



News Update

As we are once again starting to return a little to 'normal' we thought that now would be a good time to share with you our news and update you all on what we've been up to and how the Global STEM Awards are progressing!

Global STEM Awards Advisory Panel

We are passionate about the Global STEM Awards and are always looking for ways to enhance the programme to make it as enjoyable as well as meaningful, in terms of developing a young person's STEM skills and awareness of STEM challenges and careers. We are therefore thrilled to announce that we have now formed a panel of advisors to the Global STEM Awards. The advisory panel provides an invaluable external perspective on the strategic direction of the award programme to ensure that our activities are informed by best practice and remain relevant to the learners we serve.

"Meet The Panel...."

We will introduce the panel members to you in the coming editions of the e-update. Our first panel member is:

Sara Booth-Card, Project Co-ordinator, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Sara studied ecology at university before training as a primary school teacher. She spent 9 years as a classroom teacher before going to work at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Sara has worked at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for the past 6 years running two engagement projects. The first, Youth in Nature, was an Our Bright Future funded project through the Big Lottery to engage young people with wildlife and the environment as well as gaining employability skills.

The second is a government funded project through Defra (Natural England) and the Department for Education. Nature Friendly Schools empowers teachers to take learning outside the classroom through professional development training and creating a wildlife and people friendly outdoor space. Part of her work with the Royal Society of Biology has been to highlight careers in STEM subjects to women and young people.



Bronze Awards to Lincolnshire STEM for Home Educators

The Global STEM Awards are ideal for home learning and we have been pleased to be involved recently with a group of Home Educators from Lincolnshire who have been completing the bronze award. The workshops were sponsored by the IET Education Grant and run at Franklin College, N. Lincs. It's great when we receive fantastic feedback about participation in the Global STEM Awards and our thanks to one of the parents, Sarah Baxter, whose child recently attended the Home Educators workshop:



"The content of the workshops was fantastic, delivering an all-inclusive multi levelled programme for all who attended. Noah enjoyed the challenge of programming his cub to design a name tag on paper with the well-designed pen holder. He was really focused on programming a multi buttoned game a bit like a chasing star game using various crumble parts and crumble programming. Mike was excellent at facilitating Noah even though it was a bit off schedule. The freedom all the children had to explore the cub robot buggy and crumble programming with sparkle light displays too. Noah had a great time and was so engaged throughout the sessions. It was an excellent, enjoyable well structured and delivered success! Something as Home Educators we have no access too.

We want more!

To top that off Noah and all the children made there own music and were lucky enough to have it mixed and recorded for future listening, again an example of an amazing network Mike has to incorporate a diverse educational experience. It was great to attend this event and for Noah to obtain a Bronze Global STEM Award, one of many as Noah would like to work toward his Silver and Gold in the future.

Thank you Mike from UKSTEM and Sally at Global STEM Awards for all your hard work."

Global STEM Award partners with CATCH

We are excited to announce that UKSTEM has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Global STEM Award with CATCH, to work together in the development of engaging activities for school students.

The MoU will see UKSTEM developing classroom based practical activities set in contexts provided by the CATCH training centre and its partnering companies. The aim of the activities are to bring to life engineering and related careers that are normally hidden from public view; students will understand the relevance of subjects they study at school; explore the local and global careers available to them.

On completion of their activities school students will be awarded with the Global STEM Award – a valuable addition to their record of achievement.



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