

Breaking Down Barriers To Access:

Community Group visits to Cambridge Science Centre

At Cambridge Science Centre (CSC), we believe every young person should have the chance to explore the transformative world of STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



For those who face barriers to access, whether social, economic or geographic, these opportunities can help spark new ideas, confidence and aspirations for the future. We know it's not always easy for every group to visit the Centre, and we'd love to change that.

Our new community programme offers free, dedicated sessions for groups who may not have had the chance to engage with us before. We'll shape the experience around what works best for you, so everyone feels welcome and included.



Our community programme includes:



Free after-school sessions during term time for up to 30 young people, held at Cambridge Science Centre or our Fenland hub, Inspire Wisbech.



Two sessions each term, one before and one after the half-term break (4–5 pm in Cambridge, with flexible timings in Wisbech). Up to six sessions across a year.

You'll have a dedicated contact at CSC, our Community Development Officer, who will work closely with your community leaders to shape your sessions and include your ideas and feedback.



Regular chances to share your feedback, so we can tailor sessions to suit your young people, and help shape CSC's future accessibility plans.

You'll become part of CSC's community network, with quarterly newsletters celebrating the work we're doing together.



Access to new workshops based on our themes, bringing hands-on STEM experiences to your young people.

This programme is designed to build skills and spark long-term interest in STEM by offering free repeat visits to CSC and activities that connect with young people's everyday lives.

The initial layout of your community visits:



Introduction with Community Development Officer

- One-to-one discussions between CSC and community leaders to understand group dynamics and introduce what we do
- An opportunity to tour the centre or learn more about the space

Introductory sessions

- Up to four after-school introductory sessions to help your young people feel comfortable in the space (two per term)
- Sessions include time exploring our exhibits and gallery, as well as lab activities, shows, and workshops

Theme related workshops

- A series of six workshops (two per term) centred on exploring our themes
- Adapted to suit the needs of your young people

We'll check in regularly with community leaders and gather feedback from both leaders and young people, so we can make any changes needed to ensure the programme works for you.

These themed workshops will continue to cycle – with different topics and content.

Our theme for 2026/27, Building a Better Future, will explore the Built Environment – helping young people discover how the spaces and structures around them are designed, built, and improved.

Our Cambridge Sessions:

- Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 4-5 pm

Cambridge Science Centre
The Trinity Centre, Cambridge
Science Park, Milton Road,
Cambridge, CB4 0FN

Our Wisbech Sessions:

- Thursday or Friday
Flexible times

Inspire Wisbech
Horsefair Shopping Centre
Churchill Road
Wisbech, PE13 1AR

About Cambridge Science Centre

Cambridge Science Centre has over a decade of experience inspiring a passion for STEM. More than 500,000 young people, families, and school groups have engaged with our hands-on programmes across the East of England.

Our work is driven by three core principles:

1

STEM confidence transforms life prospects –

Early engagement with STEM opens up long-term opportunities and builds the confidence to pursue them.

2

STEM education is failing many young people –

A curriculum focused on content and outcomes often overlooks the importance of relevance and curiosity.

3

STEM should be experienced, not just taught –

We foster discovery and joyful exploration, helping young people make sense of – and shape – the world around them.

The work we do is underpinned by our Impact Architecture (Logic Model).

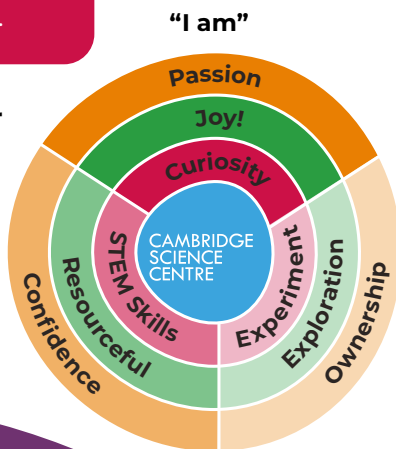
The model demonstrates:

CSC provides...

which develops

...on a path to

"I can!"



To get your community group involved or to learn more, contact Katy Roper, Community Development Officer.
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