

# For employers wanting to know more about Teacher Encounters 2024 in the West of England

## Our rationale

Teacher Encounters provides employers with an opportunity to directly engage with teachers, helping them to see how the subjects they teach are applied and how they relate to different career pathways. In the West of England, Teacher Encounters have a focus on green skills: the values, knowledge and competences employers need in their businesses that help them to work towards a more just and sustainable society.

## Our approach

Teacher Encounters is professional development which challenges all participants to reflect on existing practice, then develop and embed new practices that seek to improve student outcomes.

Employers and schools are recruited and matched by the project team, then individual employees and individual teachers communicate to make the necessary arrangements for visits.

Each Teacher Encounter starts with a one day visit by the teacher to the employer's site, this is followed up at a later date by a visit by the employer to the school.

All participants contribute to an Action Plan which outlines how the relationship will continue to benefit participants, students, and the wider school and business communities.

## Your commitment

Scan the QR code for  
more info, including  
about the online  
launch event:  
29th Nov 2023 3:45pm



<https://www.graphicscience.co.uk/stem-support/teacher-encounters/>

**Responsibility:** Assign a staff member to manage Teacher Encounters involvement, including handling communication both with the project team and with the school / teacher(s) that the business is matched with.

**Facilitation:** Provide staff with the support (e.g. time, access, people) necessary to enable them to arrange for a teacher to visit site and then take part in the return visit to school.

**Flexibility:** Whether it's navigating the education landscape whilst accommodating your own needs, or identifying green skills whilst acknowledging the challenges this can raise, Teacher Encounters is a programme that relies on adaptability to make it work.

**Reliability:** commit to making it the best experience possible for all participants, seeing the programme through to the end and then looking forward to what participants will do next.

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