



2017 WEST Annual Report

2017 has been a challenging year as one of our funding streams came to an end and two of our original trustees retired. What we have achieved since we employed our Outreach Officer Liz Kettle is fantastic but this year had to review our activities and form a new action plan for the forthcoming 2 to 3 years. In 2017 we also managed to achieve a great success via our Primary School Activity Booklet – Yes We Can Too. With support from our Project Outreach Worker, Liz Kettle, some fabulous engineering role models and students and staff of Sheffield Hallam University we launched the booklet at an event hosted by Radio Sheffield's Paulette Edwards.

- We designed and produced Yes We Can Too – booklet which was distributed 2,500 copies to primary schools.
- Three Successful Launch events and publicity local press and Radio Sheffield.
- Yes We Can translated into Bengali by Sharrow School for partner school in Bangla Desh.
- Funding from our Donor came to an end.
- Liz's contract coming to an end – but able to extend part time hours and then Liz is prepared to work with WEST on freelance basis.
- Trustees having to pick up responsibility for running website and communications.
- Action Planning at Away Day & action plan written up and reviewed.
- Two Original Trustees standing down – look to recruiting new trustees – post advertised but not appointed.
- New volunteer from SHU to help with annual submission of accounts to Charity Commission.
- WiSET at SHU finishing – staff retired or leaving.
- Continued Outreach with schools and Sheffield College.
- 10 WEST Bursaries awarded.
- 12 ALCOA bursaries awarded.
- Filmnight Hidden Figures – our largest audience ever – and made more than £600 for future bursaries.