



STEM Stories: Who championed you?

An evening of speed mentorship, film, and inspiration.

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Wednesday 30th July 2014

18:15 – 20:00

AGENDA

Venue

Starcount Office
7th Floor, 50 Broadway, St James' Park
London SW1H 0RG

Programme

18:15 – 18:30 – Arrival and refreshments
18:30 – 18:45 – Introduction to the What I See Project by Edwina Dunn
18:45 – 19:15 – Speed mentoring session
19:15 – 20:00 – Networking and photography of 'STEM stories: who championed you?'

About the event

The What I See Project, ScienceGrrl and the Girls' Network are pleased to present an evening that celebrates inspiring women. What I See is a global collection of women's stories that explores female potential through film. ScienceGrrl is a network of female scientists, engineers and STEM-lovers who want to breakdown stereotypes about STEM by showcasing real people's stories. The Girls' Network is a charity working to mentor young women from low-income backgrounds, and supporting them to raise their aspirations. Together we want to celebrate female STEM role models, and use film to connect and inspire the next generation of young women to learn more STEM skills and fulfil their potential.

Mentorship Session

In order to celebrate women in STEM and highlight the importance of championing other women, we will be holding a speed mentoring session with leading female figures in a diverse range of STEM careers. At the end of the session, there will be a networking opportunity for you to connect to these amazing and inspirational women:

Mentor	Organisation	Title
Edwina Dunn	Starcount	Director
Katherine Mathieson	British Science Association	Director of Programmes
Amy Maclaren	British Science Association	Director of Development & Communications
Dr Amanda Williams	UCL	Reader in Clinical Health Psychology
Dr Charlotte Bevan	Imperial College London	Reader in Molecular Oncology



Professor Val Curran	UCL	Professor of Psychopharmacology
Professor Jan Atkinson	UCL	Emeritus Professor of Psychology and Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
Sue Ferns	Prospect	Director of Communications and Research
Rebecca Goldberg	Arup	Associate
Professor Alex Blakemore	Imperial College London	Professor of Human Molecular Genetics
Professor Dot Griffiths	Imperial College London	Professor of Human Resource Management & Provost's Envoy for Gender Equality
Dr Lindsay Keith	Refinery Productions	CEO
Dr Hilary Levers	Wellcome Trust	Head of Education and Learning
Professor Maggie Dallman	Imperial College London	Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences
Dr Priti Parikh	UCL	Lecturer in Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering
Katherine Smith	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	External Relations Team Leader

The Film Competition

The What I See Project is launching an international film competition on the theme of inspiring women. We are asking aspiring filmmakers around the world to submit short films that will inspire the next generation of young girls. The winning film will be awarded the first prize of £1,000. The winner will be chosen by a panel of expert judges including BAFTA-winning director Katharine English, *Powder Room* director MJ Delaney, and Artistic Director of the Southbank Centre, Jude Kelly. The deadline is 1st October 2014, and the best films will be showcased by What I See around the world.

ScienceGrrl and The Girls' Network invite you to partner with us and students aged 16+ years to create a film that will inspire. More details on the night!

Your Story: Who championed you?

Even the most successful women had someone championing them at some point in their career – someone that saw their potential. To celebrate the importance of women mentorship, we want to know who supported you. Write your story about a key female role model in your life – and add it to the What I See Project's collection of inspiring women.

You can tweet your champion using **#sciencegrrl** or have a photograph taken at the event with you holding up the name of a champion in your life or career and how they took a chance on you in your STEM career. We'll be tweeting the photos during the event - and blogging about them afterwards!

MENTEE BRIEFING

Who are your mentors for the evening?

The mentors are women in senior positions who have used STEM subjects to get where they are, or who are working in a STEM-related field. You can read more about them in the biography section. Do let Anna know (anna@sciencegrrl.co.uk) if you think there would be someone particularly useful for you to speak to, and we will notify you both before the event. Otherwise, we'll let alchemy sort out the pairings on the night!

Getting the most out of each 12 minute session

Speed mentoring is the process whereby one person helps another to explore solutions to any issue/challenge, or choices they need in their career. The mentoring allows time to reflect on them, and to explore options or opportunities. Think about what you want to ask in advance - what knowledge or experience might your mentor have that could really help you in your career or personal development? Don't worry about saying 'the right thing' - everything you discuss will be confidential and the mentor is there to help you explore the things you are uncertain of. Relax and enjoy the opportunity!

Remember to listen and be open to discussing things you didn't expect to - sometimes you don't know what it is that will be most useful to you. Importantly, please do not expect any action or relationship beyond this evening. Your mentor may offer to stay in touch, but there is no obligation for them to do so. Think about what will be useful for you to talk about in a short period of time. Maybe ask for book recommendations or other people you could talk to?

The session is confidential.

The aim of mentoring is to help you to:

- Further develop skills and confidence
- Explore another perspective on an issue or questions
- Become clearer in their goals and empowered to pursue them
- Brainstorm ideas

Next steps

We will be creating some films over the summer to enter into the What I See film competition, and become a template for co-created inspirational resources for young women. We will be looking for women to take part in the first 5 films, and there will be a chance to follow the progress of these, too.

Connect with ScienceGrrl, The Girls' Network and the What I See Project on Twitter, and share your STEM story using #sciencegrrl:

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With thanks to Jude Kelly and London Southbank Centre's [WOW Festival](#) for inspiring this speed mentoring session.