



Dear GetSET Women member

GetSET Women News

We've welcomed over 200 new members since the launch of GetSET Women. We're always looking for feedback – good and bad – and for member news too. Please contact us at info@getsetwomen.org.

One feature we have added this month is a new trade union member button on the employment information section. If you are a trade union member, then please add this information to your profile. We are working together with Unionlearn – the learning arm of the TUC – to promote services for women who work in SET.

Please keep spreading the word about GetSET Women. The 2,000th member to join with a public profile is in line for a special prize.

GetSET Women Blog

Our guest blogger until Sunday 4 October is Barbara Dawson, who works in nuclear medicine at Rotherham Hospital. We had over 2,000 hits for our last blogger, so please do keep promoting this resource to your contacts.

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/getsetwomen-blog/>

Member News

News comes from Dr Priti Parikh, Senior Consultant, International Development at Arup, who blogged for us in June this year. Priti recently announced the launch of ASPIRE, a software based tool for assessing the sustainability of infrastructure projects which aim to reduce poverty.

ASPIRE has been developed jointly by Arup and Engineers Against Poverty (EAP) and has been trialled on nine projects around the world working in partnership with organisations such as the Red Cross and the University of Cape Town.

Further information: <http://www.oasys-software.com/aspire>

UKRC News

UKRC launches the six 2009 portraits of Women of Outstanding Achievement (WoOA)

Join us to drink virtual champagne and hear two WoOA winners talk at a special UKRC event at Nature magazine's display centre in Second Life (Elucian Islands).

Don't worry if you are new to Second Life! We are running a warm up session for any one wanting to see the island and try things out on Monday 5 October at 6.30pm.

See: http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1306

You can book a place on our Eventbrite page: <http://wooinsl.eventbrite.com/>

Please let us know if you plan to take part: info@ukrc4setwomen.org

UKRC fringe events at the political party conferences

We have had two useful and interesting debates at the Liberal Democrats and Labour Party conferences so far. We would love to meet GetSET Women members at the remaining fringe event at the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester on 7 October.

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/fringe-meetings/>

Request for mentors and mentees for our Mentoring Women for Public Life Scheme - Launch 18th November 2009 in Central London

This is the third year we have worked with government departments and the Commissioner for Public Appointments to offer a mentoring scheme for women in science, engineering, technology and the built environment (SET) which:

- helps women who wish to apply for a public board vacancy within the next 2 years to learn more about being a member of a public board;
- explains the application process and what constitutes a strong application;
- enables women to meet board members on a one to one basis to talk to them about their work in public life, and their experiences of getting on a board.

This programme is expected to run for 6 months unless both mentor and mentee agree to continue it for longer. The mentor will take on a role of coach and advisor, offering support and encouragement as needed to motivate the mentee to consider their skills against those needed in public life. All will be given a full briefing covering the programmes aims.

Volunteer **mentors** who are members of any public board (not necessarily just in science, engineering or technology), will find out how they can support women in moving towards a role in public life. We would also like mentors to invite their mentee to observe at least one board meeting within the period of the mentoring relationship so that they can see first hand how a board operates.

We are still taking applications from prospective **mentees**.

Both mentors and mentees should contact Jacki Mason at j.mason@ukrc4setwomen.org, or ring her on 01274 438910. It would be useful if potential mentors could outline their board experience and which part of the country they are based in. Prospective mentees will be sent a short application form to assess their suitability for the scheme.

Requests for Experts and Speakers

MentorSET need IT mentors

MentorSET urgently needs new IT mentors to join due to a huge backlog of applications from women wanting to be mentored. Mentors from other areas are always welcome too! Please visit <http://www.mentorset.org.uk/pages/mentor1.htm> for more information or contact jan.west@mentorset.org.uk

Case studies request from Cogent

Cogent are producing video case studies to inspire more people into the sector. If you work in the chemicals, pharmaceuticals, nuclear, gas and oil or petroleum sectors and would like to promote your work, please email Charlie@o-communications.co.uk. They are keen to recruit women from the North East in the first instance as they are based in Newcastle.

WiLS Database of European female life scientists

The objective is to promote gender equality in Europe, by improving the visibility of women accomplished in their fields.

<http://www.embo.org/policy-and-society/women-in-science/database-of-expert-women.html>

Hitchin Girls' school request for speakers to help raise aspirations

Inspirational speakers wanted for "Raising Your Game - Aiming for success in the UCAS process" day on 6th November 2009 or February 2010.

Please contact info@getsetwomen.org if you would like to be involved.

Sydenham Girls School want speakers for careers conference 11 November

Please contact Mary Fudge: M.Fudge@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk

Women who are working flexibly in IT wanted

A leading employer in the IT sector is planning a series of events at its sites around the country and is looking for both line managers and women who are successfully working flexibly to come and talk about their experiences.

Volunteers working in any area related to the IT sector are required which will help reinforce the BCS's (the institute for IT and communications professionals) commitment to promoting

the recruitment, retention and advancement of women in the IT profession. The events will be arranged in consultation with you.

Please contact Jan Peters directly: jan.peters@bcs.org.uk

Gender Equality News

Part-time Equality, Diversity and Human Rights courses at University of Central Lancashire, January 2010

UCLan have a new range of post-graduate courses in equality, human rights and diversity which can be studied part-time and on-line.

http://www.uclan.ac.uk/information/courses/ma_pg dip_pgcert_promoting_equality_diversity.php

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Careers in Research

'Careers in Research Online Survey (CROS) 2009' was launched at the recent Vitae researcher development conference.

<http://network.nature.com/groups/ukpolicy/forum/topics/5522>

New European Commission Research book available: 'Women in Science'

Celebrating European women scientists throughout the ages, the book tells the compelling stories of some of the heroines of European science. The book is available to download free in PDF format as well as in audio book (mp3) format at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=wisaudiobook>

Public Appointments

The Women's National Commission's events to attract women into public life

The first three events are in the South East region:

Oxford Town Hall, 7 October

Milton Keynes, The Well at Willen Centre, 8 October

Brighton Jubilee Library on 9 October.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1399

Email: Sarah.Priest@communities.gsi.gov.uk

The Medical Research Council Research Board is looking for new members

They are particularly keen to recruit from across the UK. Closing date: 5 October.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/current-opportunities/?vacancy_id=319

Chair and 4 Board Members to Firebuy Ltd

The Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) is seeking to appoint a Chair and 4 Board Members to Firebuy Ltd, the national procurement organisation for the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS).

Non executive chair circa £600 per day/circa 8 days a month and board members circa £450 per day/circa 2 days a month

www.veredus.co.uk quoting reference 9591 for the chair and 9592 for board members.

Closing date: 9 October.

More vacancies are available on the UKRC website:

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/current-opportunities/>

Awards

21 Leaders for the 21st Century

Women's eNews would like nominations of persons of all ages, heritages, countries and professions who have made a positive impact on the lives of women. These leaders will be honoured at the annual Women's eNews 21 Leaders for the 21st Century Gala to be held on May 6, 2010. Closing date: October 9 2009.

http://www.womensenews.org/21_Leaders_Nominations_2010.htm

FEBS/EMBO Women in Science Award

The Federation of European Biochemical Sciences (FEBS) / European Molecular Biology Organisation's (EMBO) Women in Science Award highlights the major contributions of female scientists to life sciences research. The winner will receive a cheque for 10,000 Euros during the award ceremony held at the annual FEBS Congress where she is invited to present a plenary lecture. The nomination deadline has been extended to 15 October 2009. Please submit nominations at <http://www.febs.org/index.php?id=455>

Enterprising Women Awards 2009 launched

Nominations are invited for the second annual Enterprising Women Awards, recognising the achievements and enterprise successes of women in business across Britain. You can enter yourself, or be nominated, for any of the nine awards categories. Closing date: 19 October 2009; awards ceremony to be held on 24 November. <http://enterprising-women.org/show.php?page=6352>

Events

7 October, 9.00am - 4.00pm, Westminster Central Hall, London

Science Wise event: 'Why Dialogue Works'

<http://www.sciencewise-erc.org.uk/WhyDialogueWorks>

Women in Technology launch series of web-based seminars

How to Network Your Way to the Top - 7 October, 21 October and 4 November, all 8pm to 9.30pm

Cost: £20 for individual webinar or all three for £50

<http://www.womenintechnology.co.uk/webinars>

12 October, Holiday Inn, Peterborough-West, 9:30am – 3:30pm

'What Women Want' - NWES (Norfolk and Waveney Enterprise Services Ltd) Free one day conference specifically for women who want to get back in to employment or set up their own business.

<http://www.nwes.org.uk>

13 October, Credit Suisse, London

Different Leaders Annual Global Conference, the Diversity Practice.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1521

16 October, Royal Aeronautical Society, London

Women in Aviation and Aerospace Conference 2009. The first 100 RAeS members and students can attend free.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1407

20 November, 10.30am – 3.30pm, Dundee University

Building collaborations and networking in research

A free joint career development event between the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET and Vitae

Please contact src@napier.ac.uk