

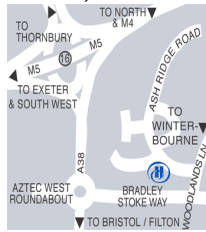
January - Bristol Group Club Contacts:



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Evening Venue

Hilton Hotel, Aztec West, Bristol



Networking from 6.30pm – meetings start 7.30pm

NEW for 2010

Coffee & Connections meetings



We all know that the important stuff in life is often talked about in informal ways. BPW Bristol introduces it's retro approach to networking: the coffee meeting where coffee combines with connections, convenience and conversation about what matters to us individually and as women. The importance of staying in touch and getting to know others is essential for fulfilled living and

successful working lives. We can start you off. You can attend a couple and see how it works then perhaps offer to hold one yourself.

Make staying in touch easy by getting together in the comfort of your own home or somewhere new and when it suits you. Friends can bring friends who bring friends... It's relaxed, fun and easy.

FIRST ONE IS: 23rd January at 10.30am in Portishead with Nicola Jones as our host. For further details and directions please contact Nicola on nicolajonesgower@googlemail.com



NICOLA JONES is the newest member of BPW Bristol and runs her own business 'You and Your Money' which works with individuals, families and family businesses to identify and address the role of money in their personal and business lives and ensure it is aligned with their values and goals.

Nicola is a regular public speaker and her talks have covered such topics as philanthropy, the necessity of self-worth to sustainable living, decision-making in family businesses and how to have difficult conversations about money. She runs regular workshops to provide the information, skills and resources which people need to take control over their own financial affairs.

Nicola's experience includes a long career as a private client solicitor in London and Bermuda, followed by family business consultancy and professional development, lecturing in business law, tax, accounting and estate planning, relationship counselling, leadership training and mentoring most recently as CEO of the Schumacher Institute here in Bristol. She also recently completed an MA at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London.

She sees herself as an educator in two senses: to provide and develop information, skills and resources and, secondly, to help people to identify and build on what they are already capable of doing.

Nicola is an inspiring and dynamic individual who has also great warm and is very approachable. She has a real passion for her work which is infectious. Her guiding values are simplicity and practicality.

Nicola believes strongly in the importance of bringing people together and was drawn to BPW as the organisation's aim, "to help women develop their potential in all aspects of their lives", fits in very well with her own ethos. She was particularly impressed with all the work BPW has done over the years on issues affecting the lives of women.

She is delighted that BPW is embracing the tried and tested formula of bringing women together in a relaxed and informal environment of a coffee morning which helps women to combine the essential activity of networking with their busy lives.

So this way there are 2 chances a month to meet up, and if you can not make an evening event there will always be our informal coffee meetings to come to. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon.

Next Events - MEMBERS AGM

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting at Sue Holtom's home on **20th January 2010**. Please let Sue know if you are coming by **19th January** so she can organise the catering. The meeting will start at 7.00pm. Sue will send out directions to her home for those who need it.

Our Website Updates!

www.bpwbristol.co.uk

GOOGLE ANALYTICS TELLS US.....

Hits on our website have risen to **732!**

All the events for 2010 have been posted to the website as well as details of the Coffee & Connections meetings for the next 3 months.

SUPPORTERS OF BPW BRISTOL IN 2010

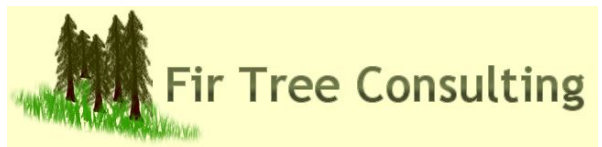


Lucy Robinson, Events Manager at the Hilton Hotel is delighted to be supporting BPW Bristol for a 2nd year. Lucy is also hosting the BPW Southern England & Wales Regional AGM and has put a bid in for the BPW UK's National conference in 2011 to held in Bristol.



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Fir Tree Consulting is a small business that provides business solutions to a wide range of client's problems and is proud to be sponsoring the 2010 Public Speaking Competition for Young People and BPW Bristol's Business Women's Award later in the year.



Jackie Franklin will be the 'headliner' for the BPW Southern England & Wales Regional AGM on Saturday 27th February at the Hilton Hotel. All members and guests are welcome.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Public Speaking Competition for Young People is on 11 February at Hilton Hotel, Aztec West and so the following schools have confirmed:

- Haberdashers School, Monmouth
- Colston Girls School

We're waiting to hear from Redlands, Red Maids, our winners in 2008 and Queen Elizabeth Hospital School, our winners for two of the last three years plus other schools in the surrounding area. The recent bad weather has meant some schools have been closed so we have given them more time to get back to us.

Below are 2009 Bristol winners – Queen Elizabeth Hospital School.



(left to right: Jason Forbes – Best Speaker, Conor Walsh - Expresser of Thanks & Mark Cohen - Chair)

Feel free to come along and support this wonderful event in which we've had so much success in previous years.