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waste permanently safe sooner," said Tracy Badham, NWS social responsibility manager. "They also took part in group exercises and visited the Low-Level Waste Repository in West Cumbria."

She added, "We trust that the students were able to take away skills such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and data analysis. NWS also offered tips on career choices, job interview techniques, and how to write a CV."

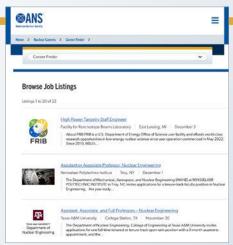
The students were also asked to create a lesson and activity for 11- to 12-year-olds about energy, waste, and the environment. The lesson needed to be linked to both NWS functions and the U.K. national curriculum, and project outcomes had to be usable by NWS as an educational resource in its STEM outreach.

Badham explained, "After hearing pitches from the students about different subjects, we took one of the ideas, a waste recycling-based game, and the students created the activity for secondary school students. We realized that this activity would be a great opportunity to complement our work with primary school students, so we next adapted it for that level. The game was then produced as a hands-on resource to be used as part of the 'Energy, Waste, and the Environment' topic, which is part of U.K.'s year-5 school curriculum [for students aged 8 to 9]."

NWS employees were able to volunteer as they wished to help the Dream Placement participants. "We have been taking part in the Dream Placement program for four years," Badham said, "and the students might come from schools where our staff live, so they see it as both an opportunity to volunteer with the youth and



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