

Healthcare Science Week 2018

March 9-18
#hcsweek18

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Healthcare scientists, across all specialisms, are integral for delivering high quality, innovative patient-centred services. They are critical to ensure that the NHS works at the limits of science. Help raise awareness of the invaluable contribution healthcare scientists make to the NHS and inspire the next generation of scientists to take your work forward.

OPEN YOUR DOORS

So why not open your doors, showcase your work and inspire the next generation of NHS healthcare scientists through Healthcare Science Week 2018 (<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/hcsweek>). This is a great opportunity to promote the wealth of entry routes and career opportunities to local schools and colleges. There's a fabulous animation on YouTube (tinyurl.com/HCSanimation) that brings to life the unique contribution healthcare scientists make to patient care. Add your event to NHS Employer's HCS Week Calendar ([click here](#)). Excellent resources are available on the Health Careers website (<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk>).

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved and showcase your work online. If you are interested in showcasing your healthcare science specialism or a particular project and would like to take part in a twitter interview or write a blog for the CSO to promote, please email england.cso@nhs.net. You can also join the twitter campaign #HCSweek18 @WeHCSscientists. Don't forget to tell us what you're doing so that we can share your stories with the healthcare science community. Email NHS Employers (HCS@nhsemployers.org) with your news and those all-important pictures.

Healthcare Science Week runs alongside British Science Week. Tweet them @ScienceWeekUK #BSW18 and register your events on Science Live. (<http://sciencelive.net/how-this-works/plan>)

PROMOTE YOUR PROFESSION

If you want to do even more to promote your profession, share your enthusiasm and help to build the NHS scientific workforce of the future, you can give your time and enrol on our countrywide register to become a Healthcare Science STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) Ambassador. This involves actively engaging with pupils and supporting teachers in the classroom to enthuse and inspire young people in a world of opportunity that begins with STEM. More information is available on the Stemnet website (stemnet.org.uk) and the Ambassador toolkit on the NHS Health Careers website (<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/hcsambassadors>)

