Connecting the My Skills My Life activity with International Women’s Day

To celebrate International Women’s Day 2019, WISE were invited by the STEM Ambassador Hub at National Science and Media Museum to host a My Skills My Life workshop.

To have a go at the My Skills My Life quiz and explore the platform, visit www.myskillsmylife.org.uk.

What was done?

The museum invited girls from local schools to take part in a variety of STEM activities to celebrate the day—My Skills My Life was offered as one of these. We ran two separate sessions with 25 girls in each, using the paper resource. There 5 schools in the morning session and 4 schools in the afternoon supported by 8 different STEM Ambassadors. There were two role models sat on each table, completing the quiz alongside the girls and helping them with any queries.

We asked the STEM Ambassadors not to reveal their jobs to the girls. We gave the girls sheets of questions to ask the ambassadors about their jobs and their lives without directly revealing what their jobs were. Role models rotated round each table, giving everyone a chance to speak and ask questions of each other.

We lined the role models up at the front and then asked the girls to guess what their jobs were. The role models then revealed their jobs to the girls! Girls were given the opportunity to then talk to role models and discuss different items role models had brought with them.

“The role models have opened my mind of what I want to do when I am older.” Student

“I love the resource and the session is great! I liked the structure of the session and the guidance for the ‘guess my job’ is really good. I would feel much more confident in running this session with schools & groups.”

Jenny Lobo, STEM Ambassador Engagement Officer