

National Women in Engineering Day Lecture 2014: Celebrating our women in STEM

Lesley Yellowlees, Professor of Inorganic Electrochemistry in the School of Chemistry at University of Edinburgh and the first woman president of the Royal Society of Chemistry, will join us to share her story; highlighting her proudest moments as a woman in STEM, how she maintains her drive & love of science and remains optimistic that all women can reach their full potential. Lesley will also offer hints and tips from her road to success; discuss challenges she encountered; share how she juggles jobs and home-life; and the importance of having a positive outlook on life.

The School of Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh achieved an Athena SWAN Gold Award in evidencing their sustained work towards the recruitment, retention and progression of women in STEMM academia. Professor Yellowlees will share some of the initiatives undertaken by the University to celebrate their own female engineers, scientists and technologists and how culture change helps to retain talented female scientists. She will give examples where she has personally seen evidence of change in attitudes and culture as a result of the work undertaken to address gender inequality and offer her thoughts to what else might be done to improve the underrepresentation in the future.

Speaker Profile:

Professor Yellowlees completed both her B.Sc. in chemical physics and her Ph.D. in inorganic electrochemistry at the University of Edinburgh. After completing research positions in Brisbane, Australia, and Glasgow she returned to an academic position in Edinburgh in 1986. Her current research interests include inorganic electrochemistry and spectroelectrochemistry. Professor Yellowlees completed five years as Head of the School of Chemistry at Edinburgh (2005-2010) and currently is Vice Principal and Head of the College of Science and Engineering. She was awarded an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in 2005 and a CBE (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in the 2014 New Year Honours for services to science.



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