

# National Numeracy Corporate Volunteering

## PROGRAMME REPORT

October 2022 – July 2023



## Summary

National Numeracy's newly established Corporate Volunteering programme aims to increase and broaden our impact by mobilising volunteers from our partner organisations to support children to see the value of maths in the real world.

Volunteering offers the opportunity for corporate partners, to directly support communities to develop the building blocks of social mobility, as well as being an invaluable investment in scaling-up the impact, reach and sustainability of National Numeracy's ongoing work.

**As a nation, our numeracy levels are significantly below average for developed countries, which costs the UK economy an estimated £488m each week.**

Low confidence and competence with numbers disproportionately affects disadvantaged communities, with anxiety about numbers often passed on from generation to generation. Our corporate volunteering programme builds a community of volunteers with an understanding of the problem and a commitment to addressing it. We aim to extend our reach into communities most in need, drawing on insights gained from [The UK Numeracy Index](#) and those of our corporate partners.

With support from our partner Capital One, between October 2022 and January 2023 we successfully piloted a Numeracy Volunteer training session and two primary school volunteering activities to inspire children to see the value of maths in the real world.

### We were then able to:

- improve and implement our online Numeracy Corporate Volunteer training sessions, **training 72 volunteers** from our partners Capital One, Experian and Vanquis Banking Group.
- improve and roll out the two activities with **41 volunteers** delivering **51 'My Maths Story' assemblies** and **41 'Maths in the Real World' class sessions** reaching over **9,000 children in 50 schools, with volunteers giving a total of 312 volunteer training and delivery hours.**
- gather feedback from **34 volunteers and 36 teachers.**





Both volunteering activities aim to:



## ENABLE

pupils to make the link between what they are learning and the world of work.



## INSPIRE

children to see the maths in life beyond school.



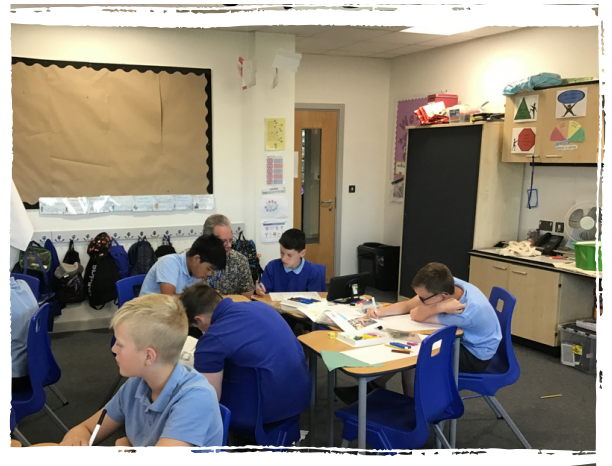
## CHALLENGE

stereotypes about careers and the world of work.



## PROVIDE

opportunities that showcase and develop volunteers' skills, enhancing self-confidence and giving a sense of achievement.







The assembly format and lesson plan were excellent. It supported the learning objectives. The children were really engaged and contributed well to the session.



It was really rewarding to hear the children talk about maths so positively and to start to imagine how they might use maths in their jobs in the future.

**Some volunteers like to visit their old primary school, or their children's school, or volunteer close to their home, if they work remotely.**



You just make it so easy to volunteer, I've always wanted to but have always felt there were too many barriers (at work or otherwise). This fits so well into my everyday work routine - thank you - it's so fulfilling.

**\*100% of teachers agreed that the sessions inspired the children to see the maths in life beyond school.**

**\*100% of volunteers agreed they had fun and enjoyed themselves.**

**\*92% of volunteers agreed they were able to develop their communication skills.**

**\*91% of volunteers agreed taking part had developed their self-confidence.**

Thank you to the CSR Leads and volunteers from Capital One, Experian and Vanquis Banking Group for your time and commitment to the success of the first year of this programme and thanks too to all the schools who have taken part!



\*Statistics from feedback forms completed by **34** volunteers and **36** teachers.

If you would like further information about the programme or its impact this year, please contact [laura@nationalnumeracy.org.uk](mailto:laura@nationalnumeracy.org.uk).

If you are a corporate organisation that would like more information about becoming a National Numeracy partner and taking part in our volunteering programme, please contact [ellie@nationalnumeracy.org.uk](mailto:ellie@nationalnumeracy.org.uk).

Primary or junior schools in London, Portsmouth, Havant, Gosport, Belfast or Nottingham can find out more and apply for a volunteer to visit their school [here](#).

National Numeracy is a charity dedicated to helping people feel confident with numbers and using everyday maths. Our mission is to empower children and adults in the UK to get on with numbers so they can fulfil their potential at work, home and school. Our work improves how people understand and work with numbers in everyday life, sparking better opportunities and brighter futures.

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