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**Upcoming Events!**

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June

**Thursday, June 8, 2017 WTS-GNY Young Professionals Volunteer to Recycle a Bicycle**



Join WTS Young Professionals for their annual volunteer event. In keeping with a transportation theme, we will be helping out at Recycle a Bicycle by working alongside their youth employees to fix up old bicycles. Click [here](#) to register.



**Tuesday, June 20 Emerging Leaders On Site Training Series, Breaking the Rules, Click [here](#) to register**



**Thursday, June 2017 - NJ Program, Rats Restaurant, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ \$10.**

More information TBA



July

**Saturday, July 15, 2017 - WTS Young Professionals: Cardboard Kayak Race, NJDOT HQ, Governors Island - Kayak Hill near Pier 101, 11:30 AM- 4PM**

Watch video [here](#).

Click [here](#) for more information.



Coming Soon in 2017



Summer Learn from a Leader NY/NJ Series  
Summer Membership Appreciation Event  
Fall Dinner NY/NJ Program  
WTS-GNY Annual Gala  
YP Trending Topics  
Holiday Party

## Members in the News:

### Congratulations to Our WTS GNY Chapter Members:

**Julia Kerson**, who was unanimously approved to serve as Vice President, NY position, by the WTS GNY Board. Ms. Kerson previously served as Treasurer and VP. Most recently, she was Co-Chair of the Annual Conference Committee.

**Erica Swansen** on her new job at **HNTB** where she will be a Project Engineer/Squad Leader, Civil/Transportation. Until February, Ms. Swansen had been a traffic engineer at **VHB**.

**Sheriza Majiid** on her new position as Senior Project Administrator at **VHB**. Ms. Majiid formerly was at **HNTB**.

**Yvonne Lopez Diaz**, **HNTB**, who has been selected by the WTS International Board to serve as a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She will be one of 11 committee members exploring strategies and tactics to increase the diversity of membership and enhance the culture of inclusion throughout the WTS organization.

### Goodbye and Good Luck to:

**Amy Hausmann**, Deputy Director of MTA Arts and Design.

## Sponsors in the News:

**WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff**, the U.S. operating company of one of the world's leading engineering and professional services firms, has had a name change. It is now **WSP USA**.

Watch WSP Announcement [here](#)



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## Two Short Articles

### Another Part of Transportation; Women Out in the Field:

[Women In the Construction Trades](#)

[Interview with Amanda Cerquiera, Laborer on the Van Wyck Expressway](#)

by Adrienne Zicklin Kanter

### Request from Yvonne Lopez-Diaz, chair of the Glass Ceiling Committee:

The Glass Ceiling Committee is pursuing the research and development of a study to benchmark the leadership roles of women in the metropolitan New York area in the transportation industry and identify whether the glass ceiling is a barrier to their growth and success. The results of this study will identify potential policies or programs to support the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women in the field. Part of the committee's work involves surveying companies both public and private, through a survey to understand the current status of women in the local transportation industry.

For the survey to get to the right HR professional, we need your help in identifying your local HR representative. Please forward the contact information (email, phone, and address) for this person to me at the address below.

Your help in promoting the survey is very much needed and appreciated.

For any additional questions please contact me at the address below.

Thank you so much,

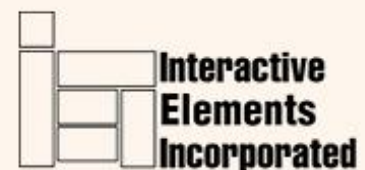
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# INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

The [American Public Transportation Foundation \(APTF\)](#) is now accepting applications for 2017.

In furthering our mission to increase and retain the number of individuals choosing the transit field as a career, the APTF will award a minimum of twenty scholarships, ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 each, to college students or transit professionals who are interested in pursuing or advancing in a career in the public transportation industry.

Awards cover the academic year, beginning in the fall 2017 semester, and assist with tuition costs or other educational expenses. All applicants must be sponsored by an APTA member.

## Deadline:

Complete applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM ET, Friday, June 16, 2017.**

For more information on the scholarship, please visit [the APTF website](#) or contact Lindsey Robertson at [lrobertson@apta.com](mailto:lrobertson@apta.com).

## WTS GNY - Volunteer Opportunities:

### Communications Committee:

A great opportunity to get involved with WTS GNY! We need writers, editors, and social media transportation-savvy volunteers. If you can write, edit, and have time to volunteer and contribute monthly news, featured articles, social media messages, tag lines, please contact us immediately at [wtsgnycommunications@gmail.com](mailto:wtsgnycommunications@gmail.com)

### Glass Ceiling Committee:

The Glass Ceiling Committee (GCC) is seeking volunteers, preferably from the public sector, to help with conducting and analyzing results of an industry-wide survey, the first of its kind in the New York/New Jersey market, to be administered in early 2017. This survey endeavors to baseline and raise awareness of the level of engagement of women at senior and executive ranks in and public sector organizations. This committee focuses on glass ceiling issues that could be impeding the growth of women in the transportation industry. Those involved are currently in the process of conducting research and working on recommendations for programs and policies to be led by WTS-GNY to further its mission of advancing women in transportation.

If interested in being part of this ground-breaking effort, contact Yvonne Lopez-Diaz, WTS GNY GCC Chair at



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### Transportation You Committee:

The NJ Chapter of the Committee is looking for new mentors and committee members for 2017-2018. Our mentoring program inspires young women (14-18) to pursue careers in STEM and Transportation. Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers girls an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. WTS members work to make a difference in the lives of high school girls in Newark, NJ, by offering site tours, professional development and group activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation. We also seek to encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry.

To find out how you can get involved, please contact Sutapa Bhattacharjee ([sbhattacharjee@njtpa.org](mailto:sbhattacharjee@njtpa.org))

### Thank you!!



to all the WTS GNY Chapter Members who attended, volunteered, worked on the conference committee and supported the WTS International Conference in Brooklyn last week.

A great event and a good time was had by all.



**WTS-GNY Deadline for June Buzz:**  
**May 30, 2017**  
email [wtsgny@gmail.com](mailto:wtsgny@gmail.com)



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