

## MIDLAND ENGINEERING DINNER 2018



Headline speaker at the recent Midland Engineering Dinner was IMechE's CEO Colin Brown. Along with JCB's Chief Innovation & Growth Officer, Tim Burnhope they delivered inspirational speeches highlighting the talents of young engineers.

Comments included "We engineers are far too modest, and we really should blow our trumpet more than we do." Also quoting Prince Philip's famous observation: 'Anything not invented by God is invented by an engineer.'



The Dinner, sponsored by JCB and organised by the IMechE Midlands Region, was held at the National Conference Centre and championed engineering achievements under the theme of 'The Young Engineer'.

IMechE President Tony Roche seen here heavily engaged with the exhibitors commented "great buzz in the hall you can feel the energy and enthusiasm – bodes well for Midland engineering".



Nearly three hundred attendees enjoyed networking with colleagues and other engineers, they also had the opportunity to tour a special exhibition laid on for the night. A new concept for this annual event, the exhibition featured unique cutting-edge technology brought by



major international companies based in the region. JCB demonstrated its new excavator range while Siemens allowed attendees to walk into their latest Gas Turbine through virtual reality. Midlands companies Hadley and AE Aerospace exhibited their skills-set. Academics from Coventry University, the 2018 University Challenge winners – Warwick University - and the 2018 James Dyson Prize winners with their omnidirectional turbine, were attracting significant interest from the attendees.

Drew Taggart, Chairman of IMechE Midland Region and the event, said:



“We experienced great energy at the event. Our young engineers, companies, academics and consultancies reinforce all that is positive and counters the false news that warps society.

Engineering is one of the pillars on which society relies. Integrity trusted influence valued. An important message especially for our young people.

Engineers deliver things that matter– the very things that are the foundations for a secure and affluent society.”

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