



### The Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) located Montreal, QB-Canada, Announced Winners of the 2020 Fly It Forward

The Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) located Montreal BC-Canada, announced Winners of the 2020 Fly It Forward Awards and announced the winners in

their website. Aeronautical Engineer Can Erel (CE) Chief Advisor to Aviaiton Turkey Editorial Board is one of the awarded names of the week.

Participation in the 10th annual Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week was the highest to date. 76,000 women and girls had the opportunity to discover the many facets of the

air and space industry including flight at 316 events scattered across 49 countries. 7,245 took flight in airplanes, helicopters, ULM, hand gliders, and balloons.

### Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week Attracts Record Numbers of Women and Girls in 2020

#### By iWOAW Team

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Launched 10 years ago to celebrate the March 8 anniversary of the world's first female pilot licence obtained by Raymonde de Laroche in 1910, Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week (WOAW) is now widely celebrated across the globe.

During the Week's 10th edition, March 2-8, 2020, 76,000 women and girls attended 316 aviation outreach events scattered across 49 countries on all continents to discover air and space careers, hands-on – a 30% year-over-year increase.

2020 also saw the highest level of engagement among industry stakeholders who used social media campaigns to raise

awareness of women's historical contributions to the air and space industry and highlight their female employees as visible role models.

Over 3,500 individuals invested nearly 50,000 volunteer hours to give women and girls in their communities the opportunity to visit aerospace facilities, try various non-traditional activities, connect with women working in the

industry today, and just have fun.

Pilots did not hesitate to use their own funds to introduce more than 4,786 women and girls to the magic of flight on a small aircraft, free of charge. Many flight training schools offered at cost discovery flights to women and girls during the Week and prompted another 2,459 women and girls to take the plunge outside of official events.

“This experience was amazing for my young daughters and me. We are so lucky to have participated,” said Julie Wilkins who flew at Glacier Air in Squamish, Canada. She is now learning to fly to compete for the \$10,000 Fly It Forward® scholarship offered by the Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) and CAE awarded to the first eligible woman who flies solo.

Tusaş Engine Industries (TEI), a major aircraft engine manufacturer in Turkey, has seen its efforts to recruit and retain women improve significantly thanks to its annual participation. This year, TEI opened its factory doors to 110 young women and gave them the opportunity to see how aviation engines are manufactured from the receipt of raw materials to final product release. “Most women expressed that working in the aviation industry was not on their minds until this tour, but that they would like to take part in the aviation industry in the future,” reports Can Doğu, TEI.

“10 years ago, there were no widespread gender-specific efforts to attract women and girls into the industry,” says Mireille Goyer, an airline-rated pilot and the founder of the Week. “Today, the Week has become the

largest industry-wide effort to introduce women and girls to the industry’s opportunities.”

Perhaps more importantly, the award-winning methods serve as inspiration for many smaller association-based initiatives that have sprouted since.

“It is truly humbling to know that my little idea has made possible for so many women and girls to consider and enjoy rewarding careers in the air and space industry,” adds Goyer.

The Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) is proud to name the winners of the 2020 Fly It Forward® Awards and prizes for groups, aviation enthusiasts, and the women and girls who discovered aviation.

“WOAW is so generous and makes it fun and easy!” said Robin Guillian, Director of Aviation, at the Vermont Technical College in the United States, one of the many participating schools.

Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week 2021 will take place across the world from March 8 to 14, 2021.

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## For Communities & Corporations



### Most Female Friendly Airport Worldwide Award

Eligible airport hosting one or more registered WOAW activities that generates the highest number of valid female Fly It Forward® flight reports for the Week.

**2020 Winner(s):**  
Feilding Airport, NEW ZEALAND



### Most Female Friendly Aviation Corporation Worldwide Award

For-profit aviation-related corporation with 100 employees or more that organizes at least one registered WOAW activity (event or campaign) in its facilities and generates the highest level of engagement among its employees (percentage of employees who complete a valid WOAW activity report as a pilot, assistant, or organizer) for the Week

**2020 Winner(s):**  
TUSAŞ Engine Ind. Inc., TURKEY



### Most Female Friendly Aviation Association Worldwide Award

Non-profit aviation-related corporation with 100 members (individual or corporate) or more that organizes at least one registered WOAW activities (event or campaign) in its facilities and generates the highest level of engagement among its members (percentage of members who complete a valid WOAW activity report).

**2020 Winner(s):**  
Turkish Aeronautical Association (THK), TURKEY

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## For Teachers, Professionals, & Enthusiasts



### Most Productive Organizer Worldwide Award

Activity including Fly It Forward® flights - organizer of a registered WOAW activity who earns the most organizer points. In the case of equal point levels, the organizer with the highest average review rating will win.

**2020 Winner(s):**  
Colette Morin, CANADA

Other activity - organizer of a registered WOAW activity who earns the most organizer points. In the case of equal point levels, the organizer with the highest average review rating will win.

**2020 Winner(s):**  
Farai Ncube, ZIMBABWE

### Most Dedicated Female Pilot Worldwide Award

Registered female pilot who conducts the most reported flights (number of girls reporting divided by number of passenger seats) during the Week.

**2020 Winner(s):**  
Nikki King, NEW ZEALAND



### Most Acclaimed Organizer Worldwide Award

Activity including Fly It Forward® flights - organizer of an registered WOAW activity hosting more than 50 who received the highest average review rating as reported by guests and volunteers. In the case of equal average review ratings, the organizer with the most reviews will win.

**2020 Winner(s):**  
Tom Ball, NEW ZEALAND

Other activity - organizer of a registered WOAW activity hosting more than 50 who received the highest average review rating as reported by guests and volunteers. In the case of equal average review ratings, the organizer with the most reviews will win.

**2020 Winner(s):**  
Can Erel, TURKEY

### Most Supportive Male Pilot Worldwide Award

Registered male pilot who conducts the most reported flights (number of girls reporting divided by number of passenger seats) during the Week.

**2020 Winner(s):**  
David Riley, USA



### For Women & Girls



#### Fly It Forward® Scholarships

Fly It Forward® Scholarships reward the women who decide to learn to fly without delays after discovering flight during the Week. The first woman among eligible candidates to fly solo will win a \$10,000 CAD Fly It Forward® scholarship funded by CAE in 2020 to...

#### 2020 Winner(s):

Name to be posted upon first eligible solo report submission

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