**Farnell Celebrates Women in Engineering**

*Farnell hosts Women in Electronics event in honour of International Women in Engineering Day*

**Leeds, United Kingdom, 19 June,** **2019** – [Farnell](file:///\\flcspnfp\canalrd\Global%20PR%20and%20External%20Communications\-%20Press%20release%20templates\March%202019%20-%20Updated%20Branding%20-%20Farnell%20&%20Newark\uk.farnell.com), the Development Distributor, celebrates the countless women engineers who drive innovation ahead of International Women in Engineering Day this Saturday, 23 June, by hosting a ‘Women in Engineering’ event at its offices in Leeds, on Thursday 20 June. The event is free to attend, from 11.15am – 2pm, including a networking lunch – attendees must register in advance. Students and professionals from the engineering industry are invited to hear guest speakers, network and take part in interactive workshops.

Speakers include:

* Louise Perry, Global HR Director, Farnell
* Claire Duffield, Head of Digital Engagement at Leeds Library
* Andreea Teodorescu, Senior Global Commercial Marketing Manager, Farnell
* Courtney Kennedy, Technology Solutions Marketing Manager, Farnell

“We’re proud to work with talented female engineers across our organisation and partners supporting this event, each bringing her own unique skills, interests and backgrounds,” **said Louise Perry, Global HR Director, Farnell**. “These women show strong leadership; they help keep their respective companies at the forefront of engineering, innovation and technology and inspire others to grow in their careers.”

Two of Farnell’s inspiring women in engineering speaking at the event are:

**Andreea Teodorescu, Global Senior Commercial Marketing Manager – Andreea has engineering in her DNA. Both parents and grandparents were engineers, including a pioneering grandmother who was one of the first women in Romania to graduate from her University. Inspired by her family, Andreea pursued a degree in Material Sciences, including a postgraduate scholarship in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Patras, Greece. After relocating to the UK, Andreea took a job as a Marketing Assistant at Premier Farnell. Ten years later, she is now a Global Senior Commercial Marketing Manager. When recently asked about her career, Andreea described it succinctly: "I love it. I get to meet people from all over the industry, many of whom I've been working with for many, many years. I meet people in semiconductors, in passives, in measurement; every day it's someone different and I get to learn something new and stay ahead of trends."**

**Courtney Kennedy, Technology Solutions Marketing Manager** – Courtney manages marketing programs for new product launches including development kits, single board computers and software, as well as carrying out company-wide technical training. She enjoys sharing her technical knowledge and inspiring passion in others, while helping to introduce them to the world of electronics and technical environments. Courtney holds an electronics and computer engineering degree and has significant experience in working in product design and development. Courtney has worked with firmware and software development as well as cutting edge technology in motor design and control, linking robotics and mechatronics with human anatomy. “Engineering has opened doors in regards to my career. Being technically minded and having a background in electronics has allowed me to venture into a number of different fields and continually add to a skill set that is becoming increasingly well-rounded.”

To learn more about Farnell’s Women in Engineering day on June 20, please click [here](https://go.premierfarnell.com/Celebrating-Women-in-Engineering.html?_ga=2.80636759.1368787640.1559728643-1717589859.1527063045).

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