

**Exploring the Scientific Method Through Storytelling and Citizen Science**

Join us for a hands-on, youth-centric citizen science program that teaches elementary students to “think like a scientist” by embodying the Scientific Method in a unique five-step program. This program uses the aspirational diverse characters and storylines from the award-winning “The Paper Girls Show” to enhance the fun in science education. Participants will use the citizen science platform Marine Debris Tracker to see how all of their students can become scientists and make changes in their communities.

**Presentation Target:**

Elementary School

**Presenter(s):**

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