

Women of Aviation Worldwide Week (WOAW) Begins on March 2nd

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Women of Aviation Worldwide Week (WOAW) is a global aviation awareness week for girls of all ages which is observed to mark the anniversary of the world's first female pilot license (March 8, 1910).

Individuals and organizations involve in the aviation and space industries are offering flying and non-flying events all around the world to raise awareness and introduce women and girls of all ages to multiple facets of the industries. The aim is to foster gender balance by increasing the participation of women. WOAW-relevant events and activities may be registered on the Week's official website, WomenOfAviationWeek.org, managed by the Institute for Women of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) to ensure global



Bir toplum aynı amaca bütün kadınları ve erkekleriyle beraber yürümez ise ilerlemesine teknik olarak imkân ve bilimsel olarak ihtimal yoktur.

If a society does not march towards its goal with all its women and men together, it is not technically possible and scientifically probable for such country to develop.

H. Atatürk

visibility.

iWOAW supports and monitors the Week's events, compiles global participation results, distributes the coveted Fly It Forward® Awards, and also grants awards to participants, and publicly recognizes participating organizations with the "Verified Women Friendly" label.

In Turkey, many eligible events have been held in recent years and some won global Fly It Forward® Awards. The only missing element so far at these

events are flights. I hope that more flights will take place this year in Turkey, especially since they may qualify young women for a \$10,000 flight training scholarship offered by iWOAW and its corporate ally, CAE.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the civil aviation authority in Turkey, initially issued the "Instruction for Gender Balance Fostering in Civil Aviation" as part of a systematic effort based on an equal opportunities policy to foster gender

balance in the aviation industry. It established the "Gender Balance Fostering Commission" to implement this directive throughout the aviation industry. After the issuance of the instructions to the entire industry, "Women of Aviation Worldwide Week" begun to be officially celebrated in our country where efforts to develop gender balance in our national aviation throughout the year have expanded and the progress is proudly shared with the public.

The 10th annual Women of Aviation Worldwide Week takes place March 2-8 and uses hashtag #WOAW20 in social media.

About #WOAW20

You may find all the details concerning Women of Aviation Worldwide Week by visiting the official website at WomenOfAviationWeek.org

In order to download documents and add planned events to the database, you must subscribe on the website and login. Doing so yields WOAW Points redeemable on the website's store and may make individuals and organizations eligible to win Fly It Forward® Awards if post-event reports are submitted before the March 12 deadline. New methods are also determined for corporate participation and regularly announced on the website as well.

In addition, I have prepared the "CAN'CA Women of Aviation Worldwide Week Guide", as part of the mentoring that I offered to Turkish-speaking countries for the past few years ago, which can also serve as a guide for local event organizers.

Before and during the Week, please share the following on social media with #WOAW20:



- *WOAW event details,*
 - *Stories about past and present women in the air and space industry,*
 - *Highlight of efforts to foster gender balance in the aviation industry,*
 - *The importance and effects of increasing the number and level of women in the industry,*
- And any motivating good news...*

"Gender Balance Symposium 2020" as the

main events of "Women of Aviation Worldwide Week" in Turkey, which will be held with the participation and support of the industry under the auspices of DGCA, observed to mark the opening of the "Istanbul Airport" last year, will be held with the theme "Women at the Airport". Details can be reached at www.tcdg.org.tr web site...

So, what do you do to

foster the gender balance in the national aviation and aerospace industry?

Do you have any activities organized within the scope of Women of Aviation Worldwide Week?

Let's talk.

Contact us and let's raise awareness together...

...to let women, soar!



Let Your Dreams Soar!

Aviatrixes Meet in Istanbul at this year's Women of Aviation Worldwide Week

Under the auspices of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the "Fostering Social Gender Balance" symposium will be held at the Turkish Civil Aviation Academy (Istanbul) on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, with the theme of "Women in Airports."

Within the scope of the Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week activities, which aims to foster gender balance in aviation by increasing the number and level of women in the aviation industry, this year, within the scope of the Gender Balance Fostering Instruction (SHT-TCD), the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will organize a symposium on "gender balance at the Turkish Civil Aviation Academy (Istanbul) on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, with the theme of "Women in Airports."

In line with the Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW), and under the Instruction for Gender Balance Fostering in Civil Aviation (SHT-TCD), DGCA accepted the week covering the 8th day of March every year (between Monday and Sunday) as "Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week" in memory of the first female pilot of the world, Baroness Raymonde de Laroche, obtaining her pilot license on March 8, 1910, and organizes female outreach events throughout Turkey to foster gender balance in aviation.

The DGCA sets up and enforces rules in Turkey to increase sector-based capacity, productivity, and aviation activities and checks the implementation of the regulations set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to ensure that the aviation activities are carried out safely and securely. In this context, within the framework of the "Principle of Equality" in the Turkish Constitution, the DGCA published the Gender Balance Fostering Instruction (SHT-TCD) guide in 2018 to ensure the sustainability of the equality principle and to foster a gender balance in the national aviation industry.

As part of its systematic efforts in the field of developing gender balance in aviation, the DGCA established the "Gender Balance Fostering Commission (GBFC)" and the "Gender Balance Fostering Commission Advisory Board (GBFC AB)" with members from the authority and selected companies, schools and NGOs in the aviation sector to encourage women to consider

education and training areas related to aviation, to monitor gender balance in the civil aviation sector and to develop proposals to foster this balance, and to conduct studies to create equality of opportunities for genders in the selection of aviation professions.

Within the scope of the Symposium which will be held during Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week between March 2-8, 2020, with the theme of "Women in the Airports" due to the commissioning of Istanbul Airport; two panels will be held at the Turkish Civil Aviation Academy titled: "Women in Workforce in the Airport" and "Women in Business & Management in the Airport" on March 4, 2020. The successful female students who

participated in the essay contest related to the women of aviation will also be invited to the event.

You can find detailed information on the Gender Balance Symposium, which aims to contribute to foster gender balance in Turkish civil aviation under SHT-TCD instruction at www.tcdg.org.tr

Editor Note: The date of the Gender Balance Symposium has been postponed due to the fact that Turkish Soldiers were killed in the Idlib region of Syria on 27 February 2020. The rescheduled date of the Symposium will be announced by the Gender Balance Symposium Executive Committee in the coming days..



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