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

Welcome to the first Interconnect newsletter – keeping you up to date with what happening in the Interconnect network and beyond.

News from the Network

We are now busy talking to colleges and universities about setting up Interconnect student groups and activities across the country. Many thanks to the staff and students at Inverness College, Glasgow Caledonian University, University of Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Napier University, Cardonald College, Forth Valley College, Carnegie College, University of Glasgow and Stevenson College for getting things going at their institution.

Student Consultative Group

We are keen to set up a student consultative group to ensure that the network is truly student led. The role of the group is to discuss and give feedback on the development of the network – what type of events should we run? Where should they be? What kind of speakers should we get along? The group will get together twice a year, but we are hoping for involvement from students across the country so most of the discussion will be by facebook and email. If you would like to have your say on how Interconnect develops and have something great to put on your CV, then please get in touch; al.johnstone@napier.ac.uk

News from elsewhere

Girl Geeks Edinburgh held its first sell out event on the 14th May. The evening was a great success with presentations from Danielle Wilde of Monash University, Australia and Polly Purvis of Scotland IS. Interconnect sponsored 50% of the ticket price for undergraduate students attending, and we hope to continue to do this at future events. More information at www.girlgeekscotland.co.uk

The Innovative and Collaborative Grants Scheme (ICGS) funds women in SET initiatives to work collaboratively towards a shared goal. Funding of up to £10,000 per project is available. Lead applicants must be from a women in SET initiative who wish to engage with partners to achieve the aims of the scheme. For more information

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/connect/innovative-collaborative-grants-scheme/>

This month's UK Resource Centre for Women in SET Astronomy Blogger is Joanne Foo who works at the Planetarium in the Glasgow Science Centre. <http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/projects-and-campaigns/astronomy-blog/>

Upcoming Events

Confidence Building Workshops 12th June (Edinburgh)

Run by the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET, this FREE confidence-building workshops will give you the tools to help boost your self-esteem and present a more positive you. For more information contact Hilary Marshall h.marshall@napier.ac.uk

W-Tech 2009 24th June 2009

Run through a partnership of BCS (British Computing Society) and womenintechology.co.uk this is a FREE one day recruitment, career development and networking event for women interested in IT. The event will be held in London. More information available at www.wtech-event.co.uk.

Girl Geeks Edinburgh 1st October 2009

Following on from the success of the first dinner on 14 May, Girl Geeks Edinburgh is organising another dinner for all women interested in technology, creativity and computing. More info on Girl Geeks at www.girlgeekscotland.co.uk

Interconnect Regional Event October 2009

The network's first regional event. Date to be finalised. A chance for groups from across the country to get together with women from industry.

WES Doris Gray Student Conference 14-15th November 2009

To be held in Edinburgh, this conference - part of the WES 90th Anniversary celebrations - will bring together students from across Scotland with speakers from industry. More information as we have it.

If you have any thoughts or questions on anything you have read then please get in touch. And please forward this newsletter onto friends and colleagues who might be interested

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