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Women Like Us is an award-winning social enterprise that supports women with children to find flexible work and helps employers source experienced, part-time staff.

Across the UK there are over half a million talented women who want to work but cannot find flexible employment to fit around their family lifestyles. *Women Like Us* goes to where these women are, where they feel comfortable, and where they are most likely to talk about returning to work: the school gates.

Founded in 2004 by two working mums who realised the experience and skill-base of this hidden network of women - Women Like Us now partners with 95 schools, reaching over 35,000 women, with nearly 6,000 women registering to date and 350 new registrations each month.

The Women Like Us recruitment service is now London's leading part time recruitment agency, and has worked with 700 employers to date - not just on recruitment but also on retention and job design.

This year Karen was a two-time winner at the Prowess Awards picking up 'Inspirational Business Mum' and 'Female Social Entrepreneur'. In 2007 Women Like Us won the 'Enterprising Solutions Award for Best New Social Enterprise - Winner and in 2006 captured the Recruit Rank Award for Best Recruitment Advertising.