

## **Volunteering in the Classroom FutureLearn ExpertTrack**

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This is an ExpertTrack for volunteers who aim to inspire young people in STEM subjects by bringing STEM careers into classrooms and other educational settings. Volunteers should be part of a formal volunteering programme within their region or country, such as STEM Ambassadors in the UK.

### **Portfolio for peer assessment**

This ExpertTrack is peer assessed through submitting a portfolio of evidence of your volunteering practice. Each course contributes to the peer assessment, with specific activities that will form your submission, so you can build your portfolio as you complete the ExpertTrack. Each part of the portfolio should be completed to allow you to demonstrate meeting the learning outcomes of the ExpertTrack.

### **ExpertTrack learning outcomes**

Successful completion of the portfolio will enable you to demonstrate you have met the ExpertTrack learning outcomes.

1. Identify a range of resources to support practical STEM volunteering activities.
2. Modify resources for a specific audience and activity, reflecting the diversity and context of the activity.
3. Collaborate with educators and group leaders to plan and arrange volunteering activities as part of a formal programme in your country or region.
4. Produce activity plans to use when delivering practical activities in schools or youth organisations.
5. Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication with young people.
6. Develop your confidence, skills and ability to do practical activities with young people.
7. Collect immediate feedback for young people about practical STEM activities, using different tools.
8. Contribute towards employer and programme evaluation of STEM volunteering activities.

## Peer assessment and grading

You will be assessed by other learners on the ExpertTrack as to how well you evidence your engagement with the courses and reflect upon the impact each course has made to your volunteering practice. You will need to submit your portfolio and peer assess two other portfolios to complete the ExpertTrack.

For FutureLearn assessments, we are required to attribute numerical values to the assessment. Each part of your portfolio is marked out of 5, graded based on the level of evidence and reflection. The total mark for your ExpertTrack portfolio is out of 30. You must get at least 70% on the assessment to successfully complete the ExpertTrack, this is equivalent to a minimum grade of High, High, Medium, Medium, Medium, Medium.

Level of evidence and reflection		Mark
High	You have addressed each part of the template clearly. You have described clearly and justify how you are tailoring your activity to the specific needs of the young people you will work with. Your reflections identify the <b>impact on your volunteering and personal development</b> as a result of participating in the courses.	5
Medium	You have addressed most of the template clearly. You have described how you are considering the needs of the young people you will work with. Your reflections identify the <b>impact on your volunteering and personal development</b> as a result of participating in the courses.	3
Low	The template is half complete. You have not considered how your activity relates to the young people you will work with. Your reflections do not clearly identify the <b>impact on your volunteering and development</b> as a result of the courses.	1
Zero	The template is mostly incomplete. You have provided no reflections on your volunteering practice.	0