



Inspiring Minds

Volunteering opportunities

The Inspiring Minds programme provides opportunities for employee-volunteers to inspire primary school pupils by linking real life and learning. It is now more important than ever to support children and keep them engaged with their education. It would be great to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions for activities which you could help deliver.



'Day in the Life Of' blogs and vlogs

We are looking for employee-volunteers to write blogs and record vlogs highlighting their roles and sectors and how they got into them. Do you have any advice you could share with children? How has working from home changed the way you work? It would be great to hear from you!

Insight into Industry Sessions

Members can still take part in our 'Insight into Industry' sessions. In the past these sessions would have usually taken place at a place of work behind the scenes. Due to the pandemic, we are looking for employer members to host an interactive session online and if possible provide a virtual behind the scenes tour. These sessions are a great addition to our 'Day and Week in the Life Of' activities.

Right to Read training

We have recently been in contact with primary schools across York and have had some encouraging news that Right to Read may be able to start up again in September. With this in mind, we are looking to arrange a training session for new volunteers in June. Please contact us if you are interested in taking part. We will send out further details in due course.



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Festival Of Ideas 8 - 20 June

We are supporting the Festival of Ideas which is taking place between 8 and 20 June. We have provided resources for the Festival's Bags of Creativity which are being distributed to primary schools in the city, these include activity sheets linked to our Fun With Numbers programme and an opportunity for schools in York to take part in a fence design competition for Nestlé's beehive enclosure in York.

We have also provided content for the Festival's website (www.yorkfestivalofideas.com) - 'Keep Calm, Innovate and Bee Yourself' includes videos on interesting facts about bees; what an innovation process is and why it's important
'Fun With Numbers' includes information about games and activities that are available for children to take part in.

Look out for a blog post later in May with further details of our involvement. We would like to thank Nestlé for donating 2000 pencils for the Bags of Creativity and providing content and the York & District Beekeepers Association, the Numerical Cognition Lab and Haxby Road Primary Academy for helping us to create content for the festival.

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