

## CIGRE Women's Network UK

### Mentoring and Networking event, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017, ABB, Stone, UK

#### CIGRE WNUK Mentoring and Networking Event

Women in engineering hit a new milestone with the launch of the Women's Network UK for the world's association on large electric systems, Cigre, in September.

The event was themed around Mentoring. 40 women representing 18 companies and 5 universities at different stages in their career attended the event.

The new bespoke **mentoring platform** inspired the members. The event was about sharing experiences and thinking about how mentoring could support their career development. The platform will allow members of the WNUK to find mentors and mentees, both male and female across CIGRE member companies and universities – in and out of the UK.



As part of the day's events, there was also a **'Meet & Chat'** that was aimed at giving participants the chance to meet and talk to 3 different people on any subject of their choice. These one-to-one discussions really helped participants relax and find out more about each other. The session lead Nathalie Huyghues-Beaufon, left everyone smiling with her lively and humorous leadership style. The main aim of the **'Meet & Chat'** was to get better at networking to confidently share our views.





**'Mentoring Assessment Exercise'** was a speed networking session with a twist. Each participant was given the chance to talk to and undertake assessments with five different people. The assessments were aimed at getting participants to think about different topics such as confidence, negotiating skills, motivation, future prospects and how they all relate to mentoring.

The consensus from the attendees is that it exceeded expectations. The organising team received great feedback. The next thing will be to further develop the mentoring platform and get it up and running.



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