8th April 2026 - WING Catch-Up Call

Present	**Apologies**
1. Inchara Lakshminarayan 2. Ivana-Maria Carrioni-Burnett 3. Jaz Hill-Valler 4. Sangeetha Ilamparithi 5. Michelle Brown 6. Colette Jeffrey 7. Clare Stead 8. Tiree Macleod-Nolan 9. Holly Marshall	10. Lucy Woods 11. Cynthia Robinson 12. Hannah Sherrard

Call Summary

The meeting discussed the formation and goals of the women navigation group, aligning with the Royal Institute of Navigation's mission. Strategies for membership growth and messaging were considered, with a focus on offline events to ensure good attendance. The group reviewed the International Women's Day (IWD) post, which had a mentorship theme and was the second-best performing post of March.

Key points included the need for a unified group to build closer connections, with plans to form subgroups as needed. Claire is setting up a WhatsApp group and a survey to gather feedback. The group discussed challenges like low volunteer participation and the importance of clear group purposes. Funding and sponsorship were proposed to support initiatives. Collaboration with other women's groups, such as Women in Space, was suggested to increase visibility and impact. The group also emphasized the importance of recognizing volunteers and hosting online events and webinars to foster community and knowledge sharing.

<u>Mentorship Focus</u>
We discussed whether mentorship should prioritize RIN members while being flexible. Generally, there is a scarcity of mentorship opportunities, many shared personal experiences with mentorship and the lack of payment. The group agreed on the importance of mentorship but debated its feasibility and potential funding.

Actions

1) Develop and implement a plan to better promote upcoming Women in Navigation / IWD content calls (for example, sharing information more broadly within RIN) so that more members are aware and can contribute stories

2) Clare: After receiving Ramsay's feedback, report back to the Women in Navigation group on whether any PNT Office funding can support WING or related initiatives.
3) Initiate an email thread with interested members to brainstorm potential funding and sponsorship sources for Women in Navigation activities.
4) Organize and hold a follow-up discussion with SIG leads shortly after the SIG Fusion event to continue planning Women in Navigation collaborations with other SIGs.
5) Plan and host online webinar-style events for the Women in Navigation group, drawing on experience organizing similar sessions for other networks
6) Email personal phone numbers to Claire so she can add members to the planned Women in Navigation WhatsApp group.