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Carol's OBE keeps women's achievements on the radar

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An Edinburgh woman whose achievements have been recognised with an OBE hopes to use the award to attract more girls and women to careers in engineering.

A former pupil of Tynecastle High School, Dr Carol Marsh received the award for services to diversity and inclusion in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

As Deputy Head of Electronics Engineering at aerospace company Leonardo – leaders in the field of radar

and infrared sensors – she believes that working as an engineer can provide women with both professional and personal independence.

For decades, she has pioneered new approaches to increase girls' and women's awareness of career opportunities in engineering, where women currently represent less than 13 per cent of the workforce.

According to Carol, part of the problem is that there still isn't enough discussion about how empowering a career in engineering can be.

"Engineering isn't just a job, it is a vocation," said the Napier University graduate.

"When you're an engineer, you're thinking about it all the time. If girls want to be independent, it is one of the best careers you can choose, because you get to do work that is really exciting, you look forward to coming into work every day and you get paid good money to do so, so you can be truly independent both personally and professionally."

As someone fascinated by other women who have been first movers in new areas of innovation, Carol has also invested a great deal of effort into establishing a catalogue of female innovators over the past century for the Women's Engineering Society (WES).



Aerospace engineer Dr Carol Marsh is a champion for female inclusion