

# Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) lecture series

Liverpool John Moores University is hosting a public talk presented by the Vice-Chancellor of University of Brunel, Professor Julia Buckingham.

<b>Talk title:</b>	Targeting the Glass Ceiling
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 29th April 2015
<b>Time:</b>	1.30pm – 3.30pm (The lecture will last around 45 minutes, and will be followed by a Q&A session)
<b>Venue:</b>	Liverpool John Moores University, Upper Lecture Theatre, Peter Jost Centre, Byrom Street, Liverpool, L3 3AF
<b>Event Chair:</b>	Professor Robin Leatherbarrow (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Scholarship, Research and Knowledge Transfer)

Arrival and lunch will be from 1.30pm. Professor Nigel Weatherill, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive (LJMU) will officially open the event at 2pm.

The talk will be facilitated in an interview style format by BBC Radio Presenter Linda McDermott following which the audience will be engaged in a question and answer session.

The event is free but places are limited – Please register your attendance at:

<http://womeninstemljmu.eventbrite.co.uk>

# Julia Buckingham

**BSc, PhD, FSB, FRSA, FCGI**

Julia Buckingham read Zoology at the University of Sheffield and, after a short spell in the pharmaceutical industry, moved to London to study for a PhD in Pharmacology at the University of London and to pursue an academic career.

She was awarded a DSc and appointed to the Chair of Pharmacology at Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School in 1987 where she became Pre-clinical Dean in 1992. She joined Imperial College London in 1997, contributing to the establishment of the new Faculty of Medicine and held the roles of College Dean for non-clinical Medicine, Head of the Department of Neuroscience and Mental Health, Head of the Centre for Integrative Mammalian Physiology and Pharmacology and Pro-Rector (Education and Academic Affairs).

In 2012 she was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of Brunel University London. Throughout her career Julia has combined research and education with supporting the broader aspects of academic life through work with the research councils, medical charities and learned societies. She has published widely in her field, served on numerous national and international review panels and received a number of prestigious awards and honours for her work.

Former roles include President of the British Pharmacological Society, President of the Society for Endocrinology, member of the Sykes Commission, Editor of the Journal of Neuroendocrinology, Chairman of BioScientifica Ltd and a member of the Athena Forum.

She is currently a Trustee of the Royal Institution, Chairman of SCORE, a governor of St Mary's Calne, a founder Trustee of the Society of Biology, a Trustee of Universities UK and Co-Chair of the National Centre for Universities and Business Talent Management Network.



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# Linda McDermott

**BBC Radio Presenter**

Linda McDermott is a BBC Radio presenter and has had a wide ranging career as a journalist. From a family of ardent football fans, Linda became one of the first female football reporters in the country - it still raised eyebrows 15 years ago! In fact, when she went to cover Skelmersdale United, the board met to decide whether to allow her in! Linda has been a lion tamer in a circus, a petrol tanker driver, a navigator in the RAC rally and a pilot on the Mersey ferry...all in a day's work! Among her assignments, she's trained with the Army for a week in Germany where she was given the rank of Major; she spent a fortnight in Spain with John Aldridge and his family when they were moving to Real Sociedad; she's even sold a coat to Oprah Winfrey! Linda was interviewing her favourite television presenter when Oprah took a shine to Linda's coat and asked to buy it!

With nine press awards to her name, Linda was working for the Liverpool Echo when she was invited by BBC Radio Merseyside to host the lunchtime phone-in programme. Among her memorable moments was having to broadcast live for three hours in storm force seas during the 50th Battle of the Atlantic commemorations.

After two years, Linda took over Morning Merseyside followed by an enjoyable couple of years hosting an afternoon magazine programme with her great friend and producer Angela Heslop. For four years she also presented a late night magazine show on BBC Radio Five Live.

Linda presented Morning Merseyside for seven years before moving to the late show, which means she now gets a well-deserved lie in.

