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**Renishaw hosts #Girls4Engineering virtual event to help diversify the sector**

To give students and their parents/guardians the opportunity to find out more about careers in engineering, global engineering technologies company, [Renishaw](https://www.renishaw.com/en/education-outreach--34713?utm_source=StoneJunction&utm_medium=BP&utm_campaign=REC452), is hosting a #Girls4Engineering virtual event on December 16th.

The one hour webinar, aimed at students in secondary school and above, will include an introduction to Renishaw and potential careers in engineering. Participants will then have the opportunity to listen to three female engineers at Renishaw speak about their personal career journeys and ask any questions in a Q&A session.

“We want to show students that working in engineering can be both exciting and rewarding,” explained Siobhan Denniff, Education Outreach Executive at Renishaw. “This virtual event gives students the opportunity to find out more about why engineering is a fulfilling career choice for girls, women, transgender and non-binary people.”

Denniff continues, “Having a more diverse workforce in the engineering sector will mean stronger, better teams that are more effective at solving all kinds of complex problems and will help to reach the best solutions faster.”

According to the EngineeringUK 2020 report, in the nine years leading up to the academic year 2018 to 2019, the proportion of engineering and technology entrants in higher education who were female increased by five per cent. However, there is still gender disparity — only one in five of all engineering and technology entrants in 2018 to 2019 were women. Renishaw regularly hosts sessions to change perceptions about the sector and encourage more girls to study science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects in higher education.

Renishaw’s education outreach programme supports STEM curriculums in schools and colleges across Bristol, Gloucestershire and South Wales. Before the pandemic Renishaw hosted talks, hands-on workshops and events to encourage students to pursue engineering as a career. To maintain its engagement levels it now hosts virtual assemblies as well as 3D printing and coding workshops to teach students new engineering skills.

Sign up to the #Girls4Engineering webinar [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/girls4engineering-tickets-128653729769). For further information about events run by Renishaw’s education outreach programme, visit [https://www.renishaw.com/education-outreach/](https://www.renishaw.com/en/education-outreach--34713?utm_source=StoneJunction&utm_medium=BP&utm_campaign=REC452)

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**Notes to editors**

UK-based Renishaw is a world leading engineering technologies company, supplying products used for applications as diverse as jet engine and wind turbine manufacture, through to dentistry and brain surgery. It has over 4,000 employees located in the 37 countries where it has wholly owned subsidiary operations.

For the year ended June 2020 Renishaw recorded sales of £510.2 million of which 94% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, the USA, Japan and Germany.

Throughout its history Renishaw has made a significant commitment to research and development, with historically between 13 and 18% of annual sales invested in R&D and engineering. The majority of this R&D and manufacturing of the company’s products is carried out in the UK.

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

Further information at [www.renishaw.com](http://www.renishaw.com/)