



WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN: DESIGNING THE FUTURE



Creative approaches to improving the economic situation for women in Milton Keynes - a Symposium celebrating International Women's Week

Friday 13th March 2009, 9.30am -12.00pm
Acorn House Conference Centre

Milton Keynes Women and Work Group is holding a symposium on 13 March and we would very much like you to be a part of it.

The aim is to discuss how we can help the women of Milton Keynes. We want to bring a group of successful women together to think of ways to address the issues faced by women locally. For example, did you know that:

- 70% of Women with a Science, Engineering or Technology qualification are not actually working in that industry?
- Skills shortages in the UK are matched to the areas where we have difficulty recruiting women?
- Milton Keynes has a lower ratio of part time jobs than anywhere else nationally?
- Recent research has shown that women are hit harder by the economic downturn - so with the current economic crisis, the situation for women can only get worse?

This is an exciting event and we are asking you to donate a couple of hours of your time as a gift to women during International Women's Week. In return for your valued contribution, you will hear about and obtain a copy of Women and Work's current research publication 'Women's Journey to Sexual Equality'. You will, of course, also get to network and share ideas with other successful women.

This event will also see the launch of our new initiative - *Women Supporting Women*. We'll tell you more about this on the day.

Sue Lickorish of *infusion coaching & development* has volunteered to donate her time as facilitator for the symposium.

Please can you reserve the date in your diary and let us know if you will be joining us. We really hope you can be part of this symposium to improve women's employment opportunities and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you need to know more, please contact Avril Francome on 01908 200186/676

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