



GetSET Women News

Welcome again to the GetSET Women newsletter. It's that time of year again – all too soon. We wish you all the best for the Festive Season and a very happy and successful 2010.

Sign up now for GetSET Women Coaching!

We're very excited that the GetSET Women coaching pilot is now up and running in Scotland and the South East of England. Up to six hours of subsidised coaching is available with a professionally qualified business coach, so you pay just £30 per hour – a real bargain. What a great way to start 2010. It would even make an ideal Christmas present!

You can find out more at <http://www.getsetwomen.org/html/getset-women-coaching> or telephone the UKRC on 01274 436485.

GetSET Women Blog

Our guest blogger for the next two weeks is Angela Saini, a science journalist visiting New Delhi to research and write a book about science in India Join in the debate at:

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

And the final Astronomy blog is

Jocelyn Bell Burnell - Professor in Astrophysics, President of the Institute of Physics and gender equality champion

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/projects-and-campaigns/astronomy-blog/>

It's time to nominate an outstanding woman

Are you a woman or do you know a woman who is making an outstanding contribution in:

- science, discovery, innovation and entrepreneurship
- communication of SET with a contribution to society
- SET leadership and inspiration to others?

This year, we have made the nomination process much simpler and we're hoping that more women will nominate themselves! Closing date is Friday 8th January and you can download a nomination form from:

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/raise-your-profile/women-of-outstanding-achievement/2010-nominations>

We've welcomed our 2,000th member of GetSET Women!

Amy Houston was the 2,000th member to join GetSET Women and has won a £50 Amazon voucher. Amy is an engineering student and was in the middle of her exams when contacted with the good news. Congratulations Amy, and we hope that the Amazon voucher comes in useful.

Requests for help

The S Factor – Where Science Meets You

UKRC is the lead partner in the S Factor - a unique series of participatory events where members of the public can meet a woman scientist and learn about science.

If you are a scientist living in the North of England, there are many opportunities for you to get involved and gain science communication experience. Speaker fees and expenses will be available for most events.

Please contact info@ukrc4setwomen.org if you would like to register your interest in being a speaker. Update your profile on GetSET Women to ensure that you can be contacted directly by an event organiser.

Further information from <http://thesfactor.wordpress.com/>

Events will be added to the GetSET Women website: <http://www.getsetwomen.org>

There is free media training available to female scientists who want to participate in Manchester on 3 February. This is limited to 20 places – register now for the course at info@ukrc4setwomen.org

Urgent request from Bradford Primary Care Trust

Calling all inventors and innovators! A five year old boy cannot survive without oxygen for more than ten seconds. He needs a large continuous amount of oxygen, and receives this via liquid oxygen containers which are refilled via two tanks at home. The containers do not alarm when they are nearly empty and the dials are ambiguous. Carers only have ten seconds to change a container, restricting him from leading a normal school life. If anyone thinks that they could come up with a solution, such as an alarm when levels are low, please contact Rosemary.midgely@bradford.nhs.uk or emma.wilkinson@bradford.nhs.uk

Channel 4 programme - women needed to rebuild the Titanic

Closing date: 19 December

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/services-for-women/getting-a-job/vacancies/?vacancy_id=323

Public appointments and job vacancies

'Take your seat on the board' training, Scotland

Scottish Resource Centre seminars for women in SET who might consider becoming a board member of a public body

27 January 2010, Edinburgh

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1234

Public Appointments Training - A Guide to the Application Process, Wales

28 - 29 January – Cardiff

16 - 17 February – Cardiff

29 - 30 March – St Asaph

The course runs from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. each day and expenses are available.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/current-opportunities/?vacancy_id=306

Medical Research Council - Council Appointments

Closing date: 8 January 2010

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/public-appointments/current-opportunities/?vacancy_id=320

Awards and Grants

£30,000 Rosalind Franklin Award

The Royal Society's annual award to an individual for an outstanding contribution to any area of STEM. As part of the nomination process, nominees are asked to put forward a proposal for a project that would raise the profile of women in STEM in their host institution and/or field of expertise in the UK. The Royal Society is keen to encourage more women to apply.

Closing date: 25 January 2010. <http://www.royalsociety.org/franklin> or email

awards@royalsociety.org

British Science Association's Honorary Fellowships

Members of the BSA are invited to nominate special individuals who they think should be considered for Honorary Fellowship in 2010. Do you know someone who has promoted openness about science in society or engaged and inspired adults and young people directly with science and technology? The 2009 Fellows were all men, so do nominate a woman.

Closing date: 5 February 2010.

www.britishecienceassociation.org/honoraryfellows

Events and Training

11 January, Edinburgh

Gender equality and the life sciences

A symposium for employers and managers.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1354

13 January, 6.30pm, Institution of Engineering and Technology, London

Science and engineering policy debate - Campaign for Science and Engineering

Drinks and canapés from 6.30pm and debate at 7.30pm between Lord Drayson, Adam Afriyie MP and Dr Evan Harris MP

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1285

14 January, 10:00-14:00, York

Peer mentoring circle for women working in SET

A peer mentoring circle is a group of women who meet to spend dedicated time to support each other in working towards their career goals.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1513

20 January, 2010, the Open University, Bristol

GetSET for self employment

Aimed at women considering setting up a consultancy or another type of business in SET.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1239

Contact bernie.williams@womensworkshop.org.uk or telephone 029 20 493351.

26 January 2010, 9.30am - 4pm, Manchester

Career Planning and Job Seeking

To maximise women's success in returning to or progressing in SET careers.

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1512

Stop Press: 3 February, 9.30-4.30, Manchester

The S Factor – Where Science Meets You - Media Skills Workshop

Open to female scientists in the north east and north west of England.

Contact info@ukrc4setwomen.org

22 February, Halifax, West Yorkshire

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http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1532

And finally...

You can be beautiful and still be a feminist

Article in the Independent with quote from UKRC's Director, Annette Williams:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/you-can-be-beautiful--and-still-be-a-feminist-1821741.html>