



The network for women studying Science, Engineering,
Technology and the Built Environment in Scotland

News from the network

Funding for Glasgow University Mentoring Project

Glasgow University Interconnect Society has secured New Initiatives Funding to set up a structured mentoring system. The project will pair 24 postgraduate mentors with undergraduate mentees in the subjects of science, engineering, technology and maths. Mentors will receive training prior to establishing the mentoring relationships. Lydia Murray, GUIIS Secretary, said 'We are extremely grateful that the new initiative committee have decided to provide the financial support needed to start up a GUIIS mentoring scheme. A Student-student mentoring scheme will simultaneously support undergraduates while developing the skills of the current post graduates. This will hopefully lead to a rise in females choosing to pursue STEM careers. We also hope that the scheme will encourage interdisciplinary networking between the STEM subjects.' Congratulations to Lydia, Dani and everyone at GUIIS for a successful bid.

Strathclyde Interconnect Speaker Series & Speed Networking

The Strathclyde Interconnect group have been really busy this semester with an Experiences from Industry evening, a trip planned to the Science Centre and a Speed Networking event planned for the first of December. Ilona Stevens, Strathclyde Interconnect President says: "On the 1st of December at 530pm in the Students Union, Strathclyde Interconnect are pleased to be hosting a speed networking event. We see it as a great opportunity for networking between female students and industry. We will have representatives from companies, such as BP, Selex Galileo, Adobe, Dinardo to name a few! We will also have research staff from Strathclyde. We would welcome anyone to come and join us!" A full invite will follow in a short while. In the meantime if you have any questions, please get in touch.

A Big Welcome to Lorna

A very warm welcome to Lorna McCallum, who joined the Interconnect team this week. Lorna will be keeping facebook, twitter and our website up to date as well as developing our online presence. Lorna brings with her a wealth of experience in web development as well as communications and PR. It's great to have her on board.

Heriot Watt Networking Lunch

Thursday saw the first Interconnect@HWU networking lunch. Undergraduate, postgraduates, research associates & fellows; lecturers and teaching fellows gathered for lunch to meet and mingle and listen to a presentation from Jet Cameron, Heriot Watt graduate and Senior Consultant at Halcrow in Edinburgh. The event received very positive feedback and is hopefully the first of many.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to all who responded to our request for speakers for the Strathclyde Interconnect Group. The response was fantastic from people volunteering themselves, to others who distributed the email onto other networks they are involved in. Your support of Interconnect and the students groups is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

WES Annual Conference incorporating the WES Doris Gray Student Conference 19-21 November 2010, Kenwood Hall, Sheffield

The WES Annual Conference is the premier event in the UK connecting and inspiring women at all career stages in engineering, technology and science. Hear from the leaders in the field of SET on tackling change and how to plan for a digital future. Invited speakers include technical leaders, thought leaders and personal development professionals.

[Register Here.](#)

23rd November, Girl Geek Dinner Aberdeen: Winning Women

Carmelite Hotel, Stirling Street, Aberdeen

Another great dinner from Girl Geeks. Speakers will be Jacqueline Davey Vice President for Business Partner Organisation and Midmarket UKI at IBM and Carolyn Pearson CEO Maiden-voyage.com.

[Tickets cost £10, click here to purchase.](#)

24th November, Joint UKRC Connect & Interconnect Event: Sustainability of Networks & Sponsorship

IET, Teacher Building, Glasgow

This event will look at important issues effecting women's networks. Who should attend? Organisations, networks and individuals interested in supporting women. This includes groups in industry, further and higher education, professional bodies and charitable organisations. Speakers include Interconnect Strathclyde (yeah!!) and Girl Geeks Scotland. For more information and to register. [To register please email Rukhsana Din at the UKRC](#)

29th November, JP Morgan Winning Women Inside Technology

Radisson Hotel, Glasgow

Winning Women: Inside Technology offers you the chance to learn about JP Morgan's Technology division and how you could build a career in one of the most innovative and technologically advanced companies in the industry. [For more information and to register.](#)

30th November, Interconnect "Meet the Professionals" Networking Lunch: Computing

Informatics Forum, University of Edinburgh

Following the success of last years networking lunches, Interconnect is hosting a lunch for the computing and IT sectors. The event brings together women students with qualified women working in the computing and IT sectors, from industry and academia. A great chance to build contacts and of course have a bite to eat! [For more information and to register.](#)

News from Elsewhere

NUS Scotland report reveals mental ill-health rates soaring among students

<http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/news/article/scotland/1034/>

EOn Graduate Programmes. Deadline 21st December

<http://www.eon-uk.com/careers/1406.aspx>

GE Work Placements/Internships and Graduate Programmes: Deadlines from 1st December

<http://www.milkround.com/jobs/graduate-job.aspx?jobid=401830>

University's First Female Head of Engineering

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/education-news/2010/09/09/university-s-first-female-head-of-engineering-91466-27229366/>

Photos and Video from the UKRC Conference: Women mean Business

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/30831849@N03/>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/ukrc1?feature=mhum>

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Kind regards

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