

ATLANTIC FLIGHT TRAINING ACADEMY

A PRECISION APPROACH TO PILOT TRAINING



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Atlantic Flight Training Academy (AFTA) is encouraging more females to consider a career as a commercial pilot.

AFTA an EASA approved training organisation, established in 1995 by CEO and Head of Training Captain Mark J. Casey is celebrating 25 years in operation this year.

Worldwide still only 5% of pilots are female. Although the trends in Ireland are certainly more promising, in recently released statistics by Statista.com (October 2020), India is leading the way with 12.4% pilots and Ireland is only second worldwide with 9.9%.

To tackle gender stereotypes when it comes to becoming a pilot our goal in AFTA was to reach out to schools and to interested females to share information about our course and why gender should not be a factor to consider if you would like to become a pilot.

- To tackle lack of visibility and representation every careers event we attended we make sure to have a female and male cadet present to help answer any questions.
 - For the past two years we have hosted an all female only seminar with a panel of female students who are currently training or who have graduated.
 - We have updated all our imagery on our websites and campaigns to equally feature female and male students. We made a new video with equal representation, you can view it on Youtube, search Atlantic Flight Training Academy.
 - We share information to educate and inspire future female pilots about what qualities are needed to succeed in this course and career, none are gender specific.
 - We recently launched a Podcast. In Episode One of AFTA's Podcast (a platform to share graduates, and student's experiences on all things aviation) the topic was 'More Female Pilots Needed'
 - An all-female panel of AFTA graduates and current students shared their views on why more females should consider training to be a pilot. The panel, openly and honestly shared their own personal journeys into aviation, discussed flight training and gave an insight into the role of a commercial pilot.
 - The podcast is an entertaining and educational listen for anyone who is curious about becoming a commercial pilot or has an interest in aviation.
 - AFTA wanted to launch a new platform to reach out to people who want to learn more about pilot training and what's involved along with regular webinars, virtual visits and in person tours (where Covid restrictions allow).
 - 'On the other side of this global pandemic the industry will rebound and expand and we are looking forward to our "AFTA girls" leading this recovery from the flightdeck of a large commercial airliner.'"(Captain Mark J Casey CEO AFTA. You can download Episode One on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and all major podcast platforms.
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