

STEM AMBASSADORS



STEM Ambassadors are volunteers from a broad range of jobs and backgrounds who are passionate about inspiring young people to pursue STEM studies and careers. Funded by the UK Government, this community of over 35,000 volunteers is an important, free of charge resource for teachers and non-school groups working with young people across the UK.

You may already be doing outreach work, involved in mentoring or inspiring young people into STEM careers or with the Developing the Young Workforce programme. Becoming a STEM Ambassador is the icing on the cake and means that, as well as being involved in university, college, public sector or industry related outreach, you are connected to a national programme, which offers a free PVG Disclosure check, additional training where required and the opportunity to meet other Ambassadors from industry and other universities/colleges.

There are 4,500 STEM Ambassadors in Scotland and you can remain a STEM Ambassador when or if, you leave education, change your employer or go off in a different direction all together!

Benefits of joining the STEM Ambassador programme

Why join the STEM Ambassador Programme?

- Belong to the UK wide STEM Ambassador Programme - 35,500 members
- Free PVG check for working with young people
- Individual profile on STEM Ambassador database which enables you to keep a record what activities you have done as an Ambassador, with your workplace or elsewhere
- Access to resources and additional training sessions through national provider, STEM Learning
- Meet other STEM Ambassadors out with your establishment – identify best practice, be inspired by others' activities, pool together resources on an authority basis. For students, meet with potential employers perhaps?!
- Get involved with non-school opportunities such as Science Centres and museums
- Monthly newsletter outlining all outreach requests across the West of Scotland – you choose if you want to participate or not. Also includes grant information, science communication opportunities, updates on Scottish Government STEM programmes and other things that may be useful to you.
- 19 Ambassador Hubs throughout the UK so you can find out what opportunities are available all over the UK, not just in your local area.



HOW TO BECOME A STEM AMBASSADOR

To become an authorised STEM Ambassador is very simple,

- Create a profile at www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors/ambassadors
- Attend a 2 hour local induction training session (run locally every 6 weeks or can be arranged to be held on-site at your place of work or study for groups of 8 or more)
- Complete a PVG Disclosure check.

Once authorised, all we ask is that you do a minimum of 1 activity per year (recorded against your profile) and this can be something you may be doing anyway so no added commitment!

There are 3 STEM Ambassador Hubs in Scotland - West, East and North.

STEM Ambassador Hub North Scotland - Aberdeen Science Centre, Aberdeen

Email stemambassadors@asc.scot Web www.aberdeensciencecentre.org/stem-ambassadors

STEM Ambassador Hub West Scotland - Science Connects, University of Glasgow

Email stem-ambassadors@glasgow.ac.uk Web www.scienceconnects.org.uk

STEM Ambassador Hub East Scotland - STEM East, Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline

Email ambassadors@fife.ac.uk Web www.stemeast.org.uk

For more information visit

- Science Connects – www.scienceconnects.org.uk
- STEM Learning (national organisation in charge of Ambassadors) – www.stem.org.uk
- STEM Ambassador website – www.stemnet.org.uk

