

cutting edge LITE

March

WELCOME TO the latest edition of Cutting Edge LITE

Included in this newsletter: information on our new Future Leaders Award; request for mentoring support; training programmes and special offers.

Evening Social Events

In February we held the first of three evening social events with the over-arching theme of *alternative investment*. Sponsored by Murray Campbell, a Senior Partner of the St James's Place Partnership, we were welcomed to the Boodles studio in The Royal Exchange and, after a presentation on *Gems: Investments to make you smile*, got down to the serious business - trying on everything in the shop!



This beautiful necklace looked gorgeous on everyone, and is modelled here by **Annelien Bruins** who will be speaking on the topic of *Contemporary Art: Buying for your wall or your portfolio* at our next evening event on **22 April**.

Held at Rossi & Rossi gallery in Clifford Street, W1 you'll get an inside scoop into the art market and practical pointers on how to start collecting; you'll discover the various routes to buying art, learn about the cost of investing in art and find out the dos and don'ts of buying art for investment purposes.

Our on-line booking form will be uploaded shortly, but if you'd like to reserve places in advance (£35 +vat each) for this or our June event then just drop me an [email](#).

DIARY DATE: The final evening event in the series will be held on 24 June when the topic is **Wine: An investment you can always drink if the value dips!**

Personal Development

Please direct any enquiries about these courses to the persons indicated.



The Art of Being a Successful Woman in Business

Tuesday 27 April 2010
London (9am - 5pm)

Arguably, women have always had to outperform to succeed in business . . . and in these tough economic conditions, having that extra 'edge' becomes ever more important.

Some of the times you need to be at your best are obvious, such as in presentations and negotiations. But there are other, more subtle, occasions when the ability to deploy the range of professional and personal management skills and select the right priorities is of paramount



Hassle Free Guide to Paying Your Nanny with Childcare Vouchers and Saving Money

If you employ an Ofsted Childcare Registered Nanny, you could be saving up to £2,000 a year on your own tax and NI payments.

Find out [How to get Your Nanny Registered](#) and [How to pay your Nanny with Childcare Vouchers](#).

For any other advice on recruiting a nanny or a maternity nurse, please give us a call on 020 8785 2147 or [email](#) us.

BBC wants to talk to mums about money

BBC Television is making a thoughtful documentary series about our attitudes to money.

How do you feel about money?
Has being a mum changed your financial priorities?
Do you & your partner ever disagree about money?

No matter how you feel about your finances, we want to **hear from you**. At this stage, we'd like to have an informal chat with you over the phone about your spending habits and relationship with money.

To find out more about this exciting new series please get in touch in confidence

[email Tara Nolan](#)

SPECIAL OFFER
The Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch

importance. Drawing on the presenters' extensive fund of knowledge and experience, this intensive one day workshop offers a valuable opportunity to equip yourself with that something extra to help move your career to a new level.

Run by CTP, sponsors of the Financial Services Category of our Woman of Achievement Award, this intensive one day workshop offers a valuable opportunity to equip yourself with the skills and approaches to move your career to a new level.

For details please click [here](#), email juliahough@ctp.uk.com or call 01327 858292.



Cranfield Advanced Development Programme

Prepares high potential senior managers for business leadership roles.

Develop the ability to think and act strategically, move from management to leadership and beyond the immediate focus to reading the trends shaping the business environment.

To find out more contact Sara Shakespeare on 01234 754569 or visit the [Cranfield website](#)

Mentoring

Some years ago I began mentoring students and enjoyed the experience more than I expected. In just the last month, two of the young women I have mentored for 3+ years got their first "proper" jobs. It's been tough for them since leaving university in 2008 and they've had to really work hard at job-hunting, but at last their on their way.

Whilst we're not planning a formal mentoring scheme within Women in the City, I recently received an email from a Senior Project Manager working in the construction industry. Although mentoring a younger female colleague herself she would also welcome being mentored.

She'd like someone who has specific knowledge of her industry, but is open-minded on this. The areas she'd like to address can best be described as "general management" and include, for example, communication skills (internal and external); business development and time management.

I wonder:

Firstly if anyone would like to respond to this specific mentoring request. (More details can be made available to you).

Secondly, it strikes me that there might be an opportunity to hold an evening event which focuses on topics such as:

Becoming a mentor (what kind of skills are needed)

Finding a mentor (how best to go about this task)

Entering a mentoring relationship (what are the responsibilities, how to make it work)

If you're interested in exploring the topic further, or offering yourself as a mentor to the person described above, please drop me an [email](#) with your thoughts and I'll take it from there.

New Award - Future Leaders

We will shortly be opening for nominations for our new

Stay at the stylish Cumberland Hotel in the heart of the West End and only a short walk from theatreland, shopping and the arts from just £97 **excluding VAT** bed and breakfast based on two people sharing a double or twin room.

A hotel created to inspire and enthral combining contemporary art with the highest levels of comfort and service

During your stay dine at the newly refurbished Rhodes W1 Brasserie for just £30 per person supplement. The new restaurant is light and airy and combines a contemporary bar and stylish lounge. The menu features some of Gary Rhodes' best known British classic dishes with a modern twist.

To book, telephone reservations on 0871 3769014 and quote code NNN43

Social Networking Tip

Just this weekend someone asked me to forward a request she'd received to connect with one of my contacts. It turned out the person in question had been "stalking" my contact for some time.

The intermediary who'd passed on the request had simply clicked "accept", added the guy to her contacts and passed on his email even though she didn't know him herself.

Think carefully before you accept someone and consider not accepting anyone you haven't met.

Your reputation could be at stake!

By Invitation Only - VIP Dining

Join the exclusive new VIP dining programme, By Invitation Only and receive 10% off your bill at a selection of excellent restaurants across the UK including award winning Rhodes W1 Restaurant and Rhodes Twenty Four, as well as unique preview events and gift vouchers

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Future Leaders Award. Sponsored by Barclays Wealth the winner, who will win a place on the 12-day Accelerated Talent Development Programme at Cranfield University, will be announced on 8 July at Barclays Canary Wharf.

Start thinking NOW about who you'd like to nominate.

Criteria

High potential individuals in the early stages of their management career who are working in the City, Canary Wharf or West End and undertaking any job role (including support services eg HR, IT) in Financial Services, Accountancy, Legal Services, Property (including property and facilities management, surveying, architecture), Insurance.

Process and Timetable

March-April: Nominations (self nominated or third party)
April-May: Application forms completed
13 May: First stage Judging (paper sift)
10 June: Second stage Judging (interview panel)
8 July: Award Ceremony (evening)

Out and About with Gwen Rhys

Last week I attended a reception at The Garrick Club for [Anjali](#) Dance Company. Based in Oxfordshire, Anjali is a national charity, whose dancers are all young people with learning disabilities. Hosted by North Oxfordshire MP, Tony Bladry, the reception kick started Anjali's new fundraising campaign. It was great to hear one of the dancers speak so passionately about how working with Anjali had made him able in so many ways that he was no longer considered himself a person with a disability. If you'd like to know more about Anjali and its activities or support the company please contact [Roger Farrell](#), the General Manager.

I've just picked up my new [Jaguar XF](#). Some of you will recall that the previous one was Indigo Blue with Dove Grey interior. The new one is Botanical Green with Ivory interior. When I asked Kirstie Allsopp at the Women in the City Lunch what people liked most about her XF she replied: "That it goes like **** off a shovel" and yes it does!

Finally, if your company would like to sponsor any WIC activities, promote products and services, submit an event listing, or make an editorial contribution to Cutting Edge LITE please contact me, Gwen Rhys, on 0704 404 7497.



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