

Third Successful International Outreach Completed with Girls in Aviation Day 2017



Girls in Aviation Day Now Scheduled for 2018

October 26, 2017 – On September 23, 2017, 74 Girls in Aviation Day events were held by WAI chapters and corporate members, including 15 international chapters, 8 corporate members and 16 collegiate chapters. International events were held in Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Switzerland, and Zambia.

Drawing from the local communities including Girl Scouts, church groups, and outreach to schools, WAI estimates that over 9,700 girls participated in 2017 Girls in Aviation Day.

Across the world, attendees enjoyed aviation-related activities such as experiencing and learning about the parts of an airplane, career panels, “build a helicopter” activities, aviation scavenger hunts, and more. A survey of the WAI chapters that participated in the Girls in Aviation Day indicated that the majority of Girls in Aviation Day events (58%) took place at an airport with the remainder taking place at either a school or a museum. WAI initiated the event in an effort to help girls ages 8-17 all across the world realize opportunities for aviation related careers and lifestyles.

Women in Aviation International’s next Girls in Aviation Day is officially set for Saturday, October 13, 2018. With three years of successful experience in managing this international outreach, the fourth International Girls in Aviation Day will continue to be embraced by many segments of the aviation community in addition to WAI chapters. Airlines, aviation museums, FBOs, flight schools, aviation companies, colleges and universities, charter operators, military aviators and more have all lent their expertise and support to Girls in Aviation Day.

“Girls in Aviation Day is a sincere attempt to ensure a diverse aviation community now and in the future,” says WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian. “We have no doubt that lives are changed for girls worldwide who have an experience that just may steer the course of their lives toward aviation – all done in a supportive, exciting and fun-filled environment.”

A sample of photos from WAI Girls in Aviation Day events across the world is available at <http://photo.wai.org> (select the GIAD 2017 folder).

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Women in Aviation International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women and men who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information, contact WAI at 3647 State Route 503 South, West Alexandria, OH 45381, Phone (937) 839-4647; Fax (937) 839-4645 or through www.wai.org.

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