

Teacher Encounters 2024

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Teacher Encounters is Professional Development

Teacher Encounters is an opportunity for businesses and schools to work in partnership on developing a shared understanding of:

- how subject knowledge can be contextualised
- how businesses communicate with young people
- how and what green skills are taught
- how young people can access green careers

Using evidence to improve student outcomes

A strong school careers programme reduces the likelihood of students being not in education, employment or training and increases the uptake of apprenticeships.

Careers programmes have the biggest effect on those in the most disadvantaged circumstances.

All of last year's teachers said that engaging with employers:

- Was a good use of their time
- Improved their skills to deliver their subject
- Improved their confidence to hold careers related conversations

Collaboration and Challenge

Teacher Encounters challenges all participants to reflect on existing practice, then develop and embed new practices that seek to improve outcomes for young people.



In the West of England, Teacher Encounters focus on green skills: the values, knowledge and competences employers need to help them work towards a more just and sustainable society.

Sustained over time

December

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

Recruitment



Matching



Preparation



Visit



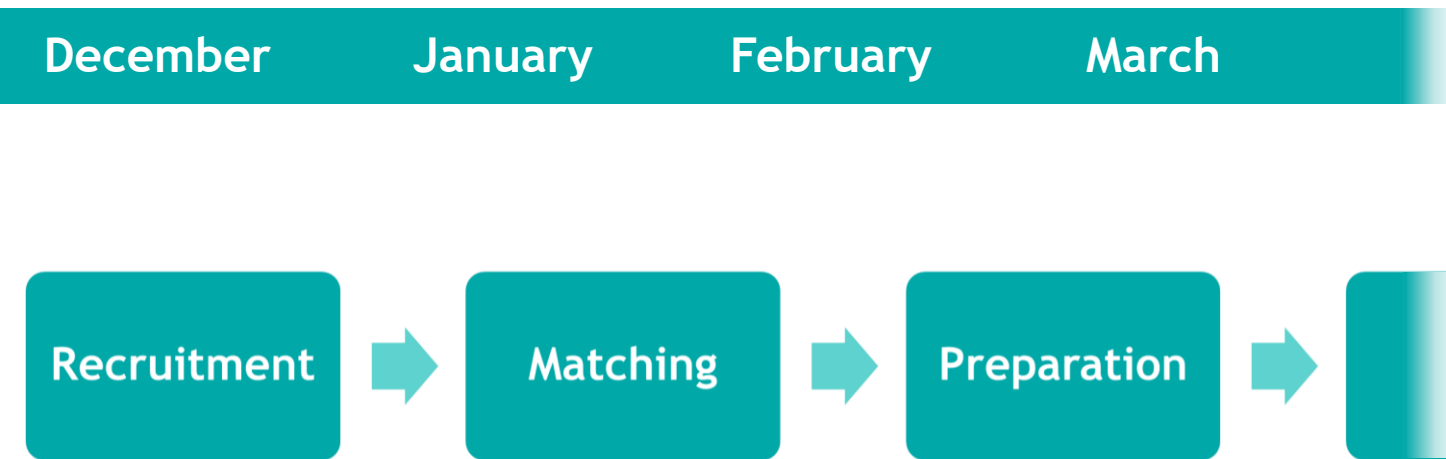
Return visit



Action Plan

All last year's participants report that they are now confident or very confident to deliver careers in the classroom and communicate about future careers with students.

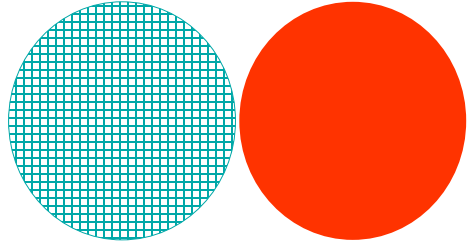
What Happens When?



In the Spring:

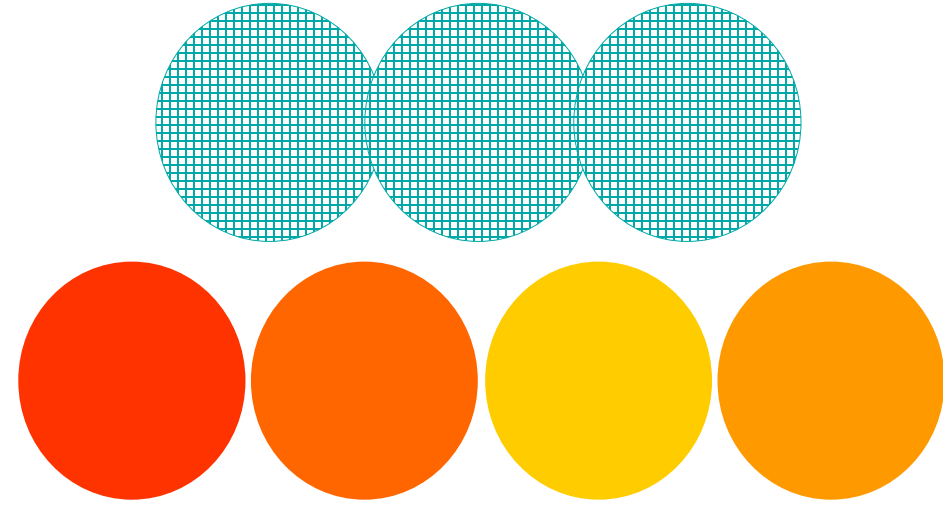
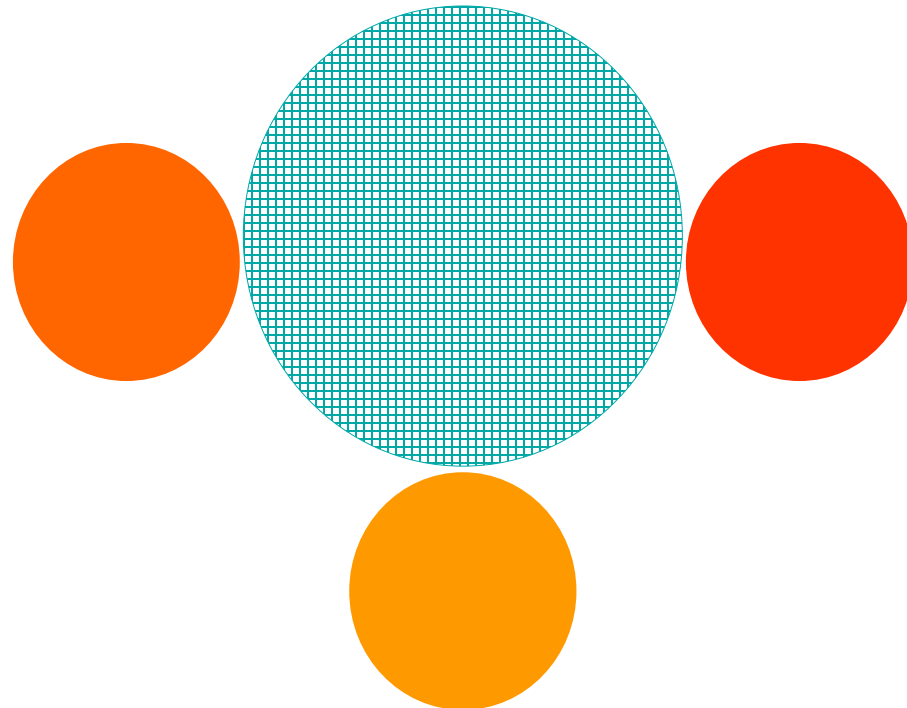
- Register
- Respond to requests for information (usually by email)
- Confirm match
- Communicate with match and arrange dates for visit and return visit

How We Match



1 employer & 1 teacher

1 employer & 2+ teachers



2+ employers & 2+ teachers

Preparation

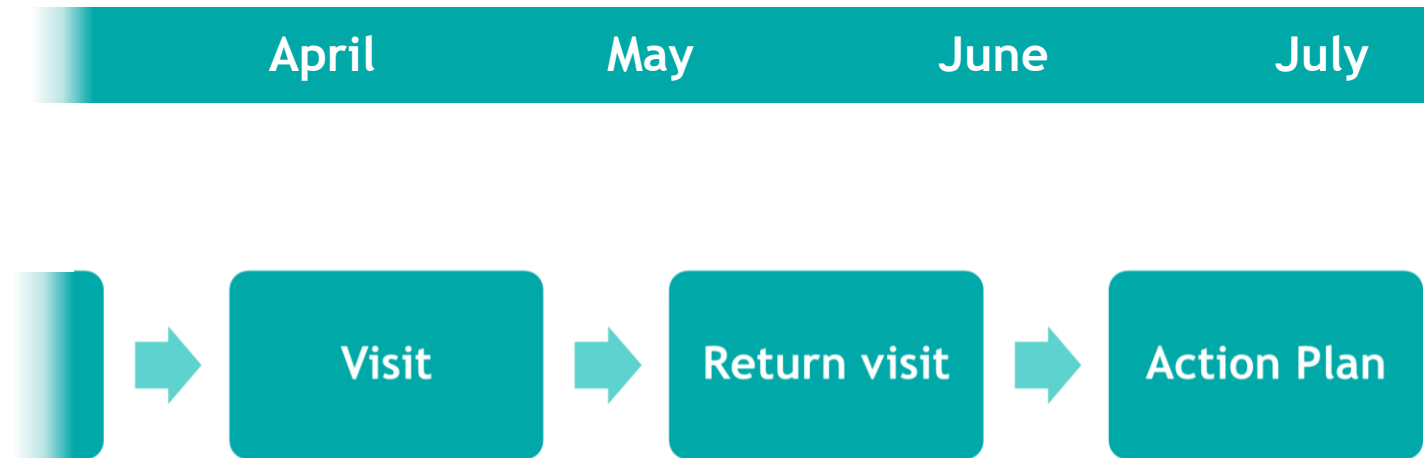
**Document 1:
Teacher Encounters
Planning Checklists**

- **Contact details**
- **Practical steps to prepare for teacher visit to company site**
- **Getting the most from the day on site**
- **Practical steps to prepare for company visit to school site**
- **Getting the most from the day at school**

What Happens When?

In the Summer:

- Teacher visits business
- Confirm arrangements for school visit
- Business visits teacher
- Contribute to action plan for future engagement



Impact

Document 2: Teacher Encounters Action Plan

- Who is involved?
- When will this action plan be active?
- What are the review dates?
- Outcomes: students, teachers, school, employees & company
- Activities: when, what, who, where, how & why?
- Agreement

Can I get all the teachers to come in on one day?

How much of my time does this take up?

Can any member of school staff get involved?

Can I work with a specific company / school?

Do you cover costs?

FAQs

How do I claim back costs?

How do I contact my visitors?

How is this placement relevant to my subject?

Is this programme suitable for teachers in Special Schools?

What should we do during the visits?

What Next?

- Discuss with colleagues and seek verbal agreement.
- For clarification, share this presentation.
- It is important to also get senior management buy-in.

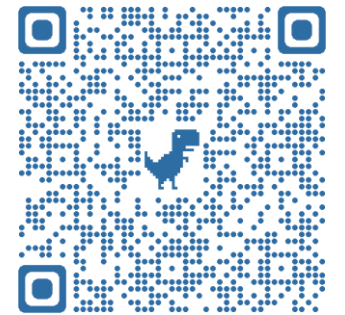
- Complete the expression of interest form.
- Read, sign and return the MoU (requires senior management signature).
- Respond to communications in a timely manner.

**Teachers:
express an
interest here:**



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**Businesses:
express an
interest here:**



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