

2019 W.TEC SHE CREATES CAMP REPORT





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

W.TEC SHE CREATES camp is an annual programme, which started in 2008. It is an initiative of W.TEC which aims to mould young girls' psyche, give them a positive image of technology, related fields and opportunities while bridging the knowledge and skill gap between boys and girls in their career path.

The She Creates Camp programme for Girls is an initiative of W.TEC designed to help Nigerian secondary school girls (13 – 17 years) develop an early interest in computer science, information technology and related careers. The camp, since its inception in 2008, provides an avenue to increase the numbers of women working and using technology by dispelling stereotypes of gender-appropriateness of technology, providing information about technology careers and practical applications of technology, presenting female technical role models and providing access to mentorship and emphasizing the importance of education.

The W.TEC She Creates Camp is an initiative designed for girls to inspire them to be more enlightened about the importance ICT, to know how to create digital contents and also to develop the skills that uses information communication technologies effectively and productively

CAMP MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage girls in the pursuit of technological careers, by ensuring that realistic and positive ideas of technology related career talks will be oriented upon. And also help girls plan their future careers with the help of mentors who are already in these fields.
2. To develop the love for technology by delivering challenging and engaging hands-on technology workshops and classes.

3. Establish a network of technology-fluent alumni and mentors, where interactions with female role models in the technology field are encouraged and also encourage thinking outside the box through critical analysis and thinking skills within a nurturing environment, while gaining fundamental life skills such as etiquette, teamwork and leadership skills.

W.TEC SHE CREATES CAMP

The 2019 W.TEC **She Creates Camp** was the 12th of its kind, it is an initiative of the Women's Technology Empowerment Centre (W.TEC) tagged "S.T.E.A.M " (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths**). The technology camp offers a variety of programmes and activities, which teaches students how to build and use technology in dynamic and innovative ways.

The 2-weeks technology camp for girls in secondary schools between the ages of 13 – 17 is an educational programmes aimed at encouraging girls to develop an early interest in computers and other information technology while adding value to their social and economic development

The She Creates Camp, since 2017 has been holding both residential and non-residential camps across the nation with a mix of classes, workshops, presentations, excursions and leadership exercises, which has built strong, intelligent and focused young women, well-prepared for living and working in an increasingly technology-driven world.

The 2019 W.TEC She Creates Camp(s) was carefully designed to run in the following pattern and catered for 103 girls within the ages of 13 -17 years old in secondary school:

1. **She Creates 2019 Camp – Lagos Mainland** (Residential).

Date: August 18th – 31st

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Nos of participants: 50 girls

2. **She Creates 2019 Camp – Lekki, Lagos** (Non-Residential)

Date: July 29th - August 9th

Nos of participants: 17 girls

3. **She Creates 2019 Camp – Awka, Anambra State** (Non-Residential)

Date: August 26th – Sept 6th.

Nos of Participantsok - 19 girls

4. **She Creates 2019 Camp – Ilorin, Kwara State** (Non-Residential)

Date: August 26th – Sept 6th.

Nos of Participantsok - 19 girls

CURRICULUM COVERED:

Due to the fact that the camp held in different locations in Nigeria , states where students also have varying exposure and access to technology, we decided to design the curriculum to meet the need of each camp location.

Curriculum Covered at the **She Creates 2019 Camp – Lagos Mainland**: Computing Fundamentals, Digital Electronics & Circuits Technologies, Python programming, Digital Film Making, Mechatronics, Skill Acquisition (students learnt how to make Ankara head

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wraps and Ankara bangles (Art & Craft)), Panel Discussions (Women in Tech panel discussion, Women in Biological and Medical Sciences panel discussion, Women in Engineering panel discussion) and key note speech (Moment with Uche Pedro of Bella Naija).

Curriculum Covered at the **She Creates 2019 Camp – Lekki, Lagos**: Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Programming using Python, Financial Literacy, Panel Discussions :Women in Tech panel discussion.

Curriculum Covered at the **She Creates 2019 Camp – Awka**: Computing Fundamentals, Digital Animation using Alice, Website design using Mobirise, Artificial intelligence, robotics programming and skill aquisition (students learnt how to make palm slippers and sandals).

Curriculum Covered at the **She Creates 2019 Camp – Ilorin**: Computing Fundamentals, Digital photography, mobile phone repair, Website design using Mobirise, Artificial intelligence, robotics programming, Panel Discussions (Women in Tech panel discussion]

Other curriculum covered during the camp

Aside being a technology camp, we give the girls room to express themselves and their passions freely without any form of condemnation, as they will also have life skills sessions like:

- Gender and Leadership workshop
- Skill Acquisition- Art and Craft
- Self-Defence Training
- Career Talks
- Health & Fitness

- Team building workshops
- Projects presentations
- Excursion to STEAM focused organizations
- Extracurricular Activities: Not leaving out and ensuring the girls are duly entertained and having the ultimate fun learning experience, the camp also gave room for extracurricular activities like Movie nights, Music, Free private times and Variety/ Karaoke night
- Career Talks: Career can be seen as what a person is prepared, educated and trained to do over a period of time. Career choice refers to the profession and job which an individual has decided to go into, which will lead to economic/social independence, productive and fulfilled life.

GIRL'S APPLICATION

The criteria for acceptance to the camp were girls who:

- Are of ages between 13 to 17 years
- Are determined to know more about technology
- Available for the entire 2-weeks camp depending on preferred camp location chosen

The call for application was disseminated via social media (W.TEC Facebook page, Instagram, mailing list etc.), secondary schools, as well as corporate organizations were also reached out to. The call for application for the camp was also spread via W.TEC's website, W.TEC Alumni network and word-of-mouth.

Full and partial scholarships were offered to students from public secondary schools with exceptional academic performances as well as candidates from other civil society groups, while candidates from private secondary schools and some from civil society groups paid a fee at a subsidized rate to attend the camp.

The target number of students for the camp was 50 and we enrolled the exact number of students for the programme. The target was met from the mixture of girls from public and private secondary schools as well as girls who came through the civil societies. All the students participated in the various activities for the duration of the camp and their performances were judged by the same criteria (which included academic performance, class participation and teamwork).

We also had amazing sponsors from different organisations and a few individuals enabled some of the students whose parents could not afford the subsidized fee of the camp.

THE STUDENTS

The girls were fed to satisfaction daily, for the residential camp, they had breakfast in the morning at about 8:30 till 9am, had tea breaks in between sessions, their lunch was always between 2pm and 3pm before their next session commenced and dinner was served at 7pm daily. For the non-residential camps, the girls resumed classes at 9am, had tea break and 11am, lunch between 1:30pm to 2:30pm and then continue with their class till they closed at 4pm or 2.30pm daily at the different camp. This enabled the girls to be active and focus for the daily activities.

The students worked on projects with the computer systems provided to them at the start of each day, they were able to continue their work from where they left off on any system as they were taught how to save their work on the flash drives that were provided

to each person at the camp as well as writing materials and camp training materials. This made system allocation easy for everyone throughout the course of the camp.

There were also extra-curricular activities, which made the camp stay more fun-filled. These are life skills that would help the girls' live more balanced lives while building careers and having families. These life skills comprise of sessions such as Self-Defence, Team Building, Karaoke night and they were also opportune to partake in some Teenage Fun Games which helped the girls bond faster. The entrepreneurship and skill acquisition session was exciting for the girls; this was designed to enable girls start thinking of a business they could venture into.

EXCURSIONS

The girls from our various camps went on excursion to technology companies related to what they were learning at the camp which helped them relate all they had learnt to the outside world and what is expected of them as women growing in a technology-inclined society. The visits were as follow:

She Creates 2019 Camp – Lagos Mainland:

Participants at the Lagos Mainland camp went on excursion to University of Lagos, where they were opportune to visit the Radio & Television Station which helped them relate to what they were taught during the Digital Film Making session. It was so much fun because the girls were excited about going to a different environment and also the opportunity to see what goes on behind the scene during a Television program, learn about the equipment used for all the activities in a radio and TV station and how songs are being selected to aired on radio.

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She Creates 2019 Camp – Lekki, Lagos:

Participants at the Lekki camp went on an excursion to Data Science Nigeria where they got a firsthand experience with the application of Artificial Intelligence and Internet of things which was the focus of the camp. Some of the session they had there demonstrated the use of ready applications which could be used to program robots, setting up electronics to function with the internet and many more.

Data Science Nigeria is a non-profit run and managed by the Data Scientists Network Foundation, whose vision is to see Nigeria become the outsourcing hub for international Data Science/Advanced Analytics/ Big Data projects with opportunity to access 10% share of the global data science outsourcing projects.

She Creates 2019 Camp – Awka:

Participants at the Awka, Anambra camp went on an excursion to Edufun Technik Hub where they learnt how to build and program robots to perform certain tasks, using various sensors.

Edufun Technik Hub is an educational organisation that specializes in creating educational solutions for children and youths to help them plan and learn through play method, practice, hands-on and learner/child centered method of training while allowing them to immerse themselves in the world of technology.

She Creates 2019 Camp – Ilorin:

Participants at the Ilorin camp went on an excursioun to the National Television Authority, Ilorin, Kwara State, where they were taken round to various departments such as the studio, the transmittal room, the control room to learn what they do. It was an exciting experience for the girls as they took a tour around to see and have a feeling of how TV program are transmitted.

The Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) is a government – owned and partly commercial broadcaster that was inaugurated in 1977. Is the biggest television network in Nigeria with stations in several parts of the country having it headquater at Abuja.

In general, it was so much fun for the girls at each camp as they were excited about going to a different environment to learn more and see how what they had learnt at the camp is put into practice in real life.

THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The 12th W.TEC She Creates Camp came to an end at each camp venue with graduation ceremony on the last day of each camp at the respective camp locations. Select students exhibited their projects to parents and all who were present at the graduation ceremony before the main event began. The event brought together the campers, their family and friends, the media, sponsors and partners as well as friends of W.TEC.

Each camp graduation ceremony featured the National Anthem, welcome address, goodwill messages, commitment statement, students’ presentations on the various camp sessions (the girls presented the various camp sessions with great enthusiasm; these presentations were done with background slides to help their audience have a visual feel of their work), feedback from W.TEC

Camp Alumnae, presentation of certificates, presentation of gifts and awards to outstanding students, goodwill messages from parents and vote of thanks.

The celebration was indeed a great interest to everyone present at each camp, parents of the campers were fulfilled and amused at the great impact the camp had on their children, and this was shown from their involvements during the course of the camp and feedback.

Feedback from Camp Alumni at the Lagos, mainland camp

W.TEC Camp Alumnae; Miss Oimage Yvonne who was a facilitator in one of the camp sessions, Chidera Ironsi and Monsurat Oshifisan- who also volunteered as supervisors at the camp since 2015 were full with excitement and gave a feedback speech each on how the camp impacted them when they attended, what they were able to do with the knowledge they gathered when they attended, how it has helped them academically and how they hope to continue improving on their skills and knowledge. They also expressed how fulfilling they felt with the opportunity given to them again to volunteer for this year's camp. Below are some of the comments from the W.TEC alumnae:

“W.TEC has exposed me to different things relating to technology (ICT) and other varieties of life. W.TEC has always been a stepping stone that elevates me amongst my peers because I can boastfully say I have achieved a lot from them and currently I am still achieving”. **Monsurat Oshinfisan**

“W.TEC has impacted in me in so many ways, after attending the camp I have been able to use what I learnt to help others and also build on what I learnt, even though I am not studying a STEM course, ICT has helped me in my studies as a student in accounting and

*I have learnt other Programs and Software in ICT, this wouldn't have been possible if W.TEC did not help me in building interest in Technology. I will continue to explore and learn more and I say thank you to W.TEC". **Chidera Ironsi***

Presentation of Prizes to Outstanding Students

During the camp, the girls worked in teams and individually on projects and outstanding ones were recognized and appreciated with prizes at the graduation ceremony.

The prizes were awarded in this order at the various camps:

She Creates 2019 Camp – Lekki, Lagos:

Overall Best Group:

Eze Onyinye Steffany

Orivri Oghenekome

Esther Udie

Oreoluwa Sim-Afe

She Creates 2019 Camp – Mainland, Lagos:

MISS W.TEC (Overall best)– Kanyinsola Adewole

Character Awards

Miss Purposeful – Alomasojo Aliyah

Miss Capable – Mayegun Olutokede

Miss Congeniality – Okotieboh Princess

Miss Blossom – Alleluyanatha-Anozia Yeshua –Amen

Miss Blossom – Maro Oyibo

Miss Humour – Abakpa Favour

Miss Prim&Proper- Adebambo Tomisin

Miss Leader- Osinmade Diamond

Miss Courageous –Fadeshola Odukoya

Python – 2 Best Individual Projects

1st Position – Adewole Kanyinsola

2nd Position – Okotieboh Princess

Main Projects

Web Design Using Mobirise – Study Partner Group

- Alleluyanatha-Anozia Yeshua –Amen
- Olutokede Mayegun
- Inyang Toluwaniamuse

Python Programming - Healthcare Group

- Adegbite Ojuolape
- John Sharon
- Jubril Adama

Electronics & Digital Circuit - Water Level Detector (Group 10)

- Okotieboh Princess
- Okeke Jennifer
- Adisa Zainab
- Taiwo Bisola
- Alomasojo Aliyah

Electronics & Digital Circuit – Automated Street Light (Group 5)

- Alleluyanatha-Anozia Yeshua –Amen
- Oimage Blessing
- Uduchukwu Favour
- Bernard Abigail
- Ajikobo Ajarat

Electronics & Digital Circuit - 2 Best Individual Projects Water Level Detector

- Adebisi Blessing
- Durumba Sandra

Monopoly Game - Adewuyi Ayishat

Digital Film Making – Mark Angel Comedy (Group 1)

- Adewole Kanyinsola
- Johnson Faith
- Abakpa Favour
- Adewuyi Aishat
- Adegbite Adeola
- Idris Aliyah
- Osinmade Diamond
- Bernard Abigail
- Adebisi Blessing
- Bankole Favour

Mechatronics

- Adewole Kaniyinsola
- Alomasojo Aliyah

She Creates 2019 Camp – Awka, Anambra State:

Overall Best: Ufoaroh Mmesoma

Second Best: Obianjor Chidimma

Third Best: Umeadi Uchenna

She Creates 2019 Camp – Ilorin, Kwara state:

MAIN PROJECTS

Individual Project – Web Design

1st position – Epi-Jombo Gloria

2nd position – Mustapha Fareedah

3rd position – Badmus Ganiyat

Group Project – Photography

- Abubakar Halimah
- Paul Beulah
- Akosile Sumaiyyah
- Mustapha Fareedah

Quiz Competition

- 1st position – Epi-Jombo Gloria
2nd position – Olufemi Oyindamola

Presentation of Certificates

All camp participants were awarded a certificate of participation by W.TEC during each graduation ceremony. Representatives of partnering organizations, staff and volunteers of W.TEC made the various presentations to the grandaunts.

NAMES OF W.TEC SHE CREATES CAMP GRADUANTS

She Creates 2019 Camp – Mainland, Lagos:

1. Alleluyanatha-Anozia Yeshua -Amen
2. Okotieboh Princess
3. Ige Wuraola
4. Olang Anita

3rd position – Ajayi Damilola

Game Activity – Monopoly

Ishola Nafisat

Overall Best Students

- 1st position – Olaode Success
2nd position – Epi-Jombo Gloria
3rd position – Badmus Ganiyat

5. Egbu Princess Roni
6. Adewuyi Yetunde
7. Ikhalea Stephanie
8. Alasela Zainab
9. Okonkwor Ifenna
10. Salau Deborah
11. Adeniji Opeyemi
12. Munirudeen Azeezat
13. Jubril Adama
14. Akinade Treasure
15. Ayoola Oreoluwa
16. Adeleye Aanuoluwapo
17. Adisa Zainab
18. Adewuyi Ayishat
19. Okeke Jennifer
20. Alomasojo Aliyah
21. Teeyor Barinyima
22. Oimage Blessing
23. Durumba Sandra
24. Olutokede Mayegun
25. Yunus Rahmat
26. Tomisin Adebambo
27. Uduchukwu Favour
28. Taiwo Bisola
29. Onyeije Glory
30. Inyang Toluwaniamuse
31. Nkwa Ezinne
32. Odukoya Opeoluwa Fadesola
33. Oduyebo Mariam
34. Ezeagu Blessing
35. Adewole Kanyinsola
36. Adegbite Ojuolape
37. Idris Aliyah
38. Bernard Abigail
39. Johnson Faith
40. Osinmade Diamond
41. Adebisi Blessing
42. Abakpa Favour

43. Bankole Favour
44. Idris Kanyinsola
45. Ojo Olamide Ayola
46. John Sharon
47. Oghenemaro Oyibo
48. Shifatu Halimah

49. Ileladewa Oluwatomisin
50. Ajikobi Ajarat

She Creates 2019 Camp – Lekki, Lagos State:

1. Oreoluwa Sim- Afe
2. Oto-Obong Blessing
3. Onyinye Eze
4. Alade Adenike
5. Queen Lebi
6. Esther Udie
7. Ishola Cynthia
8. Owoseni Modupe
9. George Gbemisola
10. Zainab Olumegbon
11. Oladiti Ikimot
12. Ifeanyi Omowunmi
13. Orivri Oghenekome
14. Akanbi Toluwani
15. Abiola Ayomide

She Creates 2019 Camp – Awka, Anambra State:

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- 1 Ufoaroh Mmesoma Precious
- 2 Nwibo Agatha Chioma
- 3 Nnamani Maryann Amarachi
- 4 Okoye chinaza emmanuella
- 5 Obianyor Chimdimma Ifunanya
- 6 Akwari nneoma vera
- 7 Amadi Rachael onyedikachukwu
- 8 David Miracle

- 9 Ezebube Zara Rachel
- 10 Umeadi Mmesoma Winifred
- 11 Umeadi Chisom
- 12 Nnamani MaryAnn Amarachi
- 13 Akwari Nneoma Vera
- 14 Umeadi Uchenna Yolanda
- 15 Nwibo Felicitas Onyinye
- 16 Lawrence Benedict Chinaza

She Creates 2019 Camp – Ilorin, Kwara State:

1. Abubakar Halimah
2. Adekunle Fatimah
3. Ademola Aliyah
4. Ademola Azeemah
5. Aina Faith
6. Ajayi Damilola
7. Akosile Sumayyah
8. Arekhuyeme Glory
9. Badmus Ganiyat

10. Epi-Jombo Gloria
11. Garuba Rasheedat
12. Ishola Nafisat
13. Kamilah Bidemi
14. Mustapha Fareedah
15. Ojo Odunayo
16. Olaode Success
17. Olufemi Oyindamola
18. Paul Beulah

EVALUATION

To assess the efficacy of the camp to meet its stated objectives, the impact of the camp activities on the participants were measured using the following tools:

1. Pre-Camp Test
2. Post-Camp Test
3. Projects
4. Camp Evaluation Form

Pre-Camp Test: At the beginning of the camp, the students wrote a 5-question test to measure their basic knowledge of computers. These were open-ended questions that allowed the girls fill in appropriate answers.

Post-Camp Test: This test is the exact questions, which the students answered in the pre-camp test. The reason for this is to gauge if the students have learnt things that were new to them at the beginning of the camp after they have gone through the 2-week of intensive technology classes.

Projects: During the course of the camp, the students were given assessment tests as well as projects for the various hands-on sessions.

Post Camp Evaluation Forms: These forms were completed by the individual candidates, responding to questions rating the sessions and their experience at the camp and sharing suggestions for future camps.

Phone Evaluation: These will be conducted 6 months after the camp, to find out the longer-term effects of the camp on the participating students. We will ask questions on skills learnt at the camp, which of them they are most interested in, if they are

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using any of them since after the camp and what they are doing to further develop such skills? If they answer NO to any of the questions, we will want to know why and what W.TEC can do to help.

FEEDBACK

The students provided feedback on the camp sessions at the various venue in their evaluation forms and some are included below:

General feedback

The general feedback from the student was that they enjoyed the camp; they learnt a lot of exciting and educative things. The all said they will recommend the camp to others.

Below are some specific comments are:

- *I really loved the camp it was full of fun*
- **Ajiboye Omowunmi (Lagos Camp)**
- *The camp was educative and interesting, I really appreciate W.TEC*
- **Akanji Oyindamola (Lagos Camp)**
- *I love the program as it was more of practical and educative*
- **Davies Olaotan (Lagos Camp)**
- *The camp was amazing, I was really blown away by the excursion, I never thought Nigeria has a renewable energy company*

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- **Abdulmajeed A'ishah (Lagos Camp)**

Web Design using mobirise (Ilorin camp)

- *I will advance myself and my knowledge by practicing about Web design*

- **Epi-Jombo Gloria**

Computer Application (Ilorin camp)

- *The class was fun, I learnt new things I learnt more about how to use power point for presentation.*

- **Ishola Nafisat**

- *I will use the knowledge to enhance myself.*

- **Olaode Sucess**

Photography (Ilorin camp)

- *I enjoyed it because I got to explore so many ideas*

- **Mustapha Fareedah**

- *This is one of the most interesting class i had at camp have learnt alot.*

- **Ajayi Damilola**

POST CAMP

The students have been signed up to the **W.TEC Girls Mailing List** as well as invited to join the **Camp Alumnae Facebook Group**, which helps them to keep in touch with each other and also with the organization. W.TEC by practice invites few participants of its past programs as alumni to some of its future programs to share ideas, goals, discover how much ICT has impacted them and the way forward. In 6 months, W.TEC will conduct the post-camp interview, this is always done subsequently to stay in touch with the alumnae and to know they progress they are making as they forge ahead.

CONCLUSION

The 103 students participated in all the camp activities and, from the completed camp evaluation forms and essays, all the students developed new ICT skills in line with what they were taught, through the excursion to technology companies as well as knowledge in the other aspects of the camp.

SUPPORTERS

We cannot do without appreciating the following organisations that made the 2019 W.TEC Girls She Creates Camp a grand success

By their support all through the 2-weeks camp they are:

- Laureates College
- Swift Networks
- Unilag Radio & Television Station
- Hadassah Stem
- Sage Foundation
- Oracle

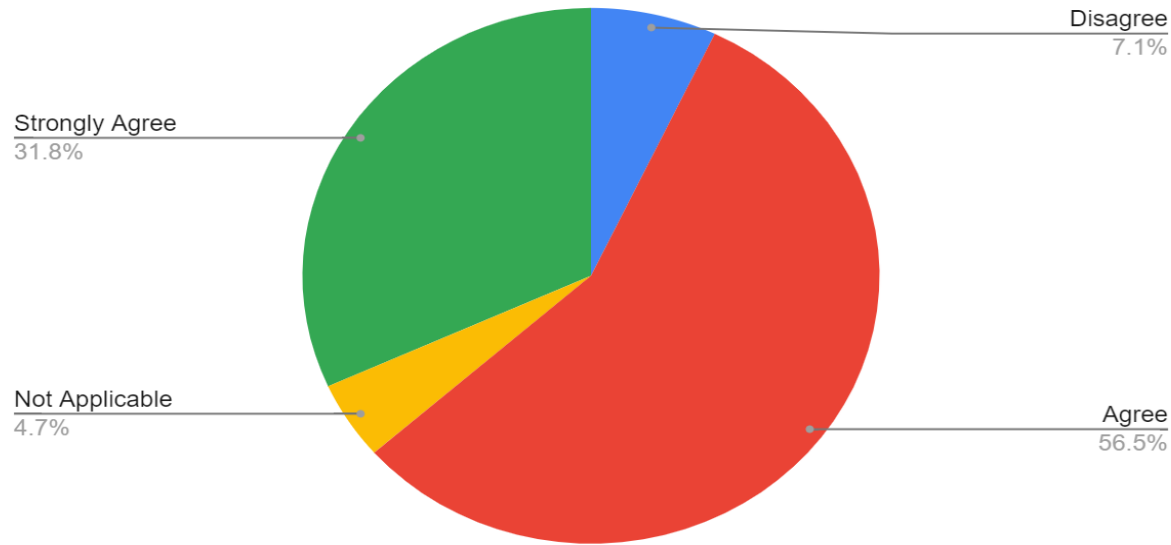
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- Ms Yvonne Oimage
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- Wellbeing Foundation
- NAN & Tech Cabal
- Engr. & Dr. (Mrs.) Somolu
- African Women Global Initiative
- Ajoke Ayisat Afolabi Foundation
- African Women Global Technology Initiative
- Bella Naija
- Bestman Games
- Chris Ogunbanjo Foundation
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- Kwara State Ministry of Education
- Lagos State Ministry of Education
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- Sage Foundation
- Swift Networks
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Pre and Post Camp Test

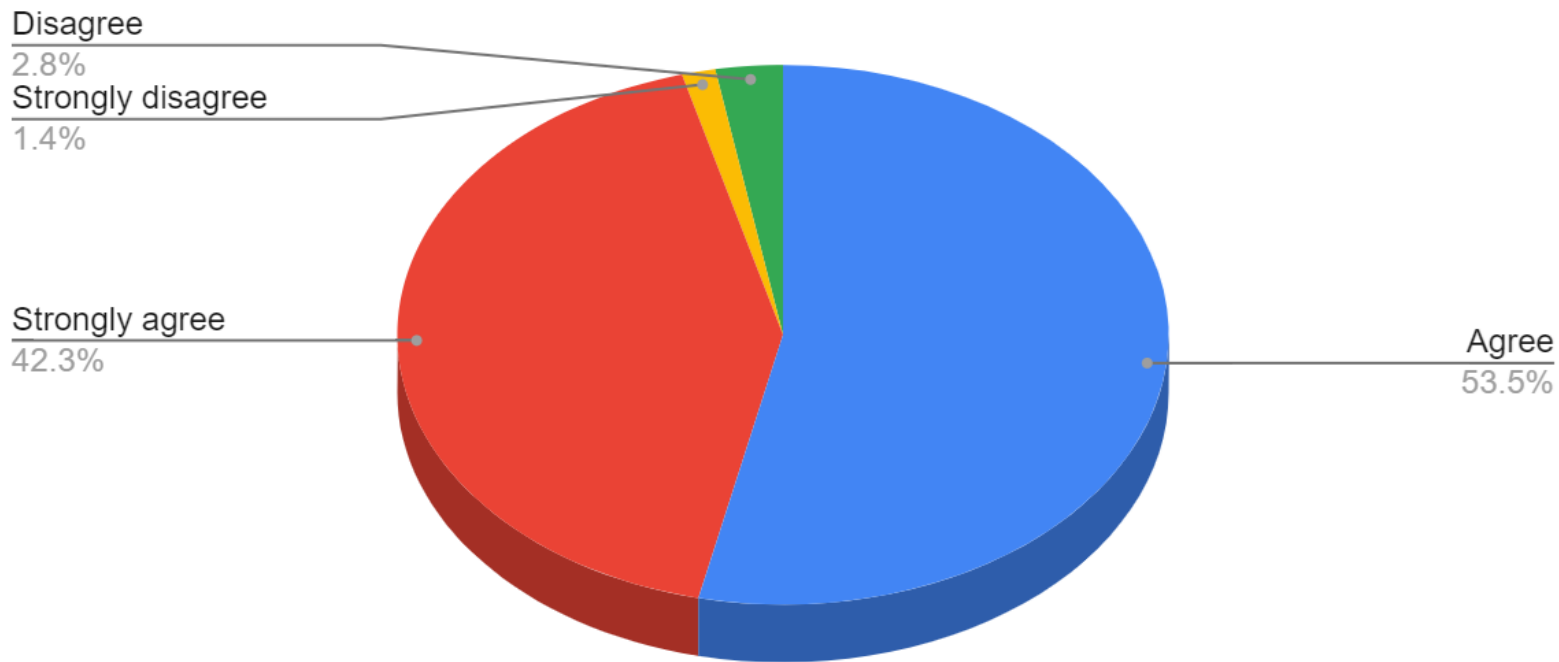
The following is a pie-chart representation of the pre-test and post- test evaluation of all the girls from the different She Creates Camp.

I am aware of and can name at least 5 different STEAM-related career options.



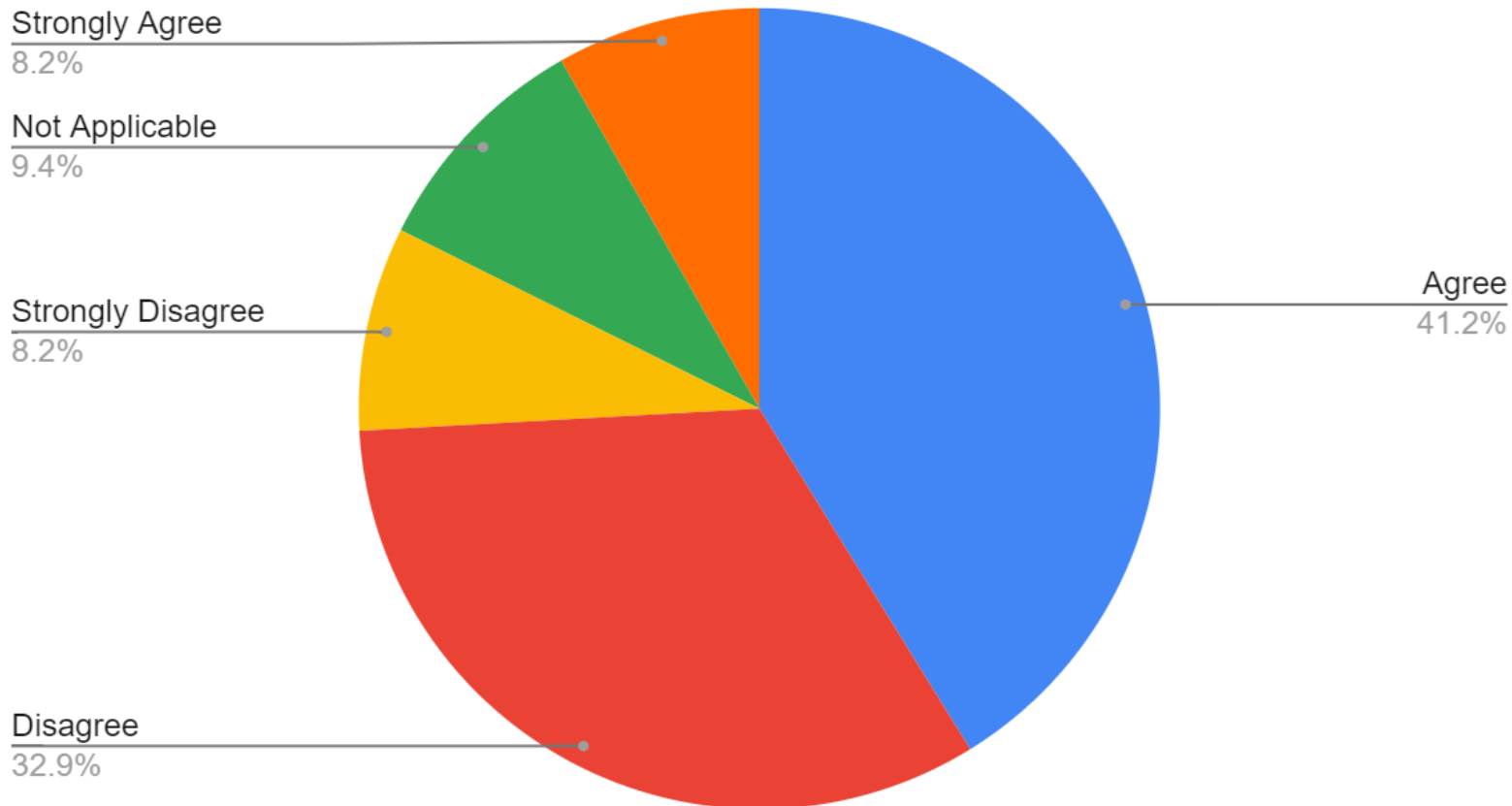
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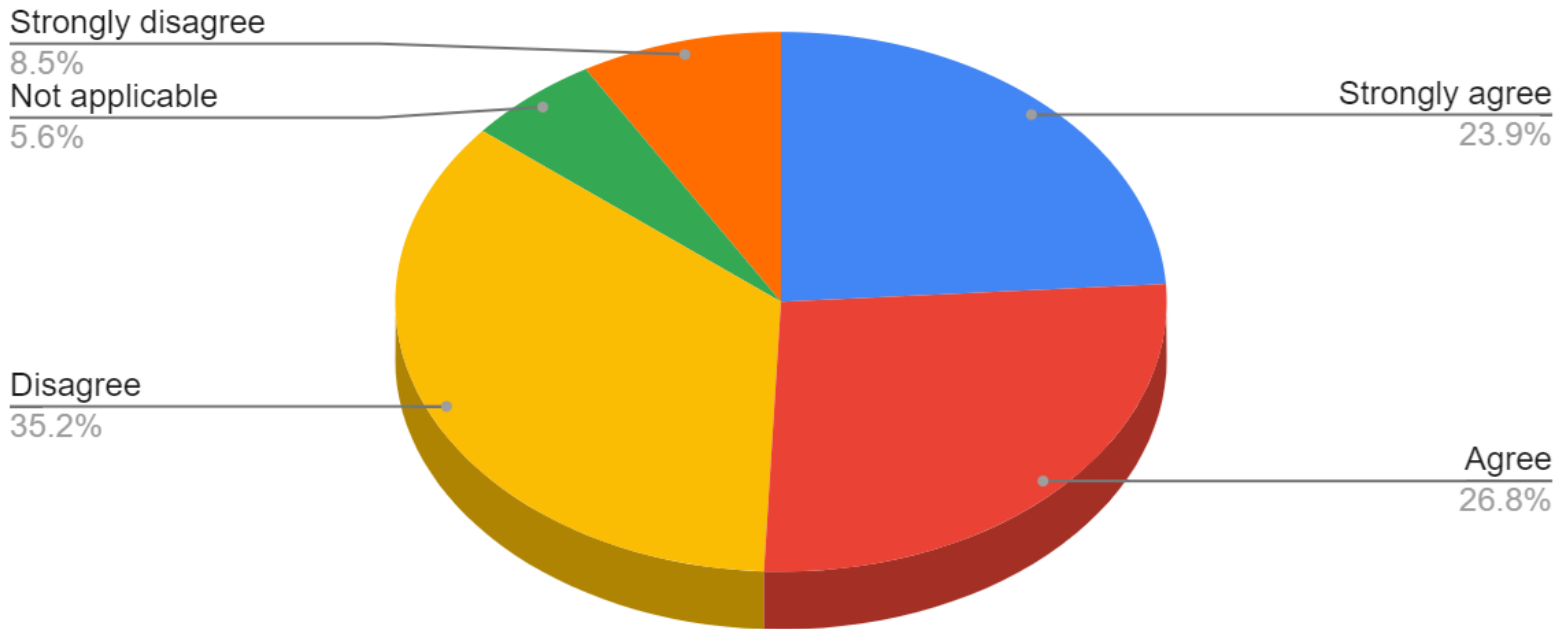
Post test

I have enjoyed learning about Engineering in the past.



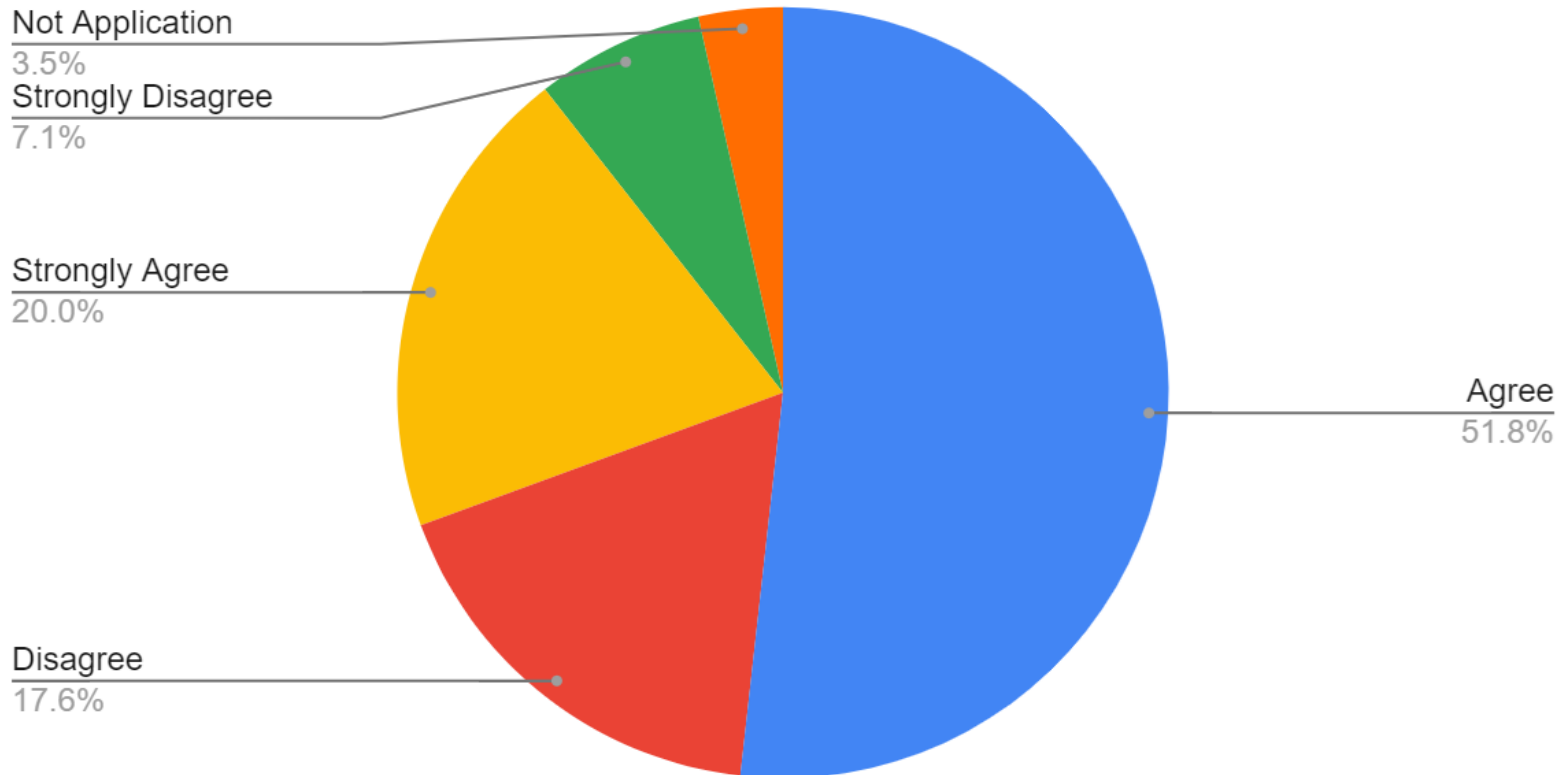
Pre Test

I want to study engineering further (on my own, from the Internet, return to the Academy, in my school, other ways)



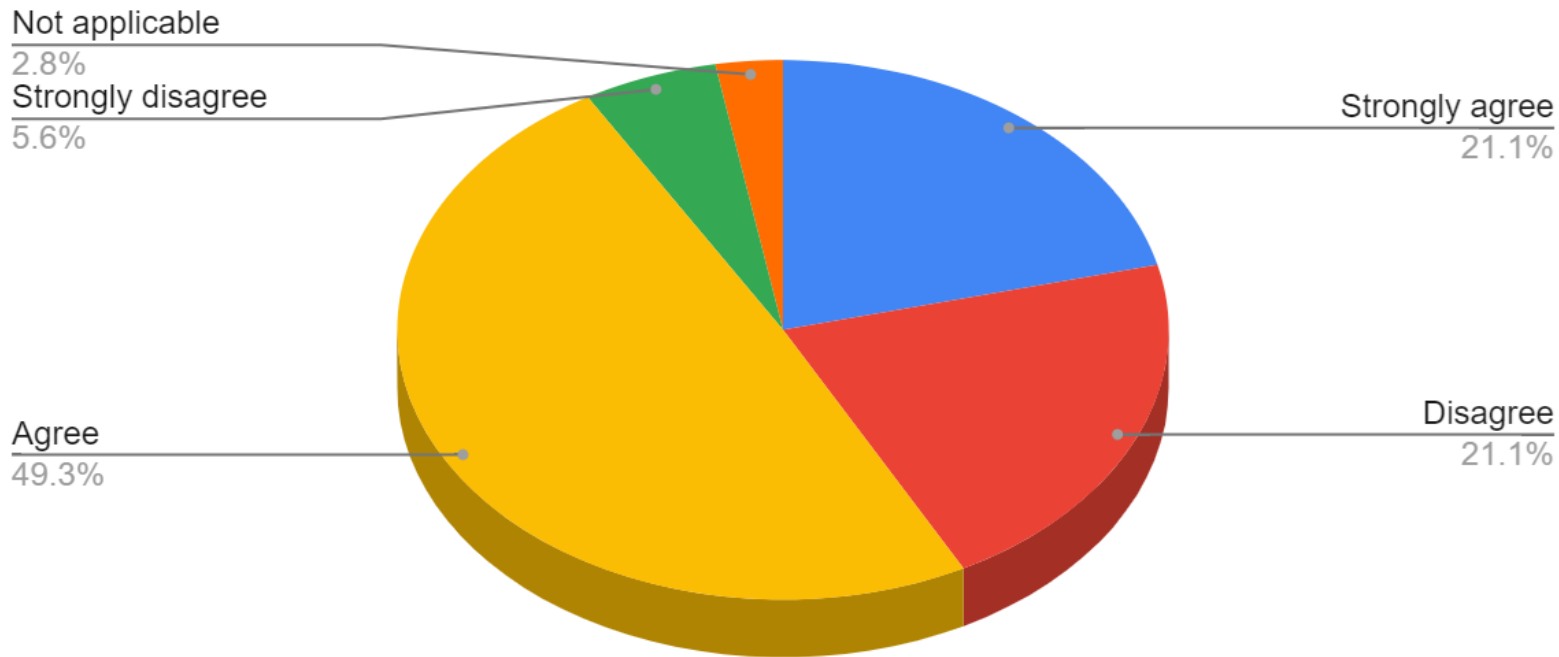
Post Test

I want to study Technology further (on my own, from the Internet, in my school, other ways, etc).



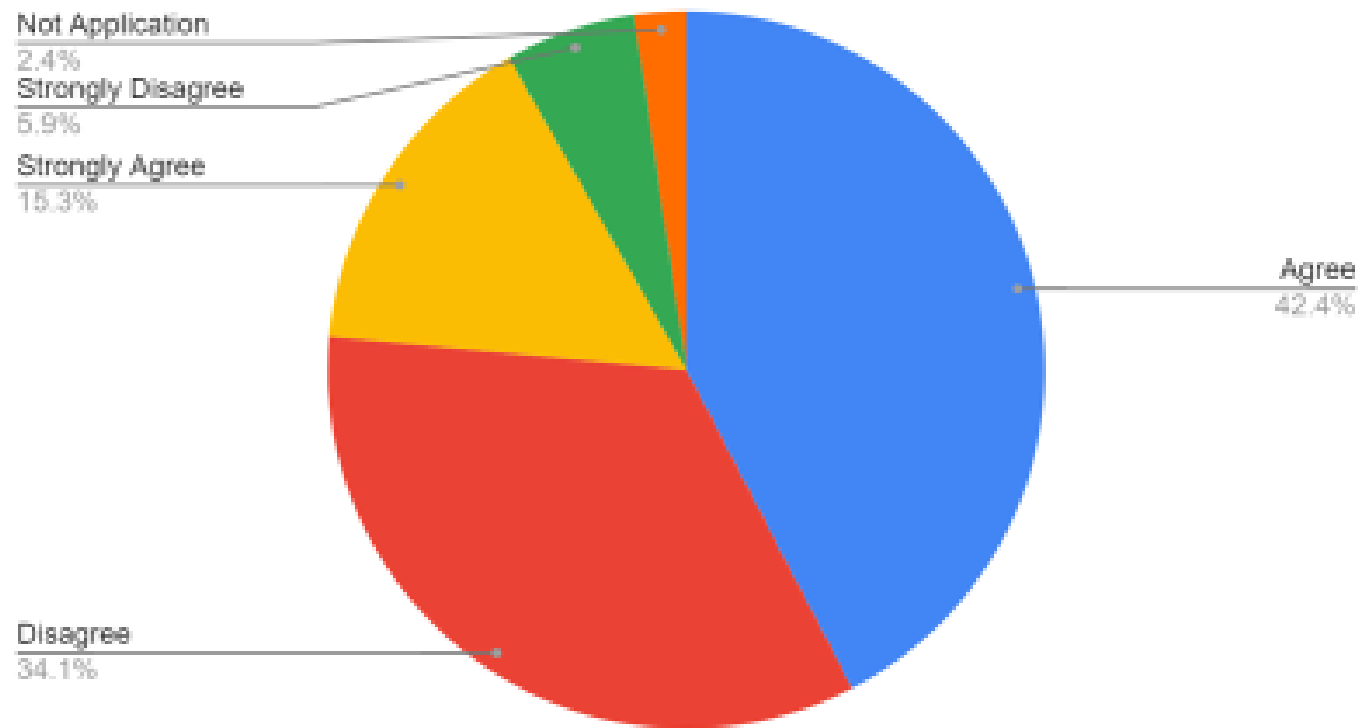
Pre Test

I want to study technology further (on my own, from the Internet, return to the Academy, in my school, other ways)



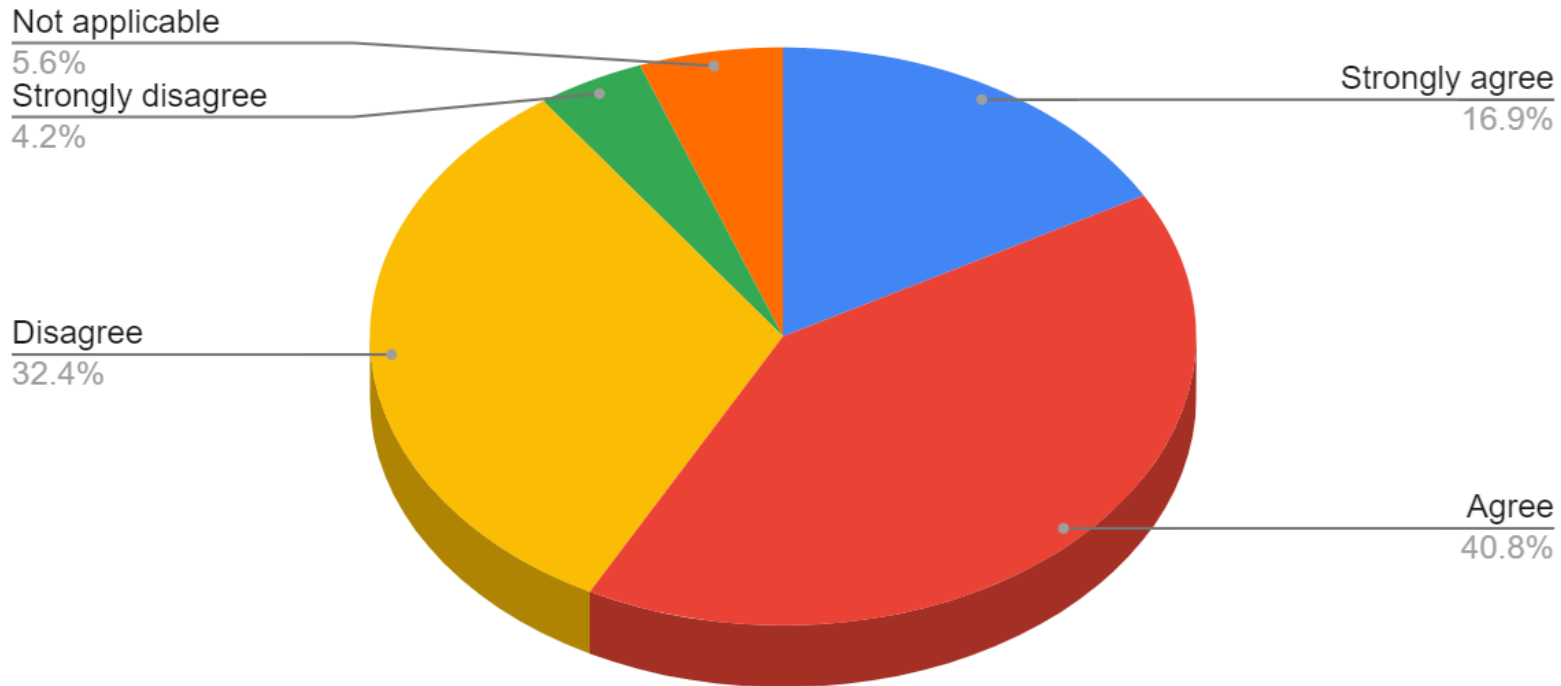
Post Test

I want to study Technology in university/polytechnic.



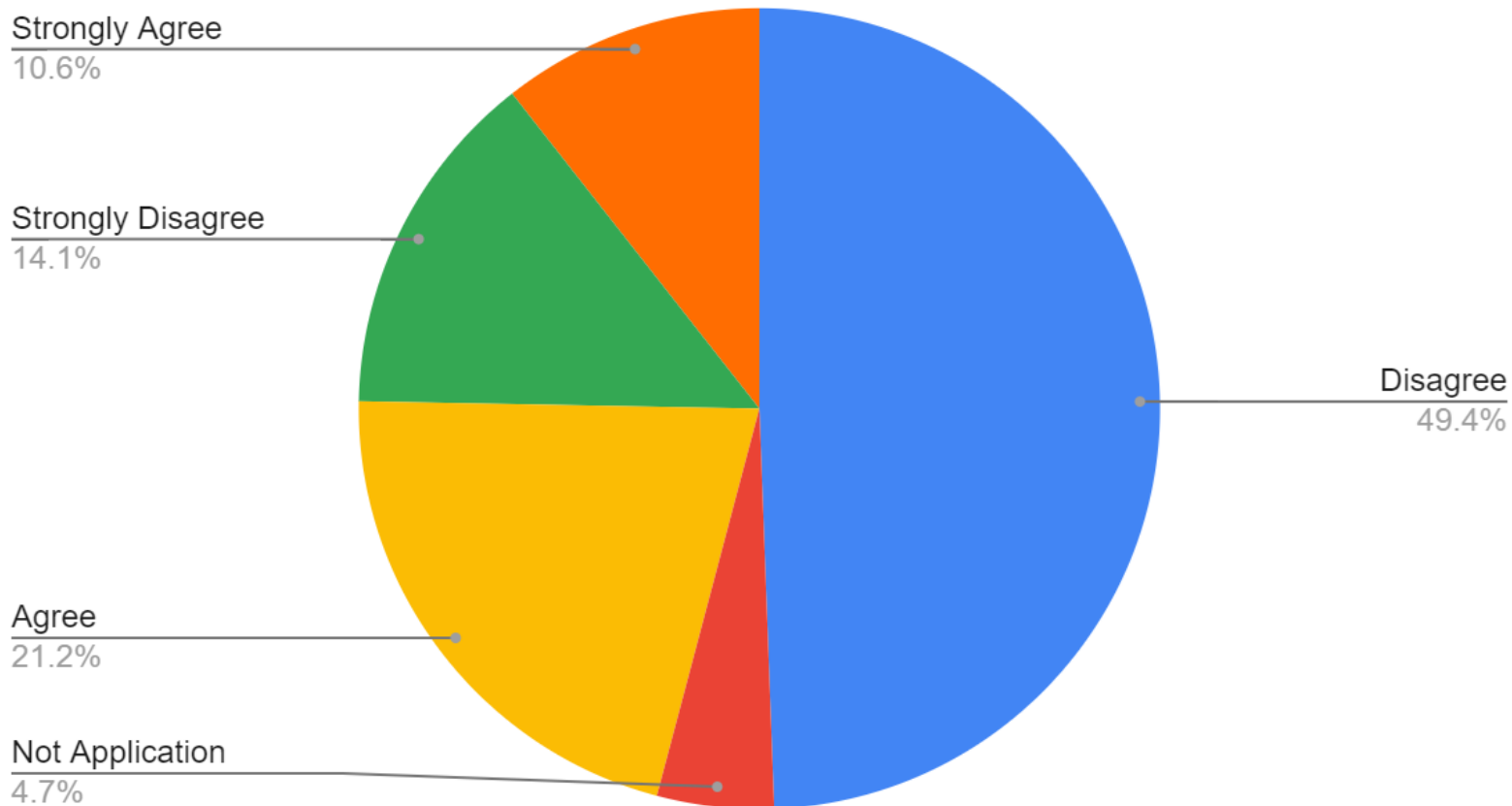
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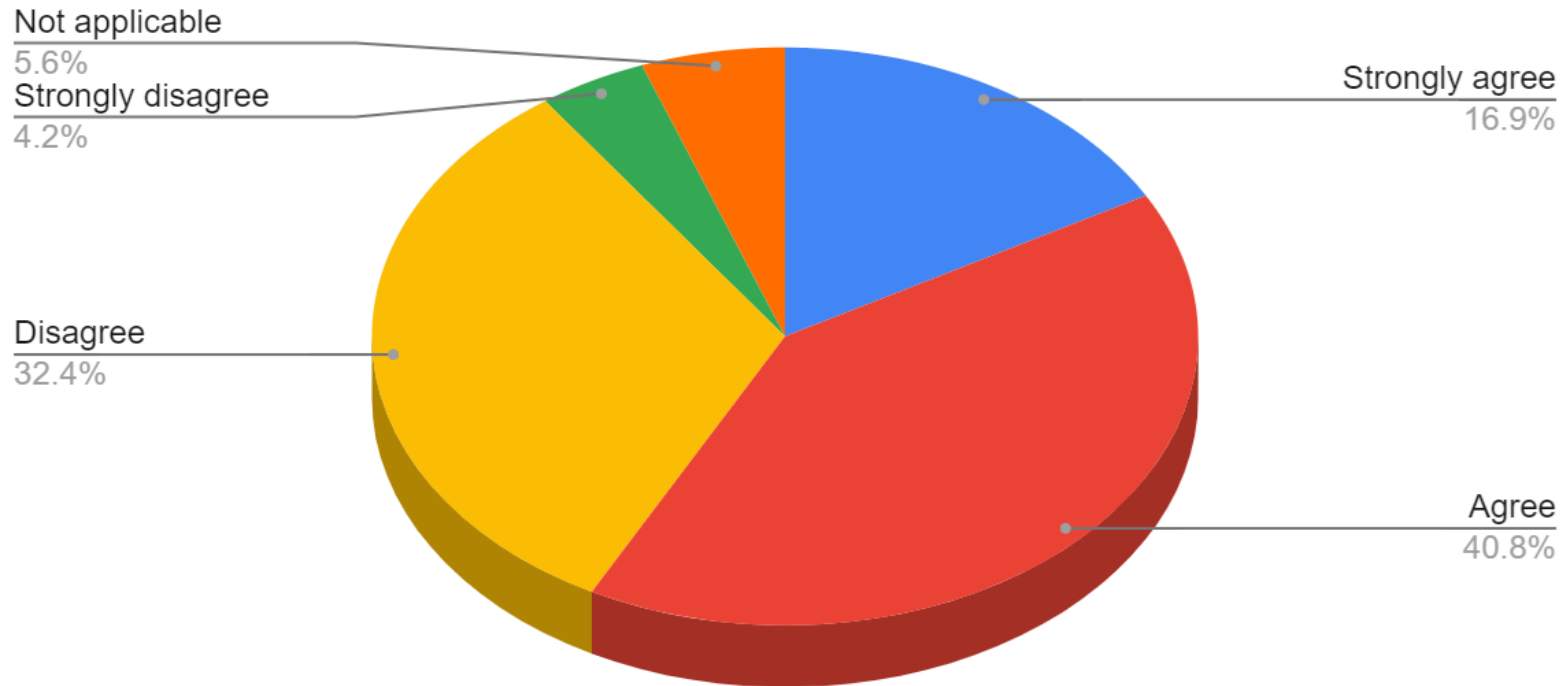
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I want to study Engineering in university/polytechnic.



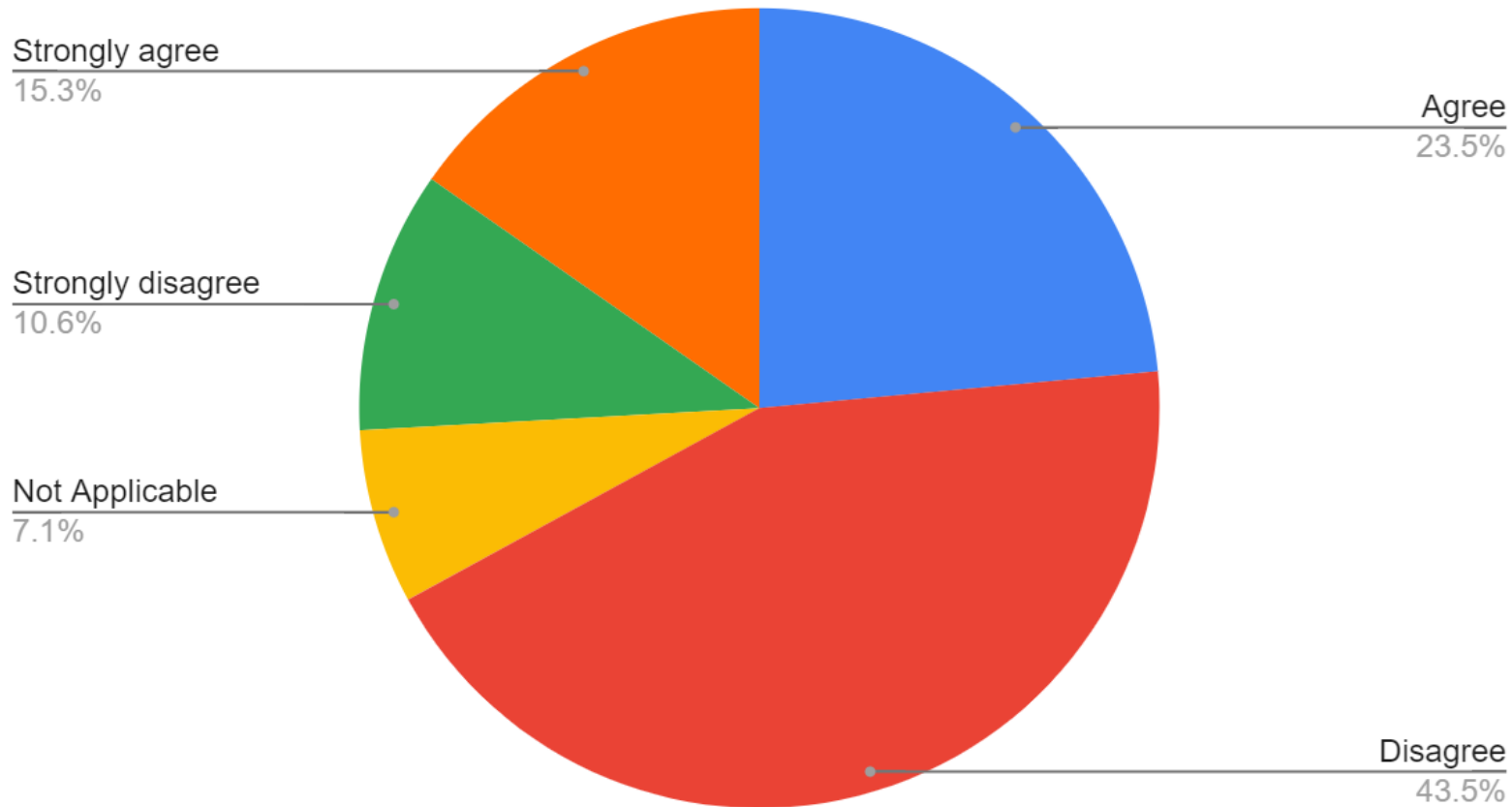
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I want to study technology in university/polytechnic



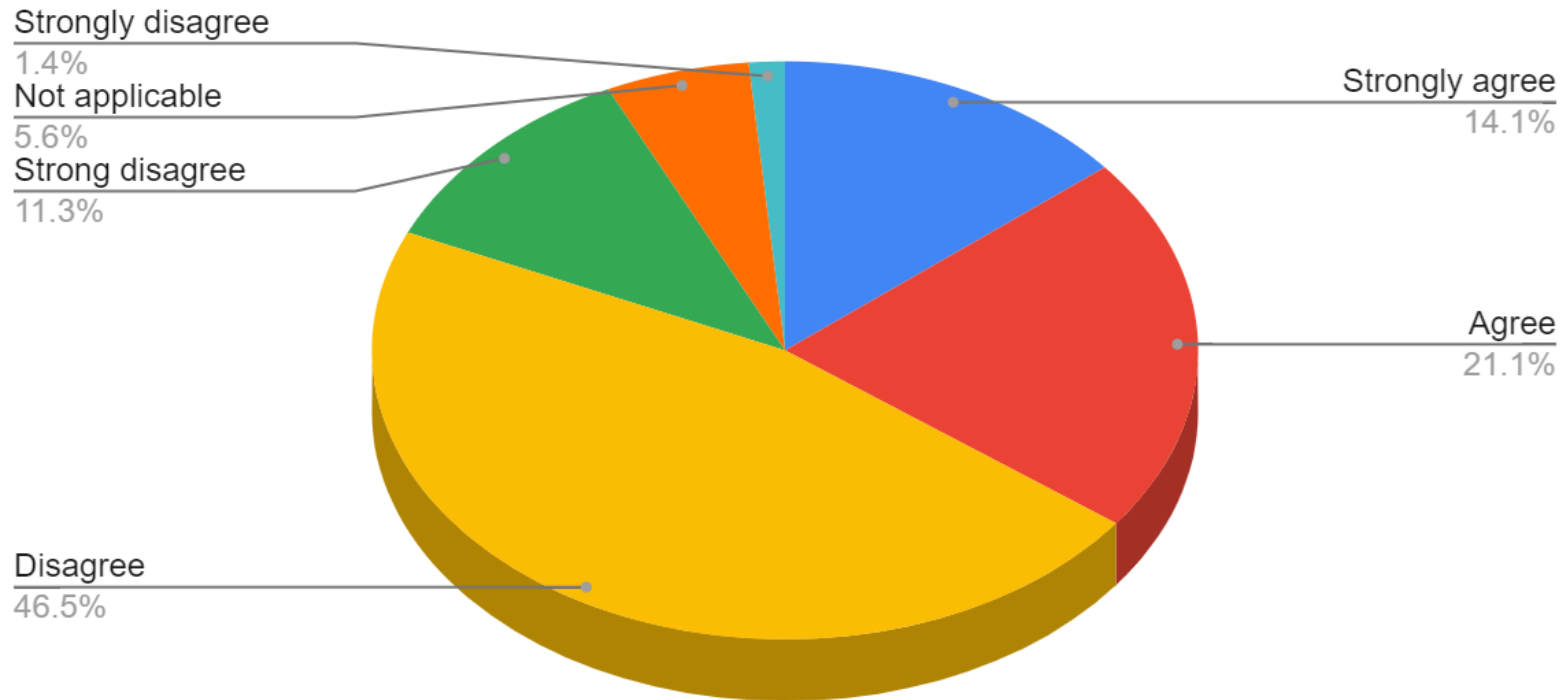
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I want to work in an Engineering-related career in the future.



Pre Test

I want to study engineering in university/polytechnic



Post Test

PHOTOGRAPHS



Students during the United Nations Visit to the Mainland Camp

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Students Working on their Projects



The girls working on their Electronic and digital circuit project

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The girls had so much fun during their visit to Unilag Radio station.

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Girls at work at the Ilorin Camp

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ABOUT W.TEC

The **Women's Technology Empowerment Centre (W.TEC)** builds the capacities of Nigerian girls and women, to increase their economic power and ability to speak about issues affecting their lives, through information and communication technology (ICT)-based training and projects. This is done through technology literacy training, technology-based projects, mentoring, work placement and research. W.TEC works in partnership with local and international NGOs, educational and research organizations.

W.TEC was set-up in **January 2008** in response to research that showed that although ICT significantly contributes to a nation's development and growth, women who make-up approximately half of Nigeria's population are severely lagging behind in their knowledge and use of technology.

W.TEC trains women and girls to use ICT for learning, professional development and civic engagement. Using social media, W.TEC supports women in their use of technology to uplift women's rights and establish a network of technology-fluent women.

From personal experience working with women and girls, Oreoluwa saw how subsidized or free classes and access to computers and the internet could attract more women, and the potential for economic and social empowerment. W.TEC provides ICT (specifically computers, internet, phones) training and access, mentoring and career counselling programmes and researches how ICTs can be made more participatory for Nigerian girls and women.

IMPACT

Numbers:

- **In 2018:** W.TEC reached 4,008 girls, teachers, officials and other stakeholders
- **In 2017:** W.TEC reached **4,176** girls, teachers, officials and other stakeholders
- **In 2016:** W.TEC reached **4, 261** girls, teachers, officials and other stakeholders
- **In 2015:** W.TEC reached **5,016** women and girls through our programmes
- **In 2014:** W.TEC reached **1,632** women and girls through our programmes; and **2,679** people through its speaking engagements

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- **In 2013:** W.TEC reached **2,207** women and girls; **21** teachers through its programmes; and no less than **612** people through its speaking engagements
 - **In 2012:** W.TEC reached **2,397** women and girls
 - **In 2011:** W.TEC reached **1,713** women and girls
 - **In 2010:** W.TEC reached **1,500** women and girls through its programs and through collaborations with other organizations
- TOTAL (2008 – 2018): 27,161 women and girls**

Awards & Honours (selected):

- 2019 NEDIS (Nigerian Education Innovation Summit) *Gender-Focused Education Intervention Recognition Award*
- 2019 NIRA (Nigeria Internet Registration Award) *Presidential Award for Women’s Development*
- 2018 & 2017 WSIS (World Summit on Information Society) Prizes Nominee – Category 4 (Capacity Building)
- 2015 Award Winner from Lagos State Government – “Support Our Schools” Initiative Corporate Social Responsibility Awards
- 2014 [Finalist - Gender Equality Mainstreaming - Technology \(GEM-TECH\) Award](http://bit.ly/13LoUsW) (Category 5: Closing the ICT Gender Gap) - <http://bit.ly/13LoUsW>
- 2014 [Vital Voices Fellowship](http://bit.ly/1rYxI93) for W.TEC Executive Director, Oreoluwa Somolu - <http://bit.ly/1rYxI93>
- 2014 ‘Chosen Youth’ Leadership Award for W.TEC Executive Director, Oreoluwa Somolu – From LaRoche Foundation
- 2013 [Ashoka Fellowship](http://bit.ly/14ssEA8) for W.TEC Executive Director, Oreoluwa Somolu, awarded to leading global social entrepreneurs - <http://bit.ly/14ssEA8>
- 2012 [Naija Diamond Recognition](http://bit.ly/1HRS20J) by Diamond Bank & Inspire Africa – Recognition as a Nigerian change maker - <http://bit.ly/1HRS20J>
- 2010 *Vision 2020: Youth Empowerment & Restoration Initiative Award* – For contributions to youth development
- 2010 W.TEC used as *Case Study of Use of Social Media for Advocacy* by Tactical Technology Collective
- 2009 [Anita Borg Change Agent](http://bit.ly/1BCjIue) – For contributions to women in computing - <http://bit.ly/1BCjIue>
- 2009 Highlighted as [Best Practice for use of ICT for Community Transformation](http://bit.ly/3Qxx4k) by UN-GAID - <http://bit.ly/3Qxx4k>
- 2009 [Recognition for Supporting Girls in ICT](http://bit.ly/5RowZ) by Plan International - <http://bit.ly/5RowZ>

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- 2008 *African ICT Achievers Award* (Nominee) – Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2008 *Anita Borg Systems Pass It On Award* Winner

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