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Celebrating National Women in Engineering Day

Gen2 has welcomed over 400 primary and secondary school pupils as part of National Women in Engineering Day.

The event, which took place today (23rd June 2017), was open to local primary and secondary schools and aimed to encourage more young females to consider a career in engineering.

Gen2, who are now part of City & Guilds Group, take on approximately 450 apprentices each year, 15% of which are female engineers, which is impressive when compared to the national average of just 3.8%.

Gen2 held three Women in Engineering Day events in their Energus, Carlisle and Furness training centres. The events were hosted and run by the female engineers and apprentices. The events provided an exciting range of engineering interactive activities, tours of the centre and presentations to find out more about some of the fantastic career prospects available within the County.

Mike Smith OBE, CEO of Gen2, said "At Gen2 we have always heavily promoted engineering as a career option to females. We have trained many female engineers since our inception and they have gone on to have very successful engineering careers. Gen2

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typically recruit around 15% of females into engineering disciplines for our local employers. In addition to the female engineering apprentices approximately 50% of our Engineering Degree and Honours Degree students are female. Employers are very supportive of our female engineers and we would like to continue to grow the number of female engineering learners. GSK, Sellafeld Ltd and Innovia Films have all help to support the events today across our centres. Opportunities such as the National Women in Engineering Day help us to promote the benefits to other females. Engineering is a fantastic career option, regardless if you are male or female and we hope these events will encourage others to seriously consider engineering as a career.”

For more information about the Women in Engineering events visit www.gen2.ac.uk

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