

# WOMEN WHO MOVE MOUNTAINS



**SALUTING**  
**SISTERS**

Black women in STEM have stood as monumental pillars, reshaping landscapes and challenging norms. Against considerable odds, their brilliance and resilience shine brighter, leaving indelible marks in their fields. Pioneers, innovators, and trailblazers, they've overcome barriers, setting powerful precedents for all who follow. Their achievements echo not just scientific prowess but deep-rooted courage. In the realm of STEM, these women inspire and lead. We salute you and all who tread your path.

## Dr. Samantha Tross

**"Orthopaedic surgery chose me."**

In 2005, Dr. Samantha Tross, as the UK's first black female orthopaedic surgeon, became a beacon of talent and determination. Her groundbreaking journey not only shattered barriers but also lit a path of inspiration, highlighting the transformative power of representation and diversity in medicine.



## Dr. Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE

**"I quickly realised that the only way to address the lack of women in STEM was to inspire the next generation."**

With this conviction, Dr. Anne-Marie Imafidon founded STEMettes. Beyond her academic prowess, she's on a mission to ensure every young woman knows her potential in science and innovation.

## Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE

**"Space is not only for rocket scientists and billionaires."**

Through 'The Sky at Night', Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock brings the wonders of the universe closer to everyone, young and old. Her passion communicates an essential truth: the cosmos is a treasure trove of discovery, waiting for all of us.

## Dr. Nike Folayan MBE

**Engineering Change: A Vision for a Diverse Future**

Dr. Nike Folayan MBE HonFREng isn't just an engineer; she's a catalyst for change. Serving as WSP's Technical Director, she's also the heartbeat of AFBE-UK, touching the lives of 20,000 beneficiaries and amplifying diversity in engineering. With accolades like an MBE and honorary doctorates, her name is synonymous with transformational leadership.

## Gisela Abbam FRSA

**"I wanted to make a difference in people's lives."**

Gisela Abbam FRSA, Chair of the General Pharmaceutical Council, is a beacon of passion and dedication in the STEM fields. Her towering influence isn't limited to pharmaceuticals alone; it spans the broader expanse of science and innovation. With an illustrious track record, from significant roles to commendable awards and global collaborations, Gisela's mark on health, business, and STEM is undeniable. From General Electric to the World Health Organisation, her steadfast commitment to elevating global health and mentoring the next STEM leaders is forging pioneering pathways.

## Professor Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu

**"Increasing awareness is crucial!"**

Professor Anionwu's dedication to nursing and her groundbreaking work in sickle cell and thalassemia care emphasises the importance of understanding, compassion, and education in healthcare. Her journey is a testament to the transformative power of dedication.

## Chi Onwurah

**"Technology is an incredibly creative and exciting career choice for women. It's not just about coding in a back room."**

Chi Onwurah's words highlight her dedication to bridging technology and governance. As an engineer-turned-MP, she paves the way for the fusion of innovation and policy, inspiring women to thrive in both realms.



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