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International Composites Summit Becomes Annual UK Gathering for Women in the Composites Industry Europe

New partnership will bring the WCI Europe community together at ICS each year, with mentoring, networking and dedicated conference content

The International Composites Summit (ICS) has announced a new partnership with Women in the Composites Industry (WCI), which will see ICS become the annual UK gathering for the WCI Europe community.

The partnership creates a regular meeting point for women working across the composites and advanced materials industry, bringing the WCI Europe community together as part of the wider international network at ICS.

Women in the Composites Industry promotes the education, professional development and advancement of women, building a network that connects people across sectors and career levels. Networking and mentorship are central to the organisation's work, helping members build relationships, share experience and support one another throughout their careers.

At ICS 2026, taking place on 1-2 December at The Drum in Wembley, London, WCI will have a dedicated programme across both days of the event for UK and other women in attendance.

On Day 1, WCI will host a career exchange session from 3:00-4:00 pm, creating an informal environment for women at different stages of their careers to meet, exchange experiences and make new connections.

Day 2 will begin with WCI breakfast networking from 8:30-9:30 am, bringing the community together over coffee and pastries before the conference and exhibition programme gets underway.

Later that morning, from 11:00-11:30am, WCI will take to the main conference stage for a panel discussion focused on making connections and exploring the role that professional relationships, networks, and mentorship can play in building careers and strengthening the composites industry.



Gemma Hardy, Managing Director of Fluency Business Group, which organises and leads ICS, said: *"ICS has always been built around bringing the composites industry together, so this partnership feels like a very natural fit. Women in the Composites Industry has created a network focused not simply on celebrating women in our sector, but on helping people build relationships, learn from one another, and progress."*

"We want ICS to be somewhere those relationships can continue to grow. By becoming the annual UK gathering for the WCI Europe community, we can give women from across the industry a regular place to meet face-to-face, reconnect with people they already know and, importantly, make new connections."

"This isn't about creating something separate from the wider industry. It is about making sure that the network, experience and talent within WCI are part of the conversations happening across ICS."

Marcy Offner, President and Chair of Women in the Composites Industry, said:

"Strong professional communities are built through meaningful connections, and there is tremendous value in creating a place where those connections can happen year after year. By bringing WCI Europe together at ICS, we can create opportunities for women across the composites value chain to meet, share experiences, mentor one another and build relationships that continue well beyond the event."

The partnership forms part of the continued development of ICS as a platform that connects the whole composites value chain, bringing together manufacturers, material suppliers, processors, engineers, researchers, OEMs and end users through conference content, workshops, networking and industry-led initiatives.

Alongside the WCI programme, ICS 2026 will include the main ICS conference, Future 10 innovation programme, workshops and networking, as well as a new collaboration with CompositesWorld bringing its Carbon Fiber conference programming to Europe as part of the event.

For more information about Women in the Composites Industry, visit the [WCI website](#).

Find out more about ICS 2026 at the [International Composites Summit website](#).

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About the International Composites Summit (ICS):

The International Composites Summit (ICS) is a global platform for accelerating growth, investment, and innovation in advanced materials. Organised by **Composites Connections**, a platform of **The Fluency Business Group Ltd**, ICS brings together the full composites supply chain, from material innovators and start-ups to OEMs, Tier 1s, and investors.

With its UK-based flagship event and international Innovation Hubs, ICS is designed to create commercial impact, foster strategic connections, and support companies in scaling their technologies and global reach. Focused on high-value networking, investor engagement, and applied innovation, ICS is where the future of composites takes shape.