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Women in the profession

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So how does the profession fare?



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Decisions along the way

"Women rarely make one big decision to leave the workforce. Instead, they make a lot of small decisions along the way, making accommodations and sacrifices that they believe are required to have a family some day. Of all the ways women hold themselves back, perhaps the most pervasive is that they leave before they leave."

Sheryl Sandberg Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead

Unconscious bias



Gymboree 2011!!!!

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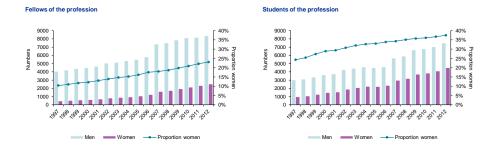
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What does the profession of the future look like?





What to do about it – A holistic approach

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Australian Actuarial South African Actuarial Organisation NHS UK Legal Profession Profession UK Accounting Profession Banking Networking Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes events Mentoring es – Not women only Yes Yes Yes No No Coaching Provide support to employers. Sponsorship development No Yes – through WIBF Yes Yes Yes programme programm Advice + a "Less Than Full Time" Return to Advice in industry work Yes Yes No training/working scheme press programme Addressing Encourage firms to train employees unconscious No No No bias Encourage firms to set targets and publish performance Targets/ Yes – but focus on race Yes - targets No No Quotas Awards for women Yes - multiple Yes Yes Yes – Through WIBF Yes leadership Encourages firms to commit to alternative Parliamentary Other career paths and later entry to partnership. Commission Specific No - but forms part of Yes - WIBF women NHS leadership academy Yes No Yes – AWC sponsorship organisations

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- Content of paper
- · Other activities people are aware of
 - What they find useful
- What does the profession or we as professionals need to do?

Wrap up

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