

# Ada Lovelace: The First Programmer



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# Women in ICT

1960s, 1970s – increase in the number of women in ICT

1980s – a sudden drop in the number of women in ICT



**POSSIBLE REASON** ????

First PCs advertised as toys for male population

Computers are for boys – a popular narrative

# Girls in STEM

## *Plant the IDEA*

170 years ago:

Ada Lovelace predicted the digital era without ever seeing a keyboard, screen or computer

Ada's vision and algorithmic thinking – inspiration for women in science



# TO-DO List for Educators

Break the stereotypes

Encourage

Motivate

Inspire

Support

***PLANT the IDEA***

