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WeAreTheCity Rising Star Awards 2019

WeAreTheCity shines the spotlight on 200 remarkable women as part of their Rising Star Awards shortlist

WeAreTheCity are proud to announce the shortlist for their 2019 Rising Star Awards.

The Rising Star Awards, now in their fifth year, 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.

Since 2015, WeAreTheCity's Rising Star Awards have highlighted the achievements of over 450 future leaders and role models across a variety of different industries and professions.

The 200 strong shortlist showcases remarkable women within the UK from across 20 categories representing different industries/professions. An example of the amazing women shortlisted this year are; Claudia Craig, Campaign Manager, Centenary Action Group; Kelly Caswell-Treen, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant, British Army and Rain Irshad, Autonomous Systems Lead, STFC RAL Space.

The Rising Star Awards also include a Company of the Year award, which recognises the achievements of a company who can demonstrate that they are actively supporting and developing their female talent pipeline through initiatives, training, development programmes and/or internal employee relations groups. Shortlisted companies this year are Aviva Investors, HSBC, KPMG, Sky and UMBRA International.

The awards will continue to celebrate Rising Star Champions, recognising the efforts of senior leaders who are actively supporting the female pipeline. Included in this

year's shortlist are Carmel Mckinney OBE, Non-Executive Chairperson, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and Sarah Beardsley, Head of Space Engineering and Technology Division, Science and Technology Facilities Council, UKRI.

The public are encouraged to cast their votes of support for our shortlisted nominees via risingstars.wearethecity.com

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."

The 2019 awards are headline sponsored by The Times and The Sunday Times. Category sponsors include an array of leading FTSE 100 companies and industry leaders: 3M, Accenture, Barclays, Bloomberg, British Army, Cancer Research UK, C&C Search, CMI, Deloitte, Edit Development, finnCap, GEO, HSBC, Jobbio, Kaizo, Kier, Lloyds Banking Group, Lloyd's, Northern Trust, Oxford Said Business School, Reed Smith and Style Magazine.

Vanessa Vallely OBE, Founder of WeAreTheCity, said, "The calibre of entries this year has been truly exceptional. Every one of these women should be extremely proud of their achievements. They are key contributors to their industries and outstanding role models. I wish them the very best of luck in the final round of judging. I am so excited to meet our shortlisted individuals in July at our prestigious awards ceremony."

These 200 women will now face the final judging period and the public vote. Our 2019 shortlist, judges, sponsors and supporters will be invited to a prestigious ceremony, where we will unveil our winners.

The awards will be celebrated at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, a stunning art deco property that boasts a most magnificent décor and ambience, based in heart of Mayfair.

As an organisation, WeAreTheCity are passionate about paying it forward and helping women in challenging circumstances to succeed. We are very honoured to be working with our charity partner, the Young Women's Trust for this year's awards. The Young Women's Trust supports young women aged 18-30, especially those struggling to live on low or no pay, to get into work that is right for them.

Tickets for this year's event will be available to purchase from [the Rising Star website](https://risingstars.wearethecity.com).

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Editor's notes:

To view the full shortlist, [click here](#).

For press tickets to the shortlist event and a full list of the shortlist, please email chantelle@wearethecity.com

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.

WeAreTheCity's aim is:

- To encourage women to progress in their careers through proactive activities such as networking, events, further education and training
- To help corporate organisations to attract, retain and develop their female employees
- To raise awareness of the various organisations including not-for-profit organisations who support the progression of women
- To connect and encourage women to give back and share their time/skills with charities, social enterprises, school, not-for-profit organisations and to become role models for the next generation of working women.

WeAreTheCity in numbers:

- 8 million hits per month
- 200,000 unique visitors per month
- 120,000+ subscribed members
- 20,000+ through social media
- 10,000 top UK ranking website on Alexa
- 85+ events curated
- 300+ women's networks promoted
- 7,000+ published articles

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APPENDIX

Rising Star Award's 2019 Shortlist

All Other Industries

Anna Blackwell and Kate Culverwell - Kayaking the Continent
Claudia Craig - Centenary Action Group
Hope Virgo - Mental Health Campaigner, Public Speaker & Author of Stand Tall Little Girl
Louise Maynard-Atem - Experian
Hannah Elderfield - Canvas8
Olivia Hawthorne - Cycle for your Cycle
Rebecca Purchase - Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Yasemin Sunbul - Openreach
Lindsey Porter - Yoga Nu U
Carol Valentine - Kent County Council

Banking

Jemma Waters - Lloyds Banking Group
Christine Ondimu - HSBC
Clodagh McCullagh - Barclays
Preeti Chaudhary - AIB UK
Ericka FitzGerald - MUFG
Mwange Malawo - HSBC
Cressida Stewart - Cherry London
Noemie Djossou - HSBC
Rebecca Smith - BNY Mellon
Milly Green - MUFG Securities

Creative

Isabella Silvers - Hearst UK
Gina Thompson - Warner Bros TVP
Georgina Bobb - Connect2TV Coaching
Juliette Nicholls - Pineapple Audio Production
Casey Elisha - Casey Elisha Books 7 Love Thy Fro: The Musical
Dulcie Pryslopski - Maggie Semple Ltd
Anila Chowdhry - Freelance at Channel 5's The Vine Show and The Telegraph
Laura Beattie - Careaux
Danni Sears - News UK
Rachel Beattie - Careaux

Defence

Georgina Brown - Ministry of Defence
Victoria Cope - BAE Systems
Faith Jayne - Raytheon Systems Limited
Emma Sagar - British Army
Hazelle Garton - Royal Navy

Shevonne Bramley - Royal Air Force
Ann Miller-McCaffrey - Royal Navy
Joanne Ellett - British Army
Kelly Caswell-Treen - British Army
Nordia Masters - British Army

Charity

Agnieszka Baliszewska - Nursing and Midwifery Council
Billie Boyd - Victim Support
Gemma Kybert - Oscar's Wish Foundation
Hannah Brockfield - The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability Project (A4S)
Herchran Boal - RSPCA
Laura Dickens - Cancer Research UK
Laura Perkins - Young Women's Trust
Natalie Moore - Apps for Good
Robi Sol Elsayey - Accenture
Sonia Meggie Sonia Meggie - Inspirational YOU

Digital

Alice Pelton - News UK / The Lowdown
Anahita Mahmoudi - Capgemini
Anna Somaiya - KPMG
Charlie Lait - TicToc by Bloomberg
Ciara Riordan - BBC News
Fabia Howard-Smith - Accenture
Helier Cheung - BBC News
Jem Collins - Journo Resources
Laura Chung - PayPal
Tara Annison - Lendingblock

Diversity

Elizabeth Seward - Airbus
Jacquelyn Guderley - Freelance Consultant
Laurie Rutter - Deloitte
Naomi Kellman - Rare Recruitment Limited
Salma Zulfiqar - SBZ Creative Media
Sarah Garnett - Telefonica UK Ltd
Sharniya Ferdinand - NatWest
Sheree Atcheson - Deloitte
Siobhan Sherry - Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Stephanie Itimi - Seidea

EA & PA

Belinda Aujla - The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability Project (A4S)
Emma Sikora - LV=
Hanna Stacey - Rackspace
Helen Rees - Marwell Wildlife

Kristianne Benn - Mishcon De Reya
Laura Blower-Harris - Accenture
Letitia Jackson - Barclays
Melissa Francis - Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Nikki Holland - PwC
Paula Moio - Time Family Office

Education & Academia

Aimee Atkinson - UWE Bristol
April-Louise Pennant - University of Birmingham
Caroline Thraves - The University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Denise Chippindale - General Assembly
Dilma de Araujo - Priory School
Joanna Donegan-Edwards - Dartford Science and Technology College
Katy Bristowe - MakerClub
Kerry Pace - Diverse Learners Ltd
Narelle Allen - PwC
Sarah Morris - Cranfield University

Entrepreneurs & Startups

Angelica Malin - About Time Magazine
Arya Taware - FutureBricks
Caroline Pegden - TempaGoGo
Cat Trebilco - Reach the Peak
Holly Rafique - #techmums
Isobel McFarland - Care
Leah Robson - Your Energy Your Way
Naomi Jane - A Life Less Ordinary Wanted
Vinnett Taylor - Telefonica O2 UK
Wai Foong Ng - Matchable

HR & Recruitment

Claire Farrow - Outsource UK
Edleen John - KPMG
Emily Lewis - Finlay James
Emily Luke - RBS
Leah Bracha - RBS
Mikahla Chapman - Accenture
Millie Smyth - Accenture
Morgana Aiyer - Accenture
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Stephanie Chant - ENGIE

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Cherry Cheung - PwC
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Emma Sutton - Marsh
Emma Thomson - British Friendly
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