

# IGNITING INSPIRATION AWARDS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

INSPIRING WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS

ON 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

WITH ASPIRE-IGEN

THE OPPORTUNITY CENTRE BRADFORD



# IGNITING INSPIRATION AWARDS

## TIMINGS

18:00: ARRIVAL AND WELCOME DRINKS

18:30: TALKS AND STAR GUEST APPEARANCE

19:20: DINNER WILL BE SERVED

20:55: ENTERTAINMENT AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

22:30: POST-EVENT DRINK AT MIDLAND HOTEL (OPTIONAL)

DRESS CODE: COME AS THE AMAZING YOU!

DON'T FORGET TO TWEET! #IWC18 @WMNCHANGEMAKERS





# ABOUT IGNITING INSPIRATION



IGNITING INSPIRATION IS A UNIQUE, YEAR-ROUND CAMPAIGN BY IWC TO CELEBRATE WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS FROM THE NORTH AND SHOWCASE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.



THE STORIES OF ALL OUR NOMINEES ARE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE AND ARE SHARED WIDELY ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA TO HIGHLIGHT INITIATIVES THAT ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.



WHY? BECAUSE WE FEEL THERE'S REAL VALUE IN RAISING AWARENESS OF SOCIAL IMPACT INITIATIVES & FACILITATING PR & CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT.



WE'LL IGNITE AND INSPIRE YOU THROUGH THE STORIES THAT YOU WILL HEAR AND THE PEOPLE THAT YOU WILL CONNECT WITH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!



## WHO'S BEHIND IGNITING INSPIRATION?

IGNITING INSPIRATION IS THE BRAINCHILD OF ANJ HANDA, FOUNDER OF IWC & ONE OF GRANT THORNTON'S 2018 100 FACES OF A VIBRANT ECONOMY, SHE'S PASSIONATE BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO LEAD POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE. ANJ SAYS:

*"WOMEN WHO ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE OFTEN DON'T GET THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE. THEY RARELY STOP TO REFLECT ON THE IMPACT THAT THEY'VE MADE, LET ALONE PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD FOR ACCOLADES.*

*TOO MANY POSITIVE STORIES ARE GOING UNHEARD! AND WHILE THERE ARE NUMEROUS CAMPAIGNS FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS, THERE'S NO ONE CAMPAIGN - ONLINE OR OFFLINE - THAT REGULARLY PROMOTES THE DEDICATION OF WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS. THAT'S WHY I CREATED IGNITING INSPIRATION."*

ANJ HANDA

FOUNDER OF IWC





## OUR EVENT HOST AND SPONSOR

GENUINE PARTNERSHIP WITH VALUES-DRIVEN ORGANISATIONS IS A KEY ELEMENT OF IWC. ASPIRE-IGEN CEO CAROLINE HARRISON, HEAD OF ENTERPRISE, JO HAINSWORTH AND HEAD OF HOSPITALITY, JOE GRANT, ARE ALL PASSIONATE ABOUT CREATING SOCIAL IMPACT.

THAT'S WHY WE ARE PARTNERING FOR A SECOND YEAR RUNNING TO HOLD OUR CELEBRATION EVENT AT THE OPPORTUNITY CENTRE IN BRADFORD.

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THE HISTORIC FORMER BRADFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING OFFICIALLY OPENED AT THE START OF 2017. IT MAKES A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY THROUGH ITS WIDE-RANGING EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS AND CAREERS PROGRAMMES.





## OUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MINOTI PARIKH, OUR GLAMOROUS MASTER OF CEREMONIES, IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INSPIRING WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS.

A FORMER MODEL AND TV PRESENTER, MINOTI HAS 1600 GLOBAL EVENTS UNDER HER BELT. SHE HAS INTERVIEWED THE LIKES OF BUSINESS TYCOONS RATAN TATA AND LAXMI MITTAL AND SPORTS PERSONALITIES SUCH AS SACHIN TENDULKAR.

MINOTI WILL NARRATE THE STORIES OF OUR WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS, ADDING HER OWN UNIQUE STYLE TO OUR EVENT.



**MINOTI PARIKH**



## MEET OUR JUDGES

THREE JUDGES FROM OUTSIDE YORKSHIRE WERE INVITED TO REVIEW THE ENTRIES, WHICH THEY SCORED ACROSS FIVE THEMES: INNOVATION, IMPACT, COLLABORATION, CONSISTENCY AND PERSONAL GROWTH.

THEY FED BACK THAT THEY WERE INSPIRED AND HUMBLLED BY ALL ENTRIES, WHICH ALL SCORED HIGHLY.

THANKFULLY THEY WERE ABLE TO REACH A CONSENSUS WITH THE SUPPORT OF LAST YEAR'S EXCEPTIONAL WINNER, PRIA BHABRA. IT WAS A DIFFICULT TASK!

**NICKALA  
TORKINGTON**



**DR DEE GRAY**



**JANE ECKFORD**





## HEART OF GOLD

THIS AWARD IS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE'S LIFE. IT WILL BE PRESENTED BY CAROLINE HARRISON OF ASPIRE-IGEN.

RIFHAT MALIK IS THE CO-FOUNDER OF GIVE A GIFT, A LEEDS-BASED GRASSROOTS ORGANISATION SET UP TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND STATUTORY SERVICES, TO PROVIDE VULNERABLE PEOPLE WITH WHAT THEY ACTUALLY NEED!

FROM HOMELESS PEOPLE TO REFUGEES TO CHILDREN, HER BIG HEART IS OPEN TO HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY. WHERE STATUTORY SERVICES HAVE STRUGGLED TO SUPPORT THESE GROUPS, RIFHAT HAS TURNED NOBODY AWAY.



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**ROSIE COOK**

## **COMMUNITY CHAMPION**

THIS AWARD IS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR COMMUNITY. IT WILL BE PRESENTED BY DIONNE PURCELL OF ROBERTSON.

ROSIE COOK IS THE FOUNDER OF ROOTS COMMUNITY WORKS LS9. SHE HELPS THOSE IN A MARGINALISED COMMUNITY TO FEEL EMPOWERED, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES, BACKGROUND OR BELIEFS.

SHE WANTS PEOPLE TO REALISE THEY'RE MORE CAPABLE, WORTHY AND DESERVING THAN THEY THINK AND THAT THEY CAN HAVE A BETTER LIFE. HER MISSION IS ABOUT COMMUNITY AND SHOWING LOVE AND KINDNESS TO ALL.





## DIVERSITY-DRIVEN SME

THIS AWARD IS FOR AN ORGANISATION THAT IS COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION. IT WILL BE PRESENTED BY RACHEL ENGWELL OF GRANT THORNTON.

LESLEY O'BRIEN IS A PARTNER AT FREIGHTLINK EUROPE AND FREIGHT TRAIN AND A FOUNDER MEMBER OF SHE'S RHA. SHE IS ALSO THE SOLE FEMALE BOARD MEMBER OF THE ROAD HAULAGE ASSOCIATION NATIONALLY.

SHE LOBBIES TIRELESSLY TO SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER A NETWORK OF INDUSTRY INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES AND SKILL SETS TO CREATE AND PROMOTE A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY.

LESLEY O'BRIEN





## SOCIAL IMPACT STAR

THIS AWARD IS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL MAKING SCALEABLE CHANGE. IT WILL BE PRESENTED BY SHARON NEEDLE OF NEEDLE PARTNERS.

LAILA'S UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ON PATIENT OPINIONS OF HOSPITAL FOOD IN THE CALDERDALE AND HUDDERSFIELD HOSPITALS TRUST LED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF FOOD COMMUNICATION WITH PATIENTS AND IMPROVEMENT TO FOOD QUALITY.

ITS SUCCESS LED TO THE TRUST ACCESSING £1 MILLION TOWARDS FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND BECOMING A NATIONAL PIONEER IN TAKING ACCOUNT OF FOOD CHOICE, EMPOWERING ITS PATIENTS. THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF HER INNOVATIVE WORK.



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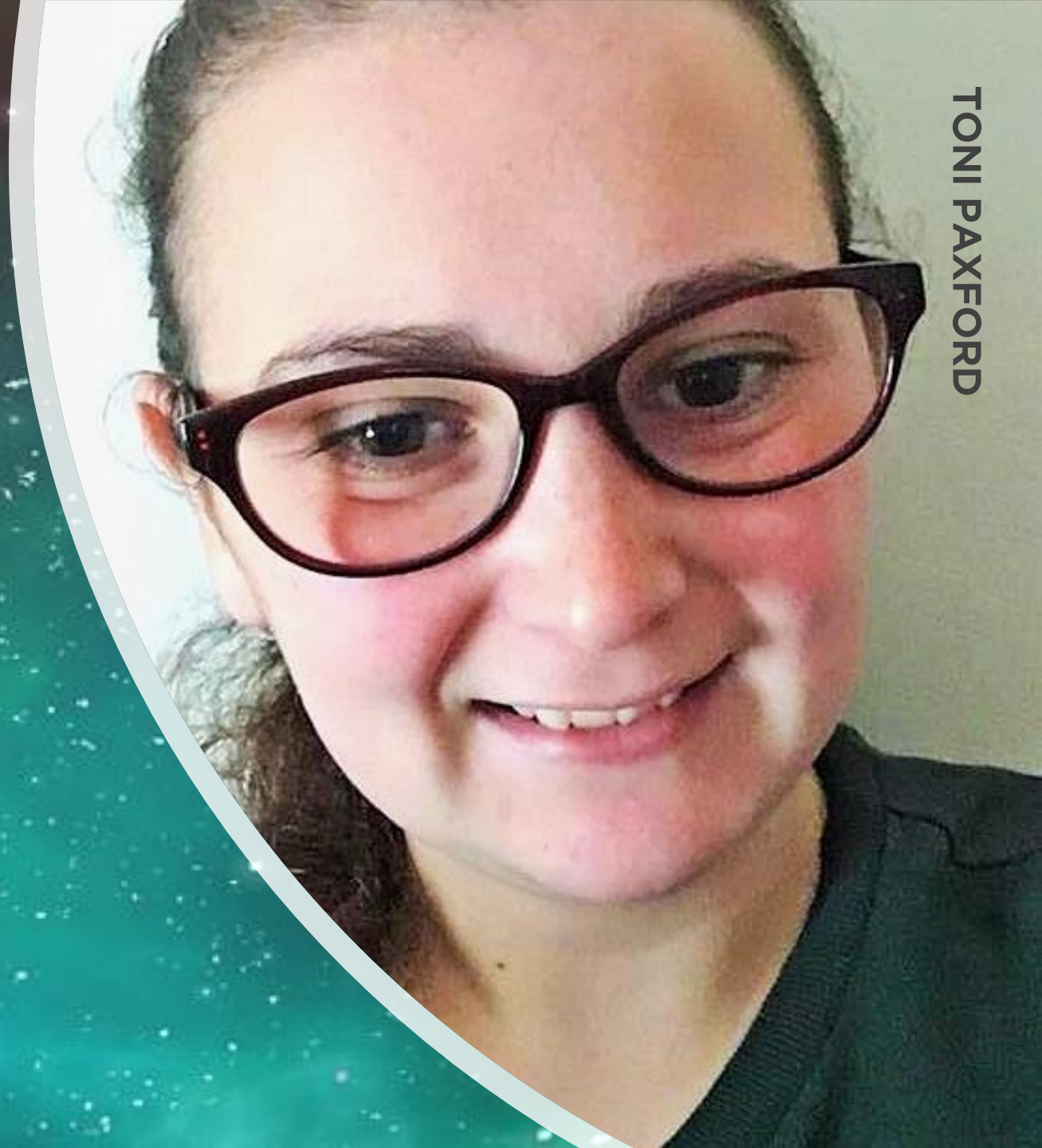


## YOUNG CHANGEMAKER

THIS AWARD IS FOR A YOUNG CHANGEMAKER. THE MARY BERNADETTE SPEIGHT REMEMBRANCE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED BY CLAIRE WOODCOCK, THE NIECE OF BERNADETTE SPEIGHT.

TONI PAXFORD IS THE FOUNDER OF PAIGE'S PROJECT. IT IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUP RUN BY YOUNG PEOPLE AS A SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT FOR 11-25 YEAR OLDS WITH INVISIBLE ILLNESSES.

IT WAS SET UP BY TONI AS A RESULT OF HER OWN INVISIBLE ILLNESS, CUSHING'S DISEASE WHICH MANIFESTED AS A PITUITARY BRAIN TUMOUR.



TONI PAXFORD



## GOOD FOOD

THE CANTEEN AND THE COOKERY SCHOOL WERE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017. #IWC17 WAS THE FIRST EXTERNAL THAT ITS YOUNG LEARNERS CATERED FOR.

YOUR MEAL WILL BE PREPARED BY THE LEARNERS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF JOE GRANT, ASPIRE-IGEN'S HOSPITALITY & CATERING MANAGER.

HERE THEY ARE WITH THE MAYOR OF BRADFORD LAST MONTH - THEY'RE USED TO WELCOMING VIPs NOW! THEY'RE EXCITED TO SERVE YOU!



## PAY IT FORWARD TO CHANGEMAKERS

INSPIRING WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS SEEKS TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT AFFECT EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

YET WE KNOW THAT WOMEN ALL AROUND THE WORLD EXPERIENCE DISPROPORTIONATE INEQUALITIES IN PAY, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND ACCESS TO FINANCE. AS LONG AS THESE GAPS PERSIST, IT IS TO THE DETRIMENT OF ALL OF SOCIETY.

OUR MISSION IS TO INSPIRE WOMEN TO SPEAK UP ABOUT THE THINGS THAT MATTER TO THEM - TO TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY - AND TAKE ACTION.

THAT'S WHY, THIS YEAR, WE ARE INVITING YOU TO SPONSOR WOMEN WITH LIMITED MEANS TO JOIN OUR MOVEMENT OR ATTEND OUR PROGRAMMES AND RESIDENTIALS THROUGH OUR PAY IT FORWARD MODEL.



— MEMBER —



## OUR AWARDS SPONSORS

### ASPIRE-IGEN: HEART OF GOLD

*“IGNITING INSPIRATION SHINES A LIGHT ON SOME OF THE AMAZING WOMEN WHO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WHO OFTEN GO UNNOTICED AND UNTHANKED.*

*IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE ALL THAT THEY ACHIEVE. IN SO DOING, WE ENSURE THAT THEIR WORK CONTINUES THROUGH INCREASED AWARENESS AND BY INSPIRING OTHERS TO FOLLOW SUIT AND SEE HOW THEY TOO CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.” –*

**CAROLINE HARRISON, ASPIRE-IGEN.**



## OUR AWARDS SPONSORS

### ROBERTSON: COMMUNITY CHAMPION

*“ROBERTSON IS PROUD TO BE SUPPORTING INSPIRING WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS BY SPONSORING THE IGNITING INSPIRATION AWARDS.*

*ROBERTSON PLACES COMMUNITIES AT THE HEART OF ITS OPERATIONS, AND THE NOMINEES FOR THIS YEAR’S COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD HAVE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE AT WORK AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE WISH ALL THE NOMINEES THE BEST OF LUCK.”*

ADRIAN MOLE, ROBERTSON





## OUR AWARDS SPONSORS

### NEEDLE PARTNERS: SOCIAL IMPACT STAR

*"WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SUPPORT SUCH A WORTHWHILE INITIATIVE, WHICH FITS PERFECTLY WITH OUR VALUES.*

*WE VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE INSPIRATIONAL STORIES THIS YEAR, HELPING TO SHARE THEM AND HOPEFULLY INSPIRING OTHERS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."*

SHARON NEEDLE, NEEDLE PARTNERS



## OUR AWARDS SPONSORS

### GRANT THORNTON: DIVERSITY-DRIVEN SME

*“GRANT THORNTON RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE AND WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT IGNITING INSPIRATION.*

*AS A WOMEN-LED ORGANISATION DRIVING FORWARD THIS IMPORTANT AGENDA, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THEIR SUCCESS STORIES AND USING THEIR POSITIVE EXAMPLES TO INSPIRE OTHERS.”*

ANDY WOOD, GRANT THORNTON

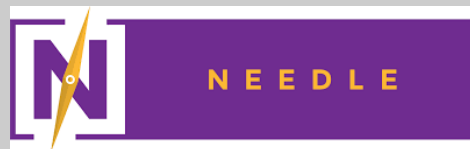




## OUR AWARDS SPONSORS

### INSPIRING WOMEN CHANGEMAKERS: MARY BERNADETTE SPEIGHT REMEMBRANCE AWARD

IN MEMORY OF IWC FOUNDER ANJ HANDA'S FRIEND  
AND BUSINESS PARTNER, WHO DIED OF BREAST  
CANCER IN SEPTEMBER 2017.



## OUR OTHER STAR SPONSORS

*"WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE SO MANY PROACTIVE, COMPASSIONATE, TRAILBLAZING WOMEN. WE FEEL PRIVILEGED TO HEAR THEIR STORIES, CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND BE A PART OF SOMETHING TRULY INSPIRING."*  
- LINCOLN & PERRIN, ROTH READ PHOTOGRAPHY



# Heading Onwards

*"HEADING ONWARDS IS PROUD TO BE THE DRINKS SPONSOR FOR IGNITING INSPIRATION. IWC EVENTS ARE HIGHLY RESPECTED FOR THE POSITIVE EFFECT THEY HAVE ON THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS THEY ADVISE AND MENTOR TO LEAD SOCIAL CHANGE. LET'S RAISE A GLASS!"*  
- PAUL ABRAHAM, HEADING ONWARDS