

Our company volunteering scheme - Lucy's story

Earlier this year we set up a scheme which enables our team to support some really great causes by giving them time out of the office to go and do some hands-on voluntary work. Our Technical Sales Executive Lucy Loch (BEng) decided to use her expertise in engineering to help the young ladies at 3rd Cowley Brownies learn about science and engineering to earn their [Clever Cogs](#) badges.

Lucy planned three exciting workshops for the Brownies which she delivered over three weekly sessions. In week one the Brownies investigated different ways to clean up the oceans, removing plastic or oil without disturbing the sea life. They had great fun in week two looking at materials which saw them creating slime and lava lamps. In week three they completed their engineering challenge with a review of what they had learned, each creating a poster to show what their favourite part of the challenge had been. The slime workshop proved to be the unanimous winner.

Watch Lucy's volunteering story:

We are really proud of what Lucy has achieved with her volunteering time, not only in promoting STEM to young people but also working to battle the imbalance in the profession: just 15% of Engineering graduates are female. It would be great if at least some of those Brownies are inspired by Lucy and go on to become engineers.

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