



BECOMING A SCHOOLS AMBASSADOR

If you plan to register as an Ambassador with the intention of working with schools, you will be required to register simultaneously with the Science and Engineering Ambassadors (SEA) scheme run by STEMNET (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network).

This allows you to obtain a free Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check and undertake training with STEMNET, as well as benefit from the volunteering opportunities made available by STEMNET to promote STEM in schools.

If you are already registered as a SEA but not as an Ambassador for the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, you can still join the Institution's Ambassador Programme to get involved with further volunteering opportunities.

HOW TO JOIN

To join the Ambassador programme, please visit www.imeche.org/ambassadors where you can complete a simple online application form.

Prospective Ambassadors who intend to work with schools and students will also be required to join the STEMNET SEA scheme to obtain a CRB check. The application form can be found at www.stemnet.org.uk

Once forms have been received and processed, you will be contacted by SETPOINT (local branch of STEMNET) to arrange a CRB check and training. You will be notified when volunteering opportunities become available, and will be given access to resources to support your activities.

TO FIND OUT MORE

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Ambassadors Programme



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WHAT IS THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME?

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers has a wide variety of volunteering opportunities available for its members to participate in promoting engineering, providing intellectual leadership and inspiring the next generation. Ambassadors use their professional knowledge and experience to enrich the engineering profession and develop their skills along the way.

Volunteering as an Ambassador is a great way of building up your skills set whilst supporting the Institution's key themes and contributing to the engineering community at large. By becoming an Ambassador you can access a range of materials to support your work and keep abreast of upcoming volunteering and training opportunities available across the Institution.

The Ambassador Programme is aimed at bringing together all members who contribute to the IMechE vision, whatever their role may be. The programme offers support and recognition in addition to that which is already being provided to a specific volunteer role.

OBJECTIVES

The aims of the programme are to:

- create opportunities for members to build on their existing skills and develop new ones
- develop awareness and understanding of engineering through active engagement with the community
- provide members with opportunities to support their profession and inspire the next generation of engineers

ROLES ENCOMPASSED BY THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

- **MX AWARDS**
- **ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE**
- **FORMULA STUDENT**

- **LOCAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE**
- **ACADEMIC LIAISON OFFICER**
- **GREENPOWER VOLUNTEER**
- **MENTOR**
- **ASSESSOR**
- **INDUSTRIAL ADVISOR**
- **BENEVOLENT FUND VOLUNTEER**
- **MEDIA SPOKESPERSON**
- **INDUSTRIAL LIAISON OFFICER**
- **COMMITTEE MEMBER**

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Volunteering commitments can vary from one off events for a few hours to roles which require a commitment of several months, and may be based around the institutions key themes of Energy, Environment, Transport and Education. Examples of volunteering include:

- acting as a Media spokesperson on behalf of the Institution
- visiting schools and colleges to promote engineering to students
- helping at events such as Formula Student, Engineering Your Future or Greenpower
- volunteering to engage with local communities
- volunteering with regional and industry sector committees
- Industrial Advisors, Interviewers and Professional Review committee members

Ambassadors will be contacted as and when opportunities to volunteer are available, with details of what the role will entail, time commitment expected and contacts for each volunteering project.

WHO CAN BECOME AN AMBASSADOR?

Ambassadors are members of the Institution who come from a wide variety of backgrounds, with varying interests and skills who are united in their enthusiasm, commitment and passion for engineering. As an Ambassador, you will have the opportunity to support the profession by participating in the Institution's theme based projects and education outreach.

You may be an undergraduate studying to become an engineer, a qualified engineer working towards professional accreditation or an experienced professional looking to give something back to the engineering community, support the Institution and develop valuable skills along the way.

If you have already participated in any form of volunteering for the Institution – from chairing a committee to acting as a speaker at careers events for students – you have already acted as an Ambassador. Members already engaged in volunteering should join the programme to gain access to the full range of resources and opportunities available.

PROMOTING ENGINEERING, PROVIDING INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION...

WHY BECOME AN AMBASSADOR?

Being an Ambassador means representing your profession and giving something back to the community of engineers. You may be involved in representing your industry sector, or you may be working in school projects to inspire the next generation of engineers. Whatever volunteering you get involved with, the Ambassador programme will:

- equip you with resources, materials and training to develop you as a volunteer and increase your knowledge
- develop skills such as communication and leadership which will contribute towards attaining chartered status
- create opportunities for networking within the engineering community and beyond
- present new and interesting challenges, both professional and personal
- provide theoretical and practical learning experiences
- change how engineering is perceived and challenge stereotypes about your profession
- provide opportunities to learn about the education system, work with young people to promote engineering and take part in enjoyable school events
- give employers opportunities for staff development

AMBASSADOR GOLD

The Gold level of the Ambassador programme is designed to recognise and reward Young Members who excel in developing their skills through volunteering, promoting the profession, inspiring the next generation and supporting the values of the Institution.

Young members who demonstrate distinctive commitment by volunteering 100+ hours a year will qualify as Gold Ambassadors. These 100 hours may be accumulated across the year through a variety of regular or ad hoc volunteering roles and will include training specifically related to volunteer activities.

The Institution will reward Gold Ambassadors by offering access to high quality training and development programmes free of charge, to impart skills and knowledge which are directly transferable to the workplace to support ongoing career development.

If you feel that you have what it takes to go the extra mile and really make a difference to the engineering community while building your skills, please visit www.imeche.org/ambassadors to find more information about Ambassador Gold.