

Business leaders question why so few mothers make it to the boardroom

International event addresses attitudes to pregnancy and promotion

Some of the biggest names in global business are coming together to discuss an issue that affects half the working population, but for many organizations is still the elephant in the room.

Each year thousands of talented women have their career aspirations stalled or exit the corporate world completely because businesses are failing to adequately address the ambitions of mothers returning to the workplace and value their additional skillset and ability.

Bumps and the Boardroom Live 2015 will look at encouraging the integration of feminine values of leadership from both men and women to positively influence current behavior's and bias around pregnancy, motherhood and working parents and highlight why mothers make great leaders.

Sponsored by **The Guardian**, **Director Magazine** and **WeAreTheCity**, this unique event will bring together leaders from business in Europe and the US to take part in 12 days of interactive, online conversations aimed at both corporations and SME's who want to harness the pregnancy advantage for business.

Speakers include **Barclays**; **DTZ**; **Institute of Directors**; **Life Wizards**; **Money & Co**; **Savills UK**; **She Says** and **ZenithOptimedia**.

Bumps and the Boardroom is organized by leading maternity consultant **Lisa Barnwell**, who launched the interactive forum in 2014 having identified that there was a growing trend of senior executive women returning to the workplace who were greeted with an underlying culture that lacked respect and offered any real solutions to support mothers rising to board level.

The event is open to women across all industries who are keen to rise to the most senior levels; CEO's and HR Heads of Diversity & Inclusion committed to supporting female talent but who are at varying stages of retention success and men open to embracing female potential and will look to share new ways of thinking and best practice to ensure retaining talent is top priority and dispel the myth you need big budgets to create change.

Lisa Barnwell, said; *"Becoming a mother can act as a pivotal turning point for huge growth and expansion in every area of your life and be a new beginning, breathing new life into your career. I see women who are more committed, more passionate, more intuitive and more creative after becoming a mother and businesses who truly get this, are the ones who will thrive."*

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About Lisa Barnwell

After a successful career in hotel management, Lisa has become an expert in change management helping female executives to embrace the pregnancy journey and transition to motherhood. As founder of London's first destination clinic for mothers and mothers-to-be and exclusive partner of the Kensington Wing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, she has over 12 years experience supporting women and business to embrace their authenticity and value the gifts pregnancy and motherhood offers.

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