



The Innovators' Tea Party Bunbury 2018

Schools Information Pack – Saturday 17th March 2018

A unique opportunity for local high school students to engage with some of WA's leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



Who we are

The Innovators' Tea Party Inc. is a WA-based not-for-profit organisation, which aims to encourage more young women to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). We link successful female scientists, engineers and innovators with high school students in order to promote STEM-focused careers. Our mentors come from a range of backgrounds and work in a range of industries, and all of them are passionate about promoting their field to future innovators. Our events are free and open to all students in years 10-12.

"I went in thinking I knew what I wanted to do, but I came out of the meetings with a more open mind. The session blew me away and has opened my eyes to so many more aspects of science as a career. I liked learning how mentors were able to cross their passions and science. I liked the variety of careers available, and the different paths people followed in their careers." – Student 2017

Our engaging events are run like 'speed-dating' where students are able to talk one-on-one with a STEM mentor for several minutes before moving on to the next. This gives students the unique opportunity to talk to a number of different women working in many different STEM fields. Some of our mentors are fresh out of university so can give insight into course selection and job seeking, while others have decades of experience and are technical experts and industry leaders. Our events have attracted the attendance of hundreds of students and mentors alike in the past 2 years.

"The event really answered a lot of unanswered questions about engineering for me. I loved the vibe and feel of the event because it felt like a group of women pushing each other to be better. I feel like attending these events are a lot more informative than Uni open days because you get one-on-one time and lots of detail." – Student 2017

Based on the feedback we received in 2017, The Innovators' Tea Party (TITP) are expanding in 2018, holding similar events across regional WA while consolidating our position in Perth as one of the leading National Science Week Events for high school girls.

You can read about our achievements to date here: <https://innovatorsteaparty.org/2017-in-review/>





The INNOVATORS'

Tea Party

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Event details

Date: Saturday 17th March 2018
Times: Students register to one of three speed-networking sessions
Session 1 10:00am - 11:30am
Session 2 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Session 3 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Venue: Hay Park Community Hall
135L Parade Rd, Withers WA (Bunbury)

Session structure

Each session runs for 1.5 hours and during this time students will meet 12 industry mentors from a range of STEM fields. Students complete the speed-networking circuit solo or in pairs and have 6 minutes with each mentor to ask as many questions as they like. Mentors will also be prepared to show some specific examples of the types of work they do. There will be a break in the middle of each session for students to help themselves to a hot drink and light snacks. After the session finishes, students will have the opportunity to approach any of the mentors to ask some final questions. All students receive an event program with the profiles of our women in STEM mentors to take home and read later.

Ticket registrations

While tickets are free, students are required to register for a speed-networking session to secure their place. Students who would like to complete the speed-networking circuit in pairs will only need to register once for themselves and their friend. A link to the registration system will be made available on our website on Monday 26th February. While majority of attendees will be attending independently of their school, schools do have the option of making a bulk booking for their students if they would like to attend the event as an excursion. Please contact us if you would like to enquire about this.

Our mentors

We have recruited a talented team of women in STEM mentors for this event. Many of our mentors are living and working in WA's South West. We will also be bringing a small number of Perth-based mentors to ensure that our team is from as many different STEM fields as possible. Mentor profiles will be posted on our website & social media in the lead up to the event. As is required by law, all mentors and volunteers who require a Working With Children Check will have one on event day.

Event description (for school newsletters, social media posts, daily notices etc.)

The Innovators' Tea Party is a free speed-networking event for girls in years 10 - 12 who are interested in careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Held on Saturday 17th March at Hay Park Community Hall in Bunbury, there are 3 x 90 minute sessions to choose from with many passionate women keen to share their stories and experiences working STEM fields. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about STEM careers and be mentored by industry professionals. Visit the website to learn more and register your place: www.innovatorsteaparty.org

Our supporters

We are proud to make this event free and accessible to all students in the South West Region. This would not be possible without the generous support of our event sponsor, South Regional TAFE. Other supporters of this organisation are listed on our website.



Contact us

Any questions can be directed to Evelyn Chuk (Founder & President) via the details below:
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