WITS and the European Parliament Information Office in Ireland are delighted to **welcome Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell** for a unique event celebrating her contribution to scientific discovery. Professor Bell Burnell DBE, FRS, FRAS is a Northern Irish astrophysicist. As a postgraduate student, she discovered the first radio pulsars with her thesis supervisor Antony Hewish, for which Hewish shared the Nobel Prize in Physics. Professor Bell Burnell was President of the Royal Astronomical Society from 2002 to 2004, president of the Institute of Physics from October 2008 until October 2010, and was interim president following the death of her successor, Marshall Stoneham, in early 2011. She was succeeded in October 2011 by Sir Peter Knight. She was recently elected Pro-Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin.

Professor Bell Burnell will be presented on the day with a painting by Spanish artist Margarita Cimadevila from her series Ciencia EX AEQUO paying tribute to women who having made significant scientific discoveries were relegated to a lesser status by their male superiors, colleagues or competitors.

In 2012 for the Royal Society of Edinburgh Professor Bell Burnell chaired a working group to develop a strategy and set of recommendations to increase both the proposition of women in the workplace qualified in STEM and the number who rise to senior positions in academia and industry in Scotland – Tapping all our Talent is the report of the working group. Professor Bell Burnell will discuss the report recommendations and findings.

The event will conclude with an interview on Professor Bell Burnells work over her long and distinguished career.

An audience with Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell (12noon to 14.30)

12-12.30 Arrival, sign-in, networking, refreshments

12.30 Welcome by WITS Chair & EP representative

12.35 Artist Margarita Cimadevila will give a presentation of her work. (www.cimadevila.tk/album/pdf/EXAEQUO_EN.pdf)

12.45 Minister Sean Sherlock (TBC) will present the painting inspired by the discovery of pulsars to Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell

12:55 Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell will introduce the 'Tapping all our Talent' Report outlining the process and the recommendations

13:15 Discussion/Q&A on applicability to Ireland

13:30 Journalist Claire O'Connell (TBC) will interview Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell on her research

14:00 Q&A /discussion

14:15 Closing remarks

14:30 Event Closed