How to set up a STEM club

1. **Decide on your focus or idea**
   Would you like to build on the curriculum? Link with a school specialism such as performing arts or sport? Or focus on the ‘fun bits’ of STEM subjects and ignite students’ interests?

2. **Approach people who may be interested**
   Teachers, technicians, site staff, parents, staff from local HE establishments, outside experts. These people should be DBS-checked.

3. **Decide who your club members will be**
   Will you target a specific year group or a group of students in line with your school priorities? Will students have to apply for a place or will you advertise freely across the school?

4. **Decide on location**
   Necessity generally dictates that this is a lab or classroom in the school.

5. **Decide on timing**
   Check for other activities that may clash as well as thinking about transport and safety for students (walking home after dark etc). Think about religious observances students may have as well.

6. **Get people hooked with fun activities**
   These could be one-session projects, trips, competitions or themed events. Hold off on longer projects until you have an established group of students. If you would like additional ideas for activities, we can send a list tailored to your club needs, or check out [www.stemclubs.net/guides](http://www.stemclubs.net/guides) for video resources.

You can also use STEM Ambassadors – specially trained volunteers for your club – and make links with local businesses for additional funding or resources. We can help with this and more.

*Remember – you can email us at any step of this process for FREE advice and guidance on [STEMclubs@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:STEMclubs@brighton.ac.uk)*