

Tomorrow's Climate Scientists - Community Science Project

Royal Society Science Community Programme 2026 to 2029

Share your expertise with a local primary school. Partner with a teacher and their class to plan and run practical climate change and sustainability investigations and build your public engagement skills along the way

Who: Researchers, PhD and Masters students, academic staff and industry professionals in climate, environmental science, engineering or data. 25 places, one per school

Investigation themes: Air quality, renewable energy, energy efficiency of school buildings, flood risk and drainage (SuDS), and biodiversity

How it works

- **Matched with a local primary school** in South Yorkshire, chosen to suit your expertise and availability
- **One investigation a year** with your partner teacher, over about 6 weeks
- **Three in-school visits** each time: launch, mid-point and celebration
- Short virtual check-ins and feedback between visits
- Teachers lead the lessons; you bring real-world context, help with data and show pupils how scientists think
- **Programme starts: Online kick off online: early January 2027, then joint planning on Wednesday 27 January or Monday 1 February 2027**

CPD and support

- **Onboarding CPD** on working in primary schools and explaining STEM to young pupils
- **Joint planning workshops** with your partner teacher
- **Carbon Literacy training (optional)** with accredited certification
- **Network and celebration events** with other schools
- **Help to apply for a Royal Society Partnership Grant** (up to £3,000)

What you receive

- **Training and support** for working in schools
- **Up to £150 a year** towards travel
- **A free DBS check**
- Investigation kit and resources supplied to your school

What you commit to

- **Ideally all three years.** At minimum, 12 months to the end of 2026/27 academic year
- Three school visits per investigation
- Onboarding CPD and planning sessions
- Surveys and evaluation

We will match STEM professionals to schools by investigation theme, expertise, location and availability. Postgraduate and early career researchers are very welcome.

Deadline to register interest: Friday 6 November 2026

Register your interest: [STEM professional form link](#)
or scan the QR code above

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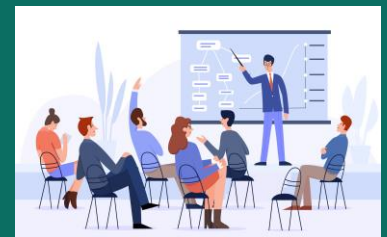
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Support



3 years

25 schools

5 themes



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