

# NEWS RELEASE



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## BCECA celebrates INWED with four new people profiles



BCECA has published four new 'people profiles' to mark International Women In Engineering Day 2022 (INWED) on 23 June 2022.

INWED celebrates the work being carried out by women engineers worldwide to support lives and livelihoods day in and day out. The initiative highlights some of the brightest and bravest women in engineering, the inventors, innovators, and leaders who dare to be part of the solution and help build toward a sustainable future for planet Earth.

The BCECA profiles, which provide a snapshot of different roles within the UK engineering contracting sector, feature four female engineers at different points on their career journeys with some of the world's best-known engineering contractors.

The profiles include:

**Nicola Grieve – Senior Vice President at Aker Solutions**

**Helen Kilbride – Process Director at Fluor Corporation**

**Batrisyia Khir – Process Engineer at Cameron | Schlumberger**

**Jo Torkington – Chief Process Engineer at Bechtel**

Commenting on the publication of the new profiles, BCECA CEO Tracey Shelley said:

"Whilst the days of 'engineering is not for girls!' are long gone, it's still important to lift the lid on the opportunities open to women in the UK's engineering contracting sector.

Women leaders bring different skills, imaginative perspectives and structural and cultural differences that drive innovative solutions to engineering challenges. Good women leaders are good for business. Research suggests that for every 10% increase in gender diversity, corporate earnings before interest and taxes can rise by 3.5%.

This is an exciting time for the contractors tasked with delivering the global energy transformation. These new profiles illustrate just how much can be achieved by female engineers and the leadership roles that they are playing within our member companies. I am

grateful to Batrisyia, Helen, Jo and Nicola for sharing their stories. They will act as role models for aspiring female engineers everywhere. BCECA is proud to support International Women in Engineering Day."

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**Notes for editors:**

Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, International Women in Engineering Day (INWED) is an initiative led by the Women's Engineering Society (WES). As of June 2021, the figures suggest that only one in six engineers are women. INWED gives women engineers worldwide a profile when they are still hugely under-represented. The only platform of its kind, it plays a vital role in encouraging more young women and girls to take up engineering careers.

Read the new BCECA profiles at <https://www.bceca.org.uk/resources-new/bceca-people-profiles/>

BCECA provides a focus for intelligence gathering and knowledge sharing. Its membership includes many of the world's most widely recognised and respected engineering contractors, including ABB, Air Products, Aker Solutions, Bechtel, Emerson, EniProgetti, Fluor, Honeywell UOP, Johnson Matthey, Kent, KBR, McDermott, Petrofac, Schlumberger, Wood and Worley.

The image provided with this news release shows Batrisyia Khir, a process engineer with Cameron | Schlumberger, during her internship on a drilling platform off the coast of Malaysia.

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