

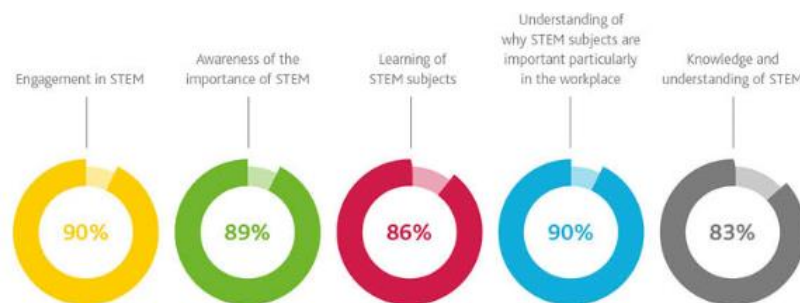
How to become a STEM Ambassador

STEM Ambassadors are people from all sorts of careers that have a link with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and who volunteer to support young people to enjoy STEM subjects more and consider a career in STEM.

Being a STEM Ambassador is great fun and a great opportunity to give something back. The programme has been running for quite some time now and impact of being a STEM ambassador has been measured:



All lovely stuff, but the benefits don't stop there. The impact of STEM Ambassadors on young people is huge:



You will find out more about the impact during the online induction, or you can check out the STEM Learning website: <https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors/who-are-stem-ambassadors>

What do STEM Ambassadors do?

STEM Ambassadors inspire young people and support their teachers to understand STEM careers, in all sorts of ways, so you can really make it your own!

- Running or supporting a workshop
- Being part of a careers fair
- Taking part in mock interviews or careers speed networking
- Mentoring
- Running a project and being an expert
- Judging a competition and giving out prizes
- Help with STEM related badges for Scouts, Guides or other community groups

As a minimum, we ask for every ambassador to do at least one activity per 12 months.

Some companies have a volunteering policy, where you're allowed a set number of days away from the office to take part in activities, as well as running their own events for you to join in with.

Sign me up!

The stages to becoming a STEM Ambassador are:

- Create an account online on the STEM Learning website
- Complete induction
- Get a DBS certificate

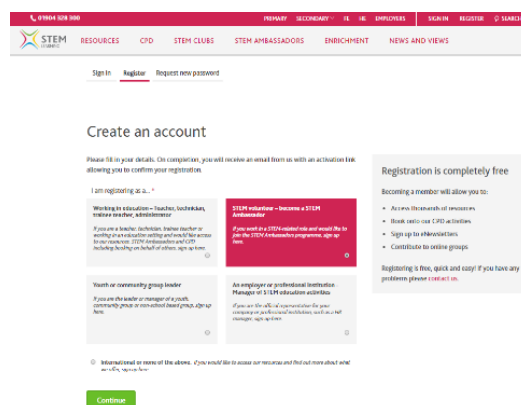
If you're not sure if you do want to be an ambassador, you might want to do the online induction first, which tells you more about the programme.

Creating your online account

Register for your online account on the STEM Learning website and select "Register as a STEM Ambassador Volunteer":

<https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors/join-stem-ambassador-programme>

You'll get an email with a link to activate your profile, we can't see your profile before you click the link.



Induction

There is an online induction, which you can access here:

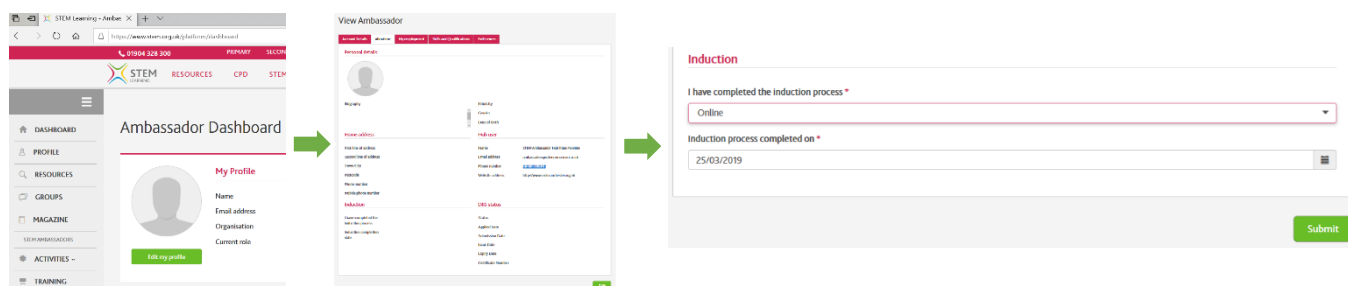
<https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors/training-support/induction>.

It takes around 45 minutes and will provide you with a general overview of what a STEM Ambassador is, how you can get involved and the impact you can make on young people, teachers and parents.

Your employer may run an induction, especially to cover their volunteering policy or to run through any activities and workshops they do. It would be good if you still complete the online induction, as it covers important things like safeguarding.

Once you've completed induction, you can either update your profile yourself, or you can email us at the [hub](#) and we can do that for you. To update your profile yourself:

1. Login to your profile on [STEM Learning](#)
2. Click on "Edit my profile" (under where your photo goes)
3. Select "Edit" at the bottom of the "View Ambassador" page
4. Navigate to the "Induction" section at the bottom of the page and input your details before selecting "Submit" (you can change anything else here too)



Your DBS application

After you've done the induction, we'll send you details about your free DBS registration. If you already have an enhanced DBS for "child workforce", we can probably use it, so please do let us know. We will use your name, date of birth and address as they appear on your profile to sort out your DBS, so please check these are correct and match your ID.

As a note, when it comes to the DBS applications, we only have limited titles we can select from (Mr, Miss, Mrs and Ms), you can update to something else within the application yourself, but it's unfortunately outside our control. Please do drop us a line if this causes you any difficulties, as we have other options for sorting your DBS.

Once you're approved, you'll be able to sign up for different volunteering activities. You can also do your own activities. If it's related to STEM and improving outcomes for young people, it counts as an activity and you can add those to the site yourself.

A final thing

Just so you know, the STEM Ambassador programme is run by the National STEM Learning centre and managed by a variety of hubs. Your address falls into the Trans-Pennine Hub region, managed by the Science Museum Group and covering Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire. Our local Hub teams are based at the Science and Industry Museum (Manchester), the National Science and Media Museum (Bradford) and the National Railway Museum (York).

If you have any questions about the STEM Ambassador programme, you can always [drop us an email](#).

If you're based within York or North Yorkshire, your local team is based at the National Railway Museum and they are:

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We look forward to you joining us on the STEM Ambassador programme!