



## Short Annual Report for WEST on Activities during 2016

### 1. Bursary Fund

We provided a total of 11 small bursaries in support of women studying on a range of courses in further education in Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Case studies were placed on our website [www.westskills.org.uk](http://www.westskills.org.uk) and winners were welcomed to the Annual Film night we held in November to raise funds, where we showed the film 'Mustang' a Turkish Language film about five sisters.

We also worked with Sheffield Hallam University and ALCOA to award 12 bursaries to female engineering students.

### 2. Outreach

Our Outreach Worker continues to work with other organisations in Sheffield City region to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) and built environment subjects and careers to women and girls. The Outreach Worker, Liz Kettle has also developed our website and promoted the charity at a range of events across the city. Example activities she has run in 2016 include:

- Developing Taster sessions for girls in engineering and welding and supporting Science Week events with Sheffield Hallam Students
- Supported WiCAT in Sheffield and promoted a range of courses including home maintenance.
- Supported a number of women with links for work experience and mentoring by other women.
- Developing case studies for the WEST website
- Working across Sheffield College to support a range of initiatives on girls and women and supporting their project 'Mind the Gap'.
- Supporting two students along with NICEIC studying electrical installation at Sheffield College.
- Developing PR opportunities for the charity.

### 3. Yes You Can Too

We have developed an activity book for 7-9 year old boys and girls (funded by Sheffield Hallam University and ALCOA) with cartoons and puzzles built around real women in engineering for use in schools with teachers. We worked with graphic designers and education science specialists to trial the book and to ensure it is fit for purpose.

### 4. Future developments

- Continuing to fundraise to support the bursary scheme.
- Developing partnership work and exploring new projects.