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Women in Racing expands its network

Women in Racing (WIR) is an innovative initiative that draws on the breadth of the horse racing industry creating a new communications and networking platform for women working in the industry. Their latest meeting in Newmarket on Thursday 29th April saw numbers swell with representation from many spheres of the horse racing world.

Chairman, Sally Rowley-Williams (also of ROA and Chief Executive Career Doctor), applauded the commitment and take up of those already involved.

“We are thrilled to see the support that Women in Racing has already generated and the wide spectrum of the industry that has signed up – it’s a wonderful opportunity for women to find out what happens in other areas, share experiences and expand their connections.

“We are committed to develop the profile of women in the sport: to attract more women into racing, and promote the industry as an attractive sector in which to build a career or expand knowledge.”

Sally continued: “Having such high profile and wide industry support means a great deal and we believe our united involvement will help to secure the future of our roles within the UK racing community. We aim to make a valuable and essential contribution to the racing industry.”

The objectives of the group also will look to enhance mentoring and development opportunities, develop cross-industry working groups, networking sharing knowledge and best practice.

Since its inception Women in Racing has met in London, at Newbury Racecourse (kindly hosted by Managing Director Sarah Hordern) and experienced a comprehensive programme of events in Newmarket on the 29th April, which kicked off at the Guineas Breeze up with bloodstock agent Jill Lamb.

A behind the scenes visit followed to meet Kirsten Rausing and her dedicated team at Lanwades Stud. Kirsten was an inspiration to all, sharing some amazing stories of how she has grown her business and illustrating first hand the complexities of breeding and the hard work involved. The WIR meeting was an experience for all to savour, all thanks to the exceptionally generous hospitality of Simon Bazalgette at the Jockey Club Rooms. The day was rounded off with evening stables at Rae Guest’s yard.

A day that those involved will never forget, but also one that endorsed the objectives of the group to foster links with like-minded individuals.

Further information can be found at: www.britishhorseracing.com/women-in-racing

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