



WIFT NSW
Media Mentorship for Women
presents:



..... BRIDGING THE GAP

an industry panel on 'empowering the next generation'

What: Bridging the Gap - a panel discussion at SMPTE 09

When: 10am-11am, 24 July 2009 (Friday)

Where: Conference Theatre, SMPTE 09 Exhibition & Conference
Sydney Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney

Who: Speakers include -

Dr. Jane Roscoe, Lena Nahlous, David Optiz and Tracey Lang

Moderated by Leisle Grant

'Bridging the Gap' brings together some of the finest programs and experts who support emerging technical and creative talent in the film and television industry. The discussion will highlight effective ways of transferring knowledge and experience from one generation to another. The speakers will talk about the opportunities created by their programs and the challenges the industry is faced with today. There will also be talk about the revival of mentorships, internships and attachment programs in the Australian media industry as a way to fast-track skills enhancement and enrich the industry.

On the panel we have, **Dr Jane Roscoe** who is currently Network Programmer SBS Television, a public intellectual and extremely passionate about innovation in television. She is also responsible for the new Indigenous internships scheme at SBS.

You will also hear from **Lena Nahlous**, who is the Director of Information and Cultural Exchange (ICE) - a community, cultural, and information technology arts organisation based in Greater Western Sydney.

We will be joined by **David Optiz**, the Projects and Production Manager at Metro Screen, who also oversees the fantastic mentorships offered by Metro Screen annually.

Representing the Television Technical Operators College (TTOC), our fourth speaker **Tracey Lang** will share her experiences and challenges as the Technology and Short Course Manager at TTOC.

This one-hour discussion will be moderated by **Leisle Grant** who is a digi media creative and the moderator for i-mentoring, an online resource provided by the Media Mentorship for Women program. So, join Leslie as she asks our panel questions about how we can bridge the ever-increasing gap between emerging and established media professionals.

All are welcome to this FREE event! Details at: www.smpte.com.au