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**Topic**

Equality opportunities

**Workshop title**

Equal opportunities workshop - Women in Fire safety science

**Workshop description**

To some degree we all have preconceptions about people based on their gender, cultural background and age etc. This workshop aims to support equality in IAFSS, as well as providing tools for participants to create equal opportunities in their work place. Specific focus will be on women in fire safety science through an informal networking event.

The workshop starts with a general session consisting of two presentations; the first aims to raise awareness of common gender bias, presented by Torgny Roxå from Lund University. The latter provides examples of how the fire rescue service in Sweden has supported equal opportunities within and outside the work place, presented by Louise Bengtsson from the Lund Rescue Service.

After the general session light food will be served. Afterwards, there will be a relaxed informal event for the women at the conference to network and share experiences (trans\* inclusive).

**The workshop goals are to:**

- Raise awareness of common equity bias in engineering and science;
- Provide and discuss tools to create equal opportunities at IAFSS;
- Initiate a network for women in science.

Light food is provided for participants sponsored by IAFSS.

**Who should attend?**

The open forum session is open to all.

Young researchers and women are especially encouraged to participate

**Workshop organizers**

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Schedule for the event:

OPEN FORUM SESSION			
Time	Who?	What?	Room
17:30 – 17:35	Anne Steen-Hansen	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Location will be provided after the registration is closed
17:35 – 18:00	Torgny Roxå	<b>Social distance – a mechanism for gender bias in complex practices.</b>	Location will be provided after the registration is closed
18:00 – 18:25	Louise Bengtsson	<b>Equal opportunities in the work place – An example from the fire rescue service.</b>	Location will be provided after the registration is closed
18:25- 18:40	Anne Steen-Hansen	Open floor discussion and summary	Location will be provided after the registration is closed
<b>LIGHT FOOD (18:40-19:15)</b>			Location will be provided after the registration is closed
<p><b>Social event for women in fire safety sciences (trans* inclusive) (19:15-20:30)</b></p> <p>An informal gathering with possibilities for mingling and further discussion.</p>			Location will be provided after the registration is closed

Registration is needed for event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5DBGGWZ>

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Maximum participants 100.

Final deadline for registrations June 9<sup>th</sup>