



Student Consultative Group Member

Interconnect: the network for women studying science, engineering, technology and the built environment in Scotland

**£300 per annum, paid in two installments (December and May)
Position to be held for one year until June 2010**

THE GROUP

The Student Consultative Group is a new initiative which will have responsibility for advising on the all aspects of the development of the Interconnect Network. Interconnect is part of the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology (SRC).

Interconnect is one of the projects within the SRC (see attached sheet). The network has been developed in partnership with NUS Scotland and we are keen to ensure that a student voice is at the heart of our activities. To make sure this happens we are establishing the Student Consultative Group – a group of 6 students from across the country with the responsibility of

- advising on the development of the Interconnect Network (everything from events and marketing to our online presence and strategy),
- seeking out student opinion to help with the development process
- being advocates for the Network.

As a member of the Student Consultative Group you will be working primarily with the Interconnect Co-ordinator and other Consultative Group members. This will primarily happen online, however two face to face meeting will be arranged each year.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in online discussions on the development of the Interconnect Network
- Provide the Interconnect Co-ordinator with feedback on development ideas when requested
- Seek out student opinion on the development of Interconnect as required
- Promote Interconnect locally to colleagues and friends
- Attend twice yearly face to face group meetings

It is anticipated that these activities will take approximately 1–2 hours per week during term time.

LOCATION

The Student Consultative Group will operate primarily online. However it is intended that the group meet twice per year in Edinburgh – it is expected that group members will attend these meetings. Travel expenses to Edinburgh will be provided. It may also be necessary to for you to attend events hosted by Interconnect which are close to your home location.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential Requirements	Desirable Requirements
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently studying science, engineering, technology or the built environment at college or University	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to communicate using technology i.e. emails, google groups etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Been involved in volunteering, societies, student groups etc.
Skills/Personal Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outgoing and friendly manner• Enthusiastic and self motivated• Believe in the aims of Interconnect and what it is trying to achieve• Able to work independently	

APPLICATIONS

If you would like more information about this post please contact Allison Johnstone, Interconnect Co-ordinator, at al.johnstone@napier.ac.uk .

To apply for the position of Student Consultative Committee Member please submit your CV along with a covering letter detailing:

- Why you are interested in the position
- How yours skills and experience are suitable for the role (please consider the person specification when answering this question)

to Samreen Kanwal, Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET, Edinburgh Napier University, 42 Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH10 5BT or by email on s.kanwal@napier.ac.uk

Closing Date: Thursday 29th October, 2009

Telephone Interviews will be held on Monday 9th November



Interconnect and the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET

Scottish Resource Centre For Women In Science, Engineering & Technology

The Scottish Resource Centre champions women's full participation and career progression in science, engineering, and technology and contributes to the overall delivery of the Government Strategy for Women in SET. Our vision is to maximise opportunities for women and to facilitate utilisation of all available talent to build a sustainable work force for Scotland. The Centre is funded by grants from a number of bodies including the European Social Fund, UK Resource Centre for Women in SET, Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills, ConstructionSkills and the Scottish Funding Council. There are seven people in the team, most of whom work part time.

The Student Consultative Group is to support the Interconnect Project.

Interconnect.

Interconnect is a three year project which is developing a network for women students studying science, engineering, technology and built environment in Scotland. The project has been developed by the SRC in partnership with the National Union of Students Scotland. The project is funded by the Scottish Funding Council and the European Social Fund.

The Identified Need

Women make up only 16% of the engineering and technology students in Scottish universities, and in colleges the gender segregation is even greater. Research carried out at Napier University showed the kinds of support that women students who are in male dominated areas of study want is:

- Social contact and support particularly at particular points in their university experience
- Contact with recent graduates and women working in the field;
- Careers advice and links with industry

Project Aims

Interconnect aims to provide women students studying in these fields, in colleges and universities in Scotland with:

- Opportunities to meet female students in similar situations to reduce isolation and build confidence
- Contact with women professionals providing role models of successful career development and work life balance
- Opportunities to act as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Ambassadors to younger students thus positively promoting these subjects and acting as role models to the next generation of scientists, engineers etc.

The project also aims to:

Raise the visibility of women (both students and professionals) within science, engineering, technology and built environment

How we are achieving our aims

We are achieving these aims by working with students, students associations, colleges and universities, qualified women, employers and professional bodies. We are talking to 12 institutions about setting up local student groups/networks and have a series of regional events planned for the next academic year to bring together students from different institutions together with women working in industry and academia. We have also created a website and set up a facebook group and twitter feed. Students will therefore, be able to engage with Interconnect in a number of ways: online, local groups and regional events. For more information please see:

- www.interconnect.org.uk
- Facebook: theinterconnectnetwork
- Twitter: theICnetwork