

Engage

Teacher Conference

Don't let budgets limit you: free trips, free kits, and free cash

Don't miss out on funding for you and your students. Hear about a variety of opportunities and how to successfully apply.

Ruby Seger-Bernard, The Royal Society

**Susan Matambanadzo, British Science Association
EngineeringUK**

Katherine Wylie, European Lung Foundation

Kate Whetter, Royal Society of Chemistry

Dominique Sleet, Royal Academy of Engineering

Mark Stead, WWT, the wetland charity

Welcome, please be aware:

- Talks are recorded.
- There will be time for questions at the end.
- You can send messages in the chat or raise your hand.



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The Royal Society

Ruby Seger-Bernard
Schools Engagement Officer

www.royalsociety.org/partnership

A circular inset image showing a close-up of a microscope's objective lens and eyepiece. The text 'THE ROYAL SOCIETY' is overlaid in red, serif font. The background of the entire slide is a gradient of yellow and orange with abstract curved shapes.

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The Royal Society's Partnership Grants

The Partnership Grants scheme supports:

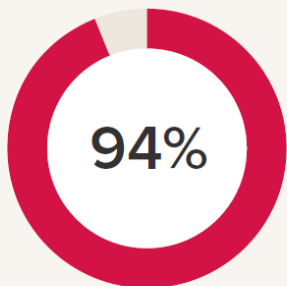
- UK schools and colleges to **develop a sustained partnership with STEM professionals** from academia or industry.
- **A grant of up to £3,000**, used by the school/college to enable the **running of an open-ended investigative project**, undertaken by the students with regular support from the STEM professionals.

The scheme is open to any registered school or college covering 5-18 education.

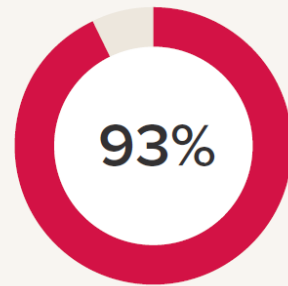
Tomorrow's Climate Scientist is an extension to the Partnership Grants scheme, funding projects researching into climate change and biodiversity loss locally.



Impact of the Partnership Grants



of teachers saw increased confidence in their students' STEM ability.



of teachers reported students gained a greater understanding of STEM career opportunities.



Two out of three teachers surveyed, reported increased confidence in running practical science lessons.



Many schools reported lasting use of equipment purchased with grants.

“There is clear evidence of a positive shift in student perception of STEM. Students reported increased confidence in tackling unfamiliar challenges and a stronger understanding of how STEM applies in real-world contexts.” Partnership Grant teacher

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British Science Association

Susan Matambanadzo
Education Manager

www.crestawards.org/engage/funding



Engage funding

Support for schools to run **CREST Awards** with students who are **underrepresented in STEM**.

Engage
Grant

=



£350
grant
money

+



£350
of CREST
Awards

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Simply
CREST

=



£350
of CREST
Awards



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September
2026**

School eligibility

- Non-selective UK state schools only
- The school meets **at least one** of the following additional criteria:
 1. A minimum of 30% of pupils are eligible for Free School Meals or equivalent [in Scotland: SIMD quintile 1]
 2. A minimum of 30% of pupils are from ethnic minority backgrounds
 3. The school is based in a remote and rural location

Priorities

1. Support for young people from underrepresented groups to earn CREST Awards:
 - Girls
 - Young people with ALN/SEND
 - Minoritised young people
 - Young people experiencing economic disadvantage
 - Young people with lower prior attainment or those that wouldn't normally choose to participate in STEM activities
2. Engagement of whole classes/year groups
3. Cross curricular plans
4. Engagement *outside* of traditional contexts like lessons and STEM clubs

How can you spend the £350 Engage Grant?

- Equipment, materials/consumables for CREST activities
- Teacher cover
- CPD for school staff
- A delivery partner to assist with running the projects
- Additional CREST Award fees (over and above the free £350)



www.crestawards.org/engage/funding



NEW for 26/27:

Support for **schools** to create opportunities for students to engage with the people and processes involved in **research** and **develop the skills** that underpin research and invention.

Curiosity Grant =



Explore Kit Box =



www.britishscienceweek.org

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www.eukeducation.org.uk/about-us/stem-funding-for-schools/



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Inspiring Futures Together



EUK Education bursaries for schools

(On behalf of)

**Susi Farnworth, Head of Equity,
Diversity and Inclusion,
EngineeringUK**



EngineeringUK Bursaries

- £700 bursaries available to schools
- Bursaries can be used on [Neon](#) activities or to run a [Big Bang at School](#)
- School eligibility: those schools with higher proportions of students from groups under-represented – easy to check on our online school checker
- Quick and easy to apply – 10 mins
- Closing 20th July 2026



EUK Education

EUK Education brings together everything we do for schools

Teachers and careers professionals can:

- discover our programmes
- find careers info and resources
- apply for bursaries
- get everything they need to inspire young people into engineering and technology



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European Lung Foundation

Katherine Wylie
Fundraising and
stakeholder relationships

www.europeanlung.org/en/projects-and-campaigns/healthy-lungs-for-life/



What is Healthy Lungs for Life

- Healthy Lungs for Life is a collaborative initiative of the European Lung Foundation and the European Respiratory Society.
- Working with patients, healthcare professionals and civil society organisations at national level and city level, it combines scientific evidence, public engagement and advocacy to promote lung health and highlight the importance of clean air.
- Over 12 years of experience



Schools

- Lung health in childhood can impact lung health across your lifetime
- Give children a better chance through education
 - Tobacco
 - Air pollution
 - Climate change
 - Nutrition
 - Physical activity
 - Vaccination



Materials

- **What's available for schools:**
 - **Free downloadable educational materials** for age groups 5–7, 7–11 and 11–14 — all aligned with curriculum needs
- **Building on Previous Campaign Success**
 - **Barcelona 2022**
 - **Vienna 2024**
 - **Amsterdam 2025**
 - **EU project LH4L**
- By incorporating these free downloadable materials, your school can **inspire students to become lung health champions** in their communities.



Classroom participation

- **With further collaboration ELF can help you to have:**
- **Healthcare professional** - visit to classroom
- **Interactive classroom activities** - from lung anatomy to air quality lessons from local researchers.
- **Free lung health test** for all students – following an established protocol
- Opportunity to become **lung health advocates**



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The Royal Society of Chemistry

Kate Whetter
Education Coordinator

www.rsc.org/funding-and-support/funding



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Primary

Secondary



Chemistry Teaching Empowerment Fund

- For secondary and primary teachers
- Up to £600 per school per academic year (up to £300 of that can be used for cover)
- Supports teachers to run their own events locally
- Focus on sharing good practice, improving chemistry teaching in your local area or to help build networks across local schools.
- We particularly encourage applications from projects or events that:
 - Support teachers and/or technicians in hard-to-reach areas
 - Support teachers and/or technicians facing challenges in chemistry teaching



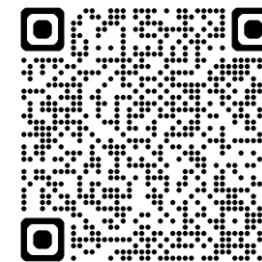
Outreach fund



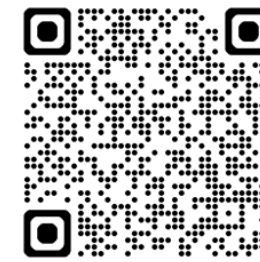
- Small grants (of up to £5000) or large grants (up to £10,000)
- Website offers lots of information with support documents, previous projects, and guidance and resources to support your application.
- Three review periods a year (March, June and October) but applications can be submitted at anytime.
- Next application **deadline is Friday 2 October 2026** (applications are invited for Chemistry Week activities)



Other funding



I & D



BMCS

Inclusion and Diversity fund

- Applications open on 30 June 2026
- Must be an RSC member to apply – Full criteria available on web page

Biological and medicinal chemistry sector interest group

- Enhanced equipment fund – to purchase equipment that would support the delivery of a practical aspect of science
- Chemistry clubs - Funding to support the running of activities outside the normal science timetable



Chemistry Week 9 – 15 November 2026

Join us to celebrate Chemistry Week this November and help showcase community-led activities and to highlight public engagement and outreach across the chemical science community.

You can share your activity on social media during Chemistry Week using #ChemistryWeek.

If you want to get involved but are not sure where to start:

- *Explore our [Science outreach: activities and resources | RSC Education](#)*
- *See our careers resources [A Future in Chemistry | RSC Education](#)*



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The Royal Academy of Engineering

Dominique Sleet
Public Engagement Manager

www.raeng.org.uk/ingenious



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A grants scheme for projects wanting to engage the public with engineers and engineering

Eligibility

- UK based organisations
- Engineering focus
- Engage public audiences
- Activities free to access
- Offer engineers training and opportunities in public engagement





What does the programme offer?

- £3,000 to £30,000 grants
- Kick-off workshop for awardees
- Evaluation training and support
- Communications and media support
- Networking opportunities





Royal Academy
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Ingenious

Annual call out
Applications: July – September
2-stage review process

Funding confirmed: February
Projects: May 2027 – July 2028

Website: raeng.org.uk/ingenious
Email: Engagement@raeng.org.uk



Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship

National programme aimed at supporting **women** A-level and BTEC/OCR (or Scottish equivalent) students from **low-income households** who wish to study computer science or related engineering courses at UK universities.

- £5k per year, up to 4 years at university
- Mentoring
- Networking and training

Applications open autumn 2026



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WWT, the Wetland Charity

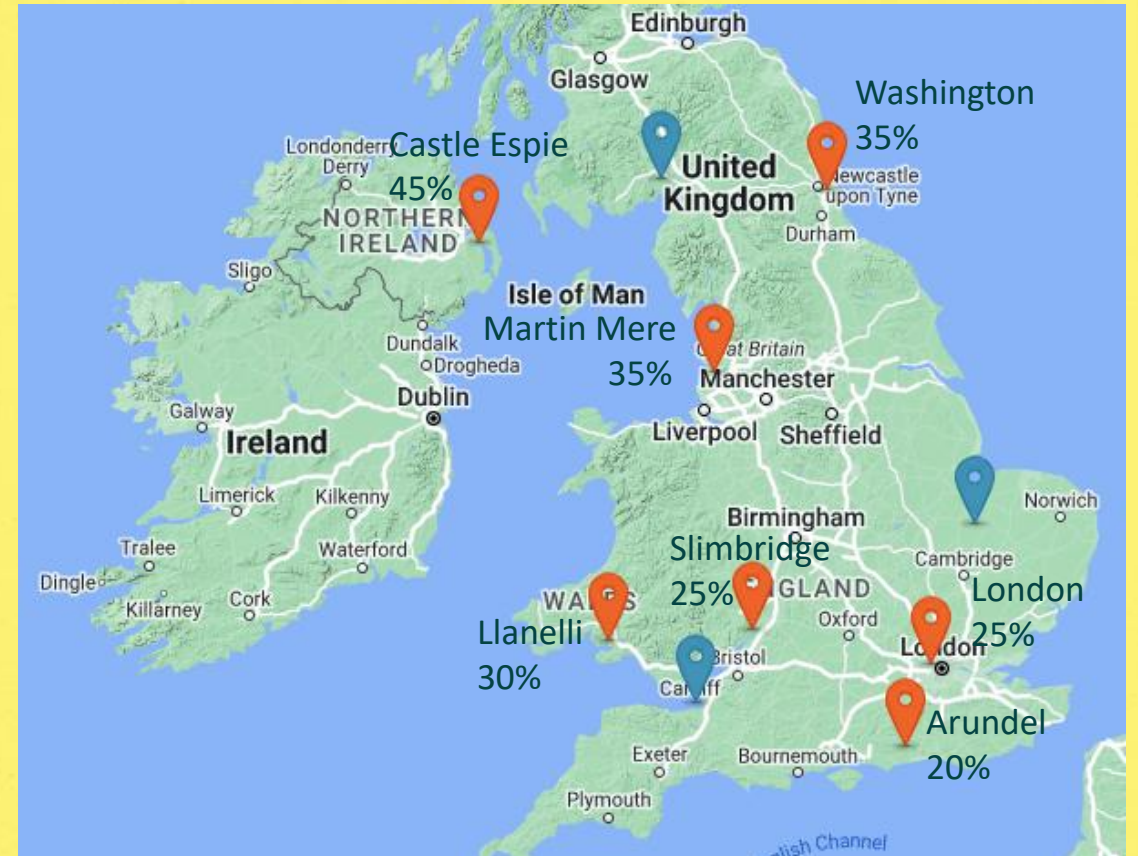
Mark Stead
Head of Learning

www.generationwild.org.uk



What is Generation Wild?

- Nature Connection programme for primary schools, children and families in economically disadvantaged areas (Y1-6)
- Eligibility based on Free School Meal %
- Completely free for eligible schools
- Curriculum linked plus focus on improving health and wellbeing whilst inspiring the next generation of nature lovers
- A story-based approach that melds the arts and sciences
- A long-term programme with a visit to one of our wetland centres used as a springboard to further activity in the local community



What does it involve?

Pre-visit



Visit



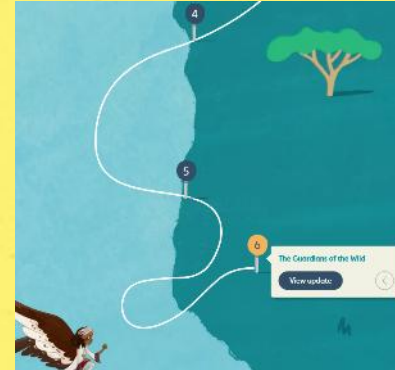
Follow-up

Children introduced to Ava's story via a digital storybook

Children meet Ava in life-size puppet form

Children track Ava on her migration to West Africa.

They complete nature activities to become 'Guardians of the Wild'



Impact

> 75,000 participants

> 290,000 nature activities completed

> 15,000 Guardians of the Wild

99% of teachers would recommend to a colleague

96% parents / carers would recommend to families like theirs

Impacts on children	Impacts on teachers
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Impact



Find out more at
www.generationwild.org.uk

Any questions?

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Or get in touch with today's speakers:

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