

Celebrating Chinese New Year in your school with Inspiring the Future

At [Inspiring the Future](#), we have over 47,000 volunteers from the world of work available to visit local schools and talk about what they do. Lots of these volunteers have indicated they speak another language and can talk about how this has been useful in their career.

For Chinese New Year on the 5th February 2019, we want to support schools to connect with our Mandarin and Cantonese speaking volunteers to help enrich teaching and show students the value of learning another language. Volunteers available around the country who speak Mandarin and Cantonese include:

- An NHS Doctor
- A Broadcast Journalist
- A Policy Advisor
- A Lawyer
- Architect

This resource provides some quick and easy suggestions for how to use volunteers on or around Chinese New Year

4 easy ways to use volunteers in your school or college

1. If you teach Mandarin, why not invite in a volunteer to a lesson to speak to students about how it has been helpful in their career
2. If you teach other languages, why not bring volunteers into lessons to talk about how this language has been helpful in their career and the benefits of knowing another language
3. Your school could host an assembly talk as part of Chinese New Year celebrations – our volunteers can share stories about their careers and experiences of China.
4. You could incorporate a volunteer into a different subject such as a Business studies lesson where a volunteer could talk about what they do and how speaking a different language is useful in business

How to find the Mandarin and Cantonese speaking volunteers in your area on Inspiring the Future.

It's very quick and easy to search for and contact volunteers who can speak these languages on Inspiring the Future.

1. Login to [Inspiring the Future](#) and click on Search for Volunteers
2. Select Career Insights as the activity and on the Languages filter, select Chinese(Mandarin) and Chinese (Cantonese)
3. Press search to see the available volunteers in your area- you can change from the Map view to list view to see a list of those available
4. View the volunteer profiles and click 'Add to shortlist' to select those you are interested in
5. At the bottom of the page select Create New Opportunity & Invite and follow the steps to send those volunteers a message. You will get an email notification when they respond and you can continue conversations to organise the volunteer visit.

To contact volunteers for free or if you'd like to know more about how we can help your school to celebrate Chinese New Year please visit www.inspiringthefuture.org or email enquiries@inspiringthefuture.org