

PRESS RELEASE

WeAreTheCity Reveal Top 100 Female Rising Stars

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EMBARGOED: Today WeAreTheCity released the names of its top 100 female Rising Stars as part of its annual awards programme.

The prestigious Rising Star awards aim to showcase the pipeline of female talent in the UK and to create role models across 20 different industries and professions.

The awards focus on celebrating the achievements of women under a management level regardless of age.

This year a new category was introduced to celebrate the efforts of senior individuals who champion gender equality, both within and outside of their organisations.

Over 850 entries were judged by a panel of 21 independent judges and over 28,000 public votes were received for the 200 shortlisted nominees from across 112 countries.

The top 5 winners for each category will be celebrated at a lavish awards ceremony on June 30 at Barclays.

Headline sponsored by Barclays, the awards are supported by AON, Bloomberg, Cancer Research UK, Women of Influence, Computer Weekly, EPAA (Executive and Personal Assistant Association), EY, The Guardian Women in Leadership, Inclusive Networks, ISS, Journolink, Kier, Lloyd's, Morgan Stanley, Newton Investment Management, Oliver Wyman, PA Consulting, Pedalsure, PwC, Reed Smith, Squaremile, Societe Generale, Socitm Advisory, Twenty Recruitment, The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, UN Women National Committee UK, Virgin Media Business, The Voice and Worldpay.

Vanessa Vallely, Managing Director of WeAreTheCity said: "It has been a total honour to run this year's awards and highlight the achievements of so many amazing women. The calibre of entries was truly phenomenal.

"WeAreTheCity is very much about supporting the female pipeline and introducing these awards was a perfect opportunity to showcase the amazing talent of women across the UK.

"We are exceptionally proud of our winners and look forward to following their future success.

"We wouldn't have been able to launch these awards without the support of so many organisations, who took no convincing, to support these women and recognise their achievements.

“Both myself, my team, our sponsors, judges and supporters are very much looking forward to celebrating with all of our winners at the Barclays on 30 June”.

The winners of each category can be found in alphabetical order below. Full details of each winners can also be found by visiting risingstars.wearethecity.com

Rising Stars in Banking - Sponsored by Societe Generale:

Ebi Obode - RBS
Khalia D. Newell - Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Lauren Garey - JP Morgan
Luma Zitani - Barclays
Rachel Webster - Barclays

Rising Stars - Champions – Sponsored by Oliver Wyman:

Carolyn Pepper - Reed Smith
Funke Abimbola - Roche UK
Heather Melville - RBS
Robert Thesiger - The FISER Group
Tamara Box - Reed Smith

Rising Stars in Charity – Sponsored by Cancer Research UK, Women of Influence:

Frah Saeed - YMCA North London
Mary Dobson - LYCP
Michelle Thorpe - UK Homes 4 Heroes
Samantha Jones - Smart Works
Sophie Richardson - Free The Children UK

Rising Stars in Consulting - Sponsored by EY:

Amber Rosier - Accenture
Cynthia Yoon - KPMG
Hannah Selby - Mott MacDonald
Helen Campbell - PwC
Jennifer Curtis - ZS Associates

Rising Stars in Defence – Sponsored by PA Consulting:

Hayley Barnden - Ministry of Defence
Natalie Grainger - Naval Air Squadron
Sarah Cotman - RAF
Sarah Stevens - Royal Fleet Auxiliary
Sherry McBain - RAF

Rising Stars in Diversity – Sponsored by AON:

Elisha St Hilaire - Aon
Julie Thomas - Zurich Insurance
Lauren Peel - Aviva
Rupal Kantaria - Oliver Wyman
Stephanie Kouame – Bloomberg

Rising Stars - EA/PA's – Sponsored by EPAA:

Amanda Hargreaves - PZ Cussons
Hannah Kate Smith - RSA
Jennifer Corcoran – Crédit Agricole CIB
Karen Glenn - Colt Technology Services
Simone White - BlackRock

Rising Stars in Education – Sponsored by The University of Chicago Booth School of Business:

Amy Farrelly - Rugby School
Brenda Neburagho - St Mathew Academy
Carrie Dunn - University of East London
Faye Kilgour - Graydin
Hasmita Chavda - Ignite!

Rising Star Entrepreneurs – Sponsored by Virgin Media Business:

Amma Mensah - Beyond The Classroom
Charlotte Pearce - Inkpact
Clare Anyiam-Osigwe (nee Eluka) | Premae
Georgina Bullen - Team Insight
Phoebe Gormley - Gormley & Gamble

Rising Stars in Facilities Management – Sponsored by ISS:

Cheryl-Anne Sanderson - G4S
Elaine Gibson - NSPCC
Lianne Lawson - Interserve Construction
Mary N O'Connor - London Bridge Quarter Estate Management
Sophie Kimber - ISS

Rising Stars in HR & Recruitment - Sponsored by Twenty Recruitment:

Ellen Hartley - Barclays
Julia Vanoli - House of Commons
Kayleigh Bottomley - Progressive Recruitment (SThree)
Tarryn Severn - Barclays
Winnie Oudemans – Barclays

Rising Stars in Insurance - Sponsored by Lloyd's:

Adobea Atsrefi - AIG
Amy Sinnott - AIG
Charlotte Lach - AIG
Christy Mitchell - Zurich
Sarah Millman - LV=

Rising Stars in Investment Management - Sponsored by Newton Investment Management:

Alison Ure - Hermes Investment Managers
Emma Bullock - Saunderson House
Jamie Tolentino-Deludet - Investec Asset Management

Katie Trowsdale - Standard Life
Sarah Hudson - BlackRock

Rising Stars in Law, The Lynne Freeman award – Sponsored by Reed Smith:

Claudine Adeyemi - Mishcon de Reya
Danielle Ayres - Gorvins Solicitors
Kim Opszala - Dentons
Leah Glover - DWF
Rhiannon Paine - Clifford Chance

Rising Stars in Media & Journalism – Sponsored by Bloomberg:

Jenna Jones - Maggie Semple Ltd
Nejra Cehic – Bloomberg
Roz Sanderson - UBM
Ruth David - Bloomberg
Samantha Brooker - Secret Escapes

Rising Stars in Oil & Gas – Sponsored by PwC:

Anne Bailey - Baringa Partners
Anne Claudel - BP
Eleanor Collins - BP
Kerrine Bryan - CB&I
Nicola Hartshorn - British Gas

Rising Stars in Property Services – Sponsored by Kier:

Alex Chitty - Land Securities
Alice Boswell - The British Land
Jessica Neale - CBRE
Najwa Jawahar - WSP | Parsons Brinkerhoff
Rebecca Fieldhouse - Icen Projects

Rising Stars in Public Sector – Sponsored by Socitm Advisory:

Emma Redman - Southend Council
Hannah Cotton - Transport for London
Lorraine Eyers – Greater London Authority
Susan Russell - Festivals Edinburgh
Temitope Roberta Lawal - Ministry of Justice

Rising Stars in Sales – Sponsored by Worldpay:

Elizabeth Drummond - Bloomberg
Emma Gillies - Sedgefield Racecourse
Mary Kay - Real Staffing (SThree)
Shauna Bull - Pure Storage
Valentine Rabin - MasterCard

Rising Stars in Sport - Sponsored by PedalSure:

Alexandra Merisoiu - The Merisoiu Technique

Francesca Brown - Goals4Girls
Hayley Bennett - Kick it Out
Manisha Tailor - Swaggarlicious
Sophie Radcliffe - Challenge Sophie

Rising Stars in Technology - Sponsored by Morgan Stanley:

Babs Ofori-Acquah - MVF
Ellie Ulrich - Cisco
Lucie Svandelikova - BT
Sarah Chapman - 3M
Sarah Khan - SARA K Digital

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