

## ECHO Teens Visit the Science Gallery with King's College London

The 16th March 2019 saw the second <u>ECHO Teen</u> event of the year, attended by 14 Teens including some of their siblings and friends. Whilst it always a pleasure to see those that attended the Hub last year it was great to see so many new faces!

ECHO Teens visited London's Science Gallery for the SPARE PARTS exhibition during Science Week, and had an opportunity to chat to science researchers and an artist who developing new technologies to treat heart conditions and are exploring the future of medical imaging – like how virtual reality can help surgeons!

The teens had the chance to ask them about their careers and their projects, plus were part of interactive workshops exploring how hearts can be 3D printed, why this could be useful, and what they would do if they could print their own heart.

Developed alongside scientists from King's College London, the SPARE PARTS season will explore the art, science, ethics and technology that enables human repair and alteration.





The day's events were both educative and thought provoking and the interactions shared with the scientists from King's College really empowered the young people to ask questions, reflect and explore their own thoughts and feelings in relation to their own personal situation, experiences and futures. The interactive nature of the workshops went some way to ensure the young people had fun and maintained their engagement throughout the day. **TANIA WEEKES** - FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Some of the teens feedback when asked to describe the event in 3 words: "COOL!" "Amazing!" "Interesting!"

ECHO would like to thank the artist Salomé Bazin from London-studio Cellule, all the researchers from King's College London and to Science Week and the Science Gallery for making the event happen.

See more photos from the day <u>here</u>.