

The Big Bang Fair 2018 Career Captain Volunteer

<p>Where: The NEC, Birmingham Dates: 14 - 17 March 2018 Time: 8am-4pm</p>	<p>Role: Career Captain Volunteer Contact: Elena, Volunteer Manager EMartin-Laguna@engineeringuk.com</p>
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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.

The Big Bang Fair is an award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers inspiration from STEM professionals.

We aim to show young people (primarily aged 7-19) the exciting and rewarding opportunities out there for them with the right experience and qualifications, by bringing classroom learning to life.

Why do we need you?

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

Having grown from 6,500 visitors in its first year (2009) to over 70,000 in 2017, we simply couldn't do it without the support of our amazing volunteers. We need over **400 volunteers for next year's Fair**. During the application process, you will have the opportunity to select the day(s) that you would like to attend.

What activities will you be involved in?

This is a **very 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. Ice-breaker question cards will be supplied to each of our Careers Captains, helping facilitate these informal careers interactions. As a Careers Captain, you would be involved in:

'Whose Crew' Competition

- Roam the show floor helping young visitors take part in a career focused competition based on all the different careers in STEM.
- Once visitors have answered all the questions by talking to as many show-floor Careers Captains as they can, they can enter their answers into our draw to win fantastic prizes.

'Whose Crew are You?' Quiz

- Careers Volunteers will be based in our dedicated careers hub in the middle of the show-floor, helping the young visitors take the 'Whose Crew are You?' careers quiz on one of the iPads.
- The visitors answer a series of simple questions based on their likes and dislikes, interests and strengths and are given a suggested STEM 'crew' at the end with example of real jobs they could end up working in.

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**.





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- Welcoming and polite manner towards visitors.
- Approachable and out-going personality.
- Confident engaging a wide range of visitors with varying levels of interest and knowledge.
- Natural communicator and the ability to think creatively to adapt to the individual needs of each visitor or group.

What can you gain from this opportunity?

- Having a **rewarding experience** making a difference to young people's career aspirations and inspiring them to consider different pathways.
- Showing them how their studies could lead to a career in science, technology, engineering or maths.
- Extensive **networking** opportunities, joining an enthusiastic team of people.
- Practical and hands-on experience in an **exceptional educational event**, enjoyed by visitors of all ages.
- Opportunity to progress and become a Team Leader Volunteer.

Most importantly, you will have a fun day!

Is there an induction and learning and development activities?

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:

- Interactive **induction** for new volunteers (45 mins, online).
- **Specific training** for all Careers Captain Volunteers (45 mins, online).
- Volunteer **Handbook** and briefing documents.
- On-site **briefing** on the day (30 mins, face to face). Arrival 8 am for a prompt start at 8.15 am. If you are volunteering more than one day you don't need to attend the briefing on the following day.
- On-site **support and supervision** from the Volunteer Manager, Head of Careers and Team Leaders Volunteers.

Who should you contact? What are the next steps?

You will need to complete an application form, available online. For more information about the roles, please contact Elena Laguna (Volunteer Manager) on EMartin-Laguna@engineeringuk.com or 07934295509.

New applicants will have to attend an Induction webinar (online). Volunteers who have not attended the Fair before will have the opportunity to find out more about this unique experience, and ask any questions that they may have.

