



Guide to virtual volunteering

Helping inspire and enthuse the next generation

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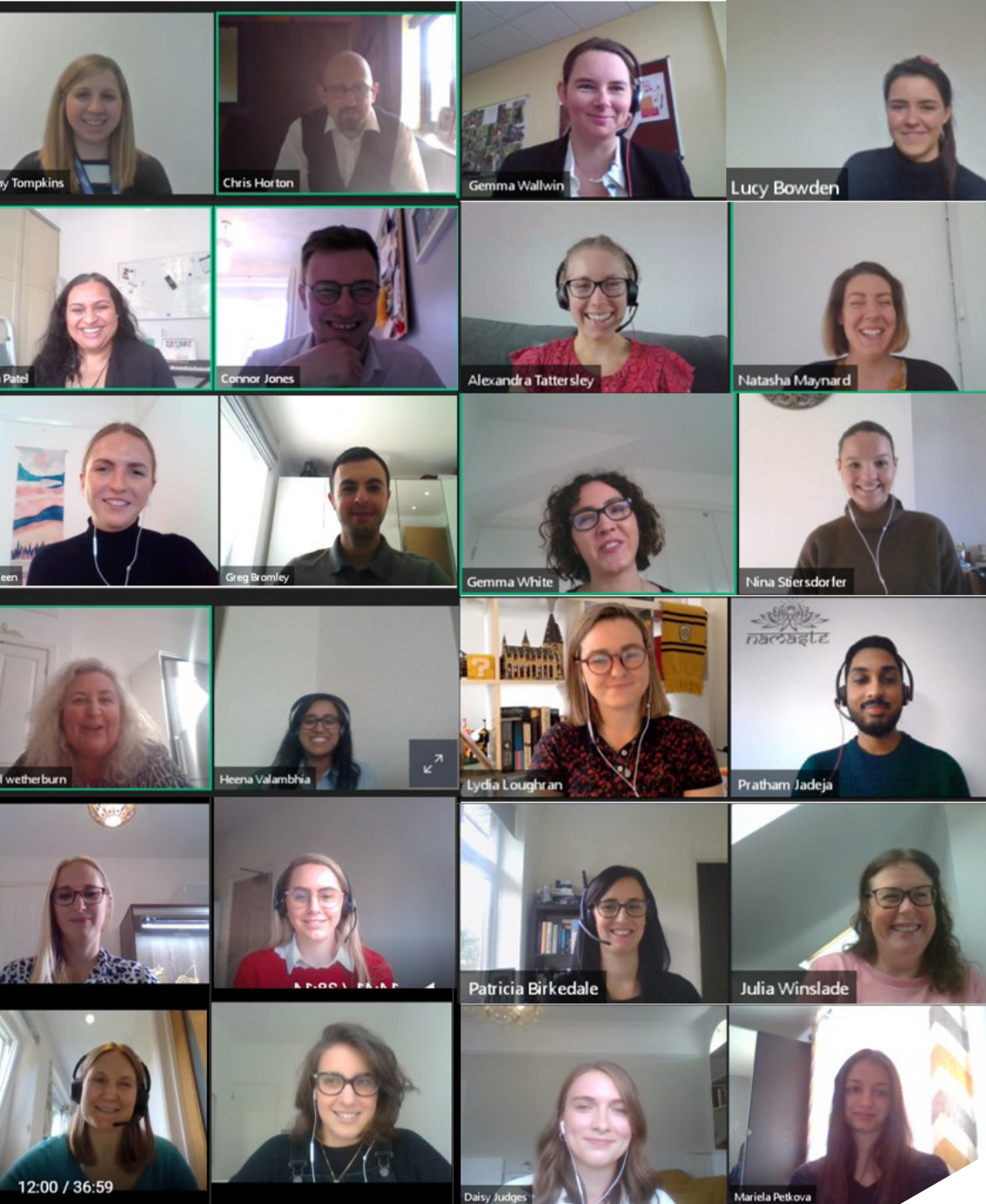
Committed to supporting schools

With Coronavirus (COVID-19) impacting most forms of face to face interaction, many of us are having to change and adapt the ways we communicate with others. IGD has delivered school workshops to thousands of students, providing them with structured opportunities to spend quality time with industry professionals. We remain committed to providing meaningful interactions that help young people develop their employability skills and learn about the world of work. To continue to support schools we have created a digital version of the programme. We've combined our online resources with live webinar events, enabling students to take part at home or from the classroom. By holding sessions online we can continue to reach hundreds of young people, providing them with vital support and training in a time they need it most.

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The programme

The digital programme provides students with the chance to hear from industry professionals via a 45-minute online webinar.

In these sessions students will:

- Interact with industry professionals, by asking them questions about their job role / career journey
- Consider how their own skills could be transferred to the world of work
- Take part in a quiz about the food and grocery industry

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What's involved?

The webinar will be run by an experienced facilitator. As a virtual volunteer, your role is to answer questions surrounding your job role and career journey and to give students any useful advice you may have.

Typical questions you may be asked during the webinar include:

- ▲ What does a day in your job role involve?
- ▲ How has your job changed since lockdown?
- ▲ What journey did you take from school, to where you are now?

The workshops are designed to give students guidance on the skills most valued in the workplace to help them get ahead, regardless of the career path they end up pursuing.

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The 8 Key skills

We have identified eight key skills that we expect to be highly valued by our industry in the future – this is how we explain them to students:

1

ENTREPRENEURIAL

Being able to spot new opportunities, take risks and make them happen.

2

CREATIVE

Thinking without limits to come up with new and innovative ideas.

3

PRACTICAL

Being good at physical tasks and being able to think about why and how things work.

4

DIGITAL

Using a wide variety of technology to communicate and find solutions.

5

LEADERSHIP

Being a confident and inspiring individual and motivating others to follow your ideas.

6

COMMUNICATION

Getting your ideas across clearly and listening carefully to others.

7

ANALYTICAL

Being able to look at information and identify the key points and insights.

8

TEAMWORK

Being able to support your peers and work well with them in a group.

Why take part?



Virtual volunteering provides you the opportunity to support young people when they need it most, to share with them your passion for your work and to help support them to develop the skills they need to succeed in the workplace.

We know you'll have a great time, but you'll also make a difference:

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“ Student “I joined on this webinar call and found the entire experience very interesting and engaging. I asked 2 questions and was very happy with the answers. In short this was a great idea.” ”

“ Industry volunteer “I enjoyed it, good to do something different. The virtual hosting really worked for me since the tech all worked well and the process was an efficient use of my time, the briefing was slick and useful, and I was impressed by Joe’s facilitating skills!” ”

“ Participating company “Volunteering is going to look quite different in the ‘new normal’. There has never been a better opportunity to showcase our industry and the food heroes working hard to feed the nation right now and, in the months, to come.” ”

“ Teacher “I thought the webinar was excellent and I have just sent the follow up materials out to the students who took part. Please do include us in any other opportunities from the Feeding Britain’s Future Team - your delivery both at school and virtually is really excellent.” ”

Volunteer quotes

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I think the team have done a great job at adapting this session to on-line and Joe was a great facilitator. I would certainly recommend and look forward to supporting you with more.

Head of Supply Chain,
Sainsbury's

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LOVED today's session! I thought it was amazing and to have 300 young people attend was great.

HR Assistant,
Aldi

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I really enjoyed the session. I have only good feedback for the programme – it was very clear what our deliverables would be and the technology worked really well. I would definitely recommend to my colleagues!

Senior Scientist,
Mondelez International

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Useful information

- ▶ The webinar runs for 45 minutes, but please join 10-15 minutes before the webinar is due to start
- ▶ The students will be able to see and hear you, but their webcams and microphones will be turned off
- ▶ Students will have the chance to ask you questions via a question box, which the facilitator will monitor
- ▶ We ask that you attend a short briefing call before the webinar, to get used to the software, meet the facilitator and your fellow volunteer, and learn more about the content of the session
- ▶ As always, there is no preparation required but you may want to think of an interesting fact to share!
- ▶ Please note webinars will be recorded and uploaded to IGD's Educator Hub to further support students.

