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To whom it may concern

The National Science Learning Centre is happy to support the application from *I'm a Scientist, Get me out of Here* for funding to turn the pilot into a large scale, long term, national event. We believe the pilot programme is an innovative and effective teaching tool which inspires and enthuses young people about science, develops their scientific literacy and ability to debate and discuss science issues.

There is evidence that indicates the event is highly regarded by the teachers, scientists and young people who've taken part, as shown by the independently-verified evaluation report on the pilot. Our expert staff who have examined it consider it to be an additional aid to science teaching, expanding teachers' repertoire of pedagogical tools and pupils' learning experiences. The event combines excitement and fun, with rigorous educational content and effective techniques for promoting learning and developing students' higher thinking skills.

This event is a innovative means to help teachers to inspire the scientists of tomorrow and promote young people engagement with science and thus could be an effective use of public engagement and outreach money. It would certainly be very much appreciated by the teachers and students who take part, not to mention the participating scientists who develop their communication skills and have fun too!

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