

The **WISE** Northern Ireland Hub



Girls in Northern Ireland sit STEM GCSEs in similar numbers to boys and achieve similar grades that offer them all, girls and boys, opportunity to progress into STEM careers.

Only **30% of girls** in Northern Ireland, compared to **85% of boys**, progress into STEM A levels or FE training.

Northern Ireland needs to add **125,000** high value jobs to the workforce and fill existing shortfalls of **29,000** jobs per year.

Encouraging more girls into STEM careers will add to this workforce, support Northern Ireland productivity and offer Northern Ireland girls rewarding and well paid careers.

Success could add £10bn to the Northern Ireland economy.

HOW WILL THE WISE NI HUB SUPPORT THIS?

The
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NI Hub:

- Brings together STEM employers, educators and STEM organisations across Northern Ireland to network and support development of good practice to increase female participation in STEM
- Provides a platform to increase the visibility of female STEM role models
- Provides a library of national and local STEM resources

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you are based in, or have links to, Northern Ireland and are an employer, an educational organisation, a STEM organisation or have an interest in supporting STEM careers contact WISE and sign up to become part of this important network.

If you are a woman working in STEM, based in, or with links to Northern Ireland, sign up to **My Skills My Life** and make sure you add the Northern Ireland link. Become a role model visible to girls in schools, colleges and universities across the region and encourage them to consider STEM careers.

For further information, or to find out what you can do, contact:

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