levels of ability. Peripheral activities - bowls and 'necklaces'/chains, blackboard,space blankets were available for those who prefer quieter tasks. Whiteventilator tubing proves to be an invaluable multisensory prop, offering allkinds of engagement. Space projection made a brilliant visual backdrop for the space walk

