



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### CELEBRATING WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE WHO GIVE SOMETHING BACK

**Sometimes a 'Thank You' card is not enough.** The International Women of Excellence (IWoE) Awards are designed to recognise the achievement made by women who selflessly mentor others coming up behind them in their vocation/career. Ultimately, they have sown back into their gender.

Female mentors have never been celebrated or awarded before and during International Women's Month is the *best* time to do just that. These can be women of all ages and races. They could be born in the UK or abroad and can even reside abroad. What they all have in common is that far from pulling the ladder up behind them when they reach the top of their game, these female mentors reached back and extended a helping hand to the next person in line.

The nominees do not all have to be the CEO of their own company; they could be working in an organisation and be nominated by someone within that organisation. These individuals and organisations are shaping the women-friendly culture by benefiting other women in the UK or beyond.

IWoE celebrates Sisterhood but with the extra emphasis of women helping one another. Do YOU know a woman who has achieved her ambition but gives of herself and her talent freely to others? These are true women of excellence.

**NOMINATIONS:** All nominations are treated with confidence and are only seen by the judging panel and category sponsor. The shortlist will be made in January and candidates will be informed by post or email. The only clause is that those shortlisted be *AVAILABLE* to attend the Awards so please keep the evening of Saturday 7th March 2009 available. The event is being held at the Radisson Mayfair Hotel in London.

**THE NOMINATION PROCESS** - to nominate you will need to submit:

- A completed nomination form.
- A letter or document stating why the individual nominated should be considered for an Award.
- Evidence that the nominee agrees to the nomination and terms of nomination (i.e. signature on form).
- The nominee's CV (if possible).
- A good quality photograph (300dpi) of the nominee for use if shortlisted.
- Evidence: supporting material e.g. reports, press cuttings, for the business woman evidence of when the company was formed and evidence of its growth (this could be letters of commissions or list of clients) mention and evidence of other awards won.

**JUDGES:** include industry professionals, entrepreneurs; people with years of experience and expertise.

**WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS:** This woman needs to be thriving in corporate Britain or as head of her own company, making or having made a significant contribution to the success of their organisation / business. Note: this category is open to employees of both public and privately owned companies or the CEO.

**ENTREPRENEURIAL / START UP WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE:** This award is for anyone who has set up their own businesses; individuals who have the entrepreneurial spirit; who has taken risk and are making a success of it. Her registered company must be at least 2 years old.

**HUMANITARIAN WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE** This woman needs to be involved in social and humanitarian work; from individuals working for non profit-making organisations or in the corporate world contributing to the voluntary sector.

**COMMUNITY WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE:** This award goes to a woman who has worked tirelessly in the community at ground level. She could be a foster carer extraordinaire or someone who has campaigned to make a change/difference in the community.

**WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA:** Whether in print, radio & television broadcast or via electronic media, this award acknowledges women working in the areas of media. From journalism operating in the public eye to production and technical operatives. So long as they have made a significant contribution to the success of the media company they work for and are helping others, they are eligible.

**YOUNG INTERNATIONAL WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE:** Have you done something incredible, inspirational or are you simply the best at what you do and you're passing it on? If you are between 16-25 years of age you can be considered a candidate for this award.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE IN ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT:** This award is open to women making a mark in the world of performing arts, management of the arts or creative writing. Basically those ON stage and those behind the scenes.

**CREATIVE WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE (FASHION / GRAPHICS / BEAUTY INDUSTRY):** Have you broken through into this industry and made your mark? This award is for women who work in the background to make front liners look great! And guides the *youngsters* into how to continue doing so.

**WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION / RESEARCH / TECHNOLOGY:** She continues to excel in her field but does not keep her knowledge to herself. She shares it with the next one in line. She educates.

**GLOBAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR:** This woman's reach has been further than the UK. She has done something that has affected the life/lives of others abroad or is known for what she has done or is doing across the waters.

**VICTORIOUS WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE:** She has overcome trials to get where she is today. She has a story worth telling. If she has been to hell and back, had to climb mountains; smash down barriers or dealt with situations that may have cowed most people and have come out on top, then she is a victorious woman.

**POSTHUMOUS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD:** Lest we forget. This award is for someone who has impacted on the lives of many but although she is no longer with us her work lives on... She must never be forgotten.