

NEWSLETTER

RAINHOUSE AND IWIST

Rainhouse was recently visited by Claire Skillen, an advisor at Island Women in Science and Technology (iWIST). The last time we saw Claire was in September at Rainhouse's 5th Annual Engineering Showcase. Our organizations align as both would love to see more youth, particularly females, get involved in the STEM/STEAM fields. Rainhouse appreciates the work iWIST is doing for the women in STEM community and we look forward to building a strong relationship with iWIST.



HISTORY OF IWIST

Originally founded in 2011 as Island Women in Technology, the group's mission was to offer a positive and supportive environment where women who worked in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) could connect and build a community. A common concern from members of the group was that they felt like the "other" at work. The goal was to counter that and help women flourish and grow their networks, careers and personal skills.

For the last 12 years, iWIST has been building a trusted STEM community for women that promotes and facilitates access to peer connection and individual development. Today, iWIST's community is continuing to grow. iWIST hosts a variety of networking and professional development events each year, and the group has over 900 subscribers.

iWIST brings together women* and allies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in West Coast island communities

**Includes transgender and non-binary people*

IWIST OBJECTIVES

- Build trust and capacity for women in STEM
- Create a fun, engaging, and accepting community
- Facilitate events and networking opportunities
- Support members' personal and professional growth
- Foster strong partnerships with like-minded organizations
- Cultivate allyship
- Promote and embody diversity, equity, and inclusion

