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Welcome to our first 2011 newsletter: New Partners join Women in the City; ICAEW launches Leadership programme for women in finance; Out and About with Gwen Rhys.

WOMEN IN THE CITY WELCOMES NEW PARTNERS

Towergate Insurance

Having sponsored the Woman of Achievement, Insurance Category Award for the past 2 years, we're delighted that **TOWERGATE INSURANCE** has decided to become a Partner of Women in the City, supporting our activities throughout the year.

If your insurance (personal or commercial) is due for renewal, why not visit Towergate's special Women in the City [webpage](#) to learn more about how the company can meet your insurance needs.

SPECIAL INVITATION - Towergate has a limited number of places available for its Risk Management Conference on 24 February 2011 at The London Stock Exchange. Starting with lunch at 1.15pm the event ends with a networking and cheese and wine tasting.

To register your interest and find out more, [email](#) Soraya Pamphlett, Marketing Project Manager by close of business on Friday 18 March.

FD Corporate

Co-sponsors of the 2010 Woman of Achievement, Built Environment Category, **FD CORPORATE** has agreed to become our PR Partner for this coming year.

Vicki Wallin, Senior Vice-President will be working closely with Women in the City to enhance our media coverage and we're all excited about the connections that FD will be developing for us.

WOMEN IN THE CITY, FUTURE LEADERS AWARD 2011

Founding sponsor:



The search will soon be on for the Women in the City, Future Leaders Award Winner 2011.

The Winner will be someone exceptional. She will, at a relatively young age, be making a contribution beyond her functional, technical or specialist area and will be committed to her personal and professional development and have a heightened sense of self-awareness. The Judging Panel will also be assessing her strategic networking capability and her leadership potential.

Nominations will open on 8 March, so start thinking NOW about who you'll nominate.

Applicants will need to work in one of Women in the City's professional services categories and be based in the City, Canary Wharf or West End. The Award is open to women working in any function including HR, Marketing, Technology.

Here's what last year's Finalists said about their experience of being involved with the Future Leaders Award.

"I have benefitted so much from my name being associated with something so positive. In a large firm, or in business generally, it is difficult to be heard - and being nominated gave my voice the extra volume that it needed at a critical time in my career." Rebecca Scott, Mazars

"The application process is genuinely helpful in giving you time to reflect on what makes you good at what you do and what motivates you to succeed."

Women in the City Partners



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By developing a relationship with Women in the City your organisation can tap into a valuable channel to market and raise its awareness in the professional services sector in London's business hubs.

Partners: 12-month involvement with all our activities.

Sponsors: support a particular Award, initiative or activity.

Supporters: provide value-in-kind (prizes for awards, meeting rooms, etc)

Advertisers: promote your company in our Future Leaders Award Ceremony Souvenir Programme, our Annual Celebration Lunch Programme, through this newsletter or our website.

Claire Warnes, KPMG

"The award process provided a rare moment to focus on my needs and my leadership potential whilst also meeting and networking with like minded colleagues across other organisations."

Victoria Spencer, RBS

"As a self employed barrister my name is my brand. Recognition of this sort is a fantastic vote of confidence in the service which I provide."

Shelley White, Barrister at Law

Diary Date: 7 July 2011, Future Leaders Award Ceremony at Barclays, One Churchill Place. Tickets will be on sale soon.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH GWEN RHYS

In January I took a welcome break in the Caribbean but not quite a break from work - as I was leaving a restaurant one evening Monica Hinojosa whose company provided the wine for our 2010 Celebration Lunch walked in. Needless to say, it took several glasses of wine for us to catch up.

Immediately on my return I had the great pleasure of attending a women's breakfast hosted by the Lord Mayor, Michael Bear in the Mansion House. It was a special occasion all round, made even more so when the Lady Mayoress, Barbara gave us a brief tour of the private apartments. You'll all be pleased to know that the Lady Mayoress is given a substantial "shoe cupboard" but a very small kitchen. The Mansion House obviously has its priorities right.

It was also good to catch up with Paul Hurren, Managing Director of **Lusso** over a delicious lunch prepared, of course, by Lusso chefs. Whenever I meet someone who attended the Woman of Achievement Category Awards Winners Celebration Evening last October Lusso's mini macaroons always get a mention and I am delighted that Lusso will once again be sponsoring the Woman of Achievement Facilities Management Category Award.

I'm off to a football match in Newcastle next weekend as the guest of **blackswan**, sponsors of the 2010 Parity Award. "I don't know anything about football," I explained to a football fanatic. "What - other than it's about 22 millionaires kicking a ball around," he responded. Put like that, I don't think I need to know any more.

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ICAEW WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAEW) is enrolling for its new Women in Leadership programme for women in finance focussed on helping them transition to senior level roles in practice, industry or public sector.

LAUNCH RECEPTION

Date:

Thursday 24 February

Time:

6-8.30 pm

Venue:

ICAEW in Moorgate Place

All welcome.

To find out more, please [email](#) Rhonda Martin or follow the links below.

[Women in Leadership homepage](#)

[WIL launch event](#)

Women in the City Awards Programme Endorsers

Chartered Insurance Institute
Chartered Management Institute City Branch
Facilities Management Association
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Institute of Directors City Branch
Women in Law

Tickets are already on sale for our 2011 Annual Celebration Lunch. Visit our [website](#) to book yours at the earlybird price.