

# Women into Manufacturing and Engineering



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Dear Parent/Carer

The Women into Manufacturing and Engineering programme (WiME) is a Humber based programme led by industry to drive positive change in terms of gender balance in the workplace. Women make up less than 10% of the UK engineering workforce and this is a sector with a significant skills gap. Our aim is to challenge the stereotypes that drive this and inspire girls to consider careers in these industries.

We find that the girls who attend our events really benefit from hearing first-hand from the women who are already working in these industries. We have therefore taken WiME online so that we can continue to provide this inspiration during these challenging times. We have prepared our materials in time for National Careers Week (1st to 5th March) but please feel free to use the resources at any time to suit you and your daughter. I've also recorded a short [video](#) to give you an insight into WiME and what to expect.

- We have developed lots of short recordings of women talking about their careers, explaining how they decided what to do and saying what educational route they took. These include ladies from Orsted, ABP, Phillips 66, Saucy, Ideal Heating, Siemens Gamesa, Ansell and Laing O'Rourke. Each one is unique! The content is targeted at Years 10 and above.
- There is a Playlist document so you can see who is on each of the videos.
- Along with the videos, we have prepared a quiz that your school may choose to use - the answers can be found by watching and listening to the ladies on the recordings.
- There are a few other supporting documents too – the WiME booklet, FAQ about WiME and a document about Apprenticeships.
- We've also developed a written project called 'The Humber – The Energy Estuary' which your school may choose to use. It's been developed to help students understand more about the amazing developments in the Humber and find out what career opportunities these may lead to. It's probably most suitable for students in Years 10 to 13.
- There is also a practical project that Siemens Gamesa kindly provided – it is to design and build a wind turbine capable of lifting a cup off the floor. It is probably most suitable for students in Years 7 to 9.

We have also been asked to run a special live, online session on opportunities in the Wind Power industry. This will be run using the Zoom platform on 4th March from 1 to 2pm. To book a place please follow [this link](#).

I do hope you and your daughter find this information helpful. I recognise that we are living in challenging times and don't want girls in our schools to miss out on being inspired to become successful in STEM.

Kindest regards

**Dr Kirsty Clode, Chair of WiME**

