

Activities 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. Everything we do is aimed at showing young people (primarily aged 7-19) how many exciting and rewarding opportunities there are out there for them with the right experience and qualifications.

- Where: The NEC, Birmingham
- Dates: 13 – 16 March 2019
- Time: 8am – 4pm
- Contact: Elena (Volunteer Manager) EMartin-Laguna@engineeringuk.com

Why do we need you?

The Big Bang Fair needs you to share your time and energy to help ensure our activities are facilitated to our visitors in an engaging and inspirational manner.

With over 80,000 visitors in 2018, The Big Bang Fair simply 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 **very public-facing role**. It is an exciting opportunity for a motivated individual looking to support a large-scale event within a busy and fun environment and team.

- Providing assistance on an **interactive STEM exhibit** alongside an exhibitor.
- Having the opportunity to lead a simple STEM experiment stall independently or with other activities volunteers.
- Talking to young visitors about the exhibit and encouraging them to take part – bringing STEM to life!

There are exhibits covering all areas of STEM and, where possible we will try to match you to your area of interest. However, this will always depend on the event requirements for the day. You are welcome to include your area of interest in the online application form.

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**.

- Cheerful and enthusiastic towards visitors.
- Presentation and facilitation skills to effectively explain our activities.
- Communication skills to be able to adapt to the needs of the group.
- Motivation and an interest in engaging with young people, inspiring them in STEM.

This role involves a lot of being on your feet and moving around the sizeable show floor. If you have any questions about this requirement, please do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible so we can discuss any reasonable adjustments.

What can you gain from this opportunity?

- Having a rewarding experience making a difference to young people and inspiring them.
- Extensive networking opportunities, joining an enthusiastic team of people.
- Practical and hands-on experience in an exceptional educational event. You will have the chance to develop your teaching and presentation skills in a friendly environment.
- 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:

- Interactive **induction** for new volunteers (1 h, online).
- **Role specific training** for activities volunteers (1 h, online).
- Volunteer **Handbook**.
- **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 Volunteering team and the volunteer team leaders.

Apply to volunteer

Who should you contact? What are the next steps?

To apply, please complete the online application form [here](#). For more information, please contact **Elena Laguna (Volunteer Manager)** on EMartin-Laguna@engineeringuk.com or 07934295509.

