



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

News from the network

Our last event of the year

On 9th May Interconnect held its last 'Meet the Professionals' event of the season. The event, focusing on Bio and LifeSciences was hosted by Stevenson College Edinburgh and was a great success. Students came from institutions across Scotland and were studying Access Courses through to PhDs. It was really great to meet people from such a wide variety of organisations. For those who came along, please see below details of networking opportunities in the life science sector with Nexxus.

Congratulations...

To the Interconnect Strathclyde who recently won Best Committee Award at their Student Association STAR Awards. This is the second year in a row that they have won an award, all down to their amazing hard work and enthusiasm.

Interconnect @ the HEA Scottish Higher Education Employability Conference

We are obviously keen to let people know about what Interconnect has achieved over the last 3 years as well as discuss our learning along the way. As part of this process off we attended the HEA Employability Conference at Heriot Watt University on the 10th June. Not only did we submit a poster, which summarised what we've achieved and the impact of the network, but we also ran a workshop with input from Emma & Alexis (Interconnect Student Champions) and Nicola (Interconnect Strathclyde). The poster will give you more info on the outcome of the student impact survey as well as an update on the network as a whole, [so do take a look here](#).

Have a great time over the summer and congratulations to everyone graduating this year

So the academic year is coming to an end. I'd like to take this opportunity to say what a great year it's been for Interconnect and to thank everyone who came to our events, joined in or ran a student group or gave us feedback through the student impact survey - Interconnect would not be the same without you. We hope you have a great time over the summer and to those of you graduating this summer - congratulations and good luck in your future careers.

News from Elsewhere

Glasgow University in conjunction with the Guardian Newspaper have launched a Digital Archive. Read articles written by the late Donald Dewar and John Smith and gain a unique insight into student and campus life through the years. [Click here for full article](#).

Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of the newly established UN Women, has stressed the importance of gender equality in her first official visit to the UK. [Click here for full article](#).

Opportunities

Nexxus: Networking for the Life Sciences

Nexxus is an independent network that connects, communicates and informs life sciences in Scotland. It covers all life sciences – from knowledge creation to exploitation and works with the prime movers in Scotland's Universities, the NHS and life science businesses to encourage research, innovation, knowledge sharing and growth and to help the community to think global and act local. It does this through its publications, website, networking and knowledge sharing events and

direct support to companies and organisations. To find out more about Nexus and its services see www.nexusscotland.com

British Gas Open Day

The British Gas Energy Academies are running an additional taster session at their Scottish Training Academy in Hamilton on 14th June (5pm – 7.15pm). The event aims to promote apprenticeships, traineeships and other roles within British Gas. You will be given a presentation on the career paths available, meet some engineers and also have the chance to question experts from within the Energy Academy. Places are limited, so if you are interested and would like to spend a couple of hours with British Gas, please email [Zoe Cockling](mailto:Zoe.Cockling@britishgas.com) and quote OPENDAY in the subject of the e-mail.

RSE: Young Academy of Scotland

The Royal Society of Edinburgh is seeking applications for the first cohort of members of the new RSE Young Academy of Scotland. The Young Academy will be a body of individuals who have demonstrated outstanding ability in their work, selected from the whole range of human learning and professional practice. Members of the Young Academy will normally range in age from late 20s to early 40s. The Young Academy will:

- Create a strong voice for younger researchers and professionals to address important issues both in their own specialist areas and in matters of more general concern - a voice that is helped to resonate in places where it might have influence.
- Operate as a discussion forum that is primarily directed towards having a significant influence on circumstances and strategies that are important for them in the area within which they work.

Members will be selected through a competitive process, with appointments being made by the Council of the RSE.

The closing date for applications is 1 July 2011. Full details and application forms can be found on the RSE website at: http://www.royalsoced.org.uk/794_YoungAcademy.html For further information contact: Dr Avril Davidson, Young Academy Project Manager, 0131 240 5027, Email: youngacademy@royalsoced.org.uk

Upcoming Events

Our Meet the Professionals: Bio and LifeSciences' Event at Stevenson College Edinburgh was the last Interconnect event of this academic year. However, below are a few events from else where that you might be interested in:

16th June, IMechE Subsea Engineering: Designing for Integrity and Operation

Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre

With presentations by key subsea engineering companies and industry figures, this one-day event will provide an update on best practice in subsea engineering design for integrity and operation. [Click for more details and to register](#)

20 – 24 June, The Ada Connection

John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh

The Ada Connection 2011 is an intensive week of software technology -related tutorials, technical papers, panel sessions, industrial and vendor presentations. Keynote speakers include Peter Bernard Ladkin (University of Bielefeld CITEC and Causalis Limited) and Pippa Moore (UK Civil Aviation Authority)). Student rate starting from £140 is offered. [Further information](#)

23rd June, Trident: The Debate

The Royal Society of Edinburgh

This is your opportunity to have your say on the future of Trident, in the format of a 'mock-trial'. Speakers will include Professor Michael Clarke, Director, The Royal United Services Institute and The Rt Hon Lord Robertson of Port Ellen KT GCMG HonFRSE PC, Former Secretary General, NATO. Attendance fee is £10 and includes refreshments. [Click for more information and to register](#)

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Kind regards

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