

#MeetOurSTEMAmbassadors

We have so many amazing volunteers and we'd like you meet them!



About me		
Name:	Alice Hurst	Photo: 
Location:	Sheffield, South Yorkshire	
Job/course title:	Paediatric Audiology	
Organisation:	Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust	
Fun fact about me:	I love travelling and exploring the world, my favourite place to visit is New Zealand	
Education/career journey:		
<p>I attended college in Pontefract where I completed my A levels. I always had a big interest in science and geography throughout my education. Getting the chance to do work experience in college, led to my decision to study a BSC in Audiology.</p> <p>I completed a three year degree at De Montfort University in Leicester and graduated as an audiologist. Over the last 5 years I have been working within the NHS.</p>		
My current job:		
<p>My job involves science because I spend most of my time working with ears and hearing. We rely on technology to help us set up hearing aids individually to each patient. I am involved in testing hearing on children aged between 1 and 16. My favourite part of the job is seeing the benefit hearing aids give to children with hearing loss.</p> <p>Working for the NHS is very rewarding and there are many job roles available within the healthcare setting. If you are interested I would say research the role and find out what qualifications are needed. I would also recommend work experience to give you the chance to try out the role.</p>		

STEM Ambassador role:

I applied to be a STEM Ambassador because I wanted to educate young people about hearing loss and about less known job roles within healthcare. Hearing loss can affect any age and is often seen as a hidden disability. I usually support career events through presentations in schools.

I find volunteering as a STEM Ambassador very rewarding and enjoy answering questions from participants. It challenges me to keep researching and up to date with the latest developments in STEM.

Student challenge:

Challenge 1

Your body has five main senses: hearing, smell, taste, touch and sight. If you had cope without one which would you pick and why?

Challenge 2

At work we find teenage patients refuse to wear their hearing aids in public and at school. This means they struggle to hear and will miss out greatly compared to their peers. How do you think we could stop this from happening and improve their confidence in wearing them?



Nice to get to know you!