



## **GE Vernova Foundation Announces Bold, Future-Focused Engineers of Change Initiative to Inspire Next Generation Innovators and Leaders across the Upstate**

- \$4.5 million commitment will help bring hands-on engineering experiences to more than 6,000 students in Greenville, South Carolina, and Staffordshire, UK over three years
- Program aims to ignite curiosity, expand access to engineering pathways, and help build the future workforce needed for a more reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy future

**Greenville, S.C. (April 22, 2026)** – The GE Vernova Foundation today announced **Engineers of Change**, a dynamic new initiative designed to inspire the next generation of engineers and energy leaders through early exposure to engineering, hands-on learning, and direct connections with industry professionals. In partnership with global nonprofit organization FHI360 and backed by a \$4.5 million commitment, the initiative aims to reach more than 6,000 students in Greenville, South Carolina, and Staffordshire, UK, over the next three years, helping build stronger pathways into engineering education, training, and careers.

The initiative is built around two complementary programs with Clemson University leading program delivery in Greenville:

- **Engineering Spark** engages students ages 13–14 in discovering engineering through dynamic, hands-on learning sessions led by GE Vernova engineers and volunteers, helping spark curiosity and expand understanding of what engineering is all about.

- **Engineering Catalyst** is an immersive, two-year program for students ages 15-18, featuring real-world design challenges, college and career readiness workshops, and engagement with GE Vernova engineers, designed to equip students with the skills and confidence to think like engineers, build a strong engineering identity, and pursue post-secondary studies or apprenticeships.

“Meeting the world’s growing energy needs will require not only breakthrough technology, but people – bold thinkers, problem-solvers, and next generation leaders ready to shape the future,” said [Kristin Carvell](#), **President, GE Vernova Foundation and Chief Communications Officer, GE Vernova**. “Through Engineers of Change, we are helping young people see engineering not just as a career path, but as a mission with real-world impact. By bringing engineering to life in engaging, community-connected ways, we hope to ignite curiosity today and help build the workforce of tomorrow.”

By making engineering tangible and inspiring, the initiative helps students connect their interests and skills to future opportunities in engineering and energy. Students completing the program will be awarded a partial scholarship for post-secondary engineering education and training.

“We’re thrilled to work with GE Vernova Foundation and with our partners in Greenville, SC, and Staffordshire, UK, to inspire the next generation of engineers,” said Steven Ehrenberg, Director of Programs at FHI 360. “I’m excited that students in Greenville and Staffordshire will have hands-on engineering experiences and the opportunity to meet and learn from professional engineers.”

“Clemson University’s PEER & WISE programs are proud of this impactful partnership with the GE Vernova Foundation and FHI 360 through Engineers of Change”, said Serita Acker, Executive Director of PEER & WISE. “ We have seen how access, mentorship, and opportunity transform students into future engineering leaders. Through Engineering Spark and Engineering Catalyst, we are excited to empower the next generation to innovate, lead, and become catalysts for change.”



Engineers of Change reflects the Foundation’s commitment to strengthening the future energy workforce by inspiring more young people to pursue engineering, particularly in communities where GE Vernova operates. For more than 50 years, GE Vernova has been a part of the Greenville community, where the site manufactures gas turbines and provides global gas power and wind power engineering expertise. At a time when demand for engineering skills continues to grow, this initiative is intended to help strengthen local talent pipelines and create more pathways for students to explore, prepare for, and succeed in engineering careers. By aligning programming with local needs and long-term workforce development priorities, the GE Vernova Foundation is putting its purpose — The Energy to Change the World — into practice while helping develop the next generation of innovators and leaders needed to advance a more reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy future. Learn more about [Engineers of Change](#).

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### **About GE Vernova Foundation**

The GE Vernova Foundation, an independent charitable organization funded by GE Vernova, puts the company’s purpose - The Energy to Change the World - into practice across the global communities where employees live and work. Building on the 100+ year legacy of the GE Foundation, the GE Vernova Foundation is prioritizing employees through programs such as Matching Gifts and STAR Awards. The Foundation’s resources are also channeled into initiatives focused on championing the global workforce needed for the energy transition as well as building stronger and more resilient communities.

### **About GE Vernova**

GE Vernova Inc. (NYSE: GEV) is a purpose-built global energy company that includes Power, Electrification, and Wind segments and is supported by its accelerator businesses. Building on over 130 years of experience tackling the



world's challenges, GE Vernova is uniquely positioned to help lead the energy transition by continuing to electrify the world while simultaneously working to decarbonize it. GE Vernova helps customers power economies and deliver electricity that is vital to health, safety, security, and improved quality of life. GE Vernova is headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S., with approximately 85,000 employees across approximately 100 countries around the world. Supported by the Company's purpose, The Energy to Change the World, GE Vernova technology helps deliver a more affordable, reliable, sustainable, and secure energy future. Learn more: [GE Vernova](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

### **About FHI 360**

FHI360 is a global organization that mobilizes research, resources and relationships so people everywhere have access to the opportunities they need to lead full and healthy lives. With collaborations in over 60 countries, we work directly with local leaders to improve health and well-being, respond to humanitarian crises and strengthen community resilience. We share data-driven insights and scalable tools so communities can effectively address complex challenges and achieve thriving futures.

### **About The Inspirational Learning Group**

The Inspirational Learning Group develop and deliver innovative career solutions for students, education institutes and employers across the U.K. and beyond. We are proud to have engaged and positively influenced over 600,000 students through our flagship programme, The National Careers Challenge, our real-life business challenge that enables young people to develop crucial key employability skills, vital for the ever-changing world of work. Our portfolio also includes additional programmes such as our Stocks & Shares Challenge, My Perfect University, Team Building challenges and summer school provision. As the partner of choice for outreach activity of several large, high-profile organisations such as NatWest and GE Vernova, TILG are being increasingly relied on to create truly bespoke education and outreach initiatives to support development, social mobility and inclusion. We are changing the way that young people are educated about



their future world of work, engaging, inspiring, and motivating them to succeed.

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