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Welcome to this guide to the Young Citizens Economic Experts in Schools programme. This leaflet contains an overview of the programme and explains how your business can take part.

If you'd like any further information, details about how to contact us can be found at the end of the leaflet.



## About Young Citizens

Young Citizens helps young people become active, engaged and motivated citizens, who are able to contribute positively to their communities – whether those communities are local, national or global.

We believe that by helping young people play a full part in their communities, we can help strengthen democratic society. At a time when so many of our democratic institutions are under threat, our work is more important than ever.

Our work ranges from immersive learning projects where young people learn about the legal justice system to empowering children to take action on social issues they care about most. We also empower teachers and volunteering professionals with specialist training and resources for classroom delivery. All of our work has a single aim: to help young people be active citizens for life.

## About Economic Experts in Schools

Economic Experts in Schools partners professionals with groups of young people to help them to understand the basics of economics and see how a changing economic climate impacts them and the world they live in. This delivery model allows volunteers to have a positive impact on key employability skills and raises the aspirations of the students involved.

Over 3, 1 hour sessions professionals work with small groups of students, aged 14-15. Using specially created resources looking at subjects such as economic cycles and taxation, they generate discussion and debate about the economy. This programme not only helps young people to learn basic economic terms and concepts, but it also gives them the unique opportunity to interact and work closely with professionals.

Economic Experts in Schools has been running since 2012, giving young people rare access to the financial profession and the opportunity to learn about the economic implications of current events from the very people who assess these daily. It's a truly rewarding volunteering experience for professionals which makes a real difference to the young people who take part.



Economic Experts in Schools is an award winning programme which was first created in partnership with FTI Consulting. Since then the programme has been opened up to other businesses to improve the economic literacy of young people across the UK.

## Students said they gained the following skills and benefits from taking part:

Debating

Teamwork

Communication

Confidence

Listening

Critical thinking

## How the programme makes a difference:

**91%**

of students post-programme stated that they can explain what an economic cycle is, this is compared to just 19% beforehand

**98%**

of students stated that post-programme they have a better understanding of how leaving the EU might impact the UK's economy

**100%**

of teachers stated that taking part increased their students' confidence

**100%**

of volunteers would recommend taking part to a colleague.

***"I had a really good time and I learnt a lot. It was amazing to work with professionals and to hear their insights and learn from them."*** Yr 10 student, Wapping High School

***"My favourite aspect of the programme was engaging with the students and truly supporting the development of their own opinions around Brexit and its economic impacts."*** Volunteer, FTI Consulting



**By working in partnership with schools and businesses we can ensure that the next generation have the knowledge, the skills and the confidence that they need to become active and engaged members of our democracy.**

We rely on the commitment and loyalty of thousands of skilled volunteers, sponsors and donors to help us make our unique impact to strengthening society.

Without your contribution we would not be able to provide our youngest citizens with the same breadth of reach or quality of experience.

**Thank you for your support and making our shared vision a reality.**

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This programme provides a unique opportunity for legal professionals to use their specialist skills and knowledge to volunteer in a local school. Over the course of six sessions, the lawyers use Young Citizens high quality resources to facilitate discussion and develop students' understanding and awareness of the law.

### Media Experts in Schools

The digital landscape is rapidly changing. This means that it's becoming increasingly difficult for young people to navigate the media safely and responsibly. Media Experts in Schools gives professionals the opportunity to volunteer with young people to facilitate discussions and develop valuable skills for life.

### Bespoke Projects

We provide tailored education projects, designed to meet your businesses' specific corporate responsibility objectives. Using our educational expertise and extensive UK schools' network we are able to create effective solutions helping you to meet your strategic goals.

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