



Female College students attend STEM conference at Queen Mary

Female College students got the chance to discover the numerous career choices open for science and maths graduates when they attended a specially arranged conference at Queen Mary University.

The STEM conference was organised by Havering Sixth Form College Careers Co-ordinator Nikki Phelps with the University, to encourage more female students to consider careers in Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering – and all the young women who went along said they found it extremely useful.

The College students were able to look around the University campus – conveniently situated in Mile End – and attend a presentation on careers in science. They also had the opportunity to meet some undergraduate and post-graduate students and ask them questions about their University experience at Queen Mary and their course choices.

Havering Sixth Form College student Alexandra Spannbauer, who attended the conference, said: "The most useful thing about the trip was that it was clearly explained how many careers related to the sciences, because I had been unsure exactly what you could do with a scientific degree before I went along. I am now sure that I want to go into science."

Fellow student Nutchaya Jongsanguandi added: "The panel of university undergraduates was really helpful. It was nice to get advice from people who had been in the same position. It was really good and I want to thank the careers staff for arranging such a useful trip for us."

Thanuja Vijayakumar said: "The visit helped me understand the variety of careers I could do with a science degree. It has also encouraged me to realise I can do anything as long as I enjoy the subject and work hard – it will repay in the end."

Nikki Phelps said: "What really came across was that there are so many careers open for science and maths graduates and that employers highly value the skills that these degree courses develop. It also impressed our students with the need to research their courses very carefully, to work hard and be motivated now and most importantly, to choose a course that they will enjoy."