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Nominations are now open for WeAreTheCity's 2019 Rising Star Awards

WeAreTheCity is delighted to announce that nominations for our 2019 Top 100 [Rising Star Awards](#) are now open.

Now in its fifth year, the Rising Stars Awards are the first to focus on the UK's female talent pipeline below management level. Through these awards, we will celebrate 100 individual female contributors that represent the leaders and role models of tomorrow. We hope that by raising the profile of our shortlist and winners, we will also encourage organisations to consider how they strengthen the development of their female pipeline in the future.

Recognising that careers for women may follow different timescales, the Top 100 Rising Stars Awards will not have any age restrictions included within the criteria. WeAreTheCity feels it has a responsibility to ensure that female talent, regardless of age and background, receives the necessary support and skills to transition into key decision-making roles within our organisations.

WeAreTheCity will use its extensive reach across the UK & Ireland to find 100 high-achieving women across key industries and professions.

In previous years, the awards have been supported by an array of FTSE sponsors and this year is no different. We are proud to announce that this year's award headline sponsors are The Times and The Sunday Times.

The Rising Star Awards are also supported by 3M, Accenture, Barclays, Bloomberg, C&C Search, Cancer Research UK, CMI, Deloitte, EDIT Development, finnCap, HSBC, Jobbio, Kier, Lloyds Banking Group, Lloyd's, Northern Trust, Reed Smith, Style Magazine.

Alongside our Rising Stars categories, we are also calling for nominations for Champions and a Company of the Year. Our Champion award recognises the achievements of five senior individuals, male or female, who are actively supporting the female pipeline outside of their day job. Nominations for this award are individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to gender, e.g. HeForShe supporters, Network Leaders, Directors, MD's or C-Suite individuals who are championing women either inside or outside their organisations.

The Company of the Year award recognises the achievements of a company who can clearly demonstrate that they are actively supporting its female talent pipeline through their initiatives, training, development programmes and internal employee relations and diversity network groups.

The nominations process opens today, 01 February 2019, for all categories. A shortlist of ten women from each industry category will be chosen by an esteemed panel of judges and will be published in May. The shortlist will then be open to a public vote. Judging for the final five winners for each category will take place with independent judges across May and June. The Top 100 Rising Stars will be announced on 03 July at a prestigious ceremony, held at Sheraton Grand Hotel, Park Lane, London.

The award's celebration will give guests an opportunity to meet and network with other winners, sponsors and judges; enjoy a three-course meal, wine and champagne reception; and hear from live entertainment and inspiring speakers.

Tickets for this year's event will be available to purchase from [the Rising Star website](#). We will be announcing when tickets go on sale in due course.

Lorraine Candy, Luxury Content Director of The Sunday Times said, "The Times and The Sunday Times are thrilled to once again support this year's Rising Star Awards. With gender politics and female empowerment dominating our headlines, supporting women in the workplace remains important to our readers, as well as an important strand of the journalism we create. We believe that by raising up those at lower levels, we are creating tomorrow's leaders and these awards' help shine a spotlight on the tremendous work being achieved in the female pipeline. We look forward to celebrating the brilliant female talent that this year's awards will discover."

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Editor's notes

Award's Categories

- Rising Stars in Banking & Capital Markets, sponsored by Lloyds Banking Group
- Rising Stars in Creative Industries, sponsored by Style Magazine
- Rising Stars in Charity, sponsored by Cancer Research UK
- Rising Stars in Defence, sponsor TBA

- Rising Stars in Digital, sponsored by Barclays
- Rising Stars in Diversity, sponsored by HSBC
- Rising Stars EA & PA, sponsored by C&C Search
- Rising Stars in Education & Academia, sponsored by EDIT Development
- Rising Stars in Entrepreneurs & Startups, sponsor finnCap
- Rising Stars in HR & Recruitment, sponsored by Jobbio
- Rising Stars in Insurance, sponsored by Lloyd's of London
- Rising Stars in Investment Management, sponsored by Northern Trust
- Rising Stars in Law (The Lynne Freeman Award), sponsored by Reed Smith
- Rising Stars in Property, Construction & Facilities Management, sponsored by Kier
- Rising Stars in Professional Services, sponsored by Deloitte
- Rising Stars in Public Sector, sponsor TBC
- Rising Stars in PR & Communications, sponsor TBC
- Rising Stars in Science & Engineering, sponsored by 3M
- Rising Stars in Technology, sponsored by Accenture
- Rising Stars in All Other Industries, sponsor TBC
- Rising Star Champions, sponsored by CMI Women
- Company of the Year, sponsored by Bloomberg

Award's timeline

- **Nominations open:** 01 February 2019
- **Nominations close:** 22 March 2019
- **Shortlist announced and public vote*:** 13 May
- **Public voting closes:** 31 May 2019
- **Winner's announced at award's ceremony:** 03 July 2019

*There is no public vote of support for the Champion of the Year or Company of the Year award

About WeAreTheCity

WeAreTheCity.com is a female development organisation that helps companies to attract, return and develop their female talent pool. WeAreTheCity provides resources for women looking to develop themselves personally and professionally. Through the website we provide gender-related news, a networks directory, calendar of events and conferences, returnships, business schools, inspirational women profiles, HeForShe interviews, giving back and jobs.