

MY STORY

WOMEN IN POWERED ACCESS

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What is your role in powered access?

I am a Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) Operator.

How did you come into this industry and what attracted you to it?

I started working for UK Tool Hire as an administration assistant, but I wanted to have a more hands on role. A powered access operator position became available, and I decided to go for it. I've always been interested in the machines so thought it would be a good fit for me.

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What do you find inspiring about your role?

I like the hands-on part of the job and learning new things every day and the idea of possibly becoming an engineer one day. I also love the idea of inspiring other women in the powered access industry.

Where do you see yourself in five years and what do you want to achieve?

In five years' time I would like to assist to fix the machines and to work in more of an engineer role. In the



next few years, I'll look at moving up and training to become an engineer.

What one piece of advice would you give to other women in/thinking of entering the industry?

Just go for it! Yes, it can be hard at times but in the world, we live in, we have to learn to adapt. We can achieve anything we want to with a little bit of help.

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