



#WINspiration Special –
The iSchools Women’s Coalition
CILIPS Annual Conference 2022:
Scotland's Libraries: Homes of Scotland's Stories

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WOMEN OF THE WORLD UNITE!!!!



“Women of the world
Take over
Cause if you don’t
The world will come to an end
And it won’t take long”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6I3SDu0hX4>

YOU LIGHT THE WAY!!!



“We want to dedicate this next song to the great women that we know: to Ali, and Ann, and Morleigh, and Mariana [their wives], and our mothers, our daughters, the women on our crew, the women in the audience that we feel we know, those great women far away in circumstances we don’t know, women who stood up and sat down for their rights, who resisted and insisted and persisted...

YOU LIGHT THE WAY!”

– Bono, introducing “Ultra Violet (Light My Way)” in concert, Vancouver, Canada, May 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oC00a6VTVI>

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Who or what lit your way? Tell your story!

What's YOUR story?

Who or what #WINspires you?

Share #HERSTORY

<https://padlet.com/admin2966/7w4pn7mhc6g3kmxv>



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@MamphOfMischief I came across this in my photos looking for someone else and legit started crying... thank you for being my student <3



9:56 AM · May 21, 2022 · Twitter for iPad



MamphofMischief @MamphOfMischief · May 21

Replying to @infogamerist

It has always been my honor. I definitely wouldn't be where I am today without your mentorship ❤️



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What are the iSchools? The iConference?



Leadership

iSchools are at the forefront of education and leadership. Our members are widely recognized for creating innovative systems and designing information solutions that benefit individuals, organizations and society. iSchool graduates lead organizations of all types and sizes, and our areas of research and inquiry attract strong support and have profound impacts on societies. Join us!

Features

- Doctoral Colloquia
- Workshops
- Training programs



Collaboration

Global engagement is at the heart of the iSchools. We connect information scholars and researchers worldwide. From informal chats during virtual “cocktail hours” to structured discourse on such challenges as security, privacy and online learning, our diverse membership collaborates in identifying best practices and forming meaningful solutions at regional and global levels.

- Collaborative research database
- Mentorship for faculty and students
- Promotion of member schools



Resources

The iSchools organization helps maximize the visibility and influence of our members with an abundance of resources and benefits. Our global and regional forums connect members worldwide, supporting research through interactive tools and funding. We provide technical infrastructure for information events. We sponsor global education projects, and mentor faculty and students at all levels.

- Research grants
- Graduate fairs
- Informative publications

iConference

Now approaching its 20th year, our annual information conference brings together educators, researchers, and students from around the world. Participants engage in an intensive program of research presentations, workshops, symposia, exhibitions and more.

“The iSchools organization is a growing network of more than 120 Information Schools spanning six continents. Our members share a passion for the power of information to change lives and transform the future, and each brings their unique social and cultural perspectives to the table.”

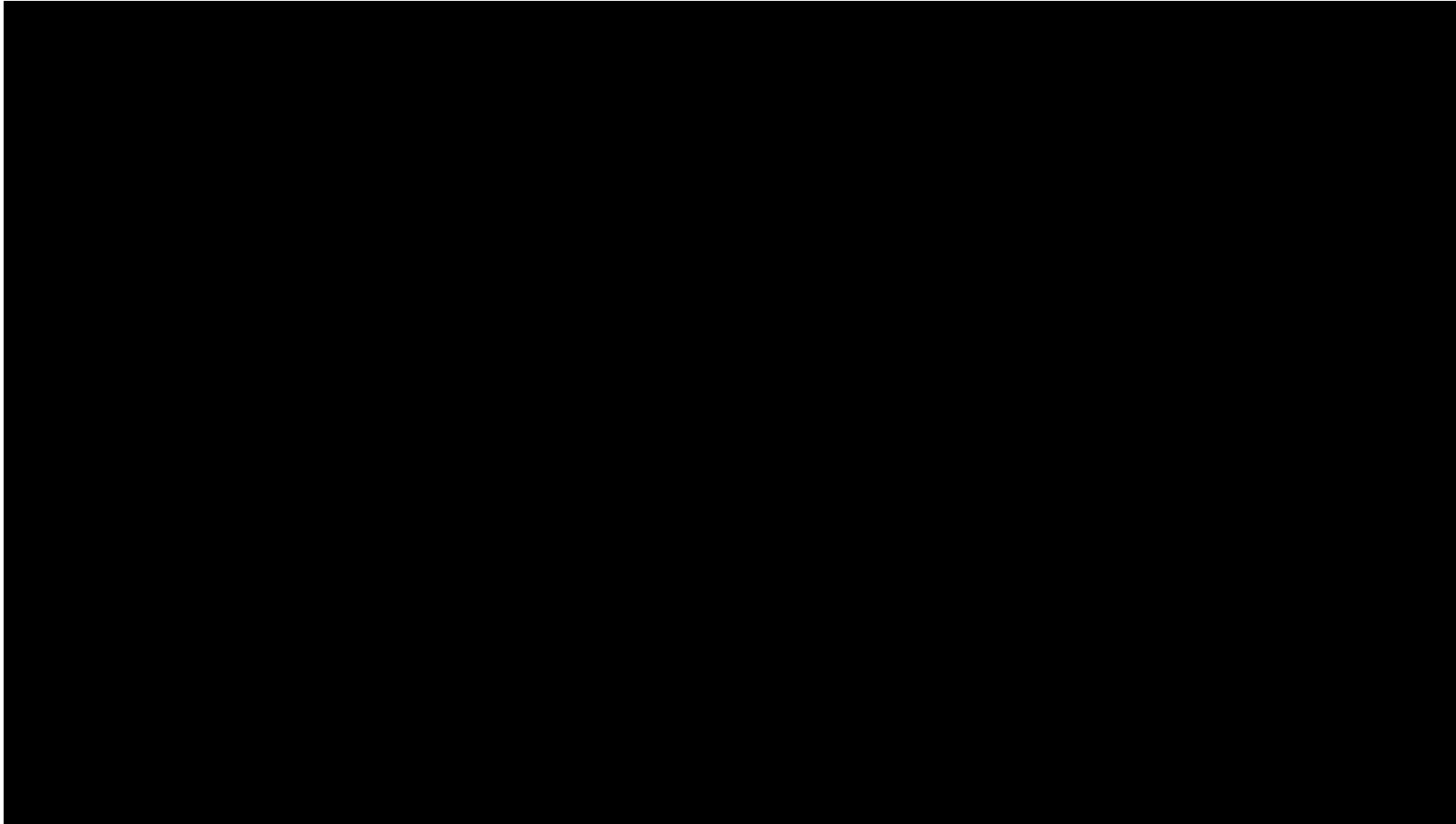
iSchools in the UK

- University of Glasgow, Information Studies
- University College London, Dept. of Information Studies
- Manchester Metropolitan University, Information & Communications
- Northumbria University, Dept. of Computing & Information Sciences
- University of Oxford, The Oxford Digital Information Group
- Robert Gordon University, Dept. of Information Management
- University of Sheffield, The Information School
- University of Strathclyde, Dept. of Computer & Information Sciences
 - iSchools Past Chair and Executive Committee Member: Prof Gobinda Chowdhury

Why do we need a Women's Coalition?

- “As this is such a special honor, I want to use the time I have to talk about the distinctive experience I’ve had as a woman of a particular generation, who set out to teach and do research in her discipline. The poet Muriel Rukeyser has said: “What would happen if one woman told the truth about her life? The world would split open.””
-- Professor Emerita Marcia J. Bates (UCLA), Association for Information Science & Technology’s Award of Merit Acceptance Speech, 2005
- Story from a previous iConference
- Our personal experiences

What is the iSchools Women's Coalition?
Why do we need it?



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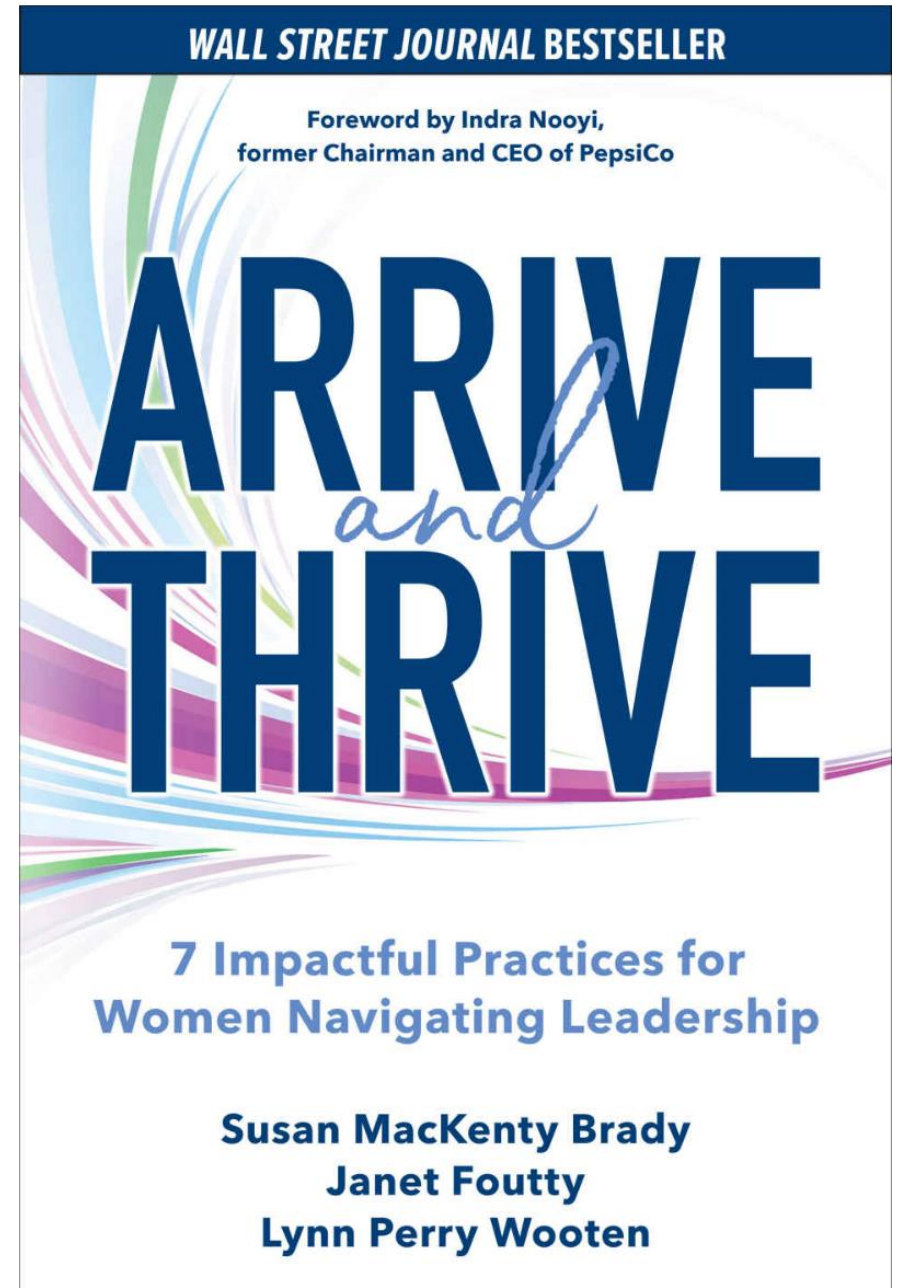
<https://ischools.org/Womens-Coalition/>

(Ongoing) mentoring survey – some quotes

- “Dealing with sexual harassment. My first semester in graduate school I had problems with an instructor and it was more of a being treated like an inferior and isolating me from other faculty members.”
- “Society's restrictions on women come from all aspects, and if our discipline can do something about it, it will not only help women, but also encourage them to participate in all topics of the world.”
- “There's a very similar program in HCI which is for trans people, and I wonder if there's an opportunity to work across iSchools fields to better coordinate mentoring of critical talent from marginalized groups.”

Mentoring programme

- Starting September 2022
- “Four Squares” format
- 6 plenary meetings, monthly
- Four Square meetings, monthly
- What is mentoring?
- Who can mentor?
- Women as leaders at all stages



Open #WINspiration #HERSTORY discussion!
#PetsOfCILIPS #Thistle #Poppy



Resources

- [“Ultraviolet’: Lavender & Grape Granita with Fizzy Grapes” from The U2 Conference 2021](#)
- [CILIPS - Feminism for Libraries and Librarians](#)
- [iSchools Women’s Coalition](#)
- [iSchools Mentoring Survey](#)
- [Prof Bates’ ASIS&T Award of Merit Acceptance Speech](#)
- [The U2 Conference](#)
- Join the Women’s Coalition Email List for updates! Contact me at diane.pennington@strath.ac.uk and I’ll get you added!