

## About Amy Johnson

Amy Johnson, CBE (1.7.03 – 5.1.41) was a pioneering English aviator and achieved worldwide recognition in 1930 when she became first female pilot to fly solo from Britain to Australia. Flying G-AAAH, the first of two aircraft she named "Jason", she left Croydon, south of London, on 5 May and landed in Darwin, Northern Territory, on 24 May after flying 11,000 miles (18,000 km). This aircraft can be seen in the Science Museum in London.

She received the Harmon Trophy as well as a CBE in recognition of this achievement, and was also honoured with the No. 1 civil pilot's licence under Australia's 1921 Air Navigation Regulations. She set numerous long-distance records during the 1930's and flew in the Second World War as a part of the Air Transport Auxiliary.

## easyJet Amy Johnson Initiative

The initiative was launched with a primary aim of encouraging more women to become pilots, with a loan underwriting for six cadets each year. The scheme will also research why more women do not chose it as a career, whilst also reaching out to schools and grassroots activity to educate children and young adults of a pilot's career.

## International Society of Women Airline Pilots\*

The International Society of Women Airline Pilots is an international organisation of female airline pilots. It provides a range of statistics and facts about female pilots.

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