



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR SCHOOL



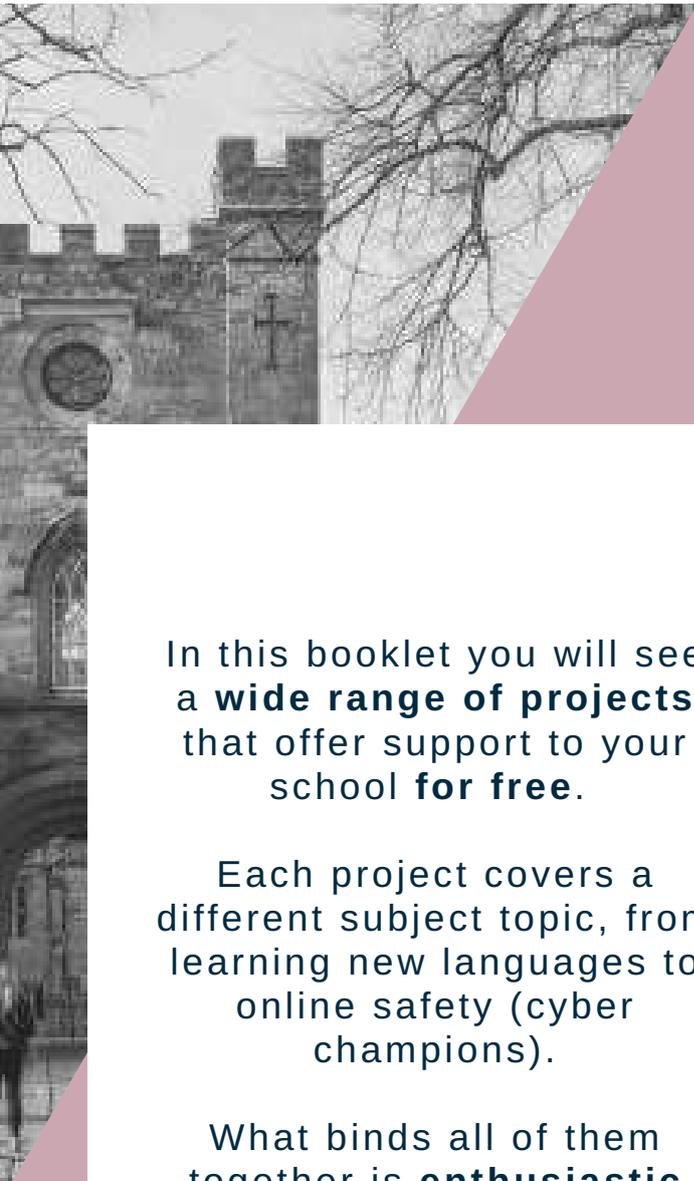
Durham University Volunteering Projects

Building partnerships with the local community



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Student Volunteering
and Outreach



an overview

WHAT WE DO FOR YOU

In this booklet you will see a **wide range of projects** that offer support to your school **for free**.

Each project covers a different subject topic, from learning new languages to online safety (cyber champions).

What binds all of them together is **enthusiastic Durham University students** who want to help your school.



Benefits for You

Durham University students are enthusiastic about supporting learning at your school. They are **passionate and knowledgeable** about the subjects they study.

Our volunteers are often motivated by sharing the joy for their subject and getting out in their newly adopted local community. International students offer a **different cultural perspective**.

Finally, our volunteers can help **give an insight into University life**, which can too often be distant and daunting. Plus, again, **it's free!**



how it works

OUR PROCESSES

Safeguarding

DUSVO aims to provide a safe environment for all participants, staff and volunteers. We are part of Durham University and therefore adhere to the Durham University Safeguarding Policy. A copy of the full policy can be found at (<https://www.dur.ac.uk/safeguarding/policy/>).

- All volunteers are trained in the University's safeguarding policy as part of their induction.
- All volunteers must abide by our social media and photography policy, alongside your school's safeguarding policies.
- Durham University requires volunteers working with children to have a valid enhanced DBS certificate or be in the process of applying for one through the University. If you would like to verify that a volunteer has or is obtaining a DBS certificate you can email DU staff at student.volunteering@durham.ac.uk
- Part of our policy states that a student will not be left alone with children, but instead there will always be another volunteer or teacher present.

How to get started

1. Please have a look through this booklet and see which projects may suit your school. What we offer is flexible so we encourage you to email if you have any other ideas about how we could help.
2. Email katie.binks@durham.ac.uk with the project(s) and the timings which would suit your school.
3. Our project leaders will then be in touch to organise the exact dates and times for volunteers to come in.

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CODE CLUB

Teaching children of all abilities and backgrounds to code

What we offer in detail

Children in this club will complete one pre-defined project per week (see useful links). The projects come at all levels and teach different skills from making games to building websites. They are designed for primary school age children and above by Code Club UK, a charity that works with the Department for Education.

We have primarily used scratch in the past however we can work with you to choose a programming language and course that is right for your students.

Curriculum

Given the range of projects available from Code Club, you can choose some of what the children learn. They can work with scratch, a game building tool, python, a widely used programming language, or website building. Children will learn about controlling program flow (using if statements), looping (like repeat statements or while loops), functions and much more. This will build their programming ability, logical reasoning and planning

Offered to years

4-13

What we offer

Regular Club

Timing information

Preferred Time:

Wednesday Afternoon

Regularity:

Once a week

Length:

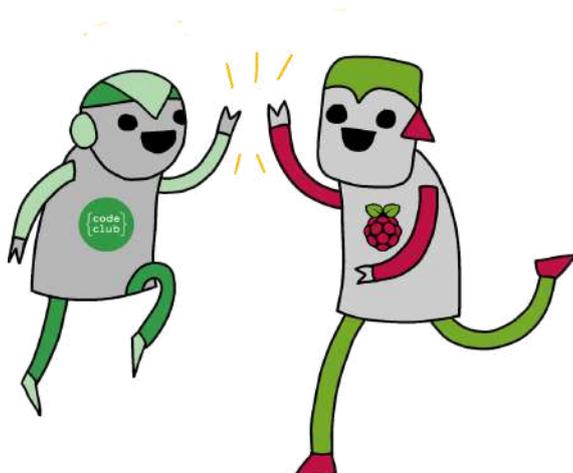
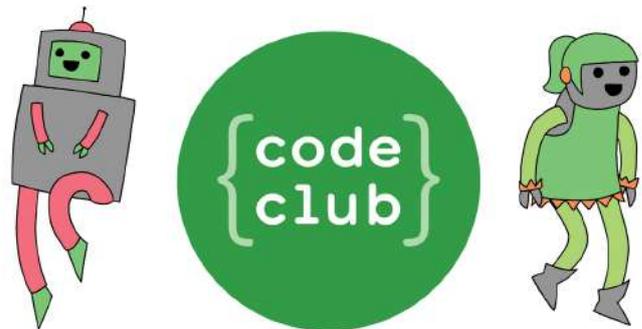
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Useful Links

<https://codeclub.org/en/>

<https://www.codecademy.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/DurhamCodeClub/>



SCHOLARS INTO SCHOOLS

Welcoming students from around the world into schools to share information about their home country and culture

What we offer in detail

Many of our pupils have little direct contact with people from other countries and cultures or whose religious views are different to their own. Durham University's international students are offering schools in the county the chance to support the delivery of key British values through a school visit volunteering programme, which underpins teaching around mutual respect, and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

LANGUAGE CLUBS

We aim to aid secondary school pupils with their language studies.

What we offer in detail

We aim to directly help the students with their language studies. Alternatively, we could work as an extra-curricular club where pupils could learn a new language such as Russian!

We offer volunteers who speak Spanish, French, Italian, Arabic and many more!

We aim to cater to the specific needs of the students, whether these be grammatical, speaking or writing. These can be in the form of lunchtime sessions or after school times to encourage the students to become enthusiastic about languages in their free time. We can focus the sessions depending on the needs of the different students.

Timing information

Regularity:

Once a week

Length:

Usually an hour

Offered to years

1-13

What we offer

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

Once a week or a one-off visit

Length:

Usually an hour



Offered to years

7-11

What we offer

Regular Club

**In-Lesson
Assistance (TA)**

Workshops

CYBER CHAMPIONS

Teaching children how to stay safe online

What we offer in detail

We come into schools to give one-off workshops on how to stay safe online. These are given in the form of a presentation to an individual class or parents, with activities and interaction interspersed throughout. Cyber Champions is a UK-wide charity aiming to promote digital literacy and safety to school-aged children, and is a subject that all the presenters are passionate about.

Curriculum

We cover material not typically covered in the school curriculum – topics include cyber bullying, sexting, digital footprint, social media, passwords and hacking. We're happy to emphasise topics schools wish us to cover in more depth, but hope to give an introduction (or a reminder!) to the importance of online safety.



FURTHER MATHS CLUB

Helping the top maths students reach their full potential

What we offer in detail

We aim to introduce your top level students to different and interesting areas of maths outside the normal curriculum. We can also offer support with A-level Further Maths and stretching your students. In a once a week club, our volunteers hope to broaden your students use and understanding of maths.

Curriculum

We work with you to create the specific topics focused on in the club.

Offered to years

5-10

What we offer

Workshops

Timing information

Preferred Time:

During the school day for students, after school or evening for parents

Regularity:

One-offs only

Length:

1 hour

Useful Links

<http://cyberchampions.org/>

Offered to years

11-13

What we offer

Regular Club

Timing information

Regularity:

Once a week

Length:

Usually an hour

SIXTH FORM TUTORING

Bringing free individualised tutoring to local sixth forms

What we offer in detail

Sixth Form Tutoring aims to provide further academic help to A-level students within a wide range of school subjects. The project offers 1 hour sessions, in which university students mentor tutees in a certain subject. These are typically one-to-one, but there is a possibility to mentor up to 3 tutees at a time. The time is agreed upon by the tutor and the tutee and the location should be the school itself.

Curriculum

The sessions will potentially involve further help with challenging homework, topics and discussing problem sheets prepared by the tutor.

DU ELECTRICAL MOTORSPORT

Promoting STEM by providing practical science sessions and demonstrations.

Providing role models in science.

What we offer in detail

We will bring the Durham University Solar Car along to your school to show off to students as a way of getting them excited about STEM! We can then provide a presentation about the solar car and the uses of STEM to show why it is so important and answer any questions students have. The presentation itself will be tailored to the age of the pupils and the amount of time available. We can then go around the classrooms in the school to speak to students one-to-one so we can help them with any questions they have, often regarding work they've been doing in class for younger pupils, or regarding GCSEs, further education and university life in general for older pupils!



Offered to years

12-13

What we offer

Regular Club

Timing information

Preferred Time:

Mon-Fri, during school's opening hours, co-agreed by tutor and tutee

Regularity:

1 session/wk

Length:

1 hour

Offered to years

1-11

What we offer

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

Usually one-offs

Length:

Dependent on school needs, usually an afternoon of school



ENVIRONMENT CLUB

Educating about environmental and sustainability issues in an exciting and engaging way.

What we offer in detail

Generally, we offer one-off sessions, comprising of hands-on activities to help expose pupils to environmental issues and educate them.

This is a new project for the year 2020-21 so we hope to develop some more permanent links with some schools, to set up a programme of more regular sessions, either with a single class of students, or with a different group of students each session.

Curriculum

The sessions will involve discussing topical environment and sustainability issues in an exciting way.

Offered to years

1-9

What we offer

Regular Club

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session every weeks or one-off workshops

Length:

1 hour

THE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN WORLD IN SCHOOLS

Giving students an exciting taste of learning about the medieval and early modern world through introductory sessions on history, art, literature, culture, and more!

What we offer in detail

This project will involve will offer a short course of taster sessions introducing students to different aspects of the medieval and early modern world. Sessions will cover a variety of topics, from ghosts and dragons to visions of hell and the afterlife, to the Black Death and the Italian Renaissance. We will also provide support for any students looking to apply to university for any related subjects.

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session/wk

Length:

1 hour

Offered to years

5-13

What we offer

Regular Club

for a Term

VOICEIT DEBATING

Bringing the power of debate and oracy to classrooms in the North-East through mentorship style teaching

What we offer in detail

We believe that oracy skills are vital to building confidence and empowering students to build the skillsets and aspirations to do anything they want to do. Our programme sends university students - often successful competitive debaters - as mentors into local schools to run weekly debating clubs, following a carefully crafted curriculum which aims to both promote confidence in oracy and to provide a structured debating format for students to channel their ideas and opinions into. We also run one off workshops that vary in length and cater to a school's needs, and a novice/beginner level competition at the end of the school year.

Curriculum

Our programme runs for 10-weeks and includes lessons on formal debating and critical thinking, at least 6 practice debates on topics related to the UN Sustainable Development goals, and a seminar on research skills. The content is delivered by our student volunteers through a mixture of interactive games/activities and lecture-style lessons.



Offered to years

5-13

What we offer

Regular Club

Workshops

Timing information

Regularity:

1 session/wk

Length:

1 hour





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