



## December Newsletter

Welcome to the December newsletter for Women in STEM Plymouth. After a super busy November – during which we had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Young Women into STEM careers fair (attended by over 250 people), learned about the truly inspirational work and attitude of Dr Marian Diamond with [500 Women Scientists Plymouth Pod](#), hosted another Watch Your Language workshop with [MESH](#) at ThingTanq, AND smashed our first month's target for **400 Women with over 70 people signing up** – December is a bit quieter for the WISP team. But that doesn't mean we're not still hard at work behind the scenes, this month's tasks include **narrowing down our lists of events and projects for 2019 to a manageable amount (more details in the new year) and lots of publicity for the 400 Women project.**

We're also starting to wind down a little for Christmas, so please remember that **our team are volunteers and will therefore be taking an extended Christmas break.** If you can't get hold of us, try again in January!

For now though, MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR from all at WISP  
- read on to hear from the committee this month!

Keep STEM-ing!

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## Committee Updates



### Lorna Dallas, Chair of WISP

My December has been mostly focused on 400 Women. Having had over 70 women sign up by the start of the month, we've decided to try to break the 100 barrier by Christmas, so if you haven't already, please sign up to take your place on our list of amazing role models at [www.400.winstemplymouth.org](http://www.400.winstemplymouth.org). Those of you that listen to BBC Radio Devon may hear me pop up to talk about my highlights for the year and our work with WISP, so keep your eyes peeled (we'll let you know via social media when it will be).

There is also a lot of work behind the scenes for the project, such as keeping track of all the sign-ups, reviewing them before they go live and planning for the VIP launch event we are holding in February. On that note, if you know of a local

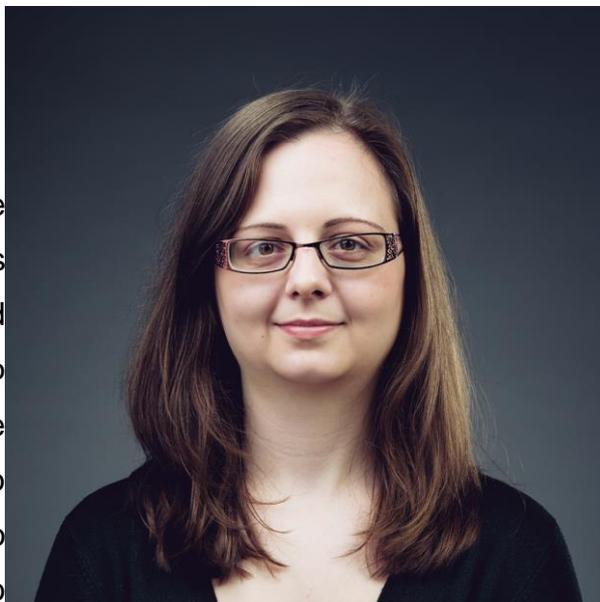
company that would like to sponsor the launch, it's a fantastic opportunity to mark out your company as one that cares about gender equality so please get in touch ASAP!

December is also the time of year when I try to take a moment to reflect on everything we have done this year and the fantastic job our team have done. So it was great to be able to go out for our Christmas meal and celebrate with the whole committee and some of our closest supporters. I'd like to take this opportunity to say another huge THANK YOU to our team for all the work they do. That also includes Chris at Time Well Spent, who puts this newsletter together every month for us.

If you'd like to show your support for the team please tweet us #ThankYouWISP @winstemplm :)

### **Becky Veater - Committee Member**

The last month has all been about the careers fair for us at WISP. This was the first careers fair I had attended and I'm glad I was there to be able to help the team out. It was great to see so many businesses wanting to actively engage with getting girls into STEM subjects and careers, and to



see all the students having fun and showing a keen interest in STEM. The best thing a community like WISP can do is to make a positive impact and effect change and I certainly felt like the careers fair was able to do that. Aside from

that I have been busy discussing the plan for running the next #GIRLCODE event in February next year, and getting everything ready for Christmas, including having my first Christmas meal at the WISP Christmas get-together which was great fun! Merry Christmas everybody!



### **Abi Jones - Committee Member**

The Careers fair was a fantastic event, we had 33 exhibitors in total and sold 322 tickets. A huge thank you to all that helped make it happen, I know from the attendee feedback we received that everyone enjoyed their evening and got to meet lots of very interesting companies and The care organisations. A few have even gone forward to book work experience placements and I even met a young budding architect.

I'm certainly looking forward to doing it all again next year.

I'm now looking forward to getting stuck in to our 400 Woman project so if you are or know of someone that works in a STEM related career in Plymouth, please point them in the direction of this: <https://400.winstemplmouth.org> We have 73 profiles so far which is fantastic!

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### **Stacey Lovejoy - Committee Member**

It's been a busy end to 2018 for the WISP's. The careers fair was a huge project which saw Lorna and Abi work extremely hard and it definitely paid off. We and all our guests had a fantastic, informative and fun evening talking to amazing young women about the opportunities available across the city to move into STEM based. This year has been a busy one and I know that all my fellow WISP's would agree that we want to say a huge thank you to our chair, leader, inspiration and good careers. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, helped, gave their time and made this a great event. friend Dr Lorna Dallas for everything she has done in 2018!

So, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and here's to a fabulous 2019!!

### **Garry Hunt - Committee Member**

It's coming up to the end of another year and I'll be spending the rest of the year working on some improvements to the 400 Women and the main Women In STEM website as well as some exciting changes for the new year!



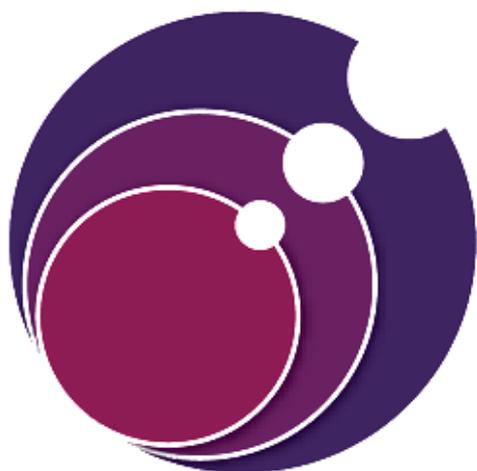
## Advisory Board

And, as always, our fantastic Advisory Board have also been helping us out with advice and connections to their respective organisations.

[Find out more about our team!](#)

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## A Word from WISE



# WISE

## **Meet the 2018 WISE Awards winners!**

**The great news is that the UK is on track to have 1 million women working in core STEM roles by 2020. There are over 900,000 women working in STEM currently and an estimated 200,000 women with STEM qualifications will reach working age within the next 2 years. We announced this at the 2018 WISE Awards presented by our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal.**

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