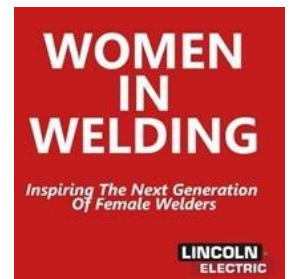


## WELDING WOMEN SERIES FOCUS:

Amy Creed, Inspiration Fabrication, Isle of Wight, UK

Amy, a welder/fabricator originally from Salisbury, Wiltshire, moved to the Isle of Wight as a child and continues to live and work there, instead like many other young adults who choose to find work on the mainland. After attending college to study A' Levels in Photography and Art, Amy spent her early working life running a bar and working on the beach until she met her current employer when dropping off a wrongly delivered parcel to its rightful recipient.



***This chance meeting, just over two years ago, propelled Amy into a world of engineering that she never even knew existed.***

It was not long after this chance meeting that Amy was snapped up by Inspiration Fabrication, a company that design and manufacture Eco conscious bus shelters, bench tables with solar powered charging points as well as welding for super yachts & ribs.

Overseen by her employer, Amy quickly became an indispensable member of the team, taking on the role of Workshop Manager. She oversees all aspects of the business and being a very practical person, Amy soon began welding. Two and a half years later, Amy is the crucial 'right hand' of the company, not only continuing with her initial duties, she now runs teams of employees both on and off site, is also now a fabricator for the firm and an apprentice welder, a role which Amy feels is where her passion lies.

Another chance meeting, this time with Lincoln Electric UK in Southampton at the Rapid Welding Education Open Day in September, where Amy was invited to try out the latest in Virtual welding technology, the VRTEX 360 Compact. Although skeptical at first, she was instantly impressed with the reality of the experience and the scope for its use as a welder training tool.

Due to her un-wavered enthusiasm for the virtual technology, Amy was invited to attend a further Rapid Welding Education Open Day, this time on the Isle of Wight to show case the Lincoln Electric VRTEX equipment to local schools and colleges. It was at this event where Amy was officially asked to join the Lincoln Electric Women In Welding Ambassador team and wore her Lincoln Electric Mojo helmet, for the first time.



### **What does the future look like for Amy?**

Amy's clear and apparent flare for welding, coupled with her determination to achieve everything she challenges herself with, are sure signs that this young woman will succeed within the welding industry. Amy herself loves stick welding and 'really loves' aluminium welding. Her future, she sees as a happy Islander,

remaining with Inspiration Fabrication however, she would like to tap into her creative background to produce welding art in her spare time.

To find out more about Amy and Inspiration Fabrication, go to: <http://www.inspiration-fabrication.com/> or @amy\_lynette\_ on Instagram and <http://linkedin.com/in/amy-creed-46800b225> on LinkedIn

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