



Women in Technology and Science

Women in STEM Science Technology, Engineering and Maths Annual report

December 2015



December 2014

- ICS announces Lauren Boyle EU Digital Girl of the year as Tech Week Ambassador 2015
- [Intel MakeHers report \(November 2014\)](#)
 - Some key recommendations
- SFI Discover STEM Research [Parents Urged To Support Leaving Cert Students To Look Beyond Stereotypes When Making CAO Decisions](#)



December 2014

- WISE “Not for people like me?” Under-represented group in science, technology and engineering.
 - A summary of the evidence



January 2015

- BT YSE Winners
 - Eimear Murphy and Ian O’Sullivan Kanturk Co Cork
- Inspiring Fifty - the fifty most inspiring women in European tech <http://www.inspiringfifty.com/>
 - Ireland Elaine Coughlan and Louise O’Sullivan in list



February 2015

- 5 February Launch of [Athena Swan Charter](#) for women in STEM in Ireland
www.siliconrepublic.com/innovation/item/40534-wit2015
- 23-27 February [UNESCO Mobile Learning Week 2015](#)
- [Consultation Paper for Successor to Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy](#) issued
 - Poor on gender issues



March 2015

- 5 March ESB Internal International Women's Day event
- 6 March Accenture Women's Day event – [#Listen,Learn,Lead](#)
- [Limerick City Council](#) honoured Sophie Pierce aviator at a Civic Reception on 6 March.
 - Sophie Pierce was part of WITS 1997 book Stars, Shells and Bluebells (now out of print).



March 2015

- 8 March EU press release
 - Women more likely to have higher education degree but significantly under represented in STEM
- 21 March Girls Hack Ireland DCU
<https://www.insight-centre.org/GirlsHackIreland>
- WITS response to STI Strategy Consultation Paper submitted 23 March



April 2015

- UNESCO International Year of Light
 - WITS, TCD event Focus on Women in Light
- Double Jeopardy US research identifies gender bias against women of colour in science
 - [Joan Williams](#)



June 2015

- The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Programme 2015 winners announced 24 June
 - One Irish fellow Dr Triona Ní Chonghaile, University College Dublin



June 2015

- [Soapbox Science](#), Belfast 20 June
- 18-19 June [Inspirefest2015](#)
- 18 June Accenture report [Continuing to Power Economic Growth Attracting more young women into Science and Technology 2.0](#)



July 2015

- SSTI Stakeholder consultation Farmleigh
- MinT [Mentoring in Technology](#) launched NCH
- First round of successful Athena SWAN awards announced.
 - Two successful institutions: UL and Trinity.
 - Three successful Department awards. Trinity Physics, Chemistry and Natural Sciences.



August 2015

- [Ada Lovelace Initiative launched in Ireland](#)
 - Role model programme for schools
- L'Oreal [Women in Science](#) International survey



September 2015

- [42 awesome tech women making a difference in 2015](#) Irish Tech News
 - [Andreea Wade](#) Opening.ie and WITS Executive member
 - [Mary Carty](#) Outbox Incubator, WITS supporter



October 2015

- [Science Foundation Ireland-Science in Ireland Barometer](#)
 - **85%** of all adults agree it is important to encourage more the number of girls entering STEM
 - Interest in Science
 - There is a significant gender gap with men more likely to be interested than women
 - Target engaging key demographic groups who currently have less interest in science i.e. women and the less affluent.



October 2015

- UK Cavendish Inspiring Women [What's so exciting about physics? booklet](#)
- [The Tech Divide: No Girls Allowed](#) Rebecca Hall
Pareto White paper



November 2015

- [Web summit](#) 3-5 November
- [Science Hack Day Dublin](#) 14-15 Nov
 - Female participation high 36 %, female judges



November 2015

- World Economic Forum [The Global Gender Gap Report 2015](#)
- [Ireland profile](#)
 - STEM third level students 28% female, 72% male



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