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Dear Professor Lockhart & Colleagues

BREATH Concerted Public Engagement Drive in Dumfries & Galloway

On behalf of Education Services in Dumfries and Galloway, I extend our support for the BREATH Concerted Public Engagement Drive in Dumfries & Galloway which continues to offer rich learning opportunity to children and young people in our region highlighting chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

I am aware that you, and your team, have now engaged with almost 40 of our Dumfries & Galloway schools, both primary & secondary, and indeed this number continues to grow. Your inputs explaining lung health and disease in the context of biomedical science and increasing awareness of COPD, including presentations on smoking as a (preventable) major risk factor have been of great benefit to these schools. This work is evidence through your school engagement map, the positive evaluations received and the number of blogs, letter and newspaper reports highlighting your work.

Our DG STEM team continues to work in partnership with BREATH, supporting contacts and communication with schools, and offering engagement sessions in a planned and strategic manner across the wide geographical area of Dumfries & Galloway. In return BREATH have supported our DG STEM team by attending our annual STEM Conference where the team have delivered workshops and hosted a marketplace stand, reinforcing the links between the BREATH research and both topical science & citizen science projects.

I wish the BREATH project well in their continued efforts to reach out across Dumfries and Galloway.

Kind regards,



David Maxwell
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