



54,000+

young people reached through
our programmes

1,391

schools partnered with
us this year

99%

of teachers rated our events
excellent or good

51.5%

girls on our
engineering courses

Impact Report



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Academic Year **2024 - 2025**

Inspiring the next generation
of engineers across the UK

A year of bold moves

What an extraordinary year it's been! As we approach our 60th anniversary, we're thrilled to share the brilliant impact we've made together.

We moved quickly and nimbly into new spaces this year—from youth centres in Coventry, Wolverhampton, and Manchester to expanded virtual delivery reaching even the most remote corners of the UK. As a truly national organisation, we can deliver both nationally and hyper-locally, working in venues from universities to schools to youth centres. We're proud of our reach and flexibility.

Our vibrant rebrand and new website launched this year, showcasing the bold, innovative organisation we've become.

Our first networking events brought Arkwright Scholars, sponsors, and mentors together in ways that sparked genuine connections and excitement. We refined our content across all programmes, adding new modules in space and mechanical engineering.

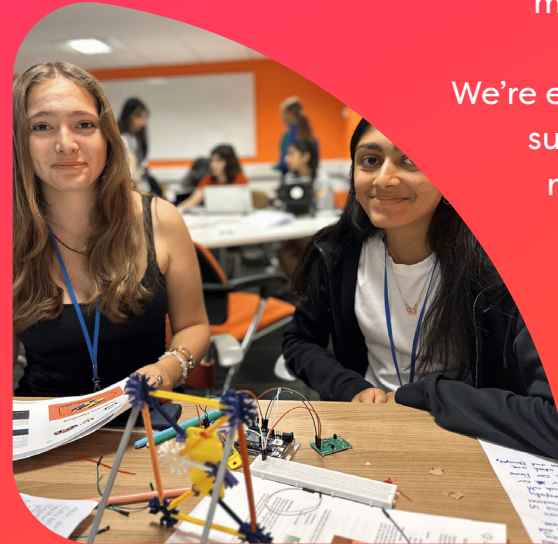


“As we celebrate 60 years of inspiring young engineers, we're energised by the future and ready to build on this legacy, creating even greater opportunities for students and UK engineering. We're delighted to see so many funders continuing their partnership with us—a powerful endorsement of the quality and impact of our work.”

~ Helen Cuthill, CEO

New this year: Measuring what matters

We launched a new evaluation framework to measure our work against our theory of change, because impact means more than just enjoyment.



We're evolving how we measure success, ensuring value for money whilst doing what we do best as a charity, inspiring young people into STEM careers.

Thank you to our supporters

None of this would be possible without our incredible partners:

- ✦ Young people who attend our events
- ✦ Schools that work with us
- ✦ Organisations we work with to deliver our courses
- ✦ Funders who give us the resources to deliver our programmes
- ✦ Young people who shaped our new business strategy
- ✦ Partners who reviewed and supported our vision
- ✦ Volunteers, board members, and AES supporters



Reaching **schools** in every corner of the UK

We work in some of the most remote and hard-to-reach places across Britain. Our national bookings team builds year-on-year relationships with schools, ensuring we're supporting students everywhere, from bustling cities to rural communities.

850

Schools Received a STEM Event

40,098

Students Benefited from a STEM Event

100+

Virtual Events Delivered

13,320

Students reached via Teacher CPD

85% Learnt Something New

91% Enjoyed the Event

99% Teachers Rated Excellent/Good

17,000

Virtual Attendees to more than 100 events from 447 schools

In-person & virtual excellence

We continued delivering exceptional in-person events with our national network of STEM Engagement Specialists whilst expanding virtual delivery to reach geographically remote areas.

Virtual delivery reached over 17,000 young people from 447 schools with scalable solutions that bring engineering to life wherever students are.

Teacher CPD: Our Coding Success programme trained 111 teachers which benefited a further 13,320 students.

Our national reach

If you're a partner wanting this reach, we're happy to deliver your STEM content using our established network and national bookings team. We're looking to expand our network of STEM Engagement Specialists to continue delivering exceptional quality events that engage and inspire.

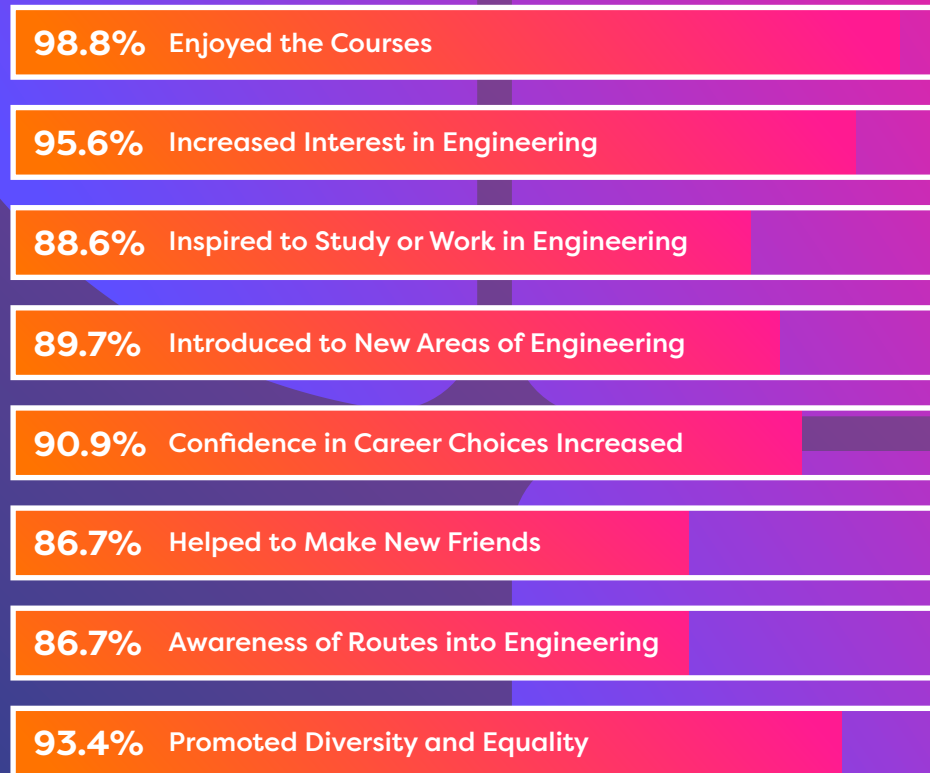


Deep-dive into **engineering** experiences

Courses

We're proud to be amongst the few organisations continuing to offer residential opportunities for young people. Our courses span from broad introduction to engineering for 11-14 year olds with our Engineering Experience to specialised offerings for ages 15-17 in topics like biomedical and robotics.

806 young people attended 17 courses with 51.5% being female. Whether residential or virtual, each one a chance to deep-dive into different areas of engineering.



Community spaces: A new frontier

We expanded into three youth centres (Coventry, Wolverhampton, Manchester). 6 days of activity delivered across 3 courses. A key part of our strategy to engage new audiences.

93%

of girls enjoyed activities

9.4%

increase in girls thinking about STEM

64%

of girls want to find out more



Enhancing pathways into engineering

Arkwright Scholarships

We relaunched Arkwright through networking events (Rugby, Bletchley, Newcastle) which were brilliantly received. The application process opened up to those with support from community leaders, not just teachers, making the programme more accessible.

We updated the entrance exam with a commercially used aptitude test and added a design element for this year's process.

Our **Virtual Scholarships** ensure that applicants meeting rigorous standards but unmatched with sponsors receive meaningful recognition, ensuring we maintain high quality whilst expanding their opportunities.

1,501
Applications

448
Scholarships

288
Industry Visits

1,391
Partner Schools

Enhanced scholar experience

We continue to support every scholar through dedicated mentoring, whilst building on this foundation with exciting new offerings. Online panel sessions on specialist topics like sustainability, aviation, and applying to university now complement increased Industry Connect Days for full scholars.

Access remains a priority—schools receive two free applications, enabling those in areas of social disadvantage to apply to the Arkwright Scholarship.



Thank you to our supporters

What an incredible year this has been, made possible by your generosity and commitment.

Our corporate partners invest in impactful experiences that bring engineering to life in schools and on our courses. Trusts and foundations believe in our mission, ensuring opportunities for students from all backgrounds. Individual donors sustain and grow our programmes through their ongoing support.

Together, you've created life-changing opportunities for thousands of young people across the UK.

We're looking forward to building on this momentum. Join us in continuing this journey and discover how you can make an even greater impact at www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/support-us.

To inspire the young people of today to become the changemakers of tomorrow



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