

National Careers Week

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As the national body for careers education in England, supporting schools and colleges to deliver modern, 21st century careers education, the work of the CEC involves:

- Training and supporting Careers Leaders
- Bringing employers, educators, and providers together through our network of Careers Hubs
- Sharing practical digital tools and resources

In Kent & Medway and working in partnership with STEM Learning, the Careers Hub team want to hear from schools who are keen to take part in a pilot linking the curriculum to green skills and careers through a programme called [Teacher Encounters](#). A meaningful teacher encounter with employers/employees is one in which teachers/staff can develop their knowledge and understanding of sectors, careers and routes available to students at key transitions. Teachers engaged in the programme will see and learn about the different career pathways relevant to their subjects, and to observe how their subject is applied practically in the world of work. Educators will also gain an understanding of the latest technical and professional developments relevant to the subjects they teach, including present and future career opportunities and pathways.

Teachers can then confidently use these insights to enrich their curriculum teaching and learning, helping their students build a deeper understanding of opportunities, connections between learning and working and the essential skills that need to be honed for different roles or career disciplines.

Finally, enabling your teaching staff to get involved in the Teacher Encounters programme can count towards essential staff CPD hours.

We know:

- Teachers have a key role in advising and supporting students with their future decisions and yet they often struggle to stay up to date in such a fast-changing labour market
- Employers are keen to directly support education in order to help young people transition more seamlessly into the workplace
- The best and most impactful careers programmes come via a 'whole school, special school or college' approach and embedding careers learning across the curriculum

Empower your school staff to have confident and meaningful conversations with students about their futures through teacher encounters.

If you are a Headteacher who would be interested in working with local businesses to bring the world of work alive in your curriculum lessons, please contact the Kent and Medway Careers Hub now at Brad.levy@theeducationpeople.org