

Purpose and Activities of the Women's Leadership Network

The purpose of the WLN is to:

- help develop a strong, dynamic and influential network of women leaders, to ensure equality of opportunity throughout the FE system
- promote and represent the interests and aspirations of women in FE by influencing leadership thinking and policy
- encourage career progression by supporting women managers to pursue leadership roles and work to improve support for women in the workplace
- provide professional support and intelligence networks for female leaders in FE
- raise awareness of the under-representation of women in FE leadership
- be recognised as a source of good professional practice and advice.

In order to fulfill our purpose, the WLN proposes to undertake the following activities:

- provide a network for female leaders and managers, nationally and regionally
- publish research into gender issues affecting the FE system
- lobby all stakeholders to recognise women's issues
- invite members to share good practice and work together to lead great learning opportunities
- signpost members to training and development that focuses on issues faced by women
- provide a forum for exchanging ideas and learning from leading women in sectors outside FE

- offer mentoring and coaching support to women leaders
- work with provider governing bodies to ensure that they understand and consider women's issues in their recruitment of principals and governors.

Do join us and help support gender equality across the sector!

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