



## GetSETWomen Newsletter Issue 10 June 2009

Dear GetSETWomen Member,

### GetSETWomen news

Work is going well on our new GetSETWomen website. The database is still online for searching, but not for editing. Full service will be resumed in July.

### Special offer for GetSETWomen members

The impact of the recession on women in SET: evening event, 25 June, London  
A lively and free discussion event at the Institute of Physics, London, 6pm, with networking time and refreshments.

Chaired by Observer Business Editor Ruth Sunderland with top level speakers. Spaces are limited, booking in advance essential. For more information and to reserve your place, email [info@ukrc4setwomen.org](mailto:info@ukrc4setwomen.org) or phone 01274 436485.

### Queen's Birthday Honours List

Congratulations to all the women in SET named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. They include two UKRC Women of Outstanding Achievement:

Linda Partridge, Professor of Biometry and Director of the Institute of Healthy Ageing, University College London (CBE for services to science)

Kathy Sykes, Professor of Science and Society at Bristol University (OBE for services to science and technology)

And an MBE for another GetSETWomen member

Dr Haifa Takruri-Rizk, Senior Lecturer in engineering at Salford University has been awarded an MBE for services to Women, Black and Minority Ethnic People in Science, Engineering and Technology Education.

### GetSETWomen Blog

A chance to talk to Professor Karen Holford who works at the School of Engineering at Cardiff University. In 2006 she was named Welsh Woman of the Year in Science and Technology and she is the Chair of Equality and Diversity for the Engineering Department. <http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/getsetwomen-blog>

### Astronomy blog update:

New 'She is an Astronomer' website to mark the cornerstone women's component of the International Year of Astronomy 2009.

<http://www.sheisanastronomer.org/>

### GetSETWomen Member News

**Ruth Allington**, joint senior partner at GWP Consultants LLP, has recently been elected president of the European Federation of Geologists - the first ever woman to be appointed <http://www.eurogeologists.de/index.php?page=159>

**Engineer Priti Parikh** together with colleague Allan McRobie has published research on an alternative approach in India known as Slum Networking. Parikh proposes

comprehensive water sanitation infrastructure as being central to improving the slums not by locking them into disadvantaged islands of deprivation but by assimilating them into a city's high-quality urban infrastructure.

<http://www.sciencebase.com/science-blog/slumdog-engineer.html>

Share your successes with other members of GetSETWomen.

Email: [info@ukrc4setwomen.org](mailto:info@ukrc4setwomen.org) with your inspirational stories.

### News

#### **New Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)**

In the recent Cabinet reshuffle, the Government created a new Department for Business, Innovation and Skills whose key role will be to build Britain's capabilities to compete in the global economy. The Department will be created by merging BERR and DIUS.

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/aboutus/>

### Events

#### **Film and Science Discussion: 'Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind' with Memory Erasure theme**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 20.30 at Edinburgh Filmhouse Cinema

Tickets: Filmhouse Box Office - 0131 228 2688

The Edinburgh and South East Scotland Branch of the British Science Association

Please look out for their next event in the series, 'Snow Cake' with an Autism theme.

Details can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/qrp6g2>

#### **Consultation on the impact of the recession on women's organisations**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Human Rights Action Centre, London

[WRC](#) and [London Civic Forum](#) are holding an afternoon consultation event to look at the impact of the recession on women's organisations.

The consultation event will start with lunch at 12 noon.

It is free but bookings are essential – download a [booking form](#).

They are also surveying organisations on their experiences, opportunities and concerns about the recession. See

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5J6ZpCNNq8HwRBuzdoovDA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5J6ZpCNNq8HwRBuzdoovDA_3d_3d).

#### **TUC Seminar - Lessons from the last two recessions**

30<sup>th</sup> June 12.00 - 2.00 at Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

This seminar is free (sandwich lunch provided), but you need to book a place in

advance. Please register online at <http://www.tuc.org.uk/economy/tuc-16550-f0.cfm>

If you require any further information, contact Anjum Klair, tel 020 7467 1204, e-mail

[aklair@tuc.org.uk](mailto:aklair@tuc.org.uk)

#### **Vitae researcher development conference 2009**

8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 2009 in Coventry

Theme: Realising the potential of researchers

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1200](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1200)

#### **Presenting yourself - Interviews, Networking and Self-Marketing**

9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in York

A workshop to maximise women's 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)

### Funding

#### **UKRC's Innovative and Collaborative Grants Scheme now open**

The Innovative and Collaborative Grants Scheme (ICGS) funds women in SET initiatives to work collaboratively towards a shared goal.

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/connect/innovative-collaborative-grants-scheme>

### **CARA Grants**

CARA grants aim to enable refugee academics achieve employment in the UK at a level commensurate with their skills and experience. They can support refugee academics to re-qualify in a range of professions in the UK or structured work placements.

To apply for a grant, please contact CARA by telephone on 020 7021 0880 or email [info.cara@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:info.cara@lsbu.ac.uk)

Deadline for applications: 5.00pm, Monday 6th July 2009

### **EPSRC - Flashlight Funding: Engineering Challenges in Synthetic Biology**

Pilot call: For early stage career researchers to participate in a workshop leading to collaborative awards to explore emerging research challenges

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 12:00pm Wednesday, 17 June 2009

Workshop: 28 – 30 July, 2009 in High Wycombe

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CMSWeb/Downloads/Calls/FlashlightCall2009.doc>

### **CIBSE offering concessionary membership rates**

The Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers is offering affiliate membership at a special concessionary rate to SET women who are registered with the UK Resource Centre for Women in SET. Applicants will pay £15 joining fee plus £38 for the year to 30 June 2010 (normal rate £86 + £15 joining fee). Membership will run from 1 July 2009.

If you wish to apply you will need to download and complete the Affiliate Member application form in the Membership section of the CIBSE website at [www.cibse.org](http://www.cibse.org). Send the completed form with payment details and a covering letter to Angela Ringguth at the CIBSE address explaining that you are registered with the UK Resource Centre for Women in SET.

### **Public Appointments**

#### **Network Rail is seeking public members**

As a private company tasked to provide a public service, Network Rail is a "Company Limited by Guarantee". Such a company does not have shareholders. Instead it has Members. The role of Members is broadly comparable to that of shareholders – they do not take executive decisions for the company. Rather, they hold the Board as a whole to account for the way in which the Board is running the company. Find out more at:

<http://www.nrpublicmembers.co.uk/>

**The Governing Body of Harlow College**, a further education college, would like to increase the number of women on its board, and is particularly interested in women with a SET background as this reflects local employer priorities.

For more information please contact Deborah Sheridan at Harlow College on 01279 868049 or email her at [dsheridan@harlow-college.ac.uk](mailto:dsheridan@harlow-college.ac.uk)

#### **The World Conference of Science Journalists is seeking voluntary stewards**

Ideally they would like individuals who can work right across the Conference from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This would be a good opportunity to make contacts and learn more about the field of science journalism - more than 500 journalists from over 70 countries worldwide are expected. Please email [kirsty.douglass@wcsj2009.org](mailto:kirsty.douglass@wcsj2009.org) including your full contact details e-mail/telephone/address

There are other appointments listed here:

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

#### **Employee Development Through Public Appointments**

Download the good practice guide on developing your employees by enabling them to

fulfil a role in public life.

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/downloads/GPGs/87222\\_Applying\\_for\\_a\\_Public\\_Appointment.pdf](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/downloads/GPGs/87222_Applying_for_a_Public_Appointment.pdf)

### **Consultations**

#### **Science and Learning Expert Group Consultation**

On 5<sup>th</sup> June the Science and Learning Expert Group launched a written consultation about the strengths and weaknesses of the current education of young people in science and mathematics.

[http://www.dius.gov.uk/consultations/science\\_learning.aspx](http://www.dius.gov.uk/consultations/science_learning.aspx)

Launch date: 5 June 2009

Closing date: 18 September 2009

### **Opportunities**

#### **From Tsunami to Drought**

19 Nov 2009 in London

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event\\_id=1228](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/events/?event_id=1228)

Earthwatch is looking for a potential speaker so if you are interested contact them.

#### **Lab in a Lorry Summer Programme**

Lab in a Lorry is a mobile lab that gives young people the chance to explore science through hands-on experiments. The programme is guided by volunteers who want to share their passion for science and their curiosity about the world we live in.

If you would like to volunteer and have some fun please check out their website:

<http://www.labinalorry.org>

We welcome your contributions of all kinds to the newsletter. Please forward them to

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