

Don't undersell yourself say women in IT

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"Many women graduates in all sectors start on a lower salary than male graduates with the same qualifications because they don't ask for a higher amount in the first place. Don't undersell yourself!" This is the message from just one of the inspirational female technologists profiled by [womenintechnology.co.uk](http://www.womenintechnology.co.uk) (<http://www.womenintechnology.co.uk>) in anticipation of W-Tech (<http://www.wtech-event.co.uk>), an event that the career and networking portal is hosting with the British Computer Society in February.

Penny Bailey, quoted above, is a single mother of two, who after creating her own database programme founded her own company which now has 170 clients worldwide. Becky Duffy's IT career has taken her to Australia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the Philippines, whilst after facing redundancy from her consultancy position, Diane O'Brien used her career break to combine freelancing, networking and training all while looking for a permanent job.

"Through BCS and other events I met working women, some of whom had had career breaks for various reasons, and got advice from them. It was hard to find a formal mentor: women are in a small minority in IT and there aren't enough in higher positions" commented O'Brien. W-Tech is a career development event for women working at all levels in IT and will be an opportunity to meet an array of inspirational women who have excelled in what is often thought to be a male dominated industry.

"These women have achieved great successes in their careers and there are so many more out there who are examples of just what you can achieve working in IT" says Maggie Berry, Director of [womenintechnology.co.uk](http://www.womenintechnology.co.uk). "W-Tech will be a great opportunity to meet some of those women, share stories and get valuable advice on a wide range of career issues. We'll have some truly inspirational figures there who can really help renew your commitment to your career."

W-Tech will take place on 3rd February in London and will feature a range of seminars, speakers and networking opportunities. For more information on the event or the role models mentioned please visit www.wtech-event.co.uk.

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