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TechFirst

TechFirst in the South West

Help shape the next generation of digital talent. Partner with TechFirst.

TechFirst is the UK Government's flagship digital and technology skills programme, delivered by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. In the South West, TechFirst is coordinating events for the benefit of young people, working with secondary schools and colleges, aiming to help young people build digital skills and explore the exciting range of careers available in the technology sector.

We need employers to be part of the journey.

By supporting TechFirst, your organisation can inspire future talent through activities such as career talks, workplace experiences, skills workshops, and industry insights, as well as meet your CSR targets. Your involvement will help students see the opportunities available in tech while ensuring the next generation is equipped with the skills employers need.

How to get involved

There are a few ways that you and your team could get involved, including:

- Career talks
- Workplace experiences
- Skills workshops
- Industry insights
- Volunteering at an event
- Sponsoring an event
- Hosting a work insight activity

Speak to your regional partner to find out what's happening in the TechFirst calendar.

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For general enquiries, contact techfirst@graphicscience.co.uk

Volunteering as a TechFirst STEM Ambassador includes:

- ✓ TechFirst partners with the STEM Ambassador programme to provide employers and their staff with free access to DBS Checks, child safeguarding training and a suite of further training to enhance participation in outreach.
- ✓ Employers can sign a DSA to access their volunteering and CSR data via the STEM Ambassador portal, downloadable impact data reports are available.
- ✓ STEM Ambassador Insurance that covers volunteers for all STEM events.

Please note *that while participation in TechFirst events does not require a DBS Check, please be aware that schools prefer that these checks have been undertaken to align with their safeguarding policies.*