

NE712 Linking STEM curriculum learning to careers

Working with colleagues in FE colleges

Transcript of [audio interview](#) with Alison, FE lecturer in science.

ALISON: We'll get to know your careers leaders. In a college, there's often a dedicated department, and it depends on how the college runs. Though in colleges typically, you will have pastoral tutors run a kind of careers programme. And I think working with them closely is really very useful indeed. And again, lots of the partnership stuff that we've done has been done with the tutors, pastoral tutors.

And I'm a kind of-- I'm called a subject programme coordinator, which is a grand name for an academic tutor. But we do work together quite closely. And in-house make use of any training that is on offer for you, from the careers team. So our careers team has already done some sessions on Gatsby and report.

And I now, when I collect posters and whatnot, I send stuff to them. It is surprising how quickly you to do build these contacts. A lady that is to do with the kind of business partnerships in college, and I've never-- I've only just met her, and I've been in contact with her over LinkedIn and in-house for years. And I've finally met her, because she's doing something with my students.

And she's organised some big robot wars a competition for local schools, and at college on Friday. And she's using our students. She's bringing them in as ambassadors to judge competition and help the students. So as I say, it's just stepping out of your comfort zone a little, and just not being afraid to publish, or like something on social media.

And just a little, and often. It is amazing how quickly you can get these contacts. And the more actively you do it, the more that you're going to get.