

School Volunteer



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The Vision

Our vision is that future generations live in a sustainable, economically prosperous world. Engaging the Next Generation is core to this and we enable them through our Challenge Programme.

The Programme

The Challenge programme takes real-life sustainability challenges faced by industries and has students develop solutions to them through a series of sprints. We help students to understand more about themselves, the career pathways that are potentially available to them, and how the different skills they are developing apply to roles within the workplace.

Volunteering - we make it easy

Volunteers are an essential part of our school programme. They help students to understand the world of work, and how sustainability applies in a commercial context. Our volunteers help students see the bigger picture and inspire them to find their real potential.

Volunteers want to know what they are walking into, to feel prepared so they can add as much value as possible and enjoy their volunteering experience.

Our opportunities are structured so you have real clarity, with minimal prep time. In terms of time commitment, they start at just 60 minutes, so you can decide how much time you want to give.

Aug	Programme kicks off
Sep	Meta-skills Choose Challenge Research
Oct	Root Cause Analysis <i>October Break</i> Ideation
Nov	Sustainability Pillars Consolidation Circular Economy
Dec	Solution Adoption Reflections <i>Christmas Break</i>
Jan	Resources and Viability Communicating Ideas Critical Analysis
Feb	Draft Presentation Feedback <i>February Break</i>
Mar	Presentation Prep Showcase event

Volunteering Opportunities

Session Support

 from 90mins

During the programme, students journey through different phases and sessions across the academic year. Each session has a different theme related to solving problems and creating solutions. Volunteers can go into the class to support these sessions, adding their personal insight on how the principles being discussed relate to real-life workplaces.

The sessions last 90 minutes and are completely led by the teacher. The ask of the volunteer is that they share their real world experience with the students. We provide an overview and guidance for each session, giving you ideas on what you might want to share.

The best connections with students are made when you are just having normal, authentic conversations with them. These sessions enable you to do that, creating a better experience for both you and them.

Judging

 from 60mins

There are two key points on the journey where judges will give feedback on the students' solutions. The first of these takes place in early February, where the students deliver a draft presentation and are given feedback. This judging session typically takes place in the school itself and lasts for around one hour. It gives the students an opportunity to practise, listen to feedback and refine their presentation before the final judging panel.

The final judging panel takes place at the end of March. Here, experts from the industry of the students' Challenge will give their thoughts and feedback on their final presentation. This session is normally around two hours in duration.

Careers and Pathways

 from 60mins

One of the key things we are working on is helping S5 and S6 students understand the different opportunities that are available to them when it comes to careers. Our aim is to build up information about different opportunities that can be shared and explored with students.

In this volunteering opportunity, we are looking for people who are a few steps ahead of students at the moment, or in advanced stages of their careers, to share their journey. This would take the form of a short interview and case study that could be shared with the students in schools to deepen their understanding of what is out there.

Anything else?

In addition to our structured opportunities, we're open to hearing your suggestions about how to support students into net zero career pathways. If you like our vision and have ideas about different ways you'd like to help a school, drop us a note.

To register your interest, contact ellen@poweringfutures.com

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Powering Futures Schools

Below is a list of schools currently running the Challenge programme so you can see if there is one that you'd like to support.

We're also in talks with a large number of additional schools to work with them throughout the year. If you are interested in supporting a school that's not on the list, please drop us a note with the name of the school and we'll keep you updated.

Region	School
Aberdeen City	Robert Gordon's College
Aberdeenshire	Mackie Academy Meldrum Academy The Gordon Schools
Argyll and Bute	Oban High School Tobermory High School
City of Edinburgh	Balerno Community High School Craigmount High School
Clackmannanshire	Alloa Academy Lornshill Academy
Dumfries and Galloway	Annan Academy Dalbeattie High School
East Dunbartonshire	Lenzie Academy Turnbull High School
East Lothian	Musselburgh Grammar School Preston Lodge High School
East Renfrewshire	Eastwood High School
Falkirk	Bo'ness Academy Braes High School Grangemouth High School Larbert High School St Mungo's High School
Fife	Madras College

Powering Futures Schools cont.

Glasgow City

Drumchapel High School
High School of Glasgow
Hillhead High School
King's Park Secondary School
Shawlands Academy
St Andrew's RC Secondary School

Midlothian

Lasswade High School

North Ayrshire

St Matthew's Academy
Kyle Academy

Perth and Kinross

Perth Academy

Renfrewshire

Renfrew High School

Scottish Borders

Galashiels Academy
Jedburgh Grammar Campus

South Lanarkshire

Strathaven Academy
Trinity High School

Stirling

Bannockburn High School
Dunblane High School
Stirling High School

The Highlands

Gairloch High School
Tain Royal Academy

We also have an interactive map to help you find a local school. Click the icon to access and let us know if you find one you're interested in.



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