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**Boeing, National Maritime Museum launch interactive education exhibition**

* Major exhibition aimed at 7-14 year-olds, future pilots, crew and engineers
* Runs 27 May – 29 August 2016, spanning Boeing’s centenary on 15 July
* Accompanied by £230,000 Boeing donation to Royal Observatory Greenwich for multi-year science learning programmes to 2019

**LONDON, May 25, 2016** – Boeing [NYSE: BA] today joined with Royal Museums Greenwich, Evergreen Exhibitions and NASA to open “Above and Beyond”, the ultimate interactive flight exhibition at the National Maritime Museum.

Above and Beyond is a groundbreaking exhibition exploring the wonder of flight and the marvels of aerospace innovation, design, and technology using fully immersive experiences to explore the impact of aerospace in our world – and beyond. Aimed at 7 to 14 year-olds, Above and Beyond seeks to inspire the next generation of British engineers, pilots and crew to ensure the UK remains at the forefront of global aerospace innovation. The UK is the third largest source of supply for Boeing after the United States and Japan and has the second largest aerospace industry after the U.S. London is the first European stop for the travelling exhibition after welcoming more than 5 million visitors so far at museums in the U.S. and the Middle East.

“Boeing marks its centenary in July this year and we look to the future at Above and Beyond, seeking to inspire the next generation in the UK to choose our sector for their future careers,” said Sir Michael Arthur, president of Boeing Europe and managing director Boeing UK and Ireland. “Furthermore, we’re delighted to extend the relationship with the museum through an additional education partnership so that this inspiration remains in Greenwich long after Above and Beyond has moved on to its next stops around the world.”

On hand to launch the exhibition was Chris Ferguson, a former NASA astronaut and retired US Navy captain, who is now deputy manager of the Commercial Crew Programme for Boeing. Ferguson has space shuttle experience as pilot of STS-115 (Atlantis) and commander of STS-126 (Endeavour) and the final shuttle mission, STS-135 (Atlantis). He has logged more than 40 days in space.

“The first person to set foot on Mars is likely to be studying in school today,” said Ferguson. “So many people inspired and supported me to become an aviator and astronaut when I was younger, it’s great to have the opportunity here in London to spur on the next generation to continue humanity’s exploration of space.”

The exhibition opens to the public on Friday 27th of May in Greenwich and remains open throughout the summer before closing on the 29th of August. Tickets are priced at £9 for an adult, £7 concession, £6 for a child and £26 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Admission is free for school groups participating in the museum’s wider learning offer.

“Above and Beyond showcases exciting immersive simulations and cutting edge research from some of the world’s top scientists and engineers,” said Mike Sarna, Director of Collections and Public Engagement at Royal Museums Greenwich. “As the centre for exploration, time and the stars at Greenwich, this exhibition is a fantastic opportunity for us to inspire young people to choose careers in science and engineering, as well as being a wonderful summer offer for our audiences.”

The Royal Observatory Greenwich science learning programmes, funded by a £230,000 Boeing donation, will take place from September 2016 to March 2019 and include a variety of activities designed to engage young people with space and science. This will complement the aims of Above and Beyond and enable the legacy to continue beyond the exhibition period to a greater number of young people. The Space Spectacular Week programmes are a series of 3-week workshops for primary and secondary students focussed on space science and space technology. New space videos and learning resources will be developed, as well as a new planetarium show for key stage 2 and 3 pupils focusing on the science and technology of future human space exploration. Other activities as part of the Boeing-supported grant are:

* Think Space lectures;
* Interactive programmes at the historic Prime Meridian of the World; and
* Weekend space workshops designed for families.

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More information on Above and Beyond can be found at <http://www.rmg.co.uk/see-do/exhibitions-events/above-and-beyond-exhibition>, with a YouTube trailer at <https://youtu.be/jWy_DiiEMLc> and on Twitter the exhibition hashtag is #flightexhibition. The global website for Above and Beyond is <http://flightexhibition.com/> and additional resources for media are available at <http://flightexhibition.com/news-media/>.

More information on Boeing’s centenary is available at [www.boeing100.com](http://www.boeing100.com).

Boeing employs more than 2,000 people across the UK at numerous sites, from Glasgow to Gosport, and the company is experiencing solid organic growth. In 2013 Boeing celebrated 75 years of partnership with the United Kingdom, the Armed Forces, British manufacturing and the air transport industry. Today the UK remains a critically important market, supplier base and a source of some of the world’s most inventive technology partners. Boeing’s expenditure with the UK aerospace industry in 2015 was £1.8 billion ($2.65 billion) and the company supports 12,700 jobs in the tier one UK supply chain, in the process enhancing skills, facilitating exports and generating intellectual property. For more information visit [www.boeing.co.uk](http://www.boeing.co.uk) or follow us on Twitter [@BoeingUK](http://www.twitter.com/boeinguk).

**Royal Museums Greenwich** incorporates the National Maritime Museum, the Royal Observatory Greenwich, the 17th-century Queen’s House and Cutty Sark. Royal Museums Greenwich works to illustrate for everyone the importance of the sea, ships, time and the stars and their relationship with people. This unique collection of attractions, which form a key part of the Maritime Greenwich UNESCO World Heritage Site, welcomes over 2 million British and international visitors a year and is also a major centre of education and research. For more information visit [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk).

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