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## **Construction Institute's Annual Women Who Build Summit**

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Each February, NEREJ spotlights women in the design and construction industry, their personal achievements, and their insight on what it takes to succeed in the industry. In the same vein, each year the Construction Institute brings together some of the best minds in the industry to create its annual Women Who Build Summit, an event that inspires, promotes leadership, builds connections, develops skills and fosters innovating thinking among and in support of a diverse group of professionals.

The annual Women Who Build Summit is one of the Construction Institute's most perennially popular programs, and past attendees have told us that they thought it was "great for women especially starting out in the field to make contacts and know they are not alone." One past attendee summarized the Women Who Build Summit better than we could even put it ourselves: "The Women who Build Summit is so much more than a program about the construction industry. Yes, it is about construction, but it's the construction of one's own future that is the important takeaway. It's about sharing experiences, being inspired, and building the foundations of success."

This year, the Construction Institute is building on the past successes of the program and exemplifying the industry's adaptability and resilience by tweaking the formatting of its Women Who Build Summit to evolve in light of the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the global pivot to digital meetings and remote collaboration. The latest iteration of the Women Who Build Summit features a new and exciting format – the Pathway to the 2021 Women Who Build Summit, which includes seven individual sessions that will engage participants' minds, strengthen their bodies, and allow them to have some fun along the way. The Pathway to the Women Who Build series ?culminates in the 2021 Women Who Build Summit on August 25-26.

Seven unique virtual events will take place from January - July, building discussions and networks prior to the final (hopefully in-person) event in August. These seven events will include:

- **Fostering Your Best Self During Unusual Times (February 25)**, focusing on celebrating a month of self-care with mindfulness, stress relief, and yoga.
- **How to Lean In Around a Virtual Conference Space (March 25)**, featuring speaker Donna Adamo

of Arcadis, who will teach us how to level-up our on-camera presence in real time by sharing a career's worth of tips on presenting on camera.

- Straight Talk From A Powerhouse Panel (April 22), including an open panel discussion among female leaders about their individual pathway to leadership and the dreaded imposter syndrome
- Meet Your Mentor: A Virtual Speed Networking Event (May 20), approaching an old topic in a new way by connecting potential mentors and mentees from the comfort of home.
- Connecting with the Next Generation: An Event with Students (June 10), allowing attendees to meet and greet the next generation of potential industry leaders
- Summertime Networking (July 15), enabling participants to reflect with industry colleagues and the mid-point of the year, strengthen existing connections, and forge new ones.
- 2021 Women Who Build Summit (August 25-26), culminating in our main event, the Women Who Build Summit, which we hope to be able to hold in person.

Of course, more information and registration details are available on the Construction Institute's website. We hope you can join us!

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