



GetSETWomen Newsletter Issue 9 April 2009

Dear GetSETWomen Member,

Thank you for a great response to the GetSETWomen coaching survey

290 of you responded to our survey last month.

Nearly two thirds were interested in a professional coaching service showing there is a demand. The five most popular outcomes that individuals felt coaching could help with were:

- Gaining promotion at work;
- Securing a new job or career path;
- Dealing with management issues at work;
- Securing a senior position at work;
- Dealing with a technical issue at work e.g. gaining a new skill or improving performance.

We will use this to help us develop our coaching service – more information soon. Thanks to everyone who took part and congratulations to the ten winners of our £50 Amazon Vouchers: Ruth Grutzbauch, Susan Evans, Tracey Radford, Sharon Mary Strawbridge, Ellen Silva, Helen Donelan, Pia Sartor, Rachel Andrew, Beate Christgen and Katy Deacon.

GetSETWomen blog

The latest GetSETWomen blogger is Judy Ling Wong of the Black Environment Network. You can read about her work and her close escape when an earthquake struck during her visit to a Chinese panda reserve last year:

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

Facing up to the recession

Are you, your women colleagues or contacts feeling the impact of the recession? At the UKRC we are keen to keep track of how women in SET are being affected. If you want to share your thoughts, experiences or suggestions please contact Ruth Wilson on r.wilson@ukrc4setwomen.org

We run a number of services that can help women cope with the economic crisis. Contact us if you are interested in mentoring, peer group sessions or one to one advice and support. We offer technical training grants and our travel grants will open soon. You may be entitled to a bursary if you want to do the Open University online short course Returning to Science, Engineering and Technology (T161):

[http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/taking-a-break/training-for-
returners](http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/taking-a-break/training-for-returners)

And our new continuing professional development programme will be available soon.

We have set up some pages on our website to help women in SET through the crisis: <http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/facing-the-recession>

Let us know if there are resources you think we should add or if we are missing a

useful link.

All GetSETWomen members are invited to join in the recession discussions we have started at Nature Network:

What is the impact of the recession on women in SET?

http://network.nature.com/groups/women_in_science/forum/topics/4353

Is the recession man-made?

http://network.nature.com/groups/women_in_science/forum/topics/4390

UKRC Connect website launched

Connect brings together the many support groups and networks run by and for women in SET. The new website was launched this week. This is a good time to be linking up with others, so if you want to know what organisations are near you, visit the interactive map: <http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/connect>

New awards for excellence in supporting science, technology, engineering and mathematics

<http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?tip=1&id=8281>

As part of its 350th anniversary in 2010, the Royal Society will recognise and reward individuals who have excelled in roles such as a laboratory technician, school science technician, teacher, teaching assistant and many more for their contributions to UK science. Award winners might work in schools and colleges, universities, industry or the public sector. A chance to nominate your unsung female colleagues.

Women in Games 2009

Call for Abstracts. Submission deadline: Friday April 30th 2009

Currently in its fifth year, Women in Games is an annual conference addressing the empowerment and professional development of women working in and researching into games and the games industry. For more information please contact enquiries@womeningames.com

Feedback: Keep the feedback coming, without it we don't know if you are finding the content of interest or not. It is also great to hear from those of you who have taken advantage of the alerts.

We welcome your contributions of all kinds to the newsletter. Please forward them to info@ukrc4setwomen.org