

EMPOWER ME SERIES IMPACT REPORT



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OUR MISSION

At Upskill Me, we create safe spaces for under-represented talent with leading employers. We empower young people to realise their potential, build their skills and define their futures.

Impact Report - Aims, Goals & Partners



WHAT IS THE EMPOWER ME STEM SERIES?

The annual Empower Me STEM Series consists of several in-person career accelerator events which support and prepare girls and all those who identify with womanhood in Year 12 and 13 for an exciting career in STEM. Participants can expect to connect with global employers, receive advice and guidance from leading women in STEM, boost their employability skills and collaborate with like-minded peers on real-world projects.



CORE GOALS







EMPOWER students to find and appreciate the value of their own voice

connect students to a supportive peer and professional network

SUPPORT students to build the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to succeed in the workplace and beyond

2024/25 EMPOWER ME PARTNERS



























Impact Report - Students & Schools



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YOUNG WOMEN INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER IN STEM

ACROSS 106 SCHOOLS

SCHOOL LOCATIONS:

- LONDON
- BERKSHIRE
- BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
- ESSEX
- HAMPSHIRE



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Were from minoritised ethnic communities/backgrounds.



Had parents who did not go to university and gain a degree.

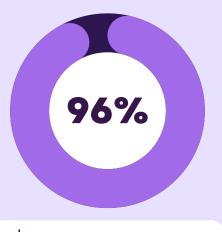


Were eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium.



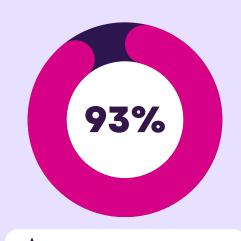
Faced additional barriers, e.g. refugee/young carer status.

STUDENT RATINGS



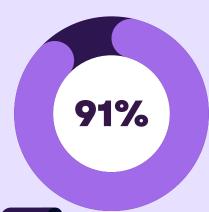


Have better knowledge of the opportunities and careers available at our partners.





Said they would attend another event with the Upskill Me!





Said attending increased their confidence levels in applying for an apprenticeship.

17%

OF STUDENTS WERE PREVIOUS ATTENDEES AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS OR PROGRAMMES!

Impact Report - Volunteers



97

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

ACROSS 14 PARTNERS

SECTORS:

- TECHNOLOGY
- BIO-PHARMA
- HEALTHCARE
- FINANCE
- FINANCE - ENERGY
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- MEDIA



VOLUNTEER RATINGS



Felt they added value to the students' experience.



Felt more positive about their organisation.



Said they found the volunteer support materials useful.



Said they would recommend volunteering with Upskill Me.

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK





Average rating for the session volunteers took part in (out of 5)

I found the event great!

The energy was very high and really informative. Loved meeting all the students and helping facilitate exercises. Fab event!

- Volunteer, International Women's Day

Impact Report - Attendee Quotes



My time at this event changed the way I view the journey towards the right career. I'm looking forward to applying the knowledge I have gained...

This was a great chance to network with like-minded people and develop critical skills.

> - Women in Tech & Engineering attendee

...I asked myself why I was waiting for role models to present instead of taking on the challenge myself.

Although I could hear the slight tremor in my own voice, adrenaline soon kicked in and I was suddenly delivering a spontaneous speech in front of a hundred people I'd never met before.

I was rewarded with a boost of confidence for public speaking, as well as a packet of love hearts. By the end of the day, I was highlighted by my mentor, as an inclusive, dedicated leader, for which I received an award certificate and a badge that I will wear with honour!

<u>Upskill Me by Talent Spaces</u> never fail to host engaging yet educational days, packed with activities designed to hone our soft skills. Thank you to... the rest of the team that make these days possible. I can't wait to be at the next one! - International Women's Day attendee

The entire event was incredibly useful, informative, inspiring and enjoyable. This was my first Talent Spaces event and I can't believe I've only just discovered this organisation! I will most definitely be applying to other events.

- London STEM Apprenticeships attendee

This event provided a platform for young women to embrace our unique personalities and build the confidence needed to pursue our dream careers in STEM. - International Women's Day attendee

I loved the networking! The volunteers were actually the most wonderful people and the girls who attended even better! Being able to share experiences in an open atmosphere was the best. - London STEM

best. - London STEM Apprenticeships attendee I learnt so much about myself...
From team huddles to behind the scenes tours... I had the chance to speak with professionals across different roles, each passionate about what they do and eager to share advice -

Women in Tech & Engingeering attendee 6