

## Pressemeldung

### **Women@Refractories. The networking event on September 17, 2025, at the ICR in Aachen.**

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The refractory initiative "Women@Refractories" will hold a major event at the 67th International Colloquium on Refractories on September 17, 2025 in Aachen.

"Last year was a huge success, and this year we're going to do even better," says co-founder Kerstin Hauke. Another networking event will take place on September 17, 2025, as part of the scientific congress's supporting program: a keynote speech, panel discussions, and interactive networking. This initiative alone has already received over 100 registrations for the event.

The goal is to empower women in the refractories industry, increase their visibility, and promote exchange about leadership paths and careers – a topic that is becoming increasingly important for many companies, as diversity and networking create innovative strength, retain skilled workers, and a contemporary corporate image. "Of course, men are also welcome to participate in this event," explains co-founder Tobias Steffen. Both founders work at the Forschungsgemeinschaft Feuerfest e.V..

With a keynote speech by Vera Strauch, a high-profile panel, and targeted networking formats, the event offers inspiration, exchange, and inspiration – also for managers who want to promote female talent within their own companies and increase their visibility.

Further information about the event, participation, and sponsorship opportunities can now be found on the ICR 2025 Website: [www.ecref.eu/icr](http://www.ecref.eu/icr).



**Bild 1:** The initiators of Women@Refractories  
Charlotte Linden, Tobias Steffen und  
Kerstin Hauke (v.l.)

