

STEM Centre - Birmingham and Solihull



STEMNET (<http://www.stemnet.org.uk>) is a national organisation funded by the Department for Business, Innovation, and Skills (BIS), which creates opportunities to inspire young people in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). It helps encourage young people to be well informed about STEM, able to engage fully in debate, and make decisions about STEM related issues. This enables them to develop their creativity, problem-solving and employability skills, widens their choices and supports the UK's future competitiveness.

The organisation is managed locally by 45 sub-regional partners in the UK who help STEMNET deliver its programmes to schools and organisations in their local area, through the STEM Ambassador Programme and the Schools STEM Advisory Network.

The University of Birmingham is now STEMNET's sub-regional partner for the Birmingham and Solihull region until March 2015, and has recruited a specialist team to work with schools in the region to enrich and enhance STEM subjects.

Our main areas of work are:

- **Schools Advisory Service** (</schools/STEM-centre/information-for-teachers/Schools-Advisory-Service.aspx>) - advice, support and guidance on STEM enhancement and enrichment (E&E) to schools, including careers
- Management of the **STEM Ambassadors' Volunteer Programme** (</schools/STEM-centre/information-for-teachers/index.aspx>)
- **STEM Clubs Coordinator for Birmingham & Solihull** (</schools/STEM-centre/information-for-teachers/STEM-Clubs.aspx>) - a club network bringing together clubs leaders and teachers hoping to start clubs to support each other. We hold a meeting each term with ideas and resources and chance to network.

The specialist team is Julia Kingston and Sarah Cosgriff. Based at the University, they manage the STEM Ambassadors volunteer programme, and are available to visit schools to discuss in further detail how we can support your STEM curriculum and match STEM Ambassadors with events taking place at your school, free of charge.

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