Needs

- Women in IT are a minority
- Informal network of expertise
- Support / People to talk to about problems in comfortable environment
- Prevent isolation
- Make contacts for later life
- If extended to Phd & Staff – provide role models
- Making friends in your own class
- 'Breaking the Ice' -> tackling shyness so there's someone to share tips/hints to/with
- Make friends – a problem shared is a problem halved

What

- Friendly environment to meet classmates and other CS people from other years
- Provide support/advice on career, IT, course choices, tutors, DoSs
- Make external links – this is also about the future
- Support groups for coursework
- Promote IT to school kids and visitors (potential students)
- Women Speakers
  - Professionals
  - BCS
- Dice Session/Intro
- Promote Newsgroups & other sources of support
  - eg. BSC provide CV advice – links to BSC Women Network

Target

- First years
  - social
  - admin
  - unix
  - pracs
  - lecture notes
  - someone to rant and rave to
  - no isolation
  - advice on course choices
- Current students
- Visiting students
  - potential international contacts
- Msc

How

- Contact List
  - Instant Messenger
  - Chatroom
  - Mailing Lists
  - Website
- First Meeting
  - Progress from there
• What kind of meetings do you want?
• How can we help you?
• Formal meeting every so often for coffee
• Fun meeting at pubs

**When**
• In the evening so there are no class/tutorial clashes

How do we attract students especially first years?

Pair up first years with 'parents' by tying them up for either a pub crawl race or/and a scavenger hunt.

Way to break the ice – take pictures and post them on the website with descriptions and everyones names.

Other ideas are bowling, movies, laser quest
Big social events

Aim is to be social and supportive!