



Employability Project Impact Report: 2018-19

This year has been a busy one for our employability project. We engaged **62** volunteers from our business members to deliver **22** different employability activities across our partner schools. These included speedy speakers, in-depth career talks, CV workshops, tailored mock interviews and career fairs. In total, our volunteers contributed **163** hours of their time and engaged with **over 2,000** students.

The feedback we received from schools and students was overwhelmingly positive. Students found the advice from volunteers who work in business invaluable in helping them improve their CVs and refine their future plans, while schools said that our activities helped them improve their careers offer to students. Volunteers also welcomed having opportunities to share their expertise and give back to local young people, helping to develop future local talent.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our employability activities this year! We will have even more opportunities for volunteers to get involved in this part of our Education work in 2019-20, so keep an eye out for upcoming dates.

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You can find the dates for next year's employability activities here:
www.leicestershirecares.co.uk/get-help/schools/employability
For more information or to get involved, email
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Highlights from 2018-19

Below are just a few examples of the great activities our volunteers delivered this year.

Ellesmere College Careers Day

On 14th June, Leicestershire Cares coordinated our very first Careers Day at Ellesmere College, a special school which caters for students with a wide range of educational difficulties and complex needs.

Students benefitted from career talks, mock interviews and a careers fair with volunteers from Bradgate Bakery, Cadent Gas, East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, ThermoFisher Scientific, TT Electronics and the University of Leicester. The feedback from students, teachers and volunteers was so positive we're planning to do it all over again next year!

"The mock interviews have really boosted the confidence of the students in my class."

Teacher, Ellesmere College

"It was a lovely day - well organised as ever, and the students were a pleasure to work with - so enthusiastic and polite. Would happily go back - it was a lot of fun." Business volunteer, ThermoFisher Scientific

World of Work tours with Sytner Leicester BMW

On 1st and 3rd May, we were treated to two great World of Work tours with Sytner Leicester BMW. Both tours took place with STEM Ambassadors from Madani Schools Federation and showed students the wide range of job roles involved in running a successful car dealership.

The tour started with a presentation from the Head of Business, Jon Fryer, which highlighted the skills and attributes that Sytner value in their staff. Students were then shown around the dealership so they could see the different departments in action.

"I've learnt the different roles there are in car retailing... I would like to do an apprenticeship and become a Master Technician."

Student, Madani Girls School

CV workshops at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus

On 21st June, volunteers from Bradgate Bakery supported the delivery of three CV workshops to students at Brookvale Groby Learning Campus.

Volunteers worked with students to help them understand the purpose of a CV, identify their skills, and start to plan their own CV. They also gave students hints and tips based on their recruitment experience.

"There was excellent interaction from the students. All the students I saw were very focused but maybe a little nervous about telling people on a cv their achievements to date... I found the day very rewarding." **Business volunteer, Bradgate Bakery**

