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October

Welcome to our latest newsletter: use your business skills as a Governor of the LSE; win a place on an Ashridge Management Workshop; win tickets for the private Christmas Lights 'switch on' in the Burlington Arcade; nominate someone for our new Parity Award; have your say in Lord Davies's Women on Boards Enquiry.

WOMEN IN THE CITY BARCLAYS CAPITAL, CELEBRATION LUNCH

26 November 2010 at Plaisterers' Hall in the heart of the City of London

Join 350 like-minded business people at one of the City's signature events - our eighth Women in the City Celebration Lunch sponsored by Barclays Capital.

Come on your own - you'll be very welcome.
Bring some friends or take a corporate table and entertain guests.
Only 50 places left.
Remember, both men and women are attending this very prestigious occasion.

Read [MORE](#) and [BOOK](#) your place.

Reach 350 influential business people by advertising in the Celebration Lunch Souvenir Programme

Full page, half pages and footer advertisements are available from £100 +vat.

Product placement in the Lunch Goody Bag also available.

View our [media pack](#) or call Michelle Hemstedt on 07967 056790.

GOVERNORS: LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

As one of the foremost social science universities in the world, with research ratings to match, the LSE has a truly global reach. Students are drawn from around 140 countries worldwide, 45% of our staff are from outside the UK, and we have a network of over 92,000 alumni in 196 countries.

We are currently looking for high calibre individuals capable of playing a lead role in the School as a member of our Court of Governors. Are you an individual with senior level experience in the public, private or voluntary sector, preferably with business skills, who will reflect the diversity of the staff/student body and provide us with expert advice and support on strategic issues?

For more information please contact [Joan Poole](#) (Governance Team).

Telephone 020 7955 7825.

Please note that governors are unpaid volunteers.

NEW Women in the City Parity Award open for nominations

The Women in the City PARITY AWARD will recognise an exceptional WOMAN or MAN working at managerial level and within one of Women in the City's professional categories who can demonstrate that s/he has made a significant personal contribution to or impact upon culture change within his/her team, department, organisation in order to enhance gender equality and support a culture in which women can and do thrive.

Sponsored by [blackswan](#) and endorsed by the City Branches of the CMI and IoD, make your [nomination NOW](#).

Women in the City Partners



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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT THE BURLINGTON ARCADE

Combining sophisticated London style, quality and a heritage of fine craftsmanship, Burlington Arcade has been the perfect destination for luxurious accessories - including jewellery and antiques, cashmere and fine fragrance, leather goods and vintage watches, since it first opened in 1819.

This Christmas, for the most opulent and enjoyable shopping experience, this oasis of calm in the heart of Piccadilly will transform into a stunning winter wonderland. Partnering with its neighbour, the Royal Academy, the Arcade will become an extension of the GSK Contemporary exhibition 'Art Fashion Identity' (2 December - 30 January 2011).

Burlington Arcade is delighted to offer **two tickets** to Women in the City subscribers for its private Christmas lights switch-on in November.

To celebrate Christmas in style and indulge in some festive shopping, email [Olivia Gregory](mailto:Olivia.Gregory@citywomen.co.uk), by Monday 1st November with your name and contact details.

Two winners will be drawn at random and notified by Friday 12th November.

Ashridge Women Leaders Research

Your chance to win a place on an Ashridge Programme

Ashridge is currently conducting research to look at the situation for women managers across the public and private sectors. As part of this exercise we would like to invite you to take some time to contribute to a survey. The survey is an opportunity for you to share your views with us so that we can understand more about the organisational and career issues that women face. The survey includes questions on the following:

Career challenges and critical incidents

Leadership style

Organisational culture

Work/life balance and personal challenges.

Your responses to these questions will be of particular value to us and we aim to publish these findings in a book and articles.

The survey will take approximately 25 minutes to complete. All the information received will be treated confidentially and no individuals or their responses will be identified. Please take the time to fill in this questionnaire and encourage any of your female colleagues to do the same. Please give your views by [completing the survey](#).

If you would like to ask any questions about the research or the survey questionnaire, then please contact one of us by phone or email:

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There is also an opportunity to enter a draw to win a place on the [Ashridge Leadership Workshop](#) for you or a colleague in your organisation.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH GWEN RHYS

It's a small world - after attending the election of the Lord Mayor in the Guildhall I had lunch with other members of my Livery Company where someone asks me for my business card for his wife. "She'd like to reconnect with you" he told me. That evening, I'm the guest of Barclays Stockbrokers at the launch of [Smart Woman](#) and the very first person I meet is ... the wife!

This year's **Women in the City Woman of Achievement Awards** Category Candidates have recently been put through their paces by the Category Endorser Interview Panels and we'll be announcing the winners at a Celebration Evening on 2 November at the Rossi + Rossi gallery in Clifford Street, W1 where the feminist Indian artist, Jaishri Abichandani, will be showing "Dirty Jewels" a collection of art and sculpture. Her powerful images of women will provide an excellent back-drop to the evening.

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The Kept Man is on the increase

Freelance journalist, Sally Williams is preparing a piece for Stella, the Sunday Telegraph magazine on the topic of The Kept Man.

The number of men in the UK earning less than their partners has doubled in recent years to one in five.

Are you earning more than your partner/husband?

Are you supporting him while he escapes the daily slog and embraces a life of leisure or perhaps writes his novel?

Sally's not talking about the growing army of male child-rearers cum househusbands, but men who are living off female-earned money.

If you're supporting one such person, Sally would love to hear your experiences. Do you welcome the chance to be the sole breadwinner, or thoroughly resent it?

Contact:

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Women on Boards

There has been much discussion this year on the low proportion of women holding directorships within the UK's major companies and I know from my discussions that many of you are actively seeking NEDships.

Research from Cranfield University has highlighted a lack of female directors in Britain's top businesses, with women making up only 12.2% of directors of the FTSE 100 companies in 2009. The FTSE 250 companies have an even lower proportion of female directors at 7.3% and nearly half of them do not have any women in the boardroom.

Lord Davies of Abersoch is currently leading an enquiry into this sorry state of affairs. The [Women on Boards Call for Evidence](#) which will feed into this Enquiry is a short online survey that takes less than five minutes to complete - it is open until Tuesday 30th November.

Don't forget to **BOOK** your place(s) for this year's Women in the City, Barclays Capital Celebration Lunch on 26 November in the heart of the City of London.