

# 2020: year of the Young STEM Leader

“2020 will be the year of the young STEM Leader”

Alastair MacGregor, Chief Executive of SSERC



The pilot of the Young STEM Leader Programme continues in Scotland with over 70 centres taking part. With many Young STEM Leaders in action across the country, we have taken the opportunity to visit and document their amazing journey. Not only can you see fantastic content on our Twitter page, you can also read some in-depth case studies from a small selection of our pilot centres. Visit our website [1] to access our Twitter feed and click the case studies tab too!

## Become a delivering centre

We are preparing for our full national launch of the programme where centres such as schools, community and youth groups in Scotland can register to deliver the programme.

The next step for those interested is to attend either online or face-to-face Information Sessions, available across Scotland. As with all things YSL, you can find out more or sign up on our website.

## SCQF milestone

The YSL Project Team at SSERC is pleased to announce that “YSL 6” is now on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework. The qualification was credit-rated by SQA at SCQF level 6 with 3 credit points. This means that young people will not only develop leadership, employability, social and communication skills, they will gain a formal award in the process! Delivering centres who work with Insight can also claim the tariff points available for offering the award to their young people.



Young STEM Leaders of Dalmarnock Primary exploring the vast STEM content in photography.

## A message from the Project Manager

The YSL Programme is open and accessible to all of Scotland’s young people. It does not have any entry requirements or conditions, there are no tests or exams, just a simple YSL Log to document their leadership journey.

Many people in Scotland don’t consider STEM as a possible pathway for them because they are not being shown its full meaning, the limitless contexts and opportunities it holds. By widening the context of STEM and challenging stereotypes, misconceptions, outdated views and elitism, the YSL programme aims to change all of this!

YSLs can complete this programme in a STEM context that suits and interests them – no matter how unusual their content may be. This programme is the perfect way for any young person in Scotland, irrespective of experience or background, to get involved in STEM. <<



A YSL of All Saints Secondary in Glasgow leading STEM workshops with pupils of St Philomena’s Primary.

## Reference

[1] [www.ysl.pilot.scot](http://www.ysl.pilot.scot).