

Mentoring Program / Support

This unique mentoring program is designed to bring female entrepreneurs together with more seasoned entrepreneurs and business people to help them in the sometimes solitary journey to business success.

What are the qualifications for being mentored in the Rothman program?

The mentee can be any female entrepreneur currently in business or beginning to explore the path of entrepreneurship.

Who can be a mentor in this program?

The role of the mentor is open to anyone in the business community who feels that they have the time, insight and desire to give guidance and council to female entrepreneurs. This role is not limited to women.

How do I sign up?

Fill out the Mentor/Mentee statement of interest form. Your name will be put into our database and matched with an appropriate Mentor/Mentee. We will contact you within one week to confirm receipt of the information and if necessary contact you to clarify your needs.

If you have any questions, please contact us at entalliance@fdu.edu.

International mentoring organisations for women

<http://www.mentornet.net/>

<http://westorg.org/>

<http://www.set4women.gov.uk/>

<http://www.swe.org/>

<http://www.fdu.edu/academic/rothman/feamentoring.html>

<http://www.prowess.org.uk/support/searchbyarea.asp?id=11>

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/entrepreneurship/craft/craft-women/bestproject-women.htm> :

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<http://www.startups.co.uk/YcqmQMc.html> :

Where to find female-only support

As well as the Startups.co.uk section for female entrepreneurs, there are a number of organisations and groups offering support and advice to women in business.

Here's a rundown of some of the best and what type of help and services they can offer:

Aurora Women's Network

Aurora advances women's careers and accelerates women-owned businesses through providing networking events and services for corporate and entrepreneurial women. Aurora co-supports international women's events as well as hosting the UK's largest women's networking events. Aurora's women entrepreneurs expos and networking events in London are visited by 150 entrepreneurial women each month.

www.auroravoice.com

British Association of Women Entrepreneurs

The British Association of Women Entrepreneurs (BAWE) is a non-profit professional organisation for UK-based women business owners and is affiliated to the world association of women business owners. BAWE encourages the personal development of female entrepreneurs and the expansion of their businesses through various training, networking and mentoring schemes and conferences.

www.bawe-uk.org

Prowess

A UK wide trade association, Prowess promotes women's enterprise support and lobbies for sexual equality in business. It offers a range of training, networking and support opportunities.

www.prowess.org.uk

Women & Equality Unit

The Women & Equality Unit assist the Government deliver on the issues that matter most to women. Their top priorities are developing policies which support flexible working and enable women to juggle their busy lives, delivering high quality services in health and education that respond to women's needs, enabling women to play a greater part in public life and working to close the pay gap between men and women.

www.womens-unit.gov.uk/

WiRE

WiRE is a nationwide organisation supporting women living in rural areas who want to start their own businesses. WiRE runs networking events and workshops, has a national conference every year and offers a full business support network for female rural entrepreneurs.

www.wireuk.org

Every woman

Online network and resources for women business owners.

www.everywoman.co.uk

Women Into the Network (WIN)

Women Into the Network (WIN) is a networking initiative which facilitates the development of women's businesses in the North East. WIN's activities include communications and publications, networking events, awards and role model promotion and research. An EU commissioned survey has recognised the success of WIN by selecting it as the UK best practice initiative for promoting female entrepreneurship.

www.networkingwomen.co.uk

With Women in Mind

A networking group for professional and entrepreneurial women hosted by Law Firm Rooks Rider. The group offers a unique opportunity to tap into legal and non-legal groups including those specialising in IT, new media, accountancy and other aspects of business.

www.wwim.co.uk

Thebaglady.co.uk

Global directory, networking and bartering format for women business owners.

www.The-bag-lady.co.uk

www.funafterbaby.co.uk

Online community for working mums and dads with business ideas, tips on home-working, inspirational stories and forums.

www.funafterbaby.co.uk

The Women's Company

Networking group for women in business, offering lunches, events, workshops and seminars.

www.thewomenscompany.com

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www.bawe-uk.org/

Scottishbusinesswomen.com

As part of a range of Women into Business initiatives available through the Scottish Enterprise Small Business Gateway, Scottishbusinesswomen.com is an online female enterprise community which aims to inspire and prepare more women to start their own business.

www.scottishbusinesswomen.com

Business and Professional Women UK

Business and Professional Women UK (BPW) is the UK's leading organisation for working women. It's members are offered opportunities for self-development to improve their self-confidence and career, while the BPW is also a non-party-political lobbying organisation giving you the chance to make a difference by influencing policy decisions.

www.bpwuk.org.uk/

Financial Mail Women's Forum

The Financial Mail Women's Forum (FMWN) is a network for senior businesswomen. The FMWF is intended to provide interesting and useful opportunities for women at the very top of their respective professions to make new contacts, exchange ideas and forge business alliances.

www.fmwf.com/

Women Returners

Women Returners is a national charity that for 20 years has been helping and supporting women back to work through education, training and support. If you're having a career break, or if you simply want a change of direction, you'll find all you need to know about returning to work on this website.

www.women-returners.co.uk

Female Futures

Female Futures provides career coaching and training exclusively for women. It as provides a free newsletter, What Women Do Next, full of practical tips and advice on how to cope with being a working woman, mother, wife and individual plus strategies for career success.

www.female-futures.co.uk

Women in Business

Networking group for women owning their own businesses. Particularly active in the South East, WIB offers support, training, friendship and contacts.

www.wib.org.uk

Women Working – The Prince's Trust

Women Working is a fundraising appeal, launched by the Prince's Trust, aimed at successful businesswomen who want to help disadvantaged young women get back on their feet. The intention is to encourage more women to take part in Prince's Trust programmes, whilst supporting worse off groups such as young mothers by providing money for child care costs.

www.princes-trust.org.uk/women