

Primary School Volunteering Opportunities

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

It is vital that Primary School students learn the essential skills that prepare them for life, work and active citizenship. Taking part in these activities will help students to:

- Understand their existing skills: Reflecting on where their essential skills currently are and being able to identify any gaps
- Provide a range of opportunities to help pupil further develop essential skills through interactive and fun workshops
- Broaden horizons, raise aspirations and ultimately help them to Dream BIG about their futures.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

We need employers to:

- Offer career workshops at their local schools or other event venues
- Offer STEM workshops at their local schools or other event venues
- Develop relevant curriculum materials linked to key school needs.

Workshops can vary between just 30 minutes to a full day and can be either face-to-face visits or virtual calls.

- ★ Inspire the next generation
- ★ Provide meaningful volunteering opportunities to your employees
- ★ Help children develop the essential skills
- ★ Strengthen links with local schools and enhance your reputation as a socially responsible organisation



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We're now looking for business volunteers to help us deliver:

 **STEAM workshops in schools** – could you lead an activity based on your area of work?

 **Career talks** – simple sessions where you share your career journey, current role, qualifications, and essential skills used.

 **Support at collaborative events** – let us know which ones you can attend.

 **Workplace visits** – could local children come and visit your place of work?

 **Support activities in Science Week: 9th to the 13th March** – The theme for 2026 is “Curiosity: what’s your question?”, aiming to encourage children to explore questions about the world, highlighting how curiosity drives scientific discoveries and everyday learning, and fostering a connection to STEM through personal interests.



COLLABORATIVE CLUSTER DAYS

Career Cluster Dates 2026

Cluster Name	Dates	Times	Venue
Maryport Cluster	Friday 30 th January 2026 - NOW FULL	09:00 to 15:30	Netherhall School, Maryport, CA15 6NT
CLEG HEADS Cluster	Wednesday 4th March - NOW FULL	09:00 - 15:30	West Lakes Academy, Egremont CA22 2DQ



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Cockermouth Cluster	Wednesday 18th March NOW FULL	09:00 - 15:30	Cockermouth School, Castlegate Drive, CA13 9HF
Whitehaven Cluster	Tuesday 28th April	09:00 - 15:30	Whitehaven Academy, Cleator Moor Road, CA28 8TY
Millom Cluster	Thursday 4 th June NOW FULL	09:00 to 15:30	The Beggar's Theatre, Market Square, Millom LA18 4HZ

NOTE: For Collaborative Career sessions the Y5/Y6 children will be divided in groups. There will be a maximum of 25 in each group.

STEAM Cluster Dates 2026

Cluster Name	Dates	Times	Venue
Solway/Wigton Cluster	Tuesday 10 th February	09:00 - 15:30	Nelson Thomlinson School, Lowmoor Road, Wigton, CA7 9PX
Cockermouth Cluster	Thursday 23rd April	09:00 - 15:30	Cockermouth School, Castlegate Drive, CA13 9HF

Millom Cluster	Thursday 7th May- NOW FULL	09:00 - 12:00	The Beggar's Theatre, Market Square, Millom LA18 4HZ
CLEG HEADS Cluster	Tuesday 19th May	09:00 - 15:30	West Lakes Academy, Egremont CA22 2DQ
CLEG HEADS Cluster	Wednesday 20th May	09:00 - 15:30	West Lakes Academy, Egremont CA22 2DQ

NOTE: For Collaborative STEAM sessions the Y2/Y4 children will be divided in groups. There will be a maximum of 25 in each group.

Dream Big Aspiration

Students will explore the wide range of careers available in Cumbria through the stories of well-known Cumbrians and examples of local industries and produce. As part of the session, they will have the opportunity to interview guest speakers to learn more about different career journeys.

We are looking for three volunteers per session to take part. The activity is fully facilitated by the PBP team, very little preparation is required — just bring your experience and enthusiasm!



Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours Face to Face only

School	Yr Group & Age	Date
Ewanrigg Junior School	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Tuesday 3 rd February
Bridekirk Primary School	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Monday 2 nd March
Distington Community School	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Tuesday 14 th April
Victoria Junior School	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Wednesday 22 nd April
Broughton Primary School	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Wednesday 20 th May
Eaglesfield Paddle School	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Thursday 4 th June
Fairfield Junior School	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Tuesday 9 th June
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Harrington	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Wednesday 1 st July

Who Uses This

The activity gets students to think about the tools and equipment used in different jobs and the skills needed. A minimum of two volunteers will visit the school with a piece of equipment they use day to day. This activity then leads onto a short conversation about your role and how you got into it.

Duration: 0.5 to 1 hours Face to Face only

School	Yr Group & Age	Date/time
Ellenborough Academy	Y1 & Y2 Age 5 - 8	Friday 13 th February
Thomlinson Junior School	Y1 & Y2 Age 5 - 8	Tuesday 10 th March
St Gregory and St Patrick's Catholic Infant School	Y1 & Y2 Age 5 - 8	Tuesday 23 rd April
Victoria Infants School	Y1 & Y2 Age 5 - 8	Thursday 11 th June
Seaton Academy	Y1 & Y2 Age 5 - 8	Tuesday 2 nd July



Career Carousel

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take part in an exciting careers fair-style event at local schools. The Career Carousel will feature a variety of interactive stands from a range of industries. It's a fantastic opportunity to inspire pupils by sharing insights into your job, career path, and the world of work.

School	Yr Group & Age	Date/time
St Bridget's C of E Primary School, Parton	Y6 Age 10 - 11	Choose a date and time that suits you
St James Junior School, Whitehaven	Y6 Age 10 - 11	



Gardening/Recycling Project

Kells Infants are looking for volunteers to help a group of children with their exciting gardening project! If you've got green fingers and a love of the outdoors, come along and inspire young gardeners to grow, learn, and enjoy nature.

School	Date
Kells Infant School	Choose a date and time that suits you



CAREER



World of Work Week @ Branthwaite Academy

We are looking for volunteers to showcase their careers at Branthwaite Academy, sharing their experiences, insights, and passion to inspire and guide the pupils toward their future paths



School	Date
Branthwaite Academy	10 th March



Shoutout for Governors

Are you looking to give back to your community and help shape the future of young people? Maryport Cluster of Primary Schools and St Marys Catholic Primary School, Harrington are seeking governors to join their Governing Board

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Want to deliver a STEAM session in schools but don't know where to start: Join our FREE Free Face-to-Face Training and Bring Maths to Life in Schools !



Join our free in-house for our popular **Contract to Cube-it** and **Cumbria Traders training** . Learn how to deliver two fun, maths-based workshops – designed for Year 5 & 6 pupils.
You'll gain everything you need to deliver sessions that boost maths confidence, introduce real-world STEM careers, and bring learning to life!

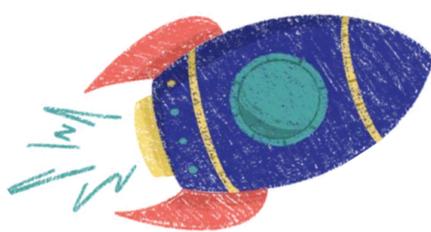
- ✓ No need to plan from scratch – we'll introduce both workshops, guide you through delivery, and offer classroom shadowing to boost your confidence.
Perfect for individuals, STEM Ambassadors, apprentices, and teams keen to get involved and make a difference in local schools.

- ✓ **Sign up here:**
bit.ly/MathsWorkshopTraining
*Training can also be delivered in-house or online for groups of 5+ (additional cost may apply).

✉ Please contact Rachel.Pettit@cforlp.org.uk for more info or to book your organisation



Career-related learning in primary schools is about broadening pupils' horizons, challenging stereotypes and helping them develop the skills and sense of self that will enable them to reach their full potential



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KEY LEARNING AIMS



For Pupils

Increase aspirations and broaden horizons

Encourage children to hear about local career opportunities available on their doorstep

Access to positive local role models

Link learning to the world of work

Develop key essential skills

To feel braver and happier about their futures

For Parents

Increase aspirations and broaden horizons

An opportunity for parents to hear about local career opportunities available on their doorstep

An opportunity to talk to local employers about available careers and get some support and guidance

Potential recruitment opportunity for parents seeking employment

Support in CV writing - following the event

Become more engaged in their children's learning

For You

Increase employee engagement/job satisfaction

Develop essential and key leadership skills

Provides meaningful, impactful, volunteering opportunities based on school needs

Removes barriers for businesses to work with their local schools

Fulfill social value commitments

To be part of an innovative pilot programme



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