

Career Captain volunteer



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Overview

[The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair](#) is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK.

- Where: The NEC, Birmingham
- Dates: 11 – 14 March 2020
- Time: 8am – 4pm
- Contact: Laura Mwangi, Community Engagement Manager (volunteers@thebigbangfair.co.uk)

Why do we need you?

The Big Bang Fair needs you to share your time and energy to help ensure that our activities – including the visitor Challenge – run smoothly, helping young visitors gain a greater understanding of STEM Careers.

With over 80,000 visitors in 2020 The Big Bang Fair couldn't run without the support of our amazing volunteers. We need over 400 volunteers for next year's Fair. **You can volunteer a minimum of 1 day and up to 4 days.**

What activities will you be involved in?

This is a public-facing role. It is an exciting opportunity for a motivated individual looking to inspire our young visitors, interacting with them about STEM careers in a fun and informal way. You would be involved in:

Visitor Challenge

- Roam the show floor helping young visitors take part in a career focused challenge based on exploring different careers in STEM.
- Give visitors clues to help them work out your job role/course/apprenticeship.
- Once visitors have answered all the Big Bang Challenge questions by talking to different Careers Captains, they can enter their answers into our draw to win fantastic prizes.
- Career Captains will wear 'I'm a scientist' or 'I'm an engineer' T-shirts so they can be identified by visitors.



Online Careers Quiz

- Careers Captain volunteers will also be based in our dedicated careers hub in the middle of the show-floor, helping the young visitors take an online careers quiz on one of the iPads.
- The visitors answer a series of questions based on their interests and strengths, and are matched to an engineering character at the end of the quiz, with information on suggested job roles.

What skills and abilities are we looking for?

Our volunteers play a vital role in making The Big Bang Fair a massive success. We are looking for volunteers who are **friendly, reliable and enjoy working with young people.**

- Welcoming, friendly and warm manner towards visitors.
- Approachable and sociable personality.
- Confident engaging a wide range of visitors who have varying levels of interest and knowledge.
- Natural communicator and the ability to think creatively to adapt to the individual needs of each visitor.

This role involves being on your feet and moving around the show floor. If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact us as soon as possible so we can discuss any reasonable adjustments.

View our volunteering and diversity and inclusion policies [here](#).

What can you gain from this opportunity?

- A rewarding experience making a difference to young people's career aspirations and inspiring them to consider different pathways.
- The opportunity to show young people how their studies could lead to a career in science, technology, engineering or maths.
- Extensive networking opportunities, joining an enthusiastic team of people.
- Opportunity to progress and become a volunteer team leader.

Most importantly, you will have a fun day!

Is there any training?

We aim to give all our volunteers a unique experience at the Big Bang Fair. We will provide you with training and support throughout your volunteering role:

- **Role specific training** for careers captain volunteers (45 mins, online).
- Volunteer **Handbook**.
- **On-site volunteer briefing** on the day (30 mins, face to face).
- **On-site role-specific briefing** on the day (15 mins, face to face)
- **On-site support and supervision** from the volunteering team and the volunteer team leaders.

What are the next steps?

To apply, please complete the online application form [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the role please contact Laura Mwangi, volunteers@thebigbangfair.co.uk.

