

## Stem Ambassadors:- Update Volume 1 – issue 5 July/August 2009-08-06

### **CRBS Disclosures**

The backlog has been cleared and we are working to a 6/7 week target for renewals etc. Thanks to those who were caught up with the backlog which was beyond our control. A couple of questions have been raised about the Vetting & Barring Scheme and the advice we have received to date would indicate that it does not apply to Scotland.

### **Knex Challenge during 2009.**

The challenge went ahead during 2009 and some 1,100 pupils took part in the East area. Due to restricted funding the challenge had to be delivered in a more cost effective manner and this discouraged some schools taking part.

The East done very well this year with Bantaskin Primary from Falkirk getting Scottish Runners up. Hopefully the competition will be better during 2010.

Schools are always looking for help and support for Knex and we are always on the look out for Judges.

### **Global Science Web Site**

Have a look at [www.global-science.net](http://www.global-science.net) as we have put a couple of video clips on are we are keen to develop this material. Would anyone be interested in doing a short interview about being an Ambassador to go on the site.? If you are up for it please let me know.

If you are doing anything with schools, public etc in relation to Stem and have any stories, pics etc if you want them on Global Science or StemsScotland, please let us know and we will get them up.

News items and Forthcoming attractions are always welcomed.

### **UP and Coming Events**

Global Climate Change Project

We are doing a Shopping Centre event at the Falkirk Howgate Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> August and if you are interested, you are most welcome to come along and join in.

### **Science Clubs.**

When the schools return in a couple of weeks w are going to require Ambassadors to help with the clubs. New resources will be available to get the clubs up and running. If you are interested, please get in touch.

### **November**

Clackmannan Council will be holding their Science Fair in Alloa on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

INEOS Chemistry Lecture

We are proposing to run this S5 event in relation to Careers at the Exhibition Centre in Grangemouth. Contributors would be most welcome.

### **March 2010 and Science Year.**

We will be involved with a range of partners in delivering this event to 2,000 P7 pupils over 12 days. It takes a lot of people to run and manage the event and if you have not managed your “one engagement” in a year this could be the one for you. If we could get folks to cover a day or half a day each it would not be a problem.

### **Borders Science Festival**

Back in June we had a two day Science event in Peebles at the “Eastgate Theatre” and you can view a clip on [www.global-science.net](http://www.global-science.net). One of the main features of this event was the engagement of “Early Years” P1 – P3 and in fairness the young pupils and staff were great and by all accounts it was well received.

Funding is available for another Borders Science Event and it is hoped to put to-gether a small working party to plan the next one.

Information Posting.

We will continue to post school requests for help on the Stem Scotland Website and news and events may feature more on Global Science.

Remember that if you have any news or you want publicity for a forthcoming event please send it to Alyson Young or Frank McKeever