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WeAreTheCity Reveal Top 100 Female Rising Stars Across 20 Industries

Today WeAreTheCity released the names of its top 100 female Rising Stars as part of its Annual Awards Programme, to celebrate the female talent pipeline across the UK. The prestigious Rising Star awards, now in its third year, aim to showcase the sheer volume of female talent that exists across our industries and to create role models for the future.

The awards focus on celebrating the achievements of women under a management level regardless of age. Over the past three years, WeAreTheCity has built up an alumni of 200 previous winners. 78 of the awards alumni have since been promoted by their organisations as well as going on to win additional awards, including Manisha Tailor who received an MBE during the 2016 New Year's honours.

This year's winners include a 16 year old Paralympian, Kare Adenegan, Katie Kelleher of Crossrail, Laing O'Rourke who is a Crane Operator at Tottenham Court Road tube, Marina Parry, Research fellow, CRUK, Rhia O Reilly, Professional Wrestler, Katie McEwan, PA to Jacqueline Gold MBE as well as a number of other inspiring women who continue to push their boundaries in order to achieve their full potential.

New for this year, the awards also celebrate outstanding organisations in the Company of the Year category. The award, sponsored by Barclays, recognises the achievements of a company who can clearly demonstrate that it is actively supporting its female talent pipeline through its initiatives, training, development programmes, internal employee relations and diversity network groups. This year after two rounds of rigorous judging, by industry leaders such as Cilla Snowball, Chair of the Women's Business Council; Anne Francke, CEO, CMI; Jane Hill, BBC Presenter; Sophie Walker, Leader of the Women's Equality Party and Stig Abell of the Times Literary Supplement, two companies were identified as joint winners of the award due to a tie break of judges scores.

Thanks to Oliver Wyman, the awards continue to celebrate Rising Star Champions, recognising the efforts of senior leaders who are actively supporting the female pipeline. Winners of this category include Mohammed Zafran BEM, Director of All 4 Youth and Community, Amali de Alwis, CEO of Code First Girls and Chuck Stephens, Head of Diversity and Inclusion at Google.

Over 1,250 entries were judged by a panel of 33 independent judges including Baroness Goudie, Lara Morgan, serial entrepreneur and investor and Eleanor Mills, Editorial Director, Sunday Times. During the month of May, over 35,000 public votes from 110 countries were received for the 200 shortlisted nominees.

The top five winners for each category will be celebrated at a prestigious awards ceremony on 12 July at NewsUK's headquarters in London.

Headline sponsored by The Times & The Sunday Times, the awards are supported by leading organisations including 3M, Aon, Barclays, Bloomberg, Cancer Research UK, Citi, Edit Development, EY, GDS, Kier, LinkedIn, Lloyd's, Morgan Stanley, Northern Trust, Oliver Wyman, PedalSure, Reed Smith, Royal Navy, Societe Generale, Streets Consulting and Worldpay.

Chris Duncan, Managing Director, Times Newspaper Ltd

We are delighted to support WeAreTheCity as the headline sponsor for their Rising Star Awards in 2017. Building and supporting a strong pipeline of female talent is a key area of focus at The Times and The Sunday Times. We are excited to be a part of this unique awards programme that shines the spotlight on the achievements of women across so many different industries. We are honoured to be involved and would like to congratulate all winners.

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. We are exceptionally proud that year on year our Rising Star community continues to grow and most importantly that we continue to uncover and showcase emerging leaders and role models from across the UK. Not only do these awards shine a spotlight on the female talent pipeline, but they should also be seen as a call to action for all organisations to continue to invest in their female talent pool. Both myself, my team, our sponsors, judges and supporters are very much looking forward to celebrating with all of our winners at the NewsUK on 12 July".

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

Rising Stars in Banking - Sponsored by Societe Generale:

Annie Mbako - BNY Mellon
Ashleigh Harvey - RBS
Mary Mosope Adeyemi - Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Rachel Scandling - Barclays
Zainab Atta – RBS

Rising Stars in Charity - Sponsored by Cancer Research UK:

Natalie Campbell - A Very Good Company
Tanya Compas - The Change Foundation
Tonia Ashikodi - Mumtrepreneur Club
Trishna Bharadia - MS Society
Yasmine Davies - Autistica

Rising Stars in Consulting - Sponsored by EY:

Anisha Seth - EY
Bijal Majithia - EY
Gill Hemming - PwC
Hollie Haslam – Mercer Limited
Sayli Chitre - Oliver Wyman

Rising Stars in Construction:

Fiona Barry - London Underground
Katie Kelleher - Crossrail - Laing O'Rourke
Loretta Lipworth - Balfour Beatty
Sharon Slinger - Carillion PLC
Vicci Jarvis - Interserve Developments

Rising Stars in Defence- Sponsored by Royal Navy:

Laura Dietz - Royal Navy
Emily Fowles - Royal Fleet Auxiliary
Claire Nixon - RAF
Patricia Patilla Sanchez - Rolls-Royce PLC
Clair Ryer - RAF

Rising Stars in Diversity - Sponsored by AON:

Leyya Sattar – The Other Box
Louisa Lombardo - Chubb
Lucile Kamar - RICS
Miisa Mink - DrivenWoman
Morenike Ajayi - Career Nuggets

Rising Stars - EA/PA's:

Debra Jacobs - RBS
Elizabeth Mendes Da Silva - Barclaycard
Emily Walker - Liverpool John Moores University
Jane Brazzill - PWC
Katie McEwan - Ann Summers

Rising Stars in Education & Academia - Sponsored by Edit Development:

Anna Howard - London South Bank University
Benny Bonsu - Girls in Sport Foundation
Janice St John-Matthews - University of the West of England
Jaspreet Sangha - St Marylebone School
Natalie Scott - St Joan of Arc School

Rising Star Entrepreneurs - Sponsored by Citi:

Dr Ava Eagle Brown - Ava Eagle Brown
Cynthia Davis - BAME Recruitment
Jenny Garrett – Reflexion Associates
Lalita Devi Purbhoo-Junggee - Nineteen Fifty Design & Print Co Ltd
Tanya Dennis - Eventsuncut

Rising Star Fintech - Sponsored by Streets Consulting:

Carla Mazzaccherini - Morgan Stanley

Frida Jonsdottir - Deloitte

Isabel Cooke - Barclays

Katerina Domenikou - Bloomberg

Nana Yaa Mensah - Worldpay

Rising Stars in HR & Recruitment - Sponsored by LinkedIn:

Kirsten Doherty - Accenture

Laura Herbert - Thales UK

Laura Pettitt - Insignis Ltd

Maria Ursu - Vodafone

Valeriya Nefyodova - BP

Rising Stars in Insurance - Sponsored by Lloyd's:

Charlie Lawson - Hiscox

Niamh Carty - AIG

Omo-Bisi Daniels - AIG

Salome Sandra - Marsh

Victoria Rawlings - The Replacement Service

Rising Stars in Investment Management - Sponsored by Northern Trust:

Claire Meier - Northern Trust

Emma Clarke - Beaufort Investment Management

Emma Jackson - Legg Mason Global Asset Management

Nandini Ramakrishnan - J.P. Morgan Asset Management

Siva Karthikeyan – Aon Hewitt

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

Denise Nurse - Halebury

Janvi Patel - Halebury

Naomi Pryde - Dentons

Sally Penni – Kenworthy's Chambers

Suzanne Szczetnikowicz - Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP

Rising Stars in Property and Facilities Management - Sponsored by Kier:

Sahar Rezazadeh - CBRE

Hannah Jones - Cushman and Wakefield

Rachel Morris - Derby Cathedral

Doga Tasli - G4S FM

Alison Bowen - Interserve

Rising Stars in Public Sector - Sponsored by GDS:

Annette Henley - Home Office

Fiona Galvin - Transport for London

Imogen Thompson - Transport for London

Lauren Bottomley - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Megan Key - Ministry of Justice

Rising Stars in Sales - Sponsored by Worldpay:

Analyn Pelayre – Good E-Learning
Fiene Fischer – Bloomberg
Sara Diggle – Brother UK Limited
Sonya Barlow – Dunnhumby
Selina Taylor – Hermes Investment Management

Rising Stars in Science and Engineering - Sponsored by 3M:

Athena Livesey - WSP
Claire Gott - WSP
Marina Parry – CRUK, University of Manchester
Mary Akangbe - NHS
Niri Arambepola - WSP

Rising Stars in Sport - Sponsored by PedalSure:

Charlotte Richardson - K-Sports Cobdown
Kare Adenegan - British Paralympic Association
Rhia O'Reilly - Professional Wrestler
Victoria Knowles-Lacks - The Shotgun and Chelsea Bun Club
Zainab Goreja – Student, Carlton Bolling College

Rising Stars in Technology - Sponsored by Morgan Stanley:

Anneclaire van Not - DXC
Beverley Newing - Oxford Computer Consultants
Carole Logan - Equator
Lauren Murtagh - BT
Nicole Covey - IBM

Rising Stars - Champions - Sponsored by Oliver Wyman:

Amali de Alwis - Code First: Girls
Chuck Stephens - Google
Liz Dimmock - Women Ahead and Moving Ahead Group
Mohammed Zafran BEM - All 4 Youth & Community
Ruth Oshikanlu - Goal Mind Limited

Rising Stars – Company of the Year - Sponsored by Barclays:

Accenture
Bloomberg

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