

BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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Black women have emerged as luminaries in business and entrepreneurship, showcasing unparalleled talent. Their endeavours epitomise grit, innovation, and an unyielding drive to challenge established norms. Recognising their achievements not only applauds individual successes but also carves a path for future generations. The trailblazing women highlighted here have broken barriers, ignited change, and crafted a lasting legacy. To these remarkably talented women, we salute you.

Vanessa Kingori MBE

"Success is not about who you are but what you become."

Vanessa Kingori MBE is a paragon of success in the world of publishing and media. Her ascent to the role of Publisher of British Vogue marked a significant milestone as the first black woman to hold the position. Through her strategic acumen and dedication, Vanessa has not only redefined the fashion industry's narratives but has also become an embodiment of how determination and talent can lead to profound influence.



Sharmadean Reid

"Creativity is intelligence having fun."

Sharmadean Reid is a beacon of creative entrepreneurship, having founded WAH Nails and Beautystack. Her journey epitomises the fusion of innovation and business acumen, breaking barriers and reshaping the beauty industry. Through her ventures, Sharmadean has empowered women while reimagining the beauty landscape, all the while demonstrating the power of combining creativity with strategic thinking.

Kanya King CBE

"Follow your passion, not just the latest trends."

Kanya King CBE has shaped the music industry through her visionary leadership of the MOBO Awards. Her commitment to celebrating diversity and elevating black excellence in music has left an indelible impact. Kanya's journey reflects the power of entrepreneurship to drive change and inspire generations through creative platforms.

Izzy Obeng

"The world needs more people who dare to take the unconventional path."

Izzy Obeng's impact in entrepreneurship and education is profound. As the founder of Foundervine, she empowers underrepresented communities in tech and entrepreneurship. Izzy's journey exemplifies the potential of bridging the gap between education and business, transforming lives and industries along the way.

Jacky Wright

"Inclusion drives innovation"

Jacky Wright, ascending the echelons of Microsoft's leadership, stands as a beacon of unwavering commitment and tech brilliance. Now at McKinsey, her dedication to fostering innovation while ardently championing diversity serves as a profound inspiration. Her journey is a testament to the impact of resilience, vision, and a deep commitment to inclusivity. Through her exemplary achievements, she illustrates that with purpose and tenacity, transformative change is not just possible—it's imminent.

Karen Blackett OBE

"Champion those who are coming behind you. Use your voice, use your influence."

In British media, Karen Blackett is a beacon of inspiration. As Chairwoman of Group M, she combines business savvy with dedication to diversity. Her pioneering spirit sets a standard, championing British values of integrity and societal impact. Globally lauded, her influence resonates beyond boardrooms, across the nation. Her leadership journey deeply resonates, transforming lives.

Sharon White DBE

"True leadership is when you can help others be at their best."

Sharon White DBE has made waves in both public service and business. Her tenure as the CEO of Ofcom and her leadership of John Lewis & Partners underscore her strategic vision and adaptability across diverse sectors. Sharon's journey serves as a testament to the versatility and impact of leadership that transcends boundaries.



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