

Young engineers get tooled up

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Electromechanical repair specialist Fletcher Moorland Ltd has launched an initiative to support the younger generation entering engineering, design, and manufacturing careers.

Under the banner Get Tooled Up, it is giving away five sets of quality tools to young apprentices and aspiring engineers every month. Since its launch, the initiative has seen the company give away tools including infrared thermometers, VDE pliers and hex key sets, from Fluke, RS components and Wera, to young engineers from across the UK.

Managing director Matt Fletcher said: “Tools cost a lot of money; ask any engineer. It’s particularly hard when starting out in an engineering career. You want the best tools to do your job but to get good quality equipment does cost money.

“I want to put decent tools in the hands of apprentices and young engineers from the start, and I’m committing to do this.”

For young engineers to be in with a chance of winning tools that could help them as they embark on their careers, all they have to do is look out for posts on LinkedIn carrying the #GetTooledUp hashtag and then comment or hit the like button. Each month the company will randomly draw from the entrants and notify the lucky winners. Anyone who wants to nominate a young person to be entered can also do so by tagging or, if they are not on LinkedIn, nominating them on the post featuring the hashtag.

Initially, the company funded the prize tools itself, but for the latest draw, the initiative has drawn support from DIY-repair specialist iFixit, which has donated five of its ProTech tool kits as the prizes for the May draw.