

PROPOSED SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GROUP

We hear a lot these days about STEM subjects – Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. Discoveries in Science (and Mathematics) are followed by their application in Technology (and Engineering). Do you share my fascination with these subjects, and would you welcome the opportunity to develop this further with others of like mind?

If sufficient desire is there, I am prepared to lead a Science & Technology group. Being somebody who favours group members' involvement, this is the format I have in mind, on similar lines to the Psychology group that I attend.

My suggested format is that one group member leads a subject, giving a summary of approximately 15 minutes, based on knowledge and/or research. Then the rest of the group, similarly prepared but at a less detailed level, each present their contributions, perhaps 5 minutes. If the main theme is a topic of science (or mathematics) then we take some time to reflect on the technology (or engineering) that has or may result. Alternatively, if the main theme is a topic of technology (or engineering), then we take some time to reflect on the science (or mathematics) on which it is based. Further developments to diversify our agenda, such as forming links with the university, can be explored once our core activity is established.

Some wishing to partake may have had professional experience in these fields, others will simply have a keen interest, and I'm sure we can all benefit together, whatever the mix. When I know who is interested, I will speak to everyone in turn to establish your range of interest in particular fields, and to hear any other ideas you may have.

Then there is the matter of group logistics – when we meet, where, etc. I am thinking along the lines of a monthly meeting in a regular slot of approximately 2 hours, group size about 10, at a location to be determined.

If you are interested, please enter your name on the list on the U3A notice board, with your contact details, or contact me on 01752-402048 or email mail@duds.org.uk

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