

ICT Woman of the Year, Ingrid Gonnissen, launches Young Potential Boost Camp to boost young females in ICT

Ingrid Gonnissen, Chief Enterprise Officer at Orange Belgium and 'ICT Woman of the Year 2018', kicks off a Young Potential Boost Camp to support young female potentials in the ICT world.

The Young Potential Boost Camp is a mentorship programme designed to provide engaging, informative experiences and activities that will speed young female potentials on their way to a successful career in ICT.

The boost camp kicks off on 18 October 2018. Thanks to the participation of leading figures in the field of ICT, the programme facilitates the exchange of views on how to build an ICT career as a woman. On 18 October the mentors and mentees will meet for the first time. They will learn more about women in ICT and the impact of the Internet of Things on their future workplace as Orange Belgium is the leading telecoms operator in Belgium with over 18 years of IoT-expertise and more than 2,000 IoT and data experts worldwide.

The Young Potentials will have a rare opportunity to look over their mentor's shoulder. They'll have the chance to observe, listen, question and absorb. Meanwhile each Young Potential will keep a video diary in which they reflect on their mentorship journey. The mentorship programme concludes in the first half of 2019.

ICT Woman of the Year boosts careers of young potentials

Ingrid Gonnissen, Chief Enterprise Officer at Orange Belgium, stresses the programme's importance: "Thanks to our Boost Camp the selected Young Potentials are about to embark on an incredible journey together with their mentor. It is a unique opportunity to benefit from the advice, support and motivation of a seasoned professional. This mentorship will bring many benefits. It will help them determine their professional and personal objectives while honing their critical, creative and problem-solving skills. I've made it my personal objective to genuinely develop and strengthen the self-confidence and leadership abilities of young potentials, to help them expand their network of contacts, heighten their visibility and accelerate their development. Right off the bat I would like to thank the 40 mentors that took up this important role with me as well as the scores of candidates that applied to become a mentee."

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