



Young people celebrate their super science and engineering achievements at Eden Court Theatre

More than 100 young people from 17 local schools got stuck in to science and engaged in engineering on 10 March at a Celebration of Engineering and Science held at Eden Court Theatre, Inverness.

The atmosphere was electric at the Celebration, run by Young Engineers and Science Clubs (YESC) - a project of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI). The event was partnered with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Science Skills Academy. Local companies, teachers and schools enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their work, compete for exciting prizes and take part in fun, hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges set by industry partners.

Morrison Construction, LifeScan Scotland, Aquascot, Breedon Northern and SIMEC Lochaber Group were among fourteen organisations attending the event at Eden Court Theatre to inform young people of the wide range of careers in STEM.

The coveted Primary and Secondary Regional Club of the Year titles, which saw winning clubs Sgoil Bhreascleit and Forres Academy receive £250 each, were awarded by Gordon Williamson, Project Manager, Morrison Construction and David Hendry, Head of Production, Aquascot Ltd.

Melanie Riddell, Programme Manager of Young Engineers and Science Clubs said:

“The main purpose of YESC is to spark pupils’ interest in science and engineering through engaging them in practical and exciting challenges. It’s fantastic to see the broad range of projects they’ve been working on and celebrate their achievements. Our aim is to inspire the next generation of explorers, scientists and engineers.

Morrison Construction is a long-term partner of YESC. Gordon Williamson said: “Today’s event highlights not only the enormous amount of talented young engineers and scientists in the area, but the enthusiasm and excitement they have for the subjects. Morrison Construction’s work in partnership with the SCDI Young Engineers and Science Clubs plays a critical role in providing resources to schools across the region that will ensure a new generation will continue Scotland’s legacy of innovation in science and engineering industries. Congratulations are due to the participating students and teachers for their obvious hard work on these great projects.”

YESC supports more than 200 schools across the Highlands and Islands with grants and resources to help nurture Scotland’s next generation of scientists and engineers. The Clubs are supported locally by Morrison Construction and LifeScan Scotland as well as many private and public sector partners.

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Participating schools:

Avoch Primary
Bun-sgoil Shleite
Cromarty Primary
Daviot Primary
Dornoch Academy
East End Primary
Forres Academy
Glenelg Primary
Hythehill Primary
Inverness High School
Keith Grammar
Kingussie High School
Logie Primary
Seafield Primary
Sgoil Bhreascleit
Sgoil Lionacleit
St. Gerardine Primary

Participating companies:

Aquascot Ltd
Breedon Northern
BT Scotland
Highlands and Islands Airport Ltd
Institute of Physics
LifeScan Scotland
Morrison Construction
My WoW Live!
National Space Academy
Royal Bank of Scotland
Royal Navy
Scottish Natural Heritage
SIMEC Lochaber Group
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About SCDI Young Engineers and Science Clubs

SCDI is Scotland's leading independent economic development organisation representing 1,200 companies, SMEs, public sector bodies, charities, trade unions and faith groups.

Since 1987, the Scottish Council for Development and Industry has pioneered the Young Engineers and Science Clubs programme in over 1400 schools across Scotland, involving over 30,000 young people each year. The aim of the programme is to engage and excite young people about science, engineering and technology by encouraging them to exercise their creative, problem-solving, team-working and innovative skills through exciting, hands-on projects.

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