**Women in Measurement, Automation & Control (WiMAC)**

**Meeting**

**Tuesday 30th January 2024 4pm – 5pm (GMT)**

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**, Claire Jones, WiMAC Chair

2. **Project Ideas**

* *Review original survey responses for topic ideas.*

3. **Outreach & Networking**

* *Links to Colleges & Universities*
* *Ways of networking – how can we expand?*

4. **Future Meetings**

* *Set dates for the year.*
* *First in-person meeting (April/May 2024)*

5. **Marketing**

* *Complete profiles of the group – see questions, and first completed profile by Claire Jones, WiMAC Chair, below*

6. **A.O.B**

**WiMAC Profile Questions**

**NAME**: CLAIRE JONES

**ROLE & COMPANY**: APPLICATION CONSULTANT – FLOW, ENDRESS + HAUSER UK

**What originally sparked your interest in engineering?**

I originally started out in an order entry role at Endress+Hauser and working closely with the engineers helped me gain a great insight into the industry which I had never had exposure to before. I am inherently quite inquisitive so for me it sparked my interest to learn what they were doing day to day!

**What do you enjoy most about your role?**

I enjoy speaking to different people from all areas of the industry and with my role this happens every day. I gain so much knowledge from my experienced colleagues and customers around the world, and I love networking with them and forming great working relationships.

**What skills and/or knowledge do you bring to your current role?**

I love a good challenge, which can prove useful in an application consultant role! There are often complex questions and queries coming through that require a bit of puzzle solving and in-depth technical discussions. The previous knowledge I gained through order entry and going through our graduate scheme has also helped as I have developed skills outside of my technical training which I still use daily.

**What advice would you give to someone starting their career, based on your own experiences and lessons learned along the way?**

My first piece of advice would be don’t let anything hold you back if you have a career goal. But even if you don’t know what you want to do right now, that is also okay. Sometimes the best things find you, which is what happened to me. My next advice would be to align yourself with those who will support you and push you outside of your comfort zone. For me, having two incredibly supportive mentors within Endress+Hauser was invaluable to me. They still support me to this day and give me that confidence boost that we all need sometimes.