

Research Findings

Impact of Outreach on Volunteers

We asked our volunteers how their experience with Let's Talk Science affected them.

- Over three quarters surveyed said their communication skills (78%) and teaching skills (76%) had improved to a great or very great extent
- More than half responded that volunteering improved planning and organization skills (59%), leadership skills (58%) and self confidence (56%) to a great or very great extent.
- Volunteering with Let's Talk Science also influenced their understanding of the positive difference they could make as a science outreach volunteer (73%)



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The Impact of Outreach on High School Students

We asked high school students how having a volunteer in their classroom affected them.

	Before	After
Plan to study at university	60%	72%
Plan to study at college	17%	59%
Believe they are or could be 'very good' at science	25%	43%
Believe they are or could be 'very good' at technology	15%	35%
Interested in a science-based career	33%	53%
Interested in an engineering career	26%	45%
Interested in a technology-based career	20%	48%
Interested in skilled trade employment	12%	34%

- 95% agreed that doing more hands on programs would increase their understanding of science topics
- 78% agreed that having 'real scientists visit their classroom or community group increased their understanding of science topics
- 86% of students wanted Let's Talk Science volunteers to visit more often



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