## **STEM AMBASSADORS**



Nationally coordinated by STEMNET

## About STEM Ambassadors

The STEM Ambassadors Programme enables anyone with **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics (STEM) skills to inspire young people (5-19 year olds). STEM Ambassadors demonstrate the possibilities of STEM subjects and careers by revealing how essential STEM is throughout the world in which we live. STEM is a nationwide programme funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Its Ambassador Programme is already supported by employers in every part of the UK who encourage their staff to become STEM Ambassadors as part of their outreach activities.

### Volunteer Role

Help inspire young people in schools to consider pursuing a career in a STEM area. There are many different events you can get involved in, these depend on the schools' needs, but common ones include mock interviews, helping with enterprise days, or giving a talk about your career. You can come up with your own ideas or choose an activity from the regular e-mail updates. You are asked to carry out at least one activity per year.

#### **Experience and Skills**

Anyone who uses STEM in the world of work and who is willing to enthuse young people about STEM subjects, can apply to become a STEM Ambassador. The Co-operative's use of technology and maths is vast. You don't need to be qualified to a high level or have any particular technical skills to participate; even just using computers every day can be included as technology. You just need to able to talk about your career path, company, and be an enthusiastic and positive role model.



#### **Time Commitment**

Commitment is very flexible from a minimum of half a day per year.

#### Training

Volunteers will need to attend a local 2 hour training session. These will take place regularly in your area.

#### **DBS** Requirements

A DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check will be carried out for each volunteer as part of the training session.

For more information please visit: <a href="http://www.stemnet.org.uk/">http://www.stemnet.org.uk/</a>

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