

International Women in Engineering Day

International Women in Engineering Day is taking place on the 23rd June. Established by the Women's Engineering Society (WES), currently celebrating its 95th anniversary, this annual event is designed to focus attention on the outstanding achievements being made by women in engineering and technical roles and make girls and young women aware of the wide range of opportunities available to them.



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AN INTERVIEW WITH **ANNA LEE**

"It's about solving the problems that each day brings"

Q.What can you tell me about your current role with Kelvin Hughes?

A.I'm a Senior Software Engineer and my key responsibility is to design, develop and implement radar navigation software. I've been with Kelvin Hughes for over three years now.

Q.What led you into engineering? Was it something you had always planned?

A.Well, I was interested in physics and maths from a young age and that led me to study Electrical and Electronic Engineering at university. My degree was heavily software-based and I realised I wanted to develop a career in that field. I enjoyed encountering new problems every day which required different solutions each time.

Q.Can you describe what a typical day involves?

A.Within Kelvin Hughes, we have specific tasks and targets to meet which contribute towards larger

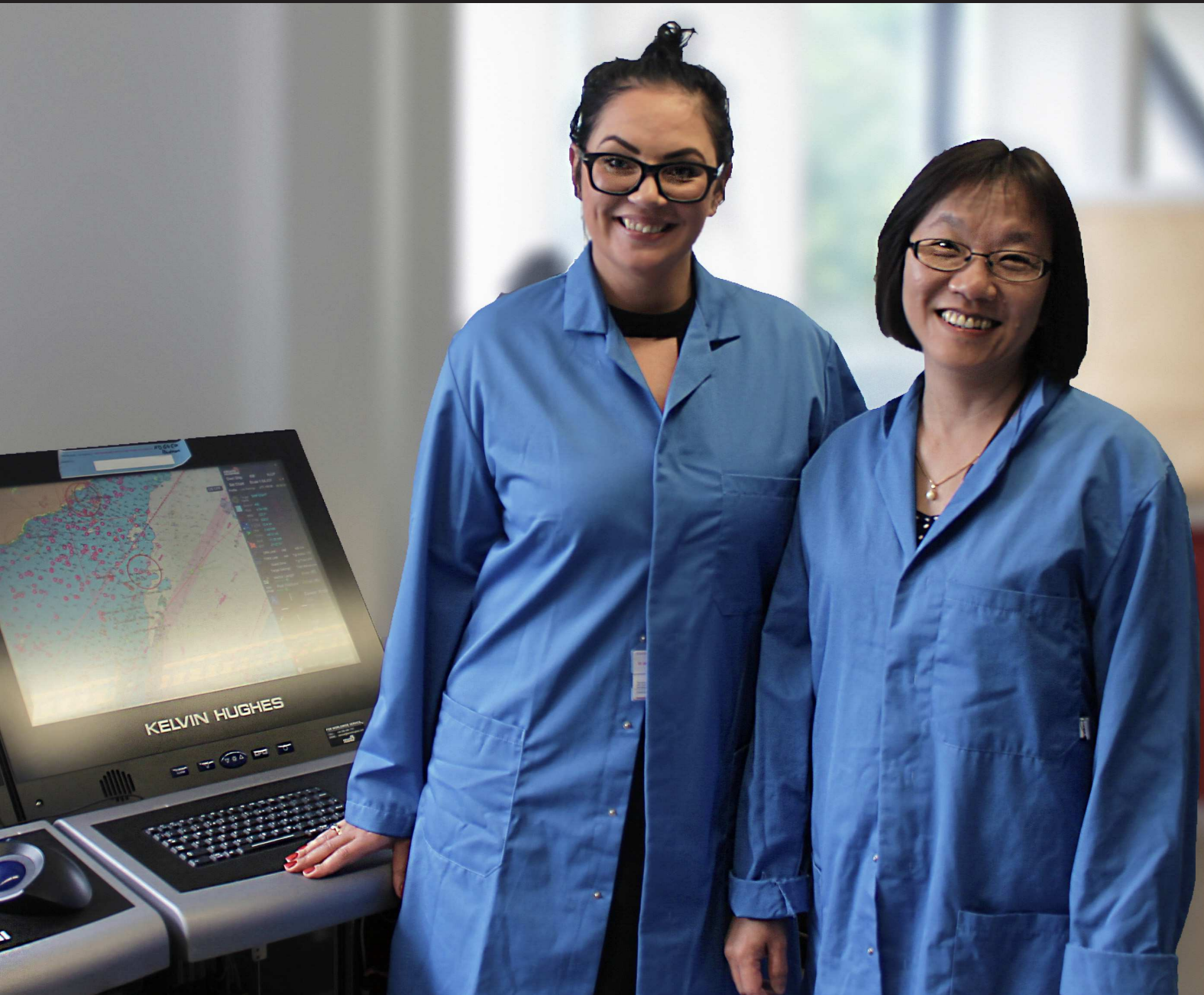
projects. At the same time, if problems arise then we may have to take action as soon as possible. So, you are always being challenged with multiple concurrent commitments to meet. However, once you find a solution and complete a project you get a hugely rewarding feeling and that makes all the effort worthwhile.

Q.What do you think should be done to raise the profile of women in engineering and help bring more young women into the profession?

A.The first thing I would say is that, In all my time at Kelvin Hughes, I have always been treated equally with my male colleagues; I think it is important to broadcast the message that the engineering profession does not care whether you are male or female. It is the quality of your work that matters. I think schools should approach local engineering firms to form links and get guest speakers, both men and women, to talk about their careers in engineering.



Anna Lee
Senior Software Engineer
at Kelvin Hughes



Q. Finally, what advice would you give to young women thinking about a career in engineering?

A. If young women are interested in science and problem solving, I would urge them to consider software engineering. It's a constantly moving field where there is always a demand for engineers. Technology is constantly changing which means you have to continually update your knowledge in order to solve the new problems that each day brings.

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