Schools Challenge Day Engagement Volunteers

Volunteer Role Descriptor

1. Introduction

Are you interested in inspiring the next generation? Working with our talented delivery partners, you can bring real-life context to raise young people's awareness of the breadth of the sector and the wonderful opportunities it can offer.

2. What you will be doing

Attend a workshop organised and led by our delivery partners. These events give Year 8 (S1/S2 Scotland) students the chance to explore chemical engineering through a hands-on activity day, building teamwork and employability skills.

You will share information about your role and your career path with the young people bring real-life context and raise awareness of the range of industries in the sector and the wealth of roles available to them. You can also engage with the young people to answer their questions about the industry.

You will be fully briefed ahead of the day and have a point of contact for any questions.

3. About you

You will need to be:

- a chemical engineer, either individually or as part of a team of engineers
- be an IChemE member (any grade) of the Institution

4. How you will benefit

Benefits of volunteering:

- improved communication skills for different audiences, explaining technical concepts in a simple way
- personal satisfaction that your contribution helps to support and inspire future chemical engineers
- networking opportunities
- enhances your own CPD for longer term career development

5. Time commitment

The school event typically runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm. You can volunteer to attend for the whole day, or just an hour.

7. How to apply & appointment method

Please apply using the "apply now" button on this advert on the website. The volunteering team will be in contact with further information.

8. Induction & training

No specific training is needed - your important role is to:

- support student groups as they work through the activities
- offer real-world context and share some of your own lived experiences

- help with judging at the end of the session
- have fun!

Do I need to be DBS checked (Disclosure and Barring Service)?

No. You are working under the supervision of a member of our delivery partner staff and school staff.

You will be provided with information on IChemE's GDPR guidelines and be required to read and understand our **safeguarding guidance**.

9. Further information

Expenses for the activities:

It is not anticipated that this volunteering will incur significant expenses. Volunteers will likely be working with a school within their UK locality, a local event or carrying out the role online. Any expenses will need to be agreed in advance.

Is the role location specific?	Yes
Closing date	The recruitment for this volunteer role is ongoing.
For further information please contact volunteer@icheme.org	

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