

An invitation to join a

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# SCIENCE COORDINATOR NETWORK

## Advantages of a network through STEM Learning Solutions:

- Supportive connections to local schools in your area and schools in other regional networks
- Information sharing and strategic discussion on local and national developments
- Collaborative resource development
- Research into the impact of innovative strategies across schools with shared feedback
- Links into local, regional and national activities and also funded projects
- Access excellent science training linked to school and local priorities

## How is the network run?

Any network is run for the benefit of the schools involved and is organised to suit local needs and to develop effective strategic responses to national requirements.

- **Three termly meetings**, 1.30-4.00, held at local schools (the first meeting would be in the Autumn term)
- The network is coordinated, led and resourced by Phil. He would input training and advice where necessary.

There would be a **one-off yearly charge of £100** per school to cover all three meetings, training delivered and resources provided.

Science is a core subject and has a major part to play in the primary curriculum. Let's raise its profile in schools and support coordinators to lead the subject effectively.

## Who coordinates this network?

**Phil Watkins** is an experienced science consultant supporting Schools across the North East. He offers training, in-school support and networking through the business name of STEM Learning Solutions.

Phil would like to invite you to join a large and highly active local science network that has operated

*If you are interested in being part of this exciting network of science coordinators please contact Phil at [phil.watkins35@outlook.com](mailto:phil.watkins35@outlook.com)*

*All participating schools will receive free **schemes of work** covering years 1 to 6 and **Network Standards Files** to ensure effective challenge and assessment*

***We all hope to see you soon.***

## Examples of recent network activities:

- **Teaching strategies** and **assessment** trialing, updating and improvement (e.g. conceptual models)
- **Schemes of work** to match a skills-based mastery curriculum reflecting dual objective planning
- **Funded research** into the effectiveness of network-generated strategies (Primary Science Trust)
- Assessment and **standardisation** of pupil work (generation of a Network Standards File)
- **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)** network hub and funded **Intensive & Partnership Entuse Awards** to support science excellence in network schools
- Support for the national '**STEM**' **agenda** through links to industry, academic institutions or local, regional or national STEM providers. The STEM agenda aims to engage and support pupils into STEM careers
- **Collaborative support** for Science Week / Science Impact Days, Key Stage transition, equipment acquisition, policy writing and subject leadership