

INDUSTRY: CONSTRUCTION
PROGRAMME: WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY: TAKEOVER EVENT
SCHOOLS: ALL STIRLING

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WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

In March (pre-lockdown), 20 partners associated with the construction industry collaborated to produce an event for 70 young women from all Stirling secondary schools, hosted at Bannockburn High School. The event was planned to coincide with International Women's Day and Scottish Apprenticeship week and raised awareness of the opportunities and career pathways, including apprenticeships, that exist within the industry. This event provided a inspiring female-centric and encouraging environment in which to explore some of the practical skills required by the sector.

We are delighted to present a short film of the event which succeeds in giving a flavour of the excitement and inspiring activities the pupils of Stirling were involved in. The first of its kind, this event received very positive feedback from all participants and facilitators. An evaluation on the impact of the event produced by DYW Forth Valley is available to view [here](#) and Stirling City Heritage Trust's Event report can be found [here](#).

"This event has demonstrated the high level of interest by girls in traditional skills and has given them the chance to meet a variety of women who are experts in their field. It was an inspiring and engaging day with excellent feedback. We were delighted to be involved in the delivery of such an innovative and positive event."

**LINDSAY LENNIE, TRUST MANAGER,
STIRLING CITY HERITAGE TRUST**





JEN HENDERSON, DWY FORTH VALLEY PROGRAMME MANAGER SAYS:

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“With 30% of the Construction industry in Scotland aged 50 and over, we know the sector needs new entrants across a wide range of roles. We also know that there is an unconscious bias of the Construction industry amongst young people as being male dominated with historically, approximately only 2% of Modern Apprenticeships within Construction and related sectors in Scotland, being started by women. This event, driven by this dedicated collaboration of industry partners for all of the Secondary schools in Stirling has offered exposure to a range of skills and roles that young people may have never considered. It has provided them with hands-on experiences, contextualised the subjects they study at school and provided them with inspiring insight from strong and talented women currently succeeding within the industry.”

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