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In2scienceUK wins Queen's Award of Enterprise for Promoting Opportunity through social mobility

In2ScienceUK's mission is to promote social mobility and diversity in science, technology, engineering and maths. They do this through a high impact programme that empowers young people from low-income and disadvantaged backgrounds to gain practical insight and opportunities into the STEM sector. The charity has been honoured with a Queen's Award of Enterprise for Promoting Opportunity through social mobility, the highest achievement for British businesses.

Young people from disadvantaged backgrounds face significant barriers to their progression in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers. In fact, only 10% of life science professionals, 15% of academics and 6% of doctors come from working class backgrounds. In2scienceUK leverages the passion and expertise of top science and engineering professionals to support young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to achieve their potential through life-changing work placements, skills days and workshops.

In 2020, In2science UK supported 567 young people in London, The South East, The South West and The East of England. This year In2scienceUK is expanding to the Midlands and the North West and supporting nearly 700 young people across England out of over 1800 applications. The expansion across England and the number of young people is thanks to the generous support of many partners and funders led by the Cadent Foundation, University College London and University Birmingham.

Rebecca McKelvey (CEO of In2scienceUK) reacts: "We are hugely proud to win the Queens Award that will enable In2scienceUK to further grow this high impact programme and ensure we leave no one behind. I would like to thank all of our supporters and volunteers who are committed to our mission and work with our young people year on year for their support. Together we are making the difference and empowering young people to achieve their potential."



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Rebecca McKelvey and trustees would be available to discuss this at your convenience.

About In2ScienceUK

In2scienceUK is a charity based in London founded in 2011 to help young people from low income backgrounds progress to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers. The organisation works with A-level students who are recipients of free school meals and/or from families with no history of higher education in areas with limited career development opportunities.

In2scienceUK promotes social mobility by enabling young people to work alongside STEM professionals and experts at some of the UK's most prestigious companies, research centres and higher education institutions. While on placement, young people undertake real research with their dedicated STEM host. Participants gain positive role models, attend workshops and skills days that develop professional skills, help with university applications, and receive professional interview training. Independent data analysis conducted by UCAS STROBE proves that young people that complete the programme are significantly more likely to progress to higher education than their peers on free school meals. In2scienceUK's mission is to promote great diversity and inclusion in STEM by advancing the participation of underrepresented groups. In2scienceUK has ambitious expansion plans and is working to extend the programme to every region of the UK.

Supporting partners of the charity have included but are not limited to The Royal Society, University College London, The Cadent Foundation, Roche Pharmaceuticals, The Manly Trust and New Scientist Magazine. Follow In2ScienceUK on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) or [Instagram](#).