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Renishaw engineer named as one of UK’s top 50 female engineers

Lucy Ackland, Senior Development Engineer at global engineering company, [Renishaw](http://www.renishaw.com/en/1030.aspx), has been selected as one of the UK’s Top 50 Women in Engineering in 2017. The initiative is organised by *The Daily Telegraph* in partnership with the Women’s Engineering Society (WES) and employers in the industry. Results were announced on June 23, 2017, to coincide with International Women in Engineering Day.

*The* *Daily Telegraph’s* Top 50 Women in Engineering was launched in 2016 to celebrate women’s achievements in the industry. The 2017 list is made up of outstanding female engineers under the age of 35, who have all made a significant contribution to the field.

Ackland joined Renishaw aged 16 as an apprentice and went on to study Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at the University of South Wales, where she achieved a First Class Honours degree. Ackland has worked on several exciting projects during her time at Renishaw, including helping to lead the project team for the RenAM 500M, Renishaw’s latest metal additive manufacturing system, which was fully designed in-house. She has also helped partner universities, colleges and businesses to help develop technology and training.

Ackland is actively involved in Renishaw’s education outreach programme, where she has been a science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) ambassador for nine years. She now runs weekly events to inspire young girls to consider engineering careers and show young people where an apprenticeship can take them.

“Historically, women’s achievements in STEM have gone unnoticed, and this needs to change,” explained Ackland, “The Top 50 Women in Engineering celebrates the great work done by women in the engineering sector.

“The awards showcase the amazing work that women are doing, highlighting how women are performing and achieving so much. Showcasing these achievements gives young women role models, challenges stereotypes and shows that engineering is an exciting career path.”

“We are very proud of this recognition for Lucy, who works tirelessly to promote engineering to young people. Only nine per cent of engineers in the UK are female, a figure which puts us behind the rest of Europe,” explained Chris Pockett, Head of Communications at Renishaw. “It is important to promote the achievements of female engineers to change the status quo and open up a new pool of talent to help solve the engineering skills shortage.”

Ackland was also recognised for her engineering successes in 2014, when she won the WES prize at the Institution of Engineering and Technology’s (IET) Young Woman Engineer Awards, and was a finalist in the Young Woman of the Year category. In 2016, she was highly commended in the Woman of the Year category at the Bristol and Bath Women in Business Awards.

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About Renishaw

Renishaw is one of the world's leading engineering and scientific technology companies, with expertise in precision measurement and healthcare. The company supplies products and services used in applications as diverse as jet engine and wind turbine manufacture, through to dentistry and brain surgery. It is also a world leader in the field of additive manufacturing (also referred to as 3D printing), where it is the only UK business that designs and makes industrial machines which ‘print' parts from metal powder.

The Renishaw Group currently has more than 70 offices in 35 countries, with over 4,000 employees, of which 2,800 people are employed within the UK. The majority of the company's R&D and manufacturing is carried out in the UK and for the year ended June 2016 Renishaw achieved sales of £436.6 million of which 95% was due to exports. The company's largest markets are China, USA, Germany and Japan.

The Company’s success has been recognised with numerous international awards, including eighteen Queen’s Awards recognising achievements in technology, export and innovation.

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