Women in Tech Conference

Fri 24th Feb | 9am-4pm | Titanic Belfast

Conference Programme

09.00   Arrival & Networking

09.30   Welcome from Emer Maguire

09.35   Sponsor message from MCS Group

09.40   Speaker - Dr Niamh Shaw - Scientist & Engineer, STEAM Specialist

10.15   Panel discussion – How can tech take action on climate change in 2023?
A discussion on how the tech community can implement meaningful change to the tech industry's impact on climate change and the role of tech in developing solutions for reducing climate change.   Panellists include:

- Christine Boyle MBE, Founder & CEO, Senergy Innovations
- Sarah McGeough, Environmental Sustainability Lead, Kainos
- Catherine McGinnity, Systems Development Manager (Charge Boxes, HVOR Electrification), Sensata

11.00   Mid-morning refreshments break with networking

11.30   Speaker – Sonya Kerr - Head of Marketing & Strategic Communications - CATAGEN - Our mission? To clean and decarbonise the air

11.50   Facilitated networking session

12.20   Panel discussion – Inclusive change: the importance of Diversity in the Development of Technology and AI
Will prioritising diversity in the tech sector and curating the data that goes into AI models and algorithms lead to better, more accurate information that's more inclusive for real-world applications? Panellists include:

- Eve Brennan, AWS DevOps Engineer, Version 1
- Sara El-Hanfy, Head Of AI & Machine Learning, Innovate UK
- Becca Hume, Founder of Inclutech Ltd and TapSOS Ltd
- Michelle McGlone, Data Scientist, Allstate

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12.55	Announcement of Female Founders Grant Competition Winners in partnership with Techstart Ventures
13.00	Lunch & networking
14.00	Welcome back - Emer Maguire
14.05	Be the change you want to see – professional development breakout sessions 30 min sessions – each delegate chooses two sessions to attend:

Session 1 – How do I ask for more and get it?
Research has suggested that one reason for the gender pay gap is that women don't ask for raises and promotions as often as men. This workshop led by MCS Group will give practical advice on how to ask for more and how to get it.

Session 2 – Building your personal brand
This workshop led by Lisa Strutt, is designed to help you start thinking about your personal brand. It will provide you with practical steps on how to start building and communicating who you are, what you do, what your core strengths and skills are as well as the value you can bring to a company.

Session 3 – The new age of women – all different, all equal
This panel session will discuss the traditional perception that all women have the same goals and life aspirations – marriage, children, family. We will explore the stigma surrounding different aspirations and how many women don't need or want to fit the 'norm'. Panellists include:

- Priyanka Lingegowda, Principal Software Engineer and Chair of Liberty IT Women in Tech Employee Resource Group
- Heather McDonald, Vice President in EMEA Compliance, Citi
- Mimi Munchetty, Senior Delivery Director, Alchemy Technology Services
- Professor Karen McCloskey, Director Queen's Gender Initiative, Queen's University Belfast

15.15	Speaker - Deepa Mann-Kler – CEO Neon XR Diversity in Tech
15.55	Close of conference