

## What to expect at Career Speed Networking

A quick guide for volunteers

### What are career speed networking events?

Career speed networking events involve a range of volunteers coming together to chat to groups of young people about their jobs. The aim is to introduce young people to a wide range of jobs that are available to them, broadening their horizons and encouraging them to aim high. Students sit in groups around tables or in circles of chairs, and volunteers rotate around the room talking to each group for 8-10 minutes. Students are given a list of questions to guide them to find out about each volunteers different job and career story.

### What kind of questions will students ask?

The students will be given a sheet of questions, but will be able to ask whatever they want on the day. If you don't want to answer something, think of a diplomatic way to answer the question and move the conversation along. Some questions include; Have you done different kinds of jobs before or is this the only sector in which you have worked? Is there anything you would do differently in your education/career path to this point? What are the biggest challenges for you at work? How does your job affect the rest of your daily life? What do you enjoy most about your job? Is the job what you expected when you entered this industry? If you want to read the full list of questions, **look on the resources page of our website.**

### How can I be a success?

Be genuine and honest about your career and share with the students what you are passionate about. Young people want to hear about **your** career story and how **you** got there. Be gracious with the students you meet and help them to understand what is good about your industry and your role. Your conversation could change a young person's future!