

Glance behind the scenes

Far away from traditional roles: In occasion of the Girls' Day, regional companies invited female scholars to become familiar with interesting male jobs.



The scholars Jasmin Müller and Victoria Schuh visited Stölzle-Oberglas. Helmut Brunner explained a machine.

During this Styrian Girls' Day, Jasmin Müller and Victoria Schuh, both attending Köflach's Neue Mittelschule, learnt a lot about drilling and milling in the mould shop of Stölzle-Oberglas.

"4 girls came to pass an interesting day at our premises and learned a lot about typical male professions. They all showed great commitment and real talent", explains Margret Müllner, who is working in the HR- department of Stölzle-Oberglas and has been responsible for organizing the Girls' Day program in the company over the past few years.

First thing in the morning was a guided tour through the factory. "After the tour the girls were asked to assist in the production", says Margret Müllner. In the afternoon, all participants joined a discussion about the event. "It's very important for us to get a feedback in order to know what could be improved in future to meet best the expectations of the girls", explains Margret Müllner. At the end every participating girls received a small gift. "The regional companies as well as schools and scholars take great advantage from the Girls' Day initiative", says Peter Neukam, teacher at the Neue Mittelschule in Köflach. He adds that girls very often work more accurately in scholastic handicraft lessons than their male colleagues do.

In school the girls had been informed about the male jobs they could try, already before visiting the participating companies. This year 7 companies and 5 schools joined the Girls' Day initiative which took place already the 8th time.