



Wiba event 31 October 2011 Mint hotel, Brindleyplace, - Speaker details

Ruth Waring – Labyrinth Solutions



Having worked in logistics for 20 years starting at Exel logistics fashionflow for Marks and Spencer, moving to Gefco Uk, the logistics arm for Peugeot then Pearson Education she achieved her lifetime ambition to become self employed as a sub contractor to Labyrinth before becoming its MD in 2004.

In 2009 Ruth was awarded the 'Women on their Way' award for a woman in a non traditional role. On receiving her award she said 'I think there were two reasons why I won, the first being the great success of Laybrinth during 2008 where we have 3 major blue-chip projects as well as ongoing customers who are so important to us but September 2007 I set up Women in Logistics which has several hundred members and is growing daily.'

She recently returned to the ceremony now rebranded the Network of Aspiring Women to present the 'Transportation Award'

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Karen Soulsby , Plan-It

With 10 years' experience of designing and planning events, providing creative event solutions is Karen's real passion.

After 8 years in her previous role at Midlands Excellence/Investors in Excellence, she was responsible for establishing and running a business network of events with regional government funding, conferences as well as the largest event of its type in Europe – the Midlands Excellence Awards Ceremony – where annually 1300 guests gather to celebrate their excellent business achievements.

For the previous 3 years, Karen also managed the Midlands Excellence Specialist Category Awards programme recognising excellent achievements and good practice.

Karen will be sharing her experience, going behind the scenes to inform us of what is involved in organising an awards programme, from engaging with potential entrants, establishing the judging criteria to announcing the winners at the ceremony.

Karen recently launched her own business – Plan-It" professional events by event professionals. Her organisation skills and passion for events enables her to work with fantastic clients to deliver high quality events of all types.

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Councillor Syeda Khatun, MBE, Tipton Green Ward, Sandwell



Since the mid '80's Syeda has managed various voluntary organizations such as the Bangladeshi Women's Association and Youth Group for local young women as well as mother and toddler groups. She was the first Bangladeshi woman to be elected to the Midlands region in 1999. In 2004 she received an MBE for her services to community development in Sandwell and in 2008 an award for her services to the community by Birmingham Bangladeshi League.

Currently vice chair of the scrutiny management board and chair of the neighbourhood scrutiny panel for 2011-2012 enabling her to do what she likes best, representing local people.

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