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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Visits Actua for International Women's Day

(Ottawa, Ont, March 9, 2020) — Today, in celebration of International Women's Day, the Prime Minister of Canada visited a girls STEM workshop event at Actua's national headquarters in Ottawa.

"We were honoured to have the Prime Minister visit Actua today, demonstrating the federal government's support of getting more girls and young women into STEM education and careers," said Jennifer Flanagan, President and CEO, Actua. "We are continuing to see this government promote women in science, including Canada's Chief Scientist, Mona Nemer, our Governor General, Julie Payette, and more. This makes a big difference in helping the girls and young women we engage across Canada see themselves in critical STEM leadership roles."

Over twenty girls from across Ottawa participated in today's workshop on coding and climate change. Participants took turns explaining to the Prime Minister what they were learning and had the opportunity to ask him questions during a Q&A.

Actua's network engages over 150,000 girls and young women each year in STEM skills and confidence building programs. Our all-girls programs are led by female instructors, role models and mentors who break down the still existing stereotypes about women in STEM. To find all-girls programming near you, visit our website: www.actua.ca/programs.

About Actua: Actua is Canada's largest science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth outreach network representing [40 university and college based members](#). Each year, Actua's growing network of member organizations reach over 300,000 young Canadians in 500 communities nationwide. Actua focuses on the engagement of underrepresented youth through specialized programs for Indigenous youth, girls and young women, at-risk youth and youth living in Northern and remote communities. Its national InSTEM program reaches over 35,000 Indigenous youth per year in over 200 Indigenous communities. Actua's major funding partners include: Government of Canada, Google Canada, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, RBC Foundation, Suncor Energy Foundation, TD, Microsoft Canada, Finning Canada, Imperial, Toyota Canada Foundation, GE Canada, Mastercard, CIRA and Lockheed Martin Canada. For more information about Actua, visit actua.ca.

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