

# NOVI *Leadership* SUMMIT & AWARDS 2025



15 Years of Women Breaking Barriers

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# Running Order

**10:30 Guest Arrival & Networking**

**11:20 Call Into The Venue**

**11:30 Host's Welcome – Power With Purpose**

**11:40 Panel 1 - Power & Allies:**

Gisela Abbam, Hon FBSA, FRSA, MBA

Tom Stancliffe

Susan McDonald MEng MIET

Lee Chambers

Dhruv Sarda

**12:05 Youth Panel: novi Futures**

**12:20 Lunch**

**13:05 Keynote:** Sarah Furness - **Former Combat helicopter pilot and Squadron Leader.**

**13:35 Winners Revealed**

**14:25 Dessert And Coffee**

**14:50 BWOY 2024,** Elizabeth Vega OBE

**15:00 Winner Announced – Business Woman Of The Year 2025**

**15:10 Closing Remarks** – Griselda Togobo, CEO, Novi

**15:20 Winner Videos & Photographs**

**15:30 Post-Awards Networking & Drinks**

# *Welcome to the 15th Annual* Novi Leadership Summit & Awards

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**This year marks our 15th Awards — a milestone that reflects not just longevity, but leadership with purpose.**

Novi began as a small but determined community in Yorkshire.  
Today, thanks to all of you in this room, we are a movement that has grown from local roots to national impact—and increasingly, beyond — a collective force championing women who lead with courage, intention, and impact.  
Our work goes far beyond tonight.

Every programme, award, and conversation is designed to accelerate progress:

- for women in leadership
- for young people through **Novi Futures**
- for organisations striving for more inclusive cultures
- and for communities who benefit when women rise.

This year's theme, **Power with Purpose**, is a call to every leader in this room.

It invites us to use our influence boldly and responsibly — not only to achieve success, but to create pathways for others.

**So today, I invite you not only to celebrate — but to act.**

Nominate. Sponsor. Partner. Share your story.

Be part of the work ahead.  
Together, we are not just imagining better futures.  
We are building them.



*Griselda Togobo*

Founder & CEO, NOVI GROUP

 Griselda Togobo

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# The Novi Ecosystem

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A single purpose — expressed through four powerful platforms.

## 1. The Novi Awards

Celebrating extraordinary women, role models and organisations who lead with power and purpose. With over 600 winners and finalists recognised, 10,000+ guests welcomed, and £50,000 raised for charities, the Awards shine a spotlight on leadership that transforms industries and communities. A platform that elevates talent, opens doors and inspires change.

## 2. Novi Leadership Academy

Creating the conditions for all talent to thrive. We work closely with organisations to design highly bespoke leadership and talent programmes that accelerate the advancement of women and support the creation of more equitable, diverse workplaces.

## 3. WeAreNovi Community

A year-round network offering:

- Masterclasses & development programmes
- Mentorship and peer support
- Curated events and executive networking
- Visibility and storytelling opportunities

Choose the membership that suits your journey: Virtual, Virtual Connect Plus, or Trailblazer.

A community built on connection, collaboration and collective strength.

## 4. Novi Futures

Novi Futures Co-founded with Usha Kong, our youth-focused programme breaks down barriers for the next generation and advances social mobility across England. We support young people through mentoring, skills development and exposure to real leadership role models — creating pathways from aspiration to opportunity.

*Whether you're a leader, ally, organisation or aspiring changemaker — there is a place for you at Novi.*

- Become a member
- Nominate someone inspiring
- Partner or sponsor
- Support Novi Futures



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# Speakers



## **ARTI HALAI - HOST**

BOARD ADVISOR, AURIS TECH LTD

With over three decades of experience in TV presenting, media, and business, Arti Halai is a specialist in confident communication, empowering professionals globally. A former television presenter, reporter, and producer for the BBC and ITV, she covered major global events, including the death of Princess Diana and the 9/11 tragedy, and fronted ITV's Central News across the Midlands for eight years.

Arti transitioned to the business world, co-founding two successful companies during a recession: Fleet Street Communications and Grin Consultancy. Both achieved seven-figure growth, working with global brands, and after a decade, she exited through management buyouts in 2022. As a keynote speaker and event host, Arti has presented at prestigious venues, including the House of Lords, and addressed audiences of up to 20,000. Her clients range from FTSE 100 companies to startups, entrepreneurs to academics.



## **SARAH FURNESS**

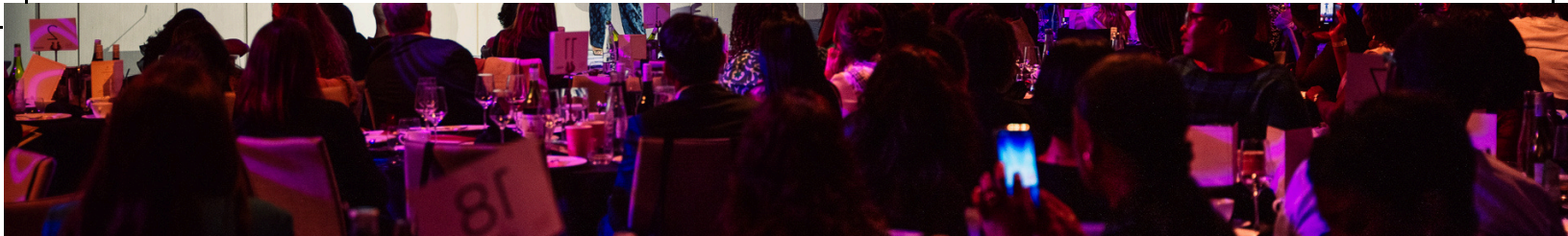
FORMER COMBAT HELICOPTER PILOT AND SQUADRON LEADER | FOUNDER, WELL BE IT

After graduating from Cambridge University, Sarah followed her dream to become a combat helicopter pilot in the RAF. As a Squadron Leader she led on operational combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and she was the first female helicopter pilot to fly and lead UK Special Forces missions in Iraq. So she has a proven track record leading teams to victory in the most extreme conditions. A qualified mindfulness coach and human factors facilitator Sarah combines her military expertise with proven cognitive techniques to expertly guide you on your own journey of discovery. Translating lessons from the battlefield directly to the boardroom you'll not only be captivated by her stories – you will leave the room, equipped with practicable and implementable tools. You'll be ready for action. You'll be ready to lead in the new era.

She is fluent in "alpha male" and whilst she takes her work seriously, she doesn't take herself too seriously. In her No1 Best Selling books FLY HIGHER and THE UNI-TASKING REVOLUTION. She has a young son who she adores and who keeps her on her A game.



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**in GISELA ABBAM, HON FBSA, FRSA, MBA**

CHAIR, GENERAL PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL & SENIOR DIRECTOR, REVVITY

Gisela is the Chair of the General Pharmaceutical Council, UK and former Chair of the British Science Association. She is also a Senior Director at Revvity. Gisela is a multi-award winner and has held several global Senior Executive roles. She was awarded Honorary Fellow of the British Science Association (Hon FBSA). She was the 2024 winner of the Women in Boards category for the Novi Awards. She also serves on the Board of the Bar Standards Board and Briyah Institute, USA. Gisela is a Commissioner for the National Preparedness Commission in UK. She has worked in conjunction with the WHO, World Bank and the UN to improve health outcomes globally.

Gisela was awarded Iconic Woman creating a better World for All by the Women Economic Forum. She was named one of the 100 Women to Watch for FTSE 350 Boards. Gisela is the winner of the 2019 Black British Business Person of the Year Award.



**in TOM STANCLIFFE**

CO-FOUNDER, TRIBE & TRIBE FREEDOM FOUNDATION

Tom Stancliffe is Co-Founder of TRIBE and TRIBE Freedom Foundation. Inspired by a 1,000 mile run to fight modern slavery, TRIBE make natural energy products to fuel active lives that have raised £2.5m to fight modern slavery. Since 2016, more than 500,000 people have attended a TRIBE event.



**in SUSAN MCDONALD MENG MIET**

ENERGY TRANSITION LEAD, DIRECTOR, DELOITTE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

She is a recognised leader in the energy transition for net zero, honoured as 2024 Novi STEM Leader of the Year, 2023 MCA Experienced Leader, and 2023 MCA Change and Transformation Project Award winner, and featured in the 2017 WES Top 50 Women in Engineering and Management Today's 35 Women Under 35. She also received the 2022 NHS WISE Unsung Hero Award and 2021 TechWomen 100 recognition. Beyond her client work, Susan champions engineering and technology careers as a Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering Ambassador and Trustee of the Women's Engineering Society.

Susan's commitment to sustainable leadership is further exemplified by her selection for a global Women in STEMM program, which culminated in a transformative voyage to Antarctica alongside 122 other women (2025), and her dedication to environmental research also extends to her work as an Earthwatch Institute citizen volunteer, undertaking studies on killer whales and their prey in Iceland (2024) and investigating climate change at the Arctic's edge (2014).

# Speakers



## **LEE CHAMBERS**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FOUNDER, MALE ALLIES UK; ESSENTIALISE

Lee Chambers is the chief psychologist and founder of Essentialise and Male Allies UK. After a diverse career, from corporate finance to building and exiting tech company, he is now focused on supporting organisations to engage men in inclusion and promote effective allyship. He has been featured on the Startups 100 Index, has received a Great British Entrepreneur Award, and sits on the board of CMI Women, Regeneration and the Manchester Metropolitan University Business School. In 2024, he received the Freedom of the City of London for services to equality in business. He is a Kavli Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences in the USA, the first Black British scientist to be awarded in its 33-year history, received for his work on health inequalities. He is the 2023 UN Women Changemaker of the Year, and is an ambassador for the UK Governments Lilac Review for Disabled Entrepreneurship.



## **DHRUV SARDA**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, ALVAREZ & MARSAL

Dhruv is a Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal (A&M), the trusted advisers known for practical solutions serving companies, investors and government entities. Dhruv leads the Deals and Transformation practice in the U.K., and co-sponsors A&M's Inclusive Diversity Office in Europe.

Dhruv's areas of focus are delivering EBITDA improvement from large-scale transformations, as well as mergers & acquisitions (M&A). He has been recognised as a "Top 25 M&A Consultant" by The Consulting Report for the past three years, and is a regular speaker on topics related to M&A and shareholder activism. Dhruv is on the Board of Trustees of Our Moon Education and a Founder's Circle member of The British Asian Trust.



## **ELIZABETH VEGA OBE**

GROUP CEO, INFORMED SOLUTIONS

Elizabeth is a seasoned executive with over 30 years of leadership in digital transformation and business innovation. She champions social inclusion, economic empowerment, and diversity in leadership, particularly in the tech and digital sectors. She advises the UK Government on SME policy, procurement reforms, and international trade, contributing to agreements like the UK-Singapore Digital Economy Deal and Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement. She is also an Export Champion for the Department for Business and Trade and a member of the Prime Minister's Business Council. Elizabeth actively supports regional economic growth through her roles in The Open University, Digital Leaders, the Bank of England Agents Network, and various Northern Powerhouse initiatives.



# “Youth Panel”



## **NOVI FUTURES**

ADVANCING SOCIAL MOBILITY, EMPOWERING LIVES

novi FUTURES is committed to breaking down barriers and advancing social mobility for young people across the England, particularly those from at-risk groups. Our mission is to ensure that every young person, regardless of background, has access to quality education and meaningful opportunities that lead to economic empowerment. By working collaboratively with educators, parents/carers, businesses, and community organisations, we create a robust support system that helps young people achieve their potential.



## **USHA KONG**

CO-FOUNDER, NOVI FUTURES

Usha Kong is the co-founder of novi FUTURES and an award-winning advocate for social mobility and youth empowerment. With lived experience of navigating and overcoming cultural and systemic barriers, Usha is a powerful leader driving equity, inclusion, and meaningful access for young people.

She is dedicated to creating a world where every young person feels seen, heard, and able to thrive



## **GRISELDA TOGOBO**

FOUNDER & CEO, NOVI, CO-FOUNDER, NOVI FUTURES

Griselda Togobo is an international leadership consultant, keynote speaker and entrepreneur with over 15 years' experience supporting global organisations. She works with leaders and teams to build inclusive, high-performing cultures through transformational keynotes, coaching and bespoke development programmes. She is the Founder & CEO of WeAreNovi, The Novi Awards and co-founder of Novi Futures.

An engineer and chartered accountant, Griselda brings a data-driven, commercial and human-centred approach to leadership. She serves on several advisory boards, including the Girls' Schools Association and the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women Academic Advisory Group.



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# BUSINESS WOMEN OF THE YEAR HALL OF FAME



2024

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2023

## EMMA WRIGHT

PARTNER, CO-FOUNDER, HARBOTTLE & LEWIS, PLAYFINDER

Emma Wright leads Harbottle and Lewis' Technology, Data, and Digital team, specializing in AI, cybersecurity, and digital infrastructure. She advises on emerging tech and online safety, co-founded the Inter-parliamentary Forum on Emerging Technology, and is listed among Computer Weekly's Most Influential Women in Tech.



2022

## SHERIDAN ASH

FOUNDER & CO-CEO, TECH SHE CAN

Sheridan, 2022 Forward Ladies Business Woman of the Year, is the Founder and Co-CEO of charity Tech She Can. Sheridan set up the charity to improve career opportunities in technology for children and women. She's a thought-leader on technological innovation and its contribution to productivity in the UKO.



2021

## LOUISE HARDY

CHARTERED CIVIL ENGINEER

Louise Hardy is a civil engineer who delivered some nationally significant infrastructure projects. She now has a portfolio of Non-Executive director positions on FTSE and public sector boards, encompassing housebuilding, mining and manufacturing sectors; including Polypipe Group Ltd - one of Europe's largest manufacturers of products for the construction industry.



2019

## ALEX DEPLEDGE

FOUNDER, RESI

Alex Depledge is one of the leading female lights in the UK tech scene. An innovative, principled and inspiring businesswoman, she co-founded the pioneering Hassle.com, which sold for £27 million in 2015. She started Resi, a groundbreaking online architectural service that is revolutionizing how Britons renovate.



2018

## LARA OYESANYA

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PENSIONBEE GROUP PLC

Lara is an experienced Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel. An Independent Non-Executive Director at PensionBee and Trustee at Shaw Trust. Recognized as Business Woman of the Year (2018) and in The Lawyer Hot 100 (2021), Lara has held senior roles at Zepz, Klarna, and Barclays. She is a solicitor in England and Wales, a barrister in Nigeria, and holds an LLB and an LLM in Comparative Company Law.



Learn more  
about our  
Alumni

# NOVI EMERGING LEADER

For women with less than 15 years in an organisation who show strong leadership potential



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**Amy Staines**  
Senior Financial  
Education Manager |  
Better with Money



**Anupama Hatti**  
Head of Programme  
Delivery | NHS Blood  
and Transplant



**Daria Preston**  
Change &  
Transformation Lead for  
Bankwide Skills & Talent |  
Bank of England



**Jenny Zhou**  
Solutions Engineer |  
Snowflake



**Poonam Kaur**  
CEO | fds Director |  
Services Limited



**Lucy Miles**  
Chief of Staff to  
Mechanical Engineering  
Director | MBDA



**Maria Rizov**  
Senior Counsel EMEIR |  
A&M



**Tara Anison**  
Head of Product |  
Twinstake



# NOVI ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

For senior women engineers who've delivered exceptional projects and act as role-models in a male-dominated field



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**Alison Benn**  
Project Director |  
AstraZeneca



**Carmen Macri**  
Principal Mechanical Engineer  
| WSP - Manchester



**Julia Barr**  
Principal Commercial Manager  
| Mott MacDonald



**Padmaja Das**  
Nuclear Deterministic  
Engineer | Rolls Royce SMR

“

The impact of the awards has been huge. This achievement has shone a spotlight on my career and inspired others. More importantly, the awards have enabled me to promote women's causes and to encourage women to consider all possibilities.

-Lara Oyesanya, PensionBee Group Plc



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# NOVI RISING STAR

Recognises women early in their career (or new to industry) who demonstrate outstanding potential (without yet holding a leadership role)



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**Madlyn Debrah**  
Compliance Apprenticeship  
| Barclays



**Natalia Narożanska**  
Lead Simulation Engineer |  
Evolito Ltd



**Tomi Olufawo**  
Financial Crime Analyst |  
Barclays



**Kate Irwin**  
Principal Manufacturing  
Engineer | MBDA

“

The Novi Awards spotlights the incredible contributions of women across industries, showcasing their achievements, resilience, and dedication to driving change. They aren't just about recognition – they're about creating a space when women are seen and heard, empowering others to follow in their footsteps”

**–Rav Bumbra, Founder, Cajigo**



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# Power with Purpose

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# NOVI TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL INNOVATION LEADER

For senior women in tech/digital roles who've led tech transformation and champion diversity in tech.



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**Mivv James**  
Chief Technology Officer  
| Ministry of Defence



**Caitlin Keam**  
VP Sustainability  
Applications | IFS



**Katherine Lee**  
Director, Global Product  
Integration | Mastercard



**Helen Kimber**  
Senior Data Scientist |  
Genetec



**Constandina Kakaras**  
Head of SW, AI and  
Commercial X | Ministry  
of Defence



**Dr Claire Thorne**  
Venture Partner & Co-  
Chief Executive Officer |  
Deep Science Ventures &  
Tech She Can

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Central to that purpose is our belief in the power of inclusive diversity. We know that progress is fueled by diverse perspectives, and we proudly support the women who are reshaping the future of business. Our sponsorship of the Novi Awards is a celebration of that commitment and a reflection of the values that define us.

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# NOVI TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADER

For women in leadership roles with 15+ years' experience who have driven business results and mentoring community contribution.



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**Cheryl Razzell**  
UKI Head of Specialist  
Solutions Architecture |  
AWS



**Priya Devine**  
Global Talent Acquisition  
Leader - Infra | Alvarez  
and Marsal



**Sadaf Alam**  
Senior Sustainability  
Consultant | PM group



**Carla McGlynn**  
Managing Director, Global Head of  
Markets Business Controls  
Technology / Tech Site Lead at Citi  
Belfast | Citi



**Selena Kearvell**  
Regional Sales Director |  
Marsh Limited



**Sophie Graham**  
Chief Sustainability  
Officer | IFS

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# NOVI EDUCATION & ACADEMIC LEADER

For women working within academia or the education sector.



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**Armin Mustafa**

**Associate Professor/ Co-founder  
and Chief Scientist | University of  
Surrey/ SAIReco Ltd.**



**Cristina-Steliana Mihailovici**

**CEO | Tide Kind**



**Heena Dave**

**Co-Founder | Climate Adapted  
Pathways for Education**



**Shweta Singh**

**Assistant Professor |  
University of Warwick**

“

What a fabulous and inspiring end to the week, celebrating women in innovation and entrepreneurship in London at the Novi Awards 2024. After being part of the Judging panel it was lovely to meet the award winners and many exceptional women who break barriers every day.

**-Richelle Schuster, Codetic**



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# NOVI INSPIRING MENTOR

For women who have a strong track record of mentoring and developing future leaders.



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**Karen Cairney**  
CEO / President | Cairney  
& Company Ltd



**Naomi Timperley**  
Co Founder | Tech North  
Advocates



**Patrice Bailey**  
CEO | Patrice Bailey  
International



**Karrie Fitzmaurice**  
Founder | KIT.Studios



**Abeyna Jones**  
Founder | Medic  
Footprints



**Srabani Sen**  
CEO | Full Colour



**Beth Crosier**  
Founder | CO4CH



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# NOVI PUBLIC & THIRD SECTOR

For women working or volunteering significantly in the public or charity sector



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**Charlotte Proudman**  
Barrister, Campaigner



**Effie Blankson**  
HR and Transformation  
Practitioner | Blanksons Limited



**Helen Rowe**  
Structures and Tunnels Asset  
Manager | Kent County Council

“

I have benefited so much from being part of the We Are Novi community, including becoming friends with last year's winner Emma Wright. That connection to Emma along with many others in the community came together earlier this year, led by Emma, to raise awareness and lobby the government to reverse a new law making it harder for all women to become angel investors.”

– **Sheridan Ash MBE, Founder, Tech She Can**



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# NOVI SOCIAL IMPACT

For women creating or delivering digital products, programmes or services that generate positive social impact.



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**Alice Hendy**  
CEO and Founder | Ripple  
Suicide Prevention  
Charity



**Amy Watson**  
Director | HASSL Ltd



**Elena Sinel**  
Founder & CEO | Teens in  
AI



**Emma Porter**  
Founder / Director | The  
Rebuild Site



**Saba Khan**  
Co Founder | Northwest  
Women in STEM  
Community Interest  
Group



**Kim Perlow**  
Founder | Link UP London



**Sheila Bailey**  
Director | Artemis  
Philanthropy Advisory  
Ltd



**Adebukola Salau**  
IT Delivery Lead | Her Connect  
Hub and Women For More  
International



**Michelle John**  
Founding Director | PEGS  
Support



**Alina Timofeeva**  
CEO | Unique.Bold.You.

# NOVI WOMEN ON BOARDS

For women serving as Non-Executive or trustee board members, to highlight visibility of board roles across sectors.



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**Ann Harding**  
Chair | HAE UK



**Bindi Karia**  
Innovation Expert, Venture Partner,  
NED, Advisor | Bindi Ventures



**Sarah Knowles**  
Head of PPP Asset Management |  
Kajima Partnerships Limited

“

A totally inspirational and uplifting day. There is nothing better than being surrounded by motivated professional like-minded superwomen who are fully charged to make a difference in their professions and environment.

– **Nadira Hussain, CEO, Socitm**



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# NOVI DISRUPTOR & INNOVATOR

For a woman who uses creative, innovative or unique approaches for solving problems or product innovation



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**Divya Garg**  
CEO | LetsLocalise Limited



**Dr Pauldy Otermans**  
Head of Research AI  
Technology in Education,  
COO | Otermans Institute



**Geeta Sidhu-Robb**  
CEO/Founder | WCorp Ltd



**Hilary Young**  
Co-Founder | Forum



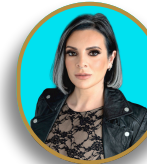
**Maira Bana**  
Head of Computational  
Engineering (Technical Director) |  
Trustee | RED Engineering Design |  
SheCanEngineer



**Nikita Thakrar**  
Founder & CEO |  
Included VC



**Victoria Sharpe**  
Chartered Mechanical  
Engineer



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Founder and CEO |  
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# NOVI FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR

For women who own or run a business (5+ years trading) with demonstrable growth.



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**Marine Vincent**  
CEO | The French  
Pharmacy



**Ruby Raut**  
CEO & Co-founder |  
WUKA



**Amy Cunningham**  
Director | The Strings  
Club



**Tina Euri**  
Director/ Founder |  
Moving Waves



**Sarah Louise Gallagher**  
MD & Founder | Impulse  
Recruitment Ireland



**Gemma Crane**  
Managing Director |  
Mindset-HR Ltd



**Nadia Hussain**  
Founder and Director |  
Hair Loving Limited

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# NOVI START UP

For women who have launched a new business and are within their first five years of trading



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**Anna Watson**  
**Founder/Creative**  
**Director | Anna James**



**Debra Rose**  
**Owner/Director | Healthy**  
**Feet Franchises**



**Nadya Ali**  
**Founder |**  
**EssencesByNadya**



**Vassiliki Somaraki**  
**CEO & Founder | V&V**  
**Health Innovations.Ltd**



**Sonica Beckmann**  
**Founder | House of Kind**



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# NOVI INTERNATIONAL LEADER

For women demonstrating strong leadership across multiple cultures, markets or international business environments



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**Cassandra Illidge**  
VP Global Partnerships &  
Executive Director of  
HBCU Programs | Getty  
Images



**Dorcas Uwem Jonah**  
Marine Engineer/Marine  
Surveyor | Bureau Veritas  
Marine & Offshore



**Gloria Tabi**  
Researcher/Advocate |  
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**Kirsti Jane**  
CEO & Chairperson |  
House Of Luxury LLC



**Minister Dr. Ashley  
Blanshaw**  
Teacher Aide and  
Founder/ CEO | The I am  
Determined Tour



**Lisa Saha**  
Principal | British  
Columbia School



**Samallie Kiyangi**  
Global General Counsel,  
Standard Chartered  
Bank



**Simran Bhatia**  
Brand Licensing  
Technologist, Isaac  
Morris Ltd



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CEO | VictoriousEche.com



# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES



**ELIZABETH VEGA OBE**  
GROUP CEO, INFORMED  
SOLUTIONS



**PROF. NIGEL LOCKETT**  
UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE



**KAREN FINLAYSON**  
FORMER PARTNER, PWC



**FABIENNE VIALA**  
BOARD MEMBER, FRENCH  
CHAMBER OF GREAT BRITAIN



**DEBRA WHITE**  
SMALL BUSINESS BANKING,  
HSBC



**LISA KELLY**  
HEAD OF BTC UK & IRELAND  
BTC CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTION



**ERICA KING**  
DIRECTOR,  
ALVAREZ & MARSAL



**DR CAROL MARSH OBE**  
ENGINEERING DIRECTOR,  
CELESTIA TECHNOLOGIES  
GROUP UK



**JESSICA GWARINGA**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
MOONRISE 24HR  
RECRUITMENT



**GISELA ABBAM**  
CHAIR, GENERAL  
PHARMACEUTICAL  
COUNCIL (GPHC)



**A.JAZ AHMED**  
FOUNDER  
FREESERVE



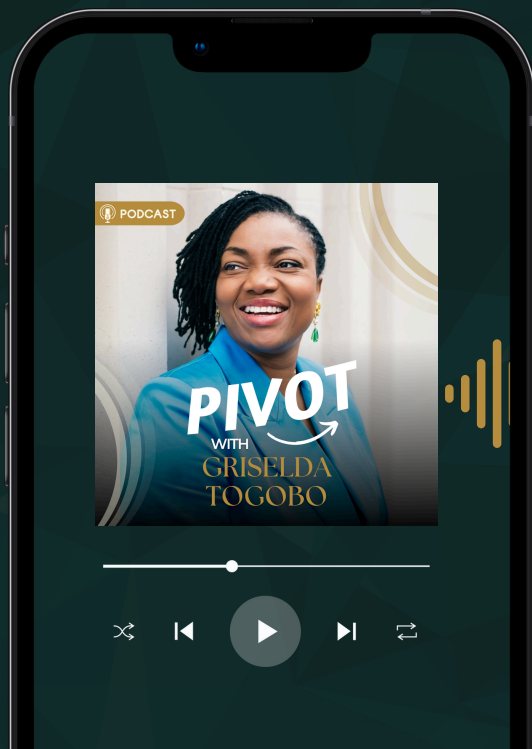
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