

FACTSHEET NO 6 - WLP

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Wednesday 21st January 2009 : WIN (Women In Networking) is hosting its first networking event of the year and it coincides with the Awards Ceremony of the WIN Leadership Programme (WLP). The WIN Leadership Programme (WLP) is designed to achieve the first objective of WIN – that is to develop 30 women leaders per annum who can influence decision making in all spheres, creating a pool of 300 talented and competent women leaders over a period of 10 years.

This leadership programme was run as a Pilot Project in 2008 and benefited from the sponsorship of UNDP and the Australian High Commission. One of the outcomes of the pilot project is the production of a training manual and participants' manual, in English and in French, the copyright of which belongs to WIN for future use. The course designer who was appointed further to a public tender was Change Act Ltd, represented by Ms Aruna Pulton.

20 participants graduated from the 9-day course which started on 30th August 2008 and ended on 15th November 2008. WLP Graduates are Sandhya Audit, Padma Bhugobaun, Vanessa Bundhoo, Jennifer Céline-Vythilingem, Shona Chadee, Estelle Chui Chan Lam, Marilyn Coopan, Marie David-Malié, Sandra Herminette, Kervine Jaddoo, Dorinne Lamport, Mirella L'Eveillé, Priya Malla, Shaheen Mohamed, Zaahirah Muthy, Nivedita Nathoo, Lata Ramdenee, Nella Soobadoo, Ranjeeta Surdharam and Allia Syed Hossen-Gooljar.

The course was a tremendous success, all participants praising the learning experience, the networking and the sharing of experience. The Pilot Project team constituted of the WIN Champions Bruneau Woomed & Vimi Appadoo, WIN Coordinator Jane Valls and UNDP representative Yan Hookoomsing while Valérie Vencatachellum was the National Coordinator.

It is WIN's intention to run this course twice a year as from now on. Preparations are already underway for the next cohort of WLP which should start in April 2009. Anyone can be part of this wonderful programme – either as a participant if eligible, as a trainer if MQA qualified, as a mentor or as a helper.

For further details, consult the WIN website www.winmauritius.net or contact WIN's Administrative Secretary, Géraldine Secondis, email – geraldine@winmauritius.net or phone 258-2170