



## GetSET Women News

Welcome again to the GetSET Women newsletter.

### The new GetSET Women website

One feature of our new website is that you can choose to have people email you directly if you wish. This is a great addition to have on your profile if you are looking to increase your visibility. Conference organisers looking for speakers or boards looking for members will be able to contact you more quickly. Your email address will never be shown to the public.

Contact us at [info@getsetwomen.org](mailto:info@getsetwomen.org) if you have any queries or comments, or any news you want to share through the newsletter.

### GetSET Women Blog

Our guest blogger for the next two weeks is Melanie Smallman, who works in science communication. Melanie set up Think-Lab, the first communications agency in the UK to support the science community.

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

### Member news

#### Lizzie Taylor nominated for Oil of Olay Woman of Great Achievement Award

Elizabeth Taylor has just been named Miss East Midlands for her achievement, and she is now up for the national award. Lizzie is an entrepreneur: she runs Teksol, a gas safety training company ([www.teksol-gassafetytraining.com](http://www.teksol-gassafetytraining.com)) and she is a passionate advocate for women in SET.

The first write-up will appear in the Observer's Women's magazine around the 25th October and she has also been interviewed for Smooth FM.

You can vote for Elizabeth at: <http://www.smoothradioeastmidlands.co.uk/competitions-offers/vote-now-for-your-olay-makeover-finalist/xj5jv7ew/>

### UKRC news

#### The UKRC launches Facebook page

The UKRC now has a page on Facebook. If you are already on Facebook, you can follow the link below and become a fan to keep up to date with news and events and join our discussion board.

<http://www.facebook.com/posted.php?id=139259354820#/pages/UK-Resource-Centre-for-Women-in-Science-Engineering-and-Technology-UKRC/139259354820>

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

Champagne for everyone, while seated at your own desk! Come to the online party in Second Life on Monday 12 October at 6.15pm. The UKRC is launching the six 2009 portraits of Women of Outstanding Achievement - on display in Second Life till the end of 2009. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1306](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1306)

### Requests for help

**Database genius required at the Fawcett Society**

The Fawcett Society urgently needs a database guru to review the way data is handled. Experience of managing a charity fundraising database would be ideal.  
<http://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=943> or call Rowena on 020 7253 2598 to find out more.'

### **Women's experiences at work survey – and a chance to win £10**

The UKRC online survey has now been extended by two weeks to 22 October. Please help the UKRC update its gender equality training. There is still a chance to win one of five £10 Amazon gift certificates.

<https://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/ukrc/womensexperiences>

### **Gender equality news**

#### **Equal Pay Day 30 October 2009**

Friday 30 October is Equal Pay Day in the UK. The Fawcett Society is running a campaign to highlight the 17% full-time gender pay gap.

<http://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/index.asp?Pageid=728>

#### **WES (Women's Engineering Society) launches drive for better fitting work and safety clothes for women**

In an effort to quantify the scale of the problem of ill-fitting work clothes for women, WES has launched an online survey to gain a greater understanding of the needs of the female workforce.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=D1qwLY\\_2bFZqi8SaaKSbJwDQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=D1qwLY_2bFZqi8SaaKSbJwDQ_3d_3d)

### **SET News**

#### **University researchers and the job market - a practical career development resource for research staff**

This booklet written by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS) is for research staff, many of whom are employed on fixed term contracts. Download the PDF booklet at [Career Development Resource for Research Staff](#)

### **Public appointments**

#### **Public appointment training in Scotland**

Monday 26 October, 4.30pm – 6.30pm, The first in a series of free seminars provided by the Office for the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland in partnership with the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology. The workshop is aimed at: women working in the engineering sector who might consider becoming a board member of a public body.

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/what-we-do/for-women/introduction-to-public-bodies-workshops/>

Register for the event at

[www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=\\_2fsAD7IVkBlyQNgSBiCUhxg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=_2fsAD7IVkBlyQNgSBiCUhxg_3d_3d)

#### **Women's National Commission's events in the North East**

The Women's National Commission is running a series of events in each of the English regions to encourage women to seek out opportunities for taking part in public life.

Events are taking place in:

[Newcastle](#): 20th October

[Middlesbrough](#): 21st October

[Sunderland](#): 22nd October

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/what-we-do/for-women/introduction-to-public-bodies-workshops/>

#### **Enterprise Board in the West Midlands**

Chair required. Closing date: 19 October 2009.

<http://www.candidatemanager.net/cm/Micro/JobDetails.aspx?&mid=YFGTAZ&sid=BCXBCX&jid=FBAZFGTW&site=Advantage>

**Public appointment vacancies are updated regularly on the UKRC website:**  
<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/current-opportunities/>

## **Awards**

### **Royal Society launch latest round of Partnership Grants**

If you have a good idea for bringing science alive in schools offers up to £3000 to support teachers, scientists and engineers in working together to inspire young people.

Closing date for applications: 6 November 2009. <http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=1948>

## **Events**

9 October, 9.30am - 4pm, York

### **Presenting yourself - interviews, networking and self-marketing**

A few last-minute places available on this UKRC workshop. Learn to maximise your success in returning to or progressing in SET careers.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1511](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1511)

From 1 October

### **Black History Month**

A wide range of events around the UK.

<http://www.black-history-month.co.uk/>

From 1 October, Euston Road, London

### **Free workshops at the Wellcome Library**

The new autumn programme of workshops can be found at:

<http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/node32.html>

The workshops provide introductions to research and information resources at the Library and are aimed at the general public. Library membership is free and open to all. Online booking facility at: <http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/node32.html>

From 14 October

### **Enterprise workshops for the over 50's**

Prime – the Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise – supports people aged over 50 who want to start their own business or set up a social enterprise with other people. Roadshows in:

Leeds - 14 October

Birmingham - 4 November

Manchester - 9 December

Book at [primeinitiative.co.uk](http://primeinitiative.co.uk)

14 October, Birmingham

### **Essential guide to starting and running a business**

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1528](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1528)

21 October, 6-9pm The Loft, Leeds

### **Leeds Girl Geeks Dinner**

For just £15, you can enjoy evening of drinks, nibbles and the chance to hang out with the city's brightest creatives, technologists, programmers, and entrepreneurs. Keynote speakers and screening of short film included.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1527](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1527)

23 October 2009, 10.00am - 4.30pm, Charity Centre, London NW1

### **UKRC Event - Network into SETWork**

For women who want to pursue careers in SET - a lively, inspiring and interactive day, with plenty of opportunities to talk to others, share experiences and get some new perspectives on your career.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=849](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=849)

23 October 2009, Edinburgh

### **What are employers looking for?**

Interconnect workshop for women students of science, engineering, technology and the built environment looking at application and interview skills, with Exxon Mobil.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1331](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1331)

23 October, 10.00am - 3.30pm, Genesis Centre, Taunton

**Making life better for women at work**, South West TUC Women's Committee

This free event is aimed at working women, union activists and reps, employers or agencies/organisations who want to explore how women's working lives can be improved.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=784](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=784)

From 29 October, central Leeds

**A series of Construction Skills events for women working in construction:**

£30 for a day course. Contact Martin Smith - [m.n.smith@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:m.n.smith@leedsmet.ac.uk) or 0113 8129396.

4 November 2009, 10.30-4.30, central London

**MentorSET mentor and mentee training**

This free workshop will enable you to get the most from the mentoring partnership.

MentorSET will pay reasonable travel expenses.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1439](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1439)

9 November, 10am-1pm, Manchester Business School

**A free workshop on practising gender equality in science for the promotion of women to senior and decision-making positions in universities and public research institutes.**

Run by the EC 7th Framework project PRAGES (Practising Gender Equality in Science).

Annette Williams, Director of UKRC will be one of the keynote speakers.

Register in advance at: <http://www.genet.ac.uk/Events/Prages/>

12 November 2009, Oxford

**Science Oxford 4 Women peer mentoring**

Facilitator-led sessions will run from Thursday 12th November and then every second

Thursday of the month until Sept 2010. Contact [4women@scienceoxford.com](mailto:4women@scienceoxford.com).

13 November, 9:00am - 5:00pm, BioPark Hertfordshire, Welwyn Garden City

**Surviving as a woman in science**

Euroscicon event. Cost: from £99.00 + VAT with 80% off for GetSET Women members.

Focussing on career development for women at all stages of their career and life

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=996](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=996)

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

To book, contact [src@napier.ac.uk](mailto:src@napier.ac.uk)

25 and 26 November 2009, 10.00am – 4pm, University of Reading

**Starting your own business - planning for success**

A free two-day intensive workshop with Business Link South East aimed at women who have a SET-related business idea.

Open to women living in the South East (outside London). Please book a place with Ann

Clark at [ann.clark@reading.ac.uk](mailto:ann.clark@reading.ac.uk) or call 0118 378 4791.

**And finally...**

**New Ada Lovelace film needs your support!**

Film maker Rosemarie Reed is putting together a feature-length film on Ada Byron Lovelace, "Byron and Babbage: A Calculating Story". Rosemarie needs letters of support from people who have been influenced in some way by Ada and who are willing to help publicise the film, be a part of the interactive website, or contribute in any other way.

<http://findingada.com/blog/2009/10/05/byron-and-babbage-a-calculating-story/>