

Application form for 'Dragons Den' schools activity for ERN 2019

In the run up to ERN, the museum will be delivering a programme of free secondary schools sessions, in partnership with Imperial College London (ICL). Running schools sessions helps to promote the ERN event to younger people, to encourage them to attend the event or engage with science, and view it as a potential career path. The secondary schools that the session is promoted to are from our target London borough, and focussed primarily on students with less access to taking part in science.

The schools session will be based on an activity designed and run by the Science Communications team: a 'Dragon's Den' style pitching session. Scientists from NHM and Imperial will talk about their research topics, and in teams the students will have time to ask questions, and then decide who they will award their funding to and why. It is a fun and interactive session, and is really effective at encouraging students to generate questions and engage with scientists.

We will need 3 Scientists per event, drawn from both NHM and ICL. The number of Scientists required depends on how many times each person is happy to take part, but we will do our best to fit in all respondents. The research being talked about will relate to one of the four themes of ERN, where possible.

Logistics:

Commitment: 3 sessions across 16 – 26 September (please indicate availability across both weeks).

Time: 60 mins total per session, times TBC as per school availability but will be between during the period of 10.30 to 14.30). Presentation time is 5-10 mins, with 25 mins for Q&A on the research topic.

Where: Natural History Museum, room TBC

Training:

We will provide engagement training for all Scientists taking part. This will include sections on messaging, audience, delivery and talking to teenagers.

Taking Part:

If you are interested in taking part in the activities, please fill out the application form attached and send to Joe Sullivan (joe.sullivan@nhm.ac.uk) by **Friday 6th September**

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| Name | |
| Email | |
| Phone | |
| Job Title and Research Area | |
| Title of Pitch | |

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| Three lines on your proposed 'Dragons Den pitch' for the activity | | |
| Availability (provide rough available time slots for each day, e.g. 1:00 – 13:00) | 16 Sep | |
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