





## Camden STEAM

# Step-By-Step Guide - Employer Partnerships Process



#### Step 1 - Source Your Employer

- Decide on which employer partnership option you are going to choose (see slide 3 of presentation)
- Clarify the details of your project and partnership request:
  - 1. Short headline e.g. Engineer to speak about lighting
  - 2. Up to two further bullet points with further details
  - 3. Date of activity
  - 4. Location (in school or virtual) and closest tube/overground station
  - 5. Time commitment
  - 6. Year group
  - 7. Number of students
- Leave plenty of lead time (plan ahead)! Provide at least four week's notice
- Make contact with Lorraine Lawson (Camden Brokerage Manager) through the Camden STEAM website to request a STEAM Ambassador
- Consider if you have any other ways that you can source an employer partnership i.e. parents, staff, local school community

## Step 2 - Make Initial Contact and First Meeting

- Once an employer partnership has been sourced send an email to make initial contact and arrange a first meeting (virtual or in-person)
- Establish beforehand what you want to get out of the meeting/key points to discuss i.e. overview of the project, learning focus and outcomes (links to National Curriculum academic rigour), possible ways to collaborate, key dates etc
- Bear in mind that some companies/individuals have lots of experience of working through the STEAM Hub, but some will be new/inexperienced. Some of the employers won't have been in school since they attended themselves be supportive and guide them through the teaching/learning side of the process
- Use the meeting to find out about the company and the STEAM Ambassador/s their experience, role and ideas. Remember to draw on their industry expertise to enhance your project!
- Decide on next steps/follow-up tasks at the end of the meeting how will you communicate? When will you next meet/talk? Have you allocated follow-up tasks? Do you need to set up a shared workspace (i.e. Google Drive)?

### Step 3 - Collaborative Planning and Resourcing

- Following your first meeting with your STEAM Ambassador, begin to co-plan and co-resource with your employer - confirm dates for when the employer will come into school
- When you have established how your STEAM Ambasador is going to support with your project (i.e. co-teach, present to the class, lead a workshop, run group activities etc), share with them a detailed plan for the session/s (with clear learning links to the National Curriculum identified)
- Establish how your employer going to support with the project (i.e. create and share a
  presentation, bring in concrete resources, co-plan workshops/groups activities, create
  resources for the students to use, assess work at the end of the project using real-world
  industry criteria) and support them through the process

## Step 4 - Project Delivery

- Arrange a call/virtual meeting prior to the first delivery day to confirm the timings, plan for the session/s, resources needed etc.
- Ensure that your STEAM Ambassador has all of the information they need for the day i.e. address, contact telephone number/s, travel info (closest station). Do they need parking? Lunch?
- Try to arrange for them to arrive at a time when you are available to meet them, talk through the session and answer and questions they might have
- Make sure you take photos and videos of the work that they do with the students!
- Post about the collaboration with your employer on the school website, Twitter (remember to @ the company)

## Step 5 - Conclusion and Evaluation

- Arrange a follow-up call/virtual meeting to talk through the project reflect on what worked well, anything you could both change for future collaborations
- Send feedback to Lorraine at Camden about your partnership
- Share outcomes of the project with your employer partner (i.e. work, photos, videos, quotes from the children). Ensure that you have parent/carer permission to share photos/videos
- Remember to send a thank you to the STEAM Ambassador (including from the children)