STEM has the answers to humanity’s big questions

STEM skills are at the forefront of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. They underpin the increasingly technical, interconnected and fast-paced way of life we’re living. They’re central to our ability to solve the problems we face and to harness the power of technology.

“We’ve placed tens of thousands of STEM-skilled people in roles that are transforming the world. From driving the growth of clean energy to fighting a global health crisis, these candidates work to address today’s biggest and most complex issues. They’re revolutionising every sector imaginable and shaping the future for good.”

Mark Dorman
Chief Executive Officer

Read more about STEM on pages 6 to 11.
‘Bringing skilled people together’ to protect our planet

For the past year, the Life Sciences sector has been a focal point in the world’s COVID-19 response. We’re honoured to work alongside truly inspiring people who use their skills to make a difference – by creating connections between people and businesses, we’re enabling organisations within Life Sciences to change the world.

Our role is to help businesses find the talent they need to support vital projects in order to drive truly life-saving solutions.

About our work

For years we’ve been a trusted partner to Thermo Fisher Scientific, a global life sciences company specialising in pharma, IVD, and medical devices. We’re used to working with the UK diagnostics team to help them find professionals within the medical devices regulatory, quality, and validation space. When 2020 arrived and the COVID-19 health crisis hit, Thermo Fisher Scientific were tasked with helping to solve the world’s biggest problem with the production of diagnostic testing kits. As a trusted long-term partner, we worked with them to help them achieve their goals.

Since then, we’ve connected Thermo Fisher Scientific with 37 medical device professionals across validation, quality, and regulatory roles. By helping the company to find the right regulatory talent their market access function was improved allowing Thermo Fisher Scientific to flourish. They were able to take their product to market on a global scale and, ultimately, save lives around the world.

By ‘bringing skilled people together’, we help clients like Thermo Fisher Scientific build a stronger, better, and safer future.

The service SThree has provided has been first class. The understanding of our business, your expanding knowledge of working in a regulated environment, selection of candidates, and ongoing relationship management and maintenance has really helped Regulatory Affairs to achieve the business objectives in financial year 2020.

I would happily recommend SThree on the basis of this and can only thank the team for their support over the past 12 months, we could not have done it without them.”

Johanne Hamill
Senior RA Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific
Discovering new ways to bring people together

Over the past year, our purpose of ‘bringing skilled people together’ has felt more important than ever before. But due to the challenging circumstances of 2020, we have had to find more creative ways to make this happen.

Remote and flexible working models have become more common over the past few years. But despite this, when the health crisis hit, very few businesses had the digital infrastructure to reimagine their entire workforce in a virtual context.

Our specialist IT teams have been supporting our clients across the globe assisting in this area – helping leaders to build new project teams and find the talent they need to keep their businesses thriving through an unprecedented time.

Building virtual communities and supporting higher education institutions

Ordinarily, summer break is a time for colleges to start preparing for the year ahead. Yet the COVID-19 health crisis created new challenges for Teachers College, Columbia University.

They needed a digital approach that would help maintain a world class onboarding experience for their incoming students.

By using our flexible staffing model and combining this with our Salesforce Higher Education experience, we were able to find a solution that supported the needs of the college.

We engaged with Selina Suarez, CEO at Pep Up Tech – an initiative focused on offering people tech career opportunities in Salesforce. Selina was brought in to lead as the Salesforce architect for the project, working alongside graduates and our team, to manage the entire implementation.

This was an incredible challenge – finding the specialist talent to carry out the Salesforce solution within such a short timeframe was going to be tough. But thanks to our market knowledge, industry connections, and innovative approach, we were able to keep the student experience at Teachers College within Columbia University alive and thriving.

And this is just the beginning. We’re continuing to work alongside this institution to help them maximise the power of tech to provide better experiences that help to build communities.

I was impressed with the speed by which the team was put together. We had a very aggressive project schedule to deliver a virtual orientation solution for new students. The solution delivered has exceeded our expectations and was delivered on time. I highly recommend them.

John Lombardi
Deputy CIO, University of Columbia, Teachers College
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Finding the heroes the world needs

Stories relating to COVID-19 have dominated news headlines over the past year. As the world geared up to battle an unprecedented global health crisis, this became a primary focus point. But the world is still facing other widespread challenges, such as the global environmental crisis.

We’re proud to have been recognised for five years of action against climate change – with half a decade of A ratings from the Carbon Disclosure Project – and of the work we do to bring together skilled people to drastically reduce carbon emissions and help mitigate climate change. Whether that means supporting projects focused on renewable energy sources or helping to find talent that produces technology to help track wildfires, addressing climate change is a shared responsibility.

Arevon Energy

For over 25 years now, we’ve been working with a multitude of clients in the energy industry, helping to connect them with skilled engineering talent across a breadth of industries. And over the past few years, our business in the renewable energy space has drastically increased.

In the past, we’ve supported US-based organisation, Arevon Energy, on a number of placements to find specialist professionals in the world’s largest staffing market. But in the past 12 months, we were able to build a trusted relationship with them at a time when they really needed us – helping them to source a varied range of skilled professionals.

Arevon Energy handle projects that offer a variety of renewable energy solutions across wind and solar, among others. As an organisation with aggressive growth plans, it’s vital for this business to find professionals who are the perfect fit. That’s where we come in.

Purpose is at the heart of Arevon Energy, and they truly care about issues relating to climate change. They’ve invested in building a better world and this runs through their recruitment requirement. That’s why they need us to find the right people who share their values, not just people who can simply do the job.

Thanks to the work of our team, we were able to fully understand what they were looking for. Through our expert recruitment techniques, we matched skills and passion – finding people who actively campaign for renewable energy legislation.

Arevon Energy is also fully committed to building a more diverse and inclusive workforce within the renewable energy space. And we’ve helped them in this area too, by connecting them to a diverse range of candidates and helping to bring more women into engineering roles.

Bringing people who care about our environment together is embedded in our DNA. And bringing diverse pools of skilled people together is what we do.
Big data empowering businesses

Big data solutions are driving changes for organisations on a global scale. But with so many complex nuances, it’s important for businesses to have the right talent in place to manage data effectively.

Specialist professionals can enable businesses to maximise, streamline, cleanse, and effectively manage their data. They empower companies with the knowledge to make business-critical decisions. And they allow organisations to provide more personalised solutions for their customers across the globe. Big data is fundamentally changing the way that businesses operate.

Empowering personalised solutions through tech

Over the past year, we’ve started working with Vionlabs, a rapidly-growing Swedish AI-focused media start-up. Vionlabs’ mission is to help broadcasters and platform operators solve complicated challenges by using complex data solutions to connect consumers with more relevant content than ever before.

Through personalisation, they add value to video services and consumers by connecting people more quickly to the content they enjoy – minimising the time spent searching to maximise the time spent watching.

Using a unique approach that applies the latest techniques in AI and Deep Learning, Vionlabs are at the forefront of this technological revolution.

But to make this happen, the highest calibre of talent is needed – and professionals with these niche skillsets are in high demand, yet short supply. Thanks to our knowledge of niche tech markets within the data space, we were able to connect Vionlabs with a wealth of talent in machine learning and tech data engineering.

Over the past 12 months, we brought a diverse spectrum of skilled people together to help Vionlabs build their future. The candidates we found came from Sweden, India, Egypt, and the USA – truly maximising our global network of tech talent. And we also connected the organisation with an even split of men and women for their project, ultimately helping to build a more diverse future of tech.

The team at SThree will be supporting Vionlabs as they embark upon highly ambitious growth plans in 2021. As they continue to disrupt the industry with new data-driven ways of working, we’ll be there to help them find the most forward thinking, high-calibre talent to revolutionise their market.