



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

Welcome to our Newsletter— keeping you up to date with what happening in the Interconnect network and beyond.

News from the network

What going on at Inverness College: 'Interconnect Inverness Official Launch'

The Inverness College group decided it would be a good idea to hold an official launch event to raise the group's profile to students!

The launch event will take place on Thursday 13th May, 11am-1pm, in room C9 at the Longman Campus of Inverness College. It will be approximately 2 hours long, with a short presentation about the work of 'Interconnect' and the desire to take this idea forward in the Highlands (particularly across all the UHI Partner Colleges). The presentation will then be followed by a buffet lunch, in which students are encouraged to network with the professionals present.

Invitations are open to women from different under-represented field industries (for example, Science, Engineering, Technology, Mechanics and the Built Environment etc.), women studying in these areas, student officers who would like to take the 'interconnect project' forward at their institutions and any relevant institutional academic staff.

To book your place, please e-mail: students.president@inverness.uhi.ac.uk

(If you are unable to attend in person it will be possible to observe the presentation part of the event through Video Conferencing, for information regarding this please e-mail the above address.)

Student Consultative Group

The students consultative group continue to be busy. They are currently out and about putting up posters and finding out what are the key issues effecting women studying science, engineering, technology and the built environment. They are also keen to find out what companies people are interested in talking to and hearing from. If you can help the Group by answering either of these questions, then please drop them an email at icnetworkconsultants@gmail.com

Good Luck in Exams and Assignments

We are fast approaching that time of the year when exams and assignments will soon be upon us. To make way for this busy time Interconnect will not be running any more networking events until the start of next academic year. We want to take this opportunity to wish good luck to everyone who has assessments coming up.

Events in March

13th April, 2010 Girl Geeks Dinner Glasgow

CPD Building, Glasgow Caledonian University

Girl Geeks have again arranged a *great speaker* for the evening:

“Serial entrepreneur Mary Vincent is crossing the Atlantic to speak at a Girl Geeks Dinner in Glasgow on Tuesday 13th April. Mary, who’s based in San Francisco, and has an impressive track record of software product innovation, is now an ambassador and evangelist for green software solutions.”

As always, there will be good food and ample time for networking.

Tickets: £10 Undergraduate students will receive £5 back at door with proof of ID, complements of Interconnect. Tickets can be booked at: <https://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/events/eventdetails.asp?eventid=265>

15th April, 2010 Career Development Workshops

Glasgow

The second in a series of career development workshops for women working in Science, Engineering and Technology *GetSet and Go!* For more information contact Catherine Gauld at c.gauld@napier.ac.uk

15th&16th April, 2010 Women in Maths Meeting

London

Women in Mathematics Two Day Meeting, is an annual event organised by the London Mathematical Society. Sessions at the day will include talks and posters by women mathematicians in a variety of appointments and at different career stages. The event is open to all but would be of particular interest to PhD students and those at an early stage in their career. The first day would also be of interest to final-year undergraduates. For full details, and to register for the event please go to (by 26th March, 2010): <http://www.newton.ac.uk/women/WIM/wimw01>

22nd&23rd April, 2010 She's an Astronomer Conference,

London

<http://www.sheisanastronomer.org/index.php/Conference>

26th April, 2010 Women in Forestry

Barony College, Dumfriesshire

Forestry Commission Scotland is currently working to promote woodland careers to women in and around Scotland. In partnership with the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering & Technology and Barony College, they are organising a FREE event to encourage women to consider working in the forestry sector. There will be some short presentations on woodland jobs and opportunities to meet and talk to people who work for Forestry Commission, Scotland.

For more information:

<http://www.napier.ac.uk/randkt/rktcentres/src/events/ForestryEvent/Pages/WomeninForestry.aspx>

News from Elsewhere

5 minutes to better student mental health

The Think Positive project exists to improve the mental wellbeing of students in Scotland and tackle mental health stigma on campuses. To help achieve this we are conducting research to find out what aspects of student life could be stressful and where students go for support. You can help by filling in a short survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZHGPKTD>

You'll be entered into a prize draw to **win £75 of Amazon vouchers** when you complete the survey.

Scotland's Experience in Energy is Foundation of Sustainable Future

The Chief Scientific Advisor for Scotland, Professor Anne Glover, says Scotland's experience in oil and gas place it in a strong position to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by sustainable green energy. "Scotland is an enormously lucky country, in that we have a huge amount of resource in terms of energy, which is unparalleled in Europe." http://www.talentscotland.com/view_item.aspx?item_id=78273

Summer Internships available in Dundee

Two summer internships in topics related to Constraint Programming are available at the University of Dundee. These are funded by the Royal Society at the rate of a £1000 bursary per month. Karen is ideally looking for candidates who would like to do a PhD after their degree, as this will be a taster session for this further study.

One of the projects would be suited to a strong C++ programmer with a good algorithms background. The second is on information visualization, so would suit someone interested in HCI or Design. A Constraint Programming knowledge would be advantageous. You will also have the chance to attend the international Constraint Programming Conference in St Andrews.

If you are interested please email [Karen Petrie](mailto:Karen.Petrie) to discuss.

FREE places at the 2010 Science Communication Conference

The British Science Association is offering up to **20 bursaries** to attend this year's Science Communication Conference on Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 May at Kings Place, London ([visit Kings Place website](#)). The conference addresses the key issues facing science communicators in the UK and is a **great opportunity** to rub shoulders with key individuals in the science communication field, debate the latest topics and share ideas.

Please feel free to forward our newsletter onto friends and colleagues.

Kind regards

Allison

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