

## 2024 IEEE International Conference on Omni-layer Intelligent Systems (IEEE COINS)

### Diversity and Inclusion Program

#### **IEEE WIE UK & Ireland 2024 Challenges and Opportunities Event**

#### **Leading Women in Tech: Insights, Experiences, and Designing for Diversity and Inclusion**

IEEE's mission to foster technological innovation and excellence to benefit humanity requires the talents and perspectives of people with different personal, cultural, and disciplinary backgrounds. IEEE is committed to advancing diversity in the technical profession and to promoting an inclusive and equitable culture that welcomes, engages, and rewards all who contribute to the field without regard to race, religion, gender, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

In this context, IEEE COINS offers the following Diversity and Inclusion (DnI) programs and activities to help everyone from any backgrounds achieve their full potential, improve wider society, and bring people closer together. This year, we are thrilled to invite you to attend the IEEE WIE UK & Ireland 2024 Challenges and Opportunities event, "Leading Women in Tech: Insights, Experiences, and Designing for Diversity and Inclusion," at the IEEE COINS conference (29-31 July 2024, London, UK). This event will take place on 30 July 2024 at King's College London 10:30 am -12:00 pm and hosts two-panel discussions:

#### **Panel 1: Navigating the Tech. Industry as a Woman: Insights, Experience, and Lessons Learned from Leading Women in Tech.**

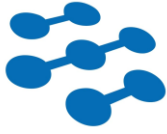
This panel will provide a platform for our guests in which tech leaders as women or advocates for women in technology will provide insight into their experiences and share their perspectives. The panelists will highlight the stories and experiences about their successes and challenges in the tech industry, providing opportunities for women in tech to relate to one another and creating an open dialogue about the central role of skills (e.g., practical skills, technical skills, and entrepreneurial skills), career, and relationship building. This holistic panel will also address some of the key questions many women have regarding navigating the tech space, career development, and growth in the fields of IoT/AI/Data.



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## Panel 2: Designing for Diversity and Inclusion.

Although the convergence of IoT, AI, Data, Edge-Fog-Cloud Computing, and Blockchain provides one of the most significant opportunities for humanity, the corresponding products/services/devices are typically not designed with the diversity of their user base in mind. This panel will discuss and establish strategies to foster genuine and holistic inclusion regarding the design for these important technologies capturing the world's complex cultural and environmental diversity factors to tackle the risk of abuse and imbalance.

See the schedule below and the digital flyer below.

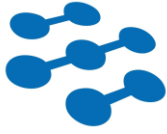
Event Schedule		
10:30	3 min	Welcome note by Professor Julie A. McCann
10:35	10 min	<b>Introduction to Panel 1 members</b> 1-Dr. Carol Marsh, Engineering Director, Celestia. 2-Dr. Ramona Marfievici, Principal IoT Engineer, Digital Catapult 3-Dr. Zeba Khanam, Specialist Research Professional, BT Security Research.
10:45	30 min	<b>Panel 1</b> Navigating the Tech. Industry as a Woman: Insights, Experience, and Lessons Learned from Leading Women in Tech.
11:15	5 min	<b>Dnl awards</b>
11:20	10 min	Introduction to Panel 2 members 1- Dr. Fehmida Jafferli, past SCE Quality Lead and computing subject head, University of West London. 2- Dr. Saumya Kareem Reni, Senior Lecturer, University of Westminster. 3- Prof. Erika Sanchez-Velazquez, Deputy Head of School, Anglia Ruskin University
11:30	30 min	<b>Panel 2</b> Designing for Diversity and Inclusion
12:00	2 min	<b>Closure</b>



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## 2024 Challenges and Opportunities

### Leading Women in Tech: Insights, Experiences, and Designing for Diversity and Inclusion

Tuesday 30th July 2024 10:30 – 12:00 King's College London

Join us in an exciting diversity and inclusion program

The program hosts two-panel discussions

**Panel 1: "Navigating the Tech. Industry as a Woman: Insights, Experience, and Lessons Learned from Leading Women in Tech"**  
**Panel 2: "Designing for Diversity and Inclusion"**

#### Invited Speakers and Panelists

Julie A. McCann Imperial College London Welcome Note	Carol Marsh OBE Celestia Panel 1	Ramona Marfievici Digital Catapult Panel 1	Zeba Khanam BT Panel 1	Fehmda Jafferalli University of West London Panel 2	Saumya Kareem Reni University of Westminster Panel 2	Erika Sanchez- Velazquez Anglia Ruskin University Panel 2	Nagham Saeed University of West London Moderator



"Organised by Women and Open to All"  
Program info [here](#). For queries contact  
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#### Registration Discounts & Travel Funds.

IEEE COINS provides registration discounts as well as a limited number of travel funds (e.g., students from low-GDP countries) that promote diversity and inclusion.

The awardees of the 2024 Dnl Program are

Mohammadnavid Ghader
Khursheed Sabee
Ridhima Verma
Suhail Odeh
Megha Sharma
Neil Christian Astrologo
Diane Tuyizere

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