

# ChemSTEP News: August 2023



## In this Issue:

Who we are

What we do

Vlog Project Updates

Other Useful Information

## What is ChemSTEP?

ChemSTEP is a network to support chemistry careers information for Students-Teachers-Employers-Parents. This RSC-funded project forms part of the Chem4All programme and is run by the Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry at the University of Strathclyde. The project aims to increase the uptake in STEM fields in high school students from low socio-economic backgrounds, and other under-represented groups. Although our primary focus is the West of Scotland area, we are providing support throughout Scotland.

## ChemDiverse Vlog Project Update

In this project, you will gain access to a series of career vlogs recorded by chemists from a diverse array of backgrounds. We ask that you use these once a week in your classes for about 8 weeks.

Based on your feedback we are continuing to run this project into the 23/24 school year. If you wish to participate, please send an email to [chemistry-chemstep@strath.ac.uk](mailto:chemistry-chemstep@strath.ac.uk), with the heading "ChemDiverse Vlogs", and we will release the participation instructions to you. After which, you can participate in your own time - just let us know what timeline suits you! If you want to know more, just reach out and we'll explain what's involved!

## Connecting Schools and Companies

We aim to connect schools and companies in Glasgow who would otherwise have had no interaction. We have established a network of companies in and around the city who are willing to conduct outreach visits to schools. We can also provide outreach visits from University staff and students. If you would like to participate please let us know.

## Help with Careers Activities

We've got over 80 schools in our network, but not all of you have reached out to us for assistance with careers-related queries yet! We'd love to be able to help everyone with at least one request so please reach out to us! If we've helped you form a connection, do let us know too.

If you did not complete our survey last year, it is still open and we would appreciate more responses to better understand how you currently support your learners with careers information.

Survey: <https://forms.gle/P2FkbYVby1VhmNHY6>

Contact us at: [chemistry-chemstep@strath.ac.uk](mailto:chemistry-chemstep@strath.ac.uk)