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An Astronomy Project for children with disabilities and underserved communities around the world

Stars Shine for everyone Project is a cooperation between UGent Volkssterrenwacht Armand Pien and Ghent University, started in 2015. Purpose of the project: "To give children in special education and vulnerable people the opportunity to admire the starry sky with the help of a telescope."

During the IAU100 celebration year 2019, SSVI was allowed to have an important place. In 2020 and 2021, SSVI became a partner of IAU Office for Astronomy Outreach. Competitions are organized such as 'Telescopes for All', 100 hours of Astronomy, Draw an Astronomer in which at least 30 SSVI Bresser telescopes are distributed annually. Leiden University provides shipping of the telescopes that were won at the IAU - SSVI contests.

Since 2020, there has also been a partnership with On The Moon Again, L'Astronomie Afrique and Radio France International-Autour de la Question. Since 2022, SSVI also has a collaboration with 'Beamline for Schools' (project powered by CERN). The SSVI project is currently present in over 150 countries across all continents.

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