

Engineering Our Future Day Supports Career Related Learning



Approx.
180
learners



KS3



**Full-Day
5 Workshops**

This day sees learners rotate through a series of sessions, immersing themselves in the life and skills of an engineer and in the potential careers and companies in which they could work. The whole day learning experience consists of five workshops that will show the broad range of career opportunities in engineering growth sectors.

These engineering-based workshops are led by our experienced team of education communicators. Where possible we will also invite an engineering ambassador to join the day.

These engaging workshops motivate learners to take part in interactive activities:

Half-Day

- Developing learners' ability to learn new technology quickly and work as a team as they compete in a VEX robot challenge (iEngineer).
- Working in pairs to bust myths linked to engineering as they take part in this competitive quiz (Engineering Factor).
- In teams working through a series of practical challenges, using their knowledge from school subjects to uncover more about the careers in engineering (Career Hunt).

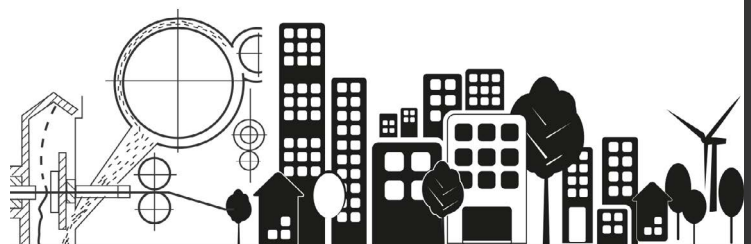
Full-Day (including 2 additional workshops)

- Using their creativity and innovation students consider a real world problem as they design a product of the future (The Drawing board)
- Putting their problem solving and teamwork as they work to build the tallest hurricane proof tower with a limited budget to buy recycled materials. (Structural Engineer)

Aim:

By the end of these activities' students will

- Understand how their skills and learning in school (particularly STEM) relates to real world careers and challenges.
- Develop teamwork, problem solving, speaking, listening creativity, and aiming high skills.
- Recognise that engineering careers are for everyone and exist in their local area.



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Content Overview

Sessions Available



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Full-Day
5 Workshops

iEngineer (Robots Challenge)

- Short introduction to robots and how they are used in different industries including medicine, manufacturing, and scientific research (e.g. mars rover).
- The class is split into two teams and the robot rumble activity instructions are explained.
- Each team member has around 1-2minutes to quickly become familiar with the VEX robot and score points for their team.
- The game rules change throughout the session, challenging the team to adapt.
- A discussion at the end around learners' ability to pick up a new technology and the pressure involved in taking part in the challenge.

**Please note, this can be switched for our robotics programming activity, on request, which runs slightly differently.*

Engineering Factor (Quiz)

- Introduction to the session and how to use the Qwizdom handsets in pairs.
- Progress through a series of questions around engineering and engineering careers.
- Teams score points based on their correct questions and how quickly they answer.

Career Hunt (Team Challenge)

- Introduction to the session and the challenge instructions.
- In teams (4-5) students work through challenges spread around the room to find the answers to a quiz sheet.
- The team with the most points at the end of the time wins.
- The session concludes with the staff member announcing the winner and running through the engineering myths and facts uncovered during the challenges.

The Drawing Board (Design challenge)

- Introduction to what we mean by innovation.
- Discussion around the engineering design process and innovation and how to come up with ideas.
- Working in team (2 or 3) learners use their creativity to design an innovative product that tackles real world problems.
- Teams present their ideas back to the class.

Structural Engineering (Building challenge)

- Short introduction to structural engineering and engineering careers.
- Work as part of a team (4-6) to design and build the tallest tower out of recycled materials.
- Buy their materials from a set budget and adapt to changing supply.
- Test their designs with a large fan (hurricane generator).
- The session concludes with a reflective class discussion on tower performance and consideration of the science behind this.

What are the benefits?

Gatsby benchmarks:

- Learning from career and labour market information (2).
- Linking curriculum learning to careers (4).
- Encounters with employers (5) – we can facilitate a career ambassador joining the day.

Which part of the Curriculum does it enrich and how?

- Computing: Can evaluate and apply information technology, including new or unfamiliar technologies, analytically to solve problems.
- Mathematics: Select appropriate concepts, methods and techniques to apply to unfamiliar and non-routine problems.
- Design and Technology: Develop specifications to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that respond to needs in a variety of situations.
- Design and Technology: Test, evaluate and refine their ideas and products against a specification, taking into account the views of intended users and other interested groups.
- Design and Technology: Understand developments in design and technology, its impact on individuals, society and the environment, and the responsibilities of designers, engineers and technologists.

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Engineering Our Future Day Supports Career Related Learning Year 7-9 KS3

Logistics and Planning:

All sessions are designed for around 30 learners. Some activities can be run with larger groups if requested.

We ask that a teacher is always present throughout the activities, to support learner engagement and manage behaviour.

Set Up Requirements:

Session	Space	IT and Power
iEngineer	Large classroom or hall, all furniture moved to sides	Power, projector and screen
Career Hunt	Classroom	Projector and screen
Engineering Factor	Classroom	Projector and screen
Structural Engineer	Classroom, group tables	Projector and screen
The Drawing Board	Classroom, group tables	Projector and screen

Why Choose Learn by Design?

We have been delivering engineering focused activities for over 7 years and within our team we have education communications with a specific background in engineering.

We can also use out links with engineering STEM ambassadors to reach out to local ambassadors to support the day.

Activity Colour Key

- iEngineer
- The Drawing Board
- Structural Engineering
- Engineering Factor
- Career Hunt

Full-Day Drop-Down Timetable Example:

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Group 1	iEngineer	Career Hunt	Engineering Factor	Structural Engineering	The Drawing Board
Group 2	The Drawing Board	iEngineer	Career Hunt	Engineering Factor	Structural Engineering
Group 3	Structural Engineering	The Drawing Board	iEngineer	Career Hunt	Engineering Factor
Group 4	Engineering Factor	Structural Engineering	The Drawing Board	iEngineer	Career Hunt
Group 5	Career Hunt	Engineering Factor	Structural Engineering	The Drawing Board	iEngineer

Half-Day Drop-Down Timetable Example:

AM	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	PM	4	5	6
Group 1	iE	CH	EF	Group 4			
Group 2	EF	iE	CH	Group 5			
Group 3	CH	EF	iE	Group 6			

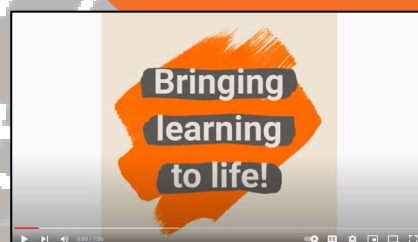
Sessions repeat in afternoon with 3 new groups.

For further learning this activity goes well with:

- [STEM Day](#)
- [Green Drive Workshop](#)



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