

A word from the board

Hello dear WiN community,

So much good news to share!

We are proud to announce that in July we officially registered the WiN Netherlands chapter at the KvK. This milestone was made possible through the great efforts of our board: Aleksandra Kotlewska, Haske Reiling, Sakshi Matur, Anne Kramer, Eva Ndiaye, Wanda Huisman.

Since then, we've celebrated several other firsts: the publication of our very first article in KernVisie Magazine ([link to article](#)), the launch of this newsletter, and the opening of our website.

Now, it's time to build our community together and look forward to our next (bigger!) event in October. We hope it will be just as inspiring as our kick-off in March, where we laid the foundation for what WiN Netherlands should represent. From that moment, your input shaped our values: to **attract, support, connect, and retain**. We want to attract young talent by showing the many career opportunities in nuclear and beyond. We aim to **support each other** through mentorship, sharing experiences, and creating tools that help in career development. We strive to **connect professionals** across companies and disciplines, fostering a strong and diverse network. And just as importantly, we want to **retain and empower women** to grow and thrive in the sector, ensuring that diversity becomes a lasting strength.

Quote of the day

Be proud to be a professional women working in the nuclear sector and dare to speak up!



Group photo of the kick-off event. Photo made by Jolanda Fisse

Highlights from last month

Women in Nuclear Global Annual Conference by Haske Reiling

Last month the Women in Nuclear Global Annual Conference took place in London. The conference theme, Positively Nuclear, was well chosen and reoccurred in all sessions throughout the conference. The main message? **Be proud to be a professional women working in the nuclear sector and dare to speak up!** With over 800 attendants from all over the world it was a truly special and impressive experience. The atmosphere was, in line with the theme, positive and inspiring.

On the Sunday night before the start of the conference the general assembly was held at the conference location. During this assembly, Women in Nuclear Netherlands was invited to introduce itself as a new chapter and got a warm welcome.

The conference offered a variety of technical topics but was mainly focused on empowerment, personal development and inclusion. The first day of the conference set the stage with an enthusiastic, funny and engaging presentation from Dr Jo Lackenby on debunking some persistent nuclear myths and addressing common public concerns about nuclear energy.

Keynotes of the subsequent days were a highly motivating story from Grace Stanke, Nuclear Engineer and former Miss America, on how to become an influencer on the topic of nuclear and an incredibly inspiring speech from Dame Kelly Holmes, Double Olympic Gold Champion, on never giving up on living your dreams. Some other highlights were the Panel session on The Race to Net Zero, the keynote of Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi, IAEA and, a personal favorite, the research of Emily Hutchinson on diversity in STEM leadership.



I enjoyed the interactive and creative presentation skills. There was a choose your own ending presentation, panel sessions with answer buttons with funny alarms, a wheel to decide who will answer the question and many other story telling techniques.

I was very impressed to see so many women from many countries proudly working in Nuclear. Every Women in Nuclear chapter is different and each country has their own challenges. However, in the end, we all have the same goal, creating a sustainable, inclusive future for nuclear.

Member spotlight

Interview with Aleksandra Kotlewska

Q: What attracted you towards this industry/field of work?

Being a chemical technologist, I love to explore how things are being made. Throughout my career, I have worked for various industries: cosmetics, pharma with specialty chemicals coatings etc. so the nuclear sector felt like a natural step for me to explore. I am proud to be connected to the sector, which is contributing in improving health and climate!

Q: What do you enjoy most about your work?

In my capacity as a manager, I get energized when I can be the part of motivating and coaching people.

Q: Who is a woman that you admire in personal/professional life?

Now, I admire all women who dare to make choices that change and influence their lives. In my twenties, Marie Curie-Sklodowska was my icon.

Q: What are you looking forward to in the coming months?

I hope to fill-up the agenda as President and promote the Women In Nuclear Netherlands chapter. I am looking forward to an inspirational WIN NL event (coming soon!)

Q: What is your top tip for other women nuclear professionals?

Stay in balance and stay authentic- that is your power.

Q: How do you like spending your free time (What's one book, film, or podcast you've recently enjoyed)?

My "me" time is meeting with my friends. I also enjoy holidays with lots of activities like canoeing and windsurfing! I am active in cross-gym. Some of the authors from my bookshelf include Elena Ferrante, Lucinda Riley, Carlos Ruiz Zafon and Bonnie Garmus.



Left Haske Reiling and right Aleksandra Kotlewska signing the KvK



WIN Global Conference UK 14-18 July 2025, photo by MarnickPartners

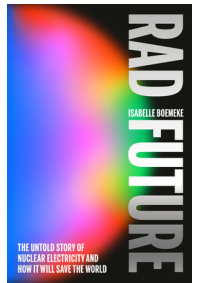
New fact from industry

Isabella Boemeke wrote a book called Rad Future. The first few sentences on the [publisher site](#) reads:

'We're running out of time. Fossil fuels are choking the planet and renewable energy isn't cutting it. The solution has been hiding in plain sight all along.

Nuclear.

When most people hear that word, they go to a very bad place: bombs, Chernobyl, hazmat suits, radioactive fallout... the stuff of nightmares. But what if everything you think you know about nuclear is wrong?'



Info about upcoming events

WIN NL event coming in October – watch this space for more!

[WIN Canada: Spark the Future Generations of Power \(October 5 -8\)](#)

[69th IAEA General Conference: Theme: Atoms for Water \(15 - 19 Sept\)](#)

[World Nuclear Symposium \(3 - 5 Sept\)](#)

[Informatiebijeenkomst MOOI Kernenergie \(11 Sept\)](#)

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