

The Young STEM Leader (YSL) Programme: Inspiring and developing young people through STEM

Introducing the first Young STEM Leaders to complete the programme in Scotland.

Two P6 pupils from Dalmarnock Primary in Glasgow are the first to complete the CfE Second Level of the YSL Programme. They were awarded their YSL certificates and pin badges during a school assembly in October.

“STEM isn’t just computers, it’s about working with different people and getting to know them. I can teach people through different STEM activities and I can talk to them about STEM. Before I was a YSL, I didn’t know how important STEM was, but now I know that it is about learning, having fun and working with others”
YSL, Dalmarnock Primary School.



The pilot of the YSL Programme, which aims to spark greater interest and participation in STEM among young people in Scotland, is continuing in centres across the country. The YSL Project Team at SSERC have collated examples which can be found as case studies on the YSL website.

Graeme Rough, YSL Project Manager, said “we’re delighted we already have young people completing the programme. After researching, planning and delivering inspiring STEM activities, events or interactions these YSLs are true pioneers. The engagement and positivity for the YSL programme so far has been incredible.”

The team are currently working to develop the programme ready for full national launch in the summer of 2020. To support this work, information sessions are being held in locations across Scotland during January and February. These sessions are open to anyone looking to find out more about the programme including how to get started with delivery.



Visit the YSL website for more details and to register for an event. <<

References

- Case studies:
www.yslpilot.scot/case-studies (accessed December 2019).
- YSL information sessions link:
www.yslpilot.scot/events (accessed December 2019).

