

In2scienceUK offers a high impact programme that works with young people from low income backgrounds to give them the support they need to achieve their potential. 80% of the young people that take part in the programme advance to degrees and apprenticeships in Science, Technology, Engineering and math (STEM). This year we have had a record number of applications with over 2000 young people applying to the programme. However, the outbreak of Covid-19 has increased the barriers for disadvantaged young people seeking careers in STEM. Many of the young people we support have been left without any educational support while in lockdown. To counter the significant negative effects of Covid-19 we have launched the In2scienceUK Virtual programme to give support to young people who need support now more than ever.

In2scienceUK's Covid-19 Response

The outbreak of Covid-19 is the greatest public health challenge faced by the UK for over 100 years. In light of this, In2scienceUK has transformed its traditional face to face STEM work placement programme into a high quality virtual programme. With support from hundreds of passionate STEM professional volunteers and our highly experienced In2scienceUK team, we have formulated a bespoke programme encompassing the essential workshops and materials to ensure every young person reaches their potential. This year the In2scienceUK Virtual Programme will support 100's of young people to gain the necessary professional skills, networking opportunities and guidance needed for them to establish themselves within dynamic STEM degrees and careers.

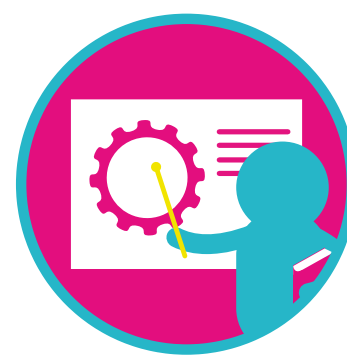
By actively increasing our support to the young people at this time we can keep more young people on a progressive path. Our innovative virtual programme consists of four core aspects:



1. Careers Mentoring
online mentoring sessions from STEM professionals to boost employability skills.



2. Careers Pathways
High quality digital information to find the right career and the pathway.



4. Employability skills
Workshops on C.V writing and interview technique to presentation skills.



3. STEM Workshops
Expert stem skills sessions delivered by STEM professional.

Case Study : Jack



'The help and advice that everyone gave me at In2scienceUK both in terms of future career and university access really helped to navigate me to where I am today'

Jack now works as a Senior Laboratory Technician at Abcam, through our virtual programme we can continue to support young people in urgent need of support.

The In2scienceUK Virtual Programme

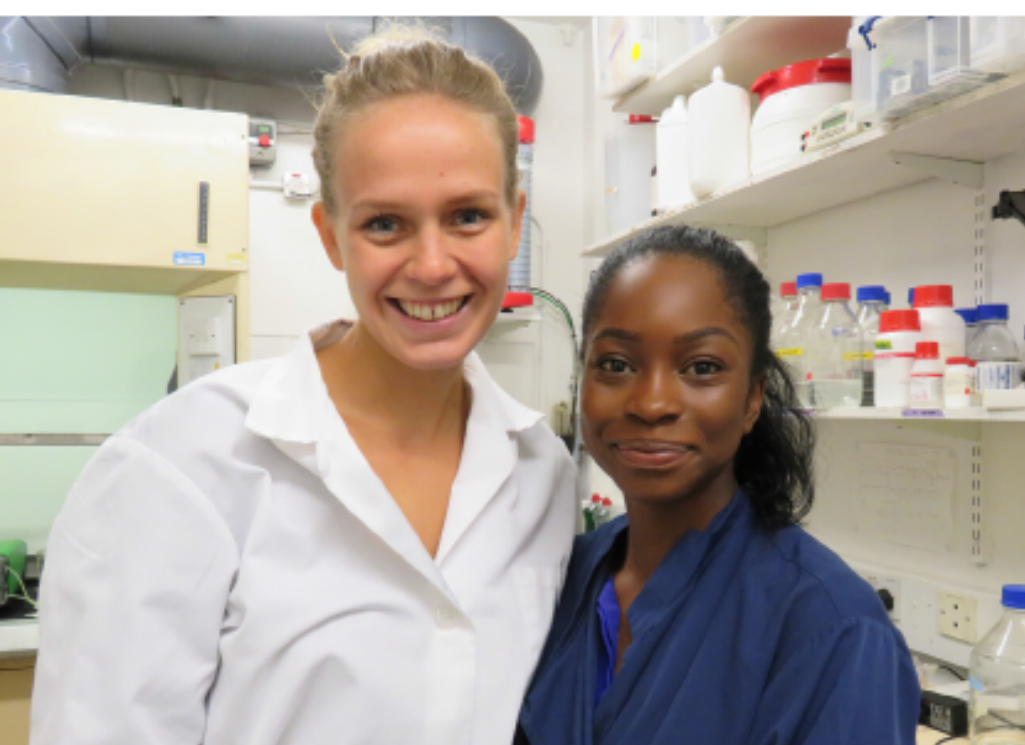
The in2scienceUK Virtual Programme is a new and strategic programme that the In2scienceUK trustees and team have launched in relation to the current crisis and will have both a significant and positive influence on the young people that we are supporting. Our mission is to ensure that this digital transformation will prevent young people from suffering alone and give them the means to secure a brighter future. We can prevent the educational stagnation of young people facing this crisis by providing expert knowledge, positive role models and exceptional material that will inspire a generation of young people in lockdown to succeed regardless of the challenges they face.

Mentoring with In2scienceUK

The mentoring offered by In2scienceUK is the most significant positive and unique aspect of the In2scienceUK Virtual Programme. Every student taking part in the programme will have access and support from a STEM professional mentor that will give them the essential guidance, careers advice and higher education access support they need to achieve their potential. Our mentoring programme has a dual purpose to give young people the positive role models they so desperately need and to develop an inclusive and cohesive STEM community. By encouraging greater dialogue and social mobility within the STEM sector we can contribute to lasting and positive change in the UK STEM Sector. However, the development of our new virtual programme requires the increased recruitment of STEM professional volunteers to support the ever increasing number of young people wanting to receive expert mentoring and guidance.

The Virtual Mentoring Programme Budget

£300.00 will support the recruitment, training and materials development costs of an additional essential mentor onto our interactive virtual In2scienceUK programme. The funding will also go towards digital mentoring webinars, meetings, online workshops led by In2scienceUK mentors. This year thousands of young people have applied to take part and we are keen to help as many as we can to access the support they require. With your support, we will be able to make a positive difference in the lives of young people regardless of the significant challenges they face.



Thank you for taking the time to read about our plans to support young people this year. Every sponsor of the In2scienceUK Virtual Programme will have their organisations logo on our website and newsletter in gratitude for their contribution. The Covid-19 crisis has shown the damage caused by public health emergencies and that the only solution is the stay united in our belief in a more positive future.

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