



Selection of volunteers available for your school or college

The free, quick and easy way for schools and
employers to connect



What is Inspiring the Future?

Inspiring the Future is a free service which starts with people from all sectors and professions volunteering to visit local state schools and colleges to talk about their job, career path and the education route they took. Volunteers range from archaeologists to zoologists, apprentices to CEOs. It is managed by the charity the Education and Employers Taskforce which works closely with all the key national organisations representing employers, the workforce, schools and teachers, designing Inspiring the Future in close collaboration with these stakeholders and dozens of users in workplaces and in education.

Volunteers typically register in two areas - where they live and work. In this document, you'll find a selection from around the country. More sign up every day. Log on for free to find out who is available in your area or ring us on 0203 206 0510. Inspiring the Future makes the teacher the customer – teaching professionals best understand the needs of their young people and Inspiring the Future can help you find the right people at the right time to make the greatest difference. There is now a huge national network of diverse volunteers waiting for teachers to invite them to talk to pupils. Inspiring the Future is simple, quick and free. It is open to anyone who works in a state school or college.

Ofsted have said that: *“Inviting working professionals into schools to give students first-hand insights into the breadth of the jobs market and its recruitment demands is a great example of the sort of good practice Ofsted expects schools to include when providing young people with effective independent careers guidance”*. Karen Adriaanse HMI, National Lead for Careers Guidance, OFSTED

Inspiring the Future Volunteers (February 2014)

- Over 11,000 volunteers are already signed up from over 3,500 organisations
- 200 are CEOs, 30 are MPs and 2 are Secretaries of State
- Over 16,000 invitations have gone out from schools to volunteers
- 2,500 unique schools and colleges are registered
- 98.7% of Local Authority Areas in England have a school registered on Inspiring the Future
- 84% of registered teachers would recommend Inspiring the Future

We have volunteers who have selected the following areas as specialisms:

- Apprenticeships across every sector & type of business
- Design and Manufacturing
- Engineering
- Enterprise/Entrepreneurs
- Languages including : French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, Japanese, Urdu and Arabic
- Maths – using it at work
- Science and Technology

Many volunteers also offer to take part in the following activities:

- Becoming a School Governor
- CV Workshops
- Mock Interviews
- Primary – Reading and Numeracy

A selection of the jobs volunteers do:

Adventure Journalist	Deputy District Judge	Osteopath
Administration Assistant	Director of Political and Social Research	PA
Aerospace Engineer	Director of Strategy & Public Relations	Paediatrician
Apprentice Engineer	Economist	Partner Technology Adviser
Apprentice in Live Events and Promotions	Editor	PhD Candidate in Astrophysics
Apprentice IT Consultant	Electrical Engineer	Photographer
Architect	Environmental Consultant	Pilot
Assistant Librarian	Event Manager	Plumber
Assistant Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	Executive Chef	Political Correspondent
Assistant Private Secretary to Leader of the House of Lords	Executive Creative Director	Principal Design Engineer
Brand Specialist	Film Producer	Prison Officer
Bridge Designer	Food and Beverages Manager	Producer
Broadcast Journalist	Freelance Sports Reporter	Receptionist
Building Services Mechanical Design Engineer	Freelance Wildlife and Documentary Cameraman	Research Scientist
Business Intelligence Specialist	General Practitioner	Secretary
Buyer	Head of Copy	Senior Broadcast Journalist
Cabin Crew	Head of Extra Territorial Jurisdiction Review Team	Solicitor
Carpenter	Head of Website	Sound Recordist
Court Clerk	Hydrogeologist	Sports Coach
Customer Adviser	Illustrator	Staff Nurse
Customer Service Assistant	Intern	Store Manager
Chef	Investment Banker	Student Paramedic
Chemical Engineer	Jewellery Designer	Technical Evangelist
Chief Executive	Junior Software Developer	Technician Apprentice
Chief Statistician	Kent Film Office Assistant	Technologist
Commando Helicopter Force - Royal Navy	Materials Engineer	Ticket Clerk
Consulting Psychiatrist in Addictions	Medical Writer	Trainee Manager
Curator	Member of Parliament	Travel Writer
Detective Sergeant	Microbiology Laboratory Manager	Vice President
Demolition Consultant	Midwife	Writer
Dentist	Ocean Rower	Zoologist

A selection of volunteers who can talk about Apprenticeships:

Job Title	Organisation
Lawyer	Allen & Overy LLP
Senior Manufacturing Engineer	Aston Martin
Head of European Business Development	Atkins Global
Children Services Manager	Barnados
Content Producer	BBC
Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Birmingham Women's Hospital
Managing Director	Brompton Bicycles Ltd
Software Engineer	Capgemini
Nursery Manager	Childbase
Executive Chef	Compass Group UK
Fashion and Textiles Training Network Manager	Creative Skillset
Analyst	Deutsche Bank
Modern Apprentice Coordinator	Dundee City Council
Director of Policy and Research	Edge Foundation
Financial Controller	Experian
Managing Director	Flemings Hotel Mayfair
Diversity Manager	Foreign & Commonwealth Office
Instructional Designer	Google
IT Project Manager	Hewlett Packard
Apprenticeship Manager	HM Forces, Royal Marines
Apprentice / Project Manager	IBM
Apprentice - Vehicle Safety Testing	Jaguar Land Rover
Electrician	JTL
HR Business Partner	Mercedes-Benz Retail Group
Apprenticeship Development Manager	National Apprenticeship Service
Craft Apprentice	Nestle UK
Senior HR Core Process Advisor	PepsiCo
Head of Resourcing	Pizza Hut Restaurants UK Ltd
School Leaver Programme Manager	Pret A Manger
Aircraft Carpentry Apprentice	RAF Museum
Materials Engineer	Rolls-Royce
Early Career Programme Manager	Royal Bank of Scotland
HR Manager	Sainsbury's
Sustainability Manager	Skanska UK
Editor	Soundsphere magazine
Investment Banker	Standard Chartered Bank
Store Manager	Tesco Stores Ltd
Head of Apprenticeships	Virgin Media
Chief Creative Officer	WPP

A selection of the volunteers who can talk about *running their own enterprise*:

Job Title	Organisation
Head of HR	AECOM Ltd
Architect (Director)	Aedas
Project Engineer	Aston Martin
Enterprise Architect	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Health & Safety Manager	Berkeley Group
Minister for Skills and Enterprise	BIS (The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
Managing Director	Brompton Bicycle Ltd
CEO	Business Growth Fund
Head of Enterprise	CBI
Finance Analyst	Centrica plc
Owner	Creative Encounters
Director	Deloitte
Vice President	Deutsche Bank
Head of Operations	Federation of Small Businesses
CEO	feelunique.com
MD	First Choice Facilities PLC
Senior Business Development Manager	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
Head of Marketplace Development	Google UK Ltd
Business Adviser	H.M. Revenue and Customs
Director and Designer	Harriet Kelsall Bespoke Jewellery
Client Manager	Hewlett Packard
Senior Marketing Manager	Innocent drinks
Director	ISS Facility Services
Founder	Joy of Clothes
Senior Lawyer	Lloyds TSB Bank plc
Assistant Product Manager	L'Oreal
Sales Director	MITIE
Managing Director	MLP Publishing Ltd
Owner	Mr Green Estate Agents
Director of Business Development	National Apprenticeship Service
CEO	New Entrepreneurs Foundation
Chief Executive	Northern Lights PR
CEO	Open Cinema
European Sales Manager	Pearson Education
Senior Partner	Pest Management Facilities
Partner	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Business Psychologist	Psychology2Business
Entrepreneur	Rosebud Ltd
Head of Talent	Siemens
Pre-construction Director	Wates Group

A selection of the volunteers who can talk about using *languages at work*:

Job Title	Organisation	Language(s)
Associate	Allen & Overy LLP	Mandarin
Senior Manager	American Express	Spanish
Structural and Civil Engineer	Arup	French, German
HR Director	Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Spanish,Urdu
Senior Broadcast Journalist	BBC	French, Mandarin
Marketing Executive	Berkeley Group	Italian
Project Manager	Bloomberg	French, German, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin, Russian, Japanese, Arabic
Senior First Officer	British Airways	French
Private Secretary	Cabinet Office	German, Arabic
Software Engineer	Capgemini	Urdu
Lawyer	Dechert LLP	French, Spanish
Global Head of Communications	Deutsche Bank	French
Principal Counsel	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	German, Spanish, Italian
Head of PR	Experian plc	German
Head of Operations, EMEA Sales & Business Development	Facebook	French, Arabic
Deputy Speechwriter to the Foreign Secretary	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Russian
Software Engineer	GE Global	French
Statistician	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Russian
Head of Criminal Records Policy	Home Office	French
Senior Director	McAfee	Mandarin
Founder & Executive Creative Director	New Moon	German
Chief executive	Northern Lights PR	Arabic
Communications Manager	Pearson Education	French, German
HR Manager	PepsiCo	French
Business Psychologist	RCA Business Psychologists Ltd.	German
Materials Engineer	Rolls-Royce	French, German
Author	Self-employed	French, German
HR Business Partner	Save the Children	Spanish
Social Media Executive Northern Europe	Skyscanner Ltd	German
Trainee Solicitor	Slaughter and May	French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic
Director	SOAS, University of London	Mandarin, Japanese, Urdu, Arabic
Television Series Producer	Spungold TV	French, Spanish
Director of Sales	Standard Chartered Bank	Mandarin
Editor-in-Chief	Stilorama Media & Fashion	French, Italian, Arabic
Senior Legal Adviser/Business Owner	TI Automotive	Mandarin, Russian
Director	View Architects	Spanish
CEO	WPP	French, Mandarin

A selection of the volunteers who can talk about using *maths at work*:

Job Title	Organisation
Head of Global Employer Relationships	ACCA
Financial Controller	Ace Hotel
Principal Mechanical Engineer	AECOM
Producer	Al Jazeera English
Trainee Solicitor	Allen & Overy LLP
Head of Regeneration	Aspire Group
Senior Manufacturing Engineer	Aston Martin
Radio Producer	BBC Radio
Architect	Berkeley Group
Software Engineer	Capgemini
Geologist	Centrica plc
Energy Policy Advisor	Department of Energy and Climate Change
Director of Fundraising	East Anglian Air Ambulance
Software Test Architect	Experian plc
Client Partner	Facebook
Journalism Intern	Financial Times
Audio-Visual & Maintenance Administrator	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
Community Centre Coordinator	Genesis Housing Association
Doctor	Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust
Criminal Investigator	H.M. Revenue and Customs
Nutritional Therapist	Home Grown Health
CEO	Human Values Foundation
HR Leader	IBM
Senior Marketing Manager	Innocent drinks
Vice President	J.P.Morgan
Apprentice - Vehicle Safety Testing	Jaguar Land Rover
Electrician	JTL
Locksmith	Keyed In Security Services
Senior Producer	Manchester International Festival
3rd Officer (Deck)	Merchant Navy
Senior Intelligence Manager	National Crime Agency
Lead Radiographer	NHS
HR Manager	PepsiCo
Head of Finance	Rocco Forte Hotels
Manager	Rolls-Royce
Outreach Team Manager	Royal Air Force (RAF)
Forensic Chemist	Royal Society of Chemistry
Environmental Advisor	Skanska UK
Legal Counsel for Europe and Russia	Slaughter and May LLP
Production Manager	The British Institute of Radiology
Apprentice Joiner	The Creative Woodworking Company
Apprentice Stone Mason	York Minster

A selection of volunteers who can conduct *mock interviews* and help young people with *their CVs*:

Job Title	Organisation
Associate Director	Aedas Architects Ltd.
HR Coordinator	Amnesty International UK
Senior Ecologist	Arup
Senior Manufacturing Engineer	Aston Martin
Emerging talent Development Manager	Balfour Beatty
Senior Broadcast Journalist	BBC
Architect	Berkeley Group
Heathrow Operations Manager	British Airways
Geologist	Centrica plc
People Development Manager	CIPD
HR Business Partner	Coca Cola Enterprises
Manager in Forensic Technology	Deloitte LLP
Head of HR	Deutsche Telekom
Managing Director	Experian plc
Account Manager	Facebook
Diplomat	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Operations Officer	Fulham Football Club
HR Development Manager	Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children
Marketing Manager	Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust
Chief Immigration Officer	Home Office
Economic Advisor to an MP	House of Commons
Design Engineer	Inca Digital Printers Ltd
Director of Talent and Capability	J Sainsburys
HR Manager	Jaguar Land Rover
Head of Resourcing	Kent Police
16-18 Apprenticeship Coordinator	Leeds City Council
Director, Corporate Communications	LinkedIn
Managing Director	Molinare TV & Film Ltd
Resourcing Advisor	Monsoon Accessorize
HR Business Partner Support	Network Rail
Head of Skills in Employment	NHS Employers
UK External and Government Affairs Manager	Nissan
Senior Campaigns Manager	Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street
Group HR Director	Random House Group
Early Career Programme Manager	Royal Bank of Scotland
Head of Personnel	Tesco
Project Manager	Transport for London
HR Director	Unilever PLC
Head of HR	Union Square Music

A selection of the volunteers interested in becoming *School Governors*:

Job Title	Organisation
Talent Manager	AB Sugar
Financial Controller	Ace Hotel
Warehouse and H&S Manager	Adare International
Producer	Al Jazeera English
Director	Apple Europe Ltd
Environmental Architect and Doctoral Researcher	Architecture for Change And UCL
Architect & Project Manager	Association for Project Management
Technical Sales Engineer	Autoflame Engineering Ltd
Head of Learning and Development	Baker McKenzie
Finance Analyst	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Director	Barclays
TV Producer	BBC
Heathrow Operations Manager	British Airways
Head of Enterprise	CBI
Account Manager	Facebook
Owner/Manager	Fair Deal World Shop
Head of Operations	Federation of Small Businesses
Communities Editor	Financial Times
Diplomat	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Business Analyst	GE Global
Partnerships Officer	Girlguiding
Head of Marketplace Development	Google UK Ltd
Economist	Government Economic Service
Coach and Training Consultant	Grow-And-Progress
Social Affairs Journalist	Guardian News and Media
Software Consultant	Hewlett Packard
Head of Criminal Records Policy	Home Office
Head of Strategy	Lambeth Council
Prison Officer	Ministry of Justice
Solicitor	Mishcon De Reya
Director	National Centre for the Study & Prevention of Violence and Abuse
GP	NHS
Chief Operating Officer	Passport2Health
Head of People Development	Pearson Education
Publisher	Profile Books
Professor of Psychology	Royal Holloway University of London
Human Resources Manager	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd
Head of Media	Tesco
Global Principle Manager Smart Communications	Vodafone UK
Social Worker	Wigan Council

A selection of volunteers from across the country:

Job Title	Organisation	Location
Director	American Express	Brighton and Hove
Senior Manufacturing Engineer	Aston Martin	Leicester and Leicestershire
Head of Research and Technology	BAE Systems	Blackpool
Managing Director	Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Kent
Director	Barclays Bank	Liverpool
Journalist	BBC	Manchester
UK Country Manager	BP	Gloucestershire
Head of the Deputy Prime Minister's Research & Analysis Unit	Cabinet Office	Cumbria
HR Advisor	PepsiCo	Blackburn with Darwen
Financial Analyst	Credit Suisse	Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
Accountant	Deloitte LLP	Northumberland
Head of Talent & Development Europe	Deutsche Bank	Birmingham
Communities Editor	Financial Times	Barnet
Lawyer	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP	Wolverhampton
Corporate Operations Engineer	Google UK Ltd	Newcastle upon Tyne
Economist	Government Economic Service	Sheffield
Architect	GSS Architecture	Leeds
Head of Workforce Management	H.M. Revenue and Customs	Stoke-on-Trent
Business Performance Leader	IBM	Dorset
Principal Design Engineer	Imagination Technologies	Norfolk
Senior Marketing Manager	Innocent Drinks	Westminster
Advertising Copywriter	L.Paston-Cooper	Isle of Wight
Director, Corporate Communications	LinkedIn	Kingston upon Thames
Associate Director of Rights	Macmillan Publishers Ltd	Hampshire
People Policy Specialist	Marks & Spencer plc	Lincolnshire
Researcher	Microsoft	Cambridgeshire
Chief Executive Officer	MITIE Group PLC	Hackney
Senior Relationship Manager	NatWest	Cornwall
Modern Engineering Apprentice	Nestle UK	York
Design & Sustainability Officer	Notting Hill Housing Trust	Hammersmith and Fulham
Graduate Civil Engineer	Nucleargraduates	Bristol
Finance Manager	O2	Worcestershire
Director of Governance	Premier League	Sunderland
Partner	PwC	Southwark
Manager	Rolls-Royce	Derby and Derbyshire
Senior Careers Liaison Officer	Royal Air Force	Kingston upon Hull
Head of Talent	Siemens	Surrey
Apprentice Resourcing Coordinator	Virgin Media	North Yorkshire
Project Director	WPP	Essex

Ways schools can use Inspiring the Future Volunteers

The following activities have proved popular with volunteers, teachers and students:

- Careers Fairs
- Careers Networking
- Options Evenings
- Career Insight Talks
- CV & Interview Technique Workshops
- School Assemblies
- Personal Development Days
- Lunchtime Events
- Subject talks – although people’s work is often relevant to a range of different subjects, the following can be good starting points for subject talks:

Subject	Relevant Professions
Maths	Finance/Banking professional; Engineer; Electrician; Plumber; Architect
English	Journalist; Publisher/Editor; Lawyer; PR/Marketing Professional; Business Administration Apprentice
Languages	Lawyer, Finance Professional, Not-for-Profit Worker, Doctor, Marketing/Sales Professional, Politician
Science	Doctor; Researcher; Tech Company Employee; Medic; Nurse; Midwife, Apprentice Electrician
Technology, IT and Design	Product Designer; Fashion Designer; Tech Company Employee; IT Practitioner; Advertising Executive; Set Designer
Geography	Geologist; Politician; Environmentalist; Local Authority Worker; Travel Agent
History	MP; Minister or Special advisor; Curator; Academic; Civil Servant; Management
Business Studies	Retail Professional; Entrepreneur; CEO; HR Professional; Customer Service Apprentice

Who we are

Inspiring the Future was developed and is managed by the Education and Employers Taskforce charity with the strong support of Bank of America Merrill Lynch. The Charity works to achieve this by working in close partnership with leading national bodies representing schools, colleges and employers. Our Partnership Board brings together the country’s leading education and employment organisations. An underlying principle of the charity is that it does not charge schools or colleges for services provided to them. Similarly, it does not charge organisations that seek to offer their staff to volunteer. www.educationandemployers.org

Inspiring the Future aims to bring about a significant culture change - that young people, whatever school they attend, whatever their background, get the chance to meet people doing a wide range of jobs, and gain first-hand insights into different jobs and the routes into them.

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How it works

Only 1 hour per year



Volunteers

Step 1

Schools and Colleges



Sign up to find volunteers willing to visit your school or college



I am a
Graphic
Designer



Step 2

Decide which volunteers to invite, e.g.

- Graphic Designer
- Apprentice Engineer
- Nurse
- Architect
- Chef

I work in
Birmingham

I took the
following
career route...

I can talk
about...

I've just
received an
invitation from
a school to a
careers event



Step 3

Send them
a message



To:

Would you
like to attend
a careers fair
at ...?

From:

I really enjoyed
meeting young people
and talking to them



Step 4

After the careers talk

That's made me
think of the different
options open to
me...

