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Jonathan Dimbleby TV Programme

On 26th September 2004, CWN member **Gill King**, who is also a member of the FSB (Federation of Small Businesses), was selected to be in the audience for this show which goes out on Sunday lunchtimes. Jonathan's guest was **Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry** and one of the topics was Labour's intention to introduce more family friendly policies (increases in paid maternity and paternity leave have already been floated). Gill was invited because she acts as Human Resource Consultant to several small businesses. Prior to the programme, Gill was interviewed by telephone by the programme's editor. On the day, she wore a suit as she would for any business event and was placed in the front row. During the programme, she had the opportunity to comment and converse directly with Patricia Hewitt. 'As with many situations in life, you always think afterwards of other things you could have said but there is a very small window of opportunity which needs to be taken. You are not allowed to take anything into the studio - notes, bags etc and indeed the benches we were sitting on were quite cramped considering the size of the studio. It was particularly nice the next day to get encouraging emails from two CWN members who had happened to see the programme'. Gill is sure that Roz Morris's session on **4th November on Preparing for the Media** will provide many more meaningful insights into TV appearances. In the meantime, her message is to take the opportunity if it comes.

PS Patricia Hewitt did ask for Gill's contact details after the broadcast but to date has not made contact.