

# WEF-ICELAND

Gender Equality – Towards He For She & She For He

19-20 October, 2017  
Brochure



Venue: At University of Iceland, at a house called Veröld



# WEF-ICELAND PROGRAM DETAILS

## WEF Iceland Program Details Day-1, Thursday , 19 October 2017.

Time	Session No.	Topic
12:50pm – 1:25pm	Optional	Guided Exhibition –"SAMTAL – DIALOGUE"
01:30pm – 03:20pm	19A- Plenary – Inaugural Session	* Inauguration & Theme Address: "Gender Equality – Towards He for She & She for He"
03:30pm – 04:25pm	1910- Parallel	A Sustainable World: Reducing Gender Based Violence Holds The Key
	1911- Parallel	Gender Equality in Iceland: Lessons Learned & Way Forward
	1912- Parallel	Leveraging Diversity Beyond Gender
05:00pm – 06:00pm		Cocktail -Reception hosted by Líf Magneudóttir, President of the City Council, at Tjarnarsalur in Reykjavík City Hall (5 min walk)

## WEF Iceland Program Details Day-2, Friday , 20 October 2017.

09:00am-09:55am	2010- Parallel	Gender Fulfillment & Partnership, Policies & practices for balanced sharing
	2011- Parallel	Supportive Networks for Abused Women to protect them from Domestic Abuse in Society & Violence in the Workplace.
	2012- Parallel	Models of Good Governance – Implementing women voices & addressing alienation
10:00am – 10:55am	2020- Parallel	Stereotypes, Mindsets & Silent Oppressors
	2021- Parallel	Equality at Home & Parenting Practices
	2022- Parallel	Employee or Entrepreneur, Being Your Own Boss
11:00am – 12:00noon	2030- Parallel	Exploring & Addressing Diverse Inequalities
	2031- Parallel	Women's Access to Finance Across Countries: Pitfalls & Paths
	2032- Parallel	Boys Can Cry & Girls can Lead: The Need for New Verbal Expressions / Breastfeeding in Public Places: What do Women Think?
12:00noon– 01:00pm		Lunch Break
01:00pm– 01:55pm	2040- Parallel	Women on Executive Boards & as CEOs: What do The Trends Indicate
	2041- Parallel	Teachers & Parents: Need for a Partnership
	2042- Parallel	Us & Them: Reducing the Distances in Our Hearts & Minds
02:00pm – 02:55pm	2050- Parallel	Closing the Gender Gap: Entrepreneurship as Leveling Field
	2051- Parallel	Lack of gender diversity in business leadership – hindrances & tailwinds
	2052- Parallel	The Challenges of a Disrupted Media: What Can We Do as a Civil Society
03:00pm – 03:55pm	2060- Parallel	Women Workforce: New Models for Engagement
	2062- Parallel	Wonder Women: Enshrining Powerful Role Models in Education & Media.
04:00pm – 05:00 pm	2070	Valedictory Session

# WEF-ICELAND PARTICIPANTS LIST

Sr. No.	Name	Designation + Company Name	Country
1	Frú Vigdís Finnbogadóttir	Ex President , Iceland	Iceland
2	Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson	Minister for foreign affairs, Iceland	Iceland
3	Þorsteinn Víglundsson	Minister of Social Affairs and Equality	Iceland
4	H.E Michael Ashwin Satyandre Adhin	Vice President, Suriname	Suriname
5	Dr. Hessa Al Jaber	First-Ever Minister Of Information And Communications Technology Of Qatar	Qatar
6	Yana Toom	Member Of European Parliament From Estonia	Estonia
7	Dr. Harbeen Arora	Global Chairperson , All Ladies League & Women Economic Forum	India
8	Guðbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir	Pro-Rector of Science and Professor of Sociology,University Of Iceland	Iceland
9	Rakel Sveinsdóttir	Chairman, FKA in Iceland	Iceland
10	Edda Hemannsdóttir	Director of Communications, Íslandsbanki	Iceland
11	Hronn Margret Magnúsdóttir	CEO, Feel Iceland; Chapter Chair ALL Ladies League - Iceland and Coordinator WEF Iceland	Iceland
12	Jónína Bjartmarz	CEO of Iceland Europe Travel Partnership & IET Study Visits to Iceland.	Iceland
13	Charlene Doak-Gebauer	Founder & Chair, Child Pornography Hurts: Internet Sense For Internet Safety	Canada
14	Lisa Dadd	International Speaker, Career & Lifestyle Re-Design Consultant	Canada
15	Loree Cowling	Author, Speaker, Intuitive Healer, Storyteller	Canada
16	Natalie C. Macdonald	Owner & Founder, Macdonald & Associates	Canada
17	Christine Poulin	Présidente, Immigration Élite Cabinet Conseils	Canada
18	Iris Lu	Executive, Jennifer Lu's Charity Foundation	China
19	Jennifer Lu	The First Professional Philanthropist In China, Jennifer Lu'S Charity Foundation & Tojoy Holding Group	China
20	Roxane Jurkovskaja	COO & Co - Founder, The D GmbH	Denmark
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22	Ashildur Bragadóttir	Director, Visit Reykjavík	Iceland
23	Auður Hauksdóttir	Director, Professor at University of Iceland	Iceland
24	Berta Danielsdóttir	CEO, Iceland Ocean Cluster	Iceland
25	Dr. Giti Chandra	Affiliated Scholar, United Nations University	Iceland
26	Elín Gróa Karlsdóttir	Project Manager,Innovation Center Iceland	Iceland
27	Erla Hlín Hjálmarsdóttir	Head of Research, UNU-GEST	Iceland
28	Fida Abu Libdeh	CEO, Geosilica Iceland	Iceland
29	Frida Kristín Gísladóttir	Painter Of The Light , Art67 Gallerí	Iceland
30	Guðfinnur Sigurvinsson	Project Manager for Communications, Vodafone	Iceland
31	Guðrun Jónsdóttir	A biologist & a social worker	Iceland
32	Guðbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir		Iceland
33	Hanna Ragnarsdóttir	Professor, University of Iceland	Iceland
34	Hrefna Pálsdóttir	Data analyst& Public Health researcher	Iceland
35	Kristín Ásgeirsdóttir	Director of the Icelandic Centre for Gender Equality	Iceland
36	Kristín Pálsdóttir	Project Manager, RIKK	Iceland
37	Kristín Yr Petursdóttir	Co-founder Ankra/Feel Iceland	Iceland
38	Laufey Axelsdóttir	Phd Student ,University Of Iceland	Iceland
39	Lilja Alfredsdóttir	Member of Althingi & Vice-Chair of the Progressive Party	Iceland
40	Margrét Pála Ólafsdóttir	CEO, Hjalastefnan	Iceland

41	Olof Juliusdottir	PhD student in Sociology University of Iceland	Iceland
42	Ruth Gylfadottir	Founder & Chairman, Enza empowering women The clothing Bank	Iceland
43	Sigríður Björk Guðjónsdóttir	Chief of Police in Reykjavík	Iceland
44	Soffía Elín Sigurðardóttir	Psychological assessment & treatment for children and adolescents	Iceland
45	Sonja Yr Þorbergsdóttir		Iceland
46	Thordis Loa Thorhallsdottir	CEO & Investor, Naskur ehf	Iceland
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50	Rabia Kidwai	Consciousness facilitator	India
51	Roma Das	Principal, Shri S K I Jain High School	India
52	Shukti Roy	Secretary, Los Hispanofilos	India
53	Emma Killian	Co-Founder , Britebiz.Com	Ireland
54	Julia Mcandrew	Co - Director ,Kangen Irish Water	Ireland
55	Linda Yelinski	Translator	Israel
56	Rehab Abd Elhalim	Peace Leader, Women Wage Peace	Israel
57	Zohra Baraka	CEO & Founder , Mohazo Limited	Kenya
58	Cheryl Barbara Acheampong	Youth Coordinator, Women S Situation Room Liberia	Liberia
59	Larissa Best	Social Impact Investor, Equilibre Luxembourg	Luxembourg
60	Genna Elvin	Co - Founder, Tadaweb	Luxembourg
61	Carine De Meyere	Senior Investment Advisor,Future Planet Capital	Netherlands
62	Nikki Zanchi	Director, Women Love To Talk Inc	New Zealand
63	Imambay Kamara	Founder & CEO, Disabled International Foundation Sierra-Leone	Sierra Leone
64	Agneta Nyholm	Founder, Graceful Living	sweden
65	Erika Mikaelsson	CEO & Producer, Nordic Light Media	Sweden
66	Stephanie Khouri	CEO, Nomadic Capital Investment	UAE
67	Catherine Ward	Group Director Of Human Resources, Interserve Plc.	UK
68	Helen Conn	Designation Food & Beverages Consultant	UK
69	Jan Morgan	Managing Director , Grosvenor International	UK
70	Pat Duckworth	Cognitive Hypnotherapist	UK
71	Ashna Mahepal	Fullbrighter, CEO YHS, Entrepreneur, YLAI fellow & Certified Project Manager	USA
72	Deep Laxmi	CEO, Self-Image Academy	USA
73	Dr. Marialice B F X Curran	Hartford Connecticut, Digital Citizenship Institute	USA
74	Elianne Ramos	Principal & CEO , Speak Hispanic Communications	USA
75	Maha Hosain Aziz	Professor, Blogger & Cartoonist In Political Risk & Prediction	USA
76	Ritu Khanduri	Associate Professor, University Of Texas At Arlington	USA
77	Shevelle McPherson Esq	Attorney Entrepreneur Consultant Best Selling Author , McPherson Law	USA
78	Susan Mason	General Partner, Aligned Partners	USA
79	Zorica Pantic	President, Wentworth Institute Of Technology	USA

# WEF-ICELAND 2017 SPEAKERS



## Frú Vigdís Finnbogadóttir

Ex President of Iceland, Iceland

Vigdís Finnbogadóttir is the legendary and historic ex President of Iceland and the only female leader to be the longest-serving elected female head of State of any Country. President of Iceland for four terms and sixteen years from 1980 to 1996, she was the world's first democratically directly elected female president. She was earlier also the Artistic Director of the Reykjavík Theatre Company (Leikfélag Reykjavíkur). After her popular and successful term concluding in 1996, she became founding chair of the Council of Women World Leaders at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She was soon also appointed President of the UNESCO World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology.

Frú Vigdís Finnbogadóttir had a beautiful motto as: 'Never let the women down'. She worked tirelessly to promote girls' education. Frú Vigdís Finnbogadóttir has been honoured with sixteen honorary doctorates from leading universities in Europe, Japan, Nordics, UK, US and Canada. Frú Vigdís Finnbogadóttir is a member of the Club of Madrid, an independent non-profit organization composed of 81 democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers from 57 different countries.

## Hon'ble Minister Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iceland



### Parliamentary career

- Member of Althingi for the Reykjavík North Constituency 2003-2009, for the Reykjavík South Constituency 2009-2016 and for the Reykjavík North Constituency since 2016. Party group
- Chairman of the parliamentary group of the Independence Party 2016-2017.
- Deputy Chairman of the parliamentary group of the Independence Party 2013-2016 and 2005-2007.

### Committee work

- 1st Deputy Chairman of the Budget Committee 2013-2016
- Member of the Icelandic Delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees 2013-2016 (Chairman 2013-2016) and 2003-2007 (Chairman 2005-2007).
- Member of the EU-Iceland joint Parliamentary Committee 2013-2016 (Chairman 2013-2016)



## Hon'ble Minister Þorsteinn Víglundsson

Minister of Social Affairs and Equality, Iceland

Þorsteinn Víglundsson is an Icelandic politician who currently serves as Iceland's Minister of Social Affairs and Equality. He is also a Member of Parliament for the Reform Party in the Althing. Prior to entering politics, Þorsteinn served as executive director of SA–Business Iceland, a service organisation for Icelandic businesses.

## H.E. Michael Ashwin Satyandre Adhin Vice President of Suriname, Suriname



An engineer by profession, H.E Michael Ashwin Satyandre Adhin did his Bachelor's in Electrical and IT in Anton De Kom University, Suriname in 2003 and his Masters in Electrical Engineering and Telecommunication in Delft University, the Netherlands.

He started his career as Lecturer, Head Supervisor and Joint Coordinator in Anton De Kom University, Suriname. In July 2013 he was chosen as Minister of Education, Science and Culture and thus joined Politics as a member of National Democratic Party (NDP) of President Boutse. He successfully contested the May 2015 General Elections and was chosen as Vice President. He heads the Council of Ministers. He is one of the youngest Vice Presidents. He is married to Ms. Gracella Vandana Adhin.

H.E Mr. Adhin is also an avid Yoga practitioner and healer, student and teacher of Hindustani classical music, vocal, Tabla and Harmonium. He was National Checkers Champion of Suriname in 1997, 1998 and 1999.



## **Dr. Hessa Al Jaber**

### **First-Ever Minister of Information & Communications Technology of Qatar, Qatar**

Dr. Hessa Al Jaber was the former Minister of Information and Communications Technology for the State of Qatar. She is the third woman to assume a ministerial position within the country.

During her tenure, Dr. Hessa has overseen the liberalization of Qatar's telecommunications market, ushering in an era of choice and competition. She has spearheaded the modernization of Qatar's ICT infrastructure, including founding the Qatar National Broadband Network, and Qatar Satellite, and founding Malomatia, a leading provider of professional technology services and solutions.

Passionate about ensuring that the benefits of technology reach all sectors, Dr. Hessa has led numerous initiatives to make Qatar a more inclusive society through ICT, and been instrumental in the streamlining of processes to make government more transparent and accessible to its citizens. She has been instrumental in the creation of the Qatar Assistive Technology Center (Mada), which serves people with disabilities in Qatar.

## **Yana Toom**

### **Member of European Parliament from Estonia, Estonia**

Yana Toom is Estonian politician and Member of the European Parliament from Estonia. She is a member of the Estonian Centre Party, part of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe.

In the 2015 Estonian elections, Toom finished third with 11,573 votes; however, she eventually decided to keep her seat in the European Parliament.

A member of the ALDE (Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe) political faction, she currently serves as her parliamentary group's coordinator on the Committee on Culture and Education



## **Dr. Harbeen Arora**

### **Global Chairperson of All Ladies League & Women Economic Forum, India**

Global leader, Educationist, Philanthropist and Businesswoman

Dr Arora is the Global Chairperson of the ALL Ladies League and Women Economic Forum. Dr Arora is the Chancellor of Rai University in Ahmedabad and Rai Technology University in Bangalore, India.

Dr. Arora holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Delhi University, a Masters from King's College, London University and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and a PhD from Sorbonne Nouvelle, University of Paris III.

## **Gudbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir**

### **Pro-Rector of Science and Professor of Sociology, University Of Iceland, Iceland**

Dr. Gudbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir is professor in Sociology at the University of Iceland. She earned her MA and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Lund, Sweden. She has an experience in sociological and interdisciplinary researches on work organization, occupational health, well being and welfare. Her research interests include new trends in working life, well being at work, work-family balance and gender theory. Now she is working on a research project about the gendering of the time. Dr. Rafnsdóttir has published a number of articles and book in several languages within this field.







## **Rakei Sveinsdottir** Chairman, FKA in Iceland

FKA is the Association of Women Business Leaders in Iceland

FKA is a non-profit professional network for Icelandic business leaders. It was founded in April 1999 and its core was to support women to manage and grow their business.

**THE AIMS OF FKA:**

- To bring together women business leaders in order to make them stronger and more noticed in the business world and in the society.
- To encourage exchange of ideas and knowledge and sharing of experiences, both national and international, between its members.
- To promote business between FKA women.

## **Edda Hermannsdóttir**

### Director of Communications, Íslandsbanki, Iceland

Edda Hermannsdóttir is an economist and Director of Communications at Íslandsbanki. Edda is a former Deputy Editor at the Icelandic Business Newspaper where one of her main goals was to increase the number of women in the media. Edda is co-author of *Leading Nation* with Ragnhildur Steinunn Jónsdóttir which they published in February 2017. The book is based on interviews with people, both in the business sector and other sectors in Iceland, on how Iceland is progressing in gender equality and what needs to be done to move forward towards gender equality. The publication of *Leading Nation* was in cooperation with the organization for Icelandic businesses



## **Hronn Margret Magnusdottir**

CEO, Feel Iceland; Chapter Chair ALL Ladies League - Iceland and Coordinator WEF Iceland, Iceland

Hrönn Margrét Magnúsdóttir is the co-founder of Feel Iceland that specialises in harnessing Iceland's purest marine resources to make people look and feel their natural best. Before that she was a Global Product Manager for prosthetic running feet. She worked closely with Nike developing and launching the first Nike running sole for prosthetic feet. She also worked as a Medical Marketing Manager for prosthetics. Before that she worked for a financial company in treasury. Hrönn has a masters degree in international business, she studied MBA at IE business school in Madrid and she has a BSc in business administration. Hrönn is a mentor for Start-up Reykjavík, a 10 week long mentorship driven seed stage accelerator program. She has been a speaker at several conferences focusing on sustainability, start-ups and fisheries. Hrönn has experience as a chairman of the board for an Icelandic seafood company and as a board member for a real estate company.

## **Jónína Bjartmarz**

CEO of Iceland Europe Travel Partnership & IET Study Visits to Iceland, Iceland



**Charlene Doak-Gebauer**  
Founder at Child Pornography Hurts, Canada



As an author, Charlene has developed a theory of digital supervision© to be used by parents, caregivers and professional allies. Her theory is comprised of two main features: awareness there is a problem and methods for adults to supervise children as they use digital devices. She also presents to children and youth using the digital supervision© model related to their safe choices on the Internet. Charlene is considered a computer and network specialist. She has managed computer networks (file server, proxy server and email server), the largest network having 250 computer workstations. Her book is available for purchase at all speaking venues as a resource to adults.

Her theory of digital supervision© is explained in detail in her book "Digital Sexual Victims: True Cases" published July 27, 2016. This book was nominated for an international Award of Excellence by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society (sixteen + countries). A portion of the proceeds of her book is donated to Child Pornography Hurts.



**Lisa Dadd**  
International Speaker, Career & Lifestyle Re-Design Consultant, Canada

Lisa Dadd is a career & lifestyle design consultant, experiential learning facilitator, transformational speaker, and author of Finding Fabulous: Paving the Path between Paycheck & Passion. After obtaining a Master's degree in Sports Medicine, Lisa entered the corporate world of healthcare, where she spent 15 years in sales, marketing & management roles. Five years ago, she retired from corporate life to find more meaning, purpose and fun. She shared her story in a TEDx talk titled The Two Most Liberating Words You'll Ever Say. Blurring the lines between work & play, Lisa uses fun, unique experiential learning principles to help individuals discover new possibilities & redefine success on their own terms. Lisa finds her own version of fabulous travelling the world, embracing a play mindset and leverages those skills and experiences in her volunteer work as Chairman of the Board of the non-profit youth leadership organization All It Takes.

**Loree Cowling**  
Author, Speaker, Intuitive Healer, Storyteller, Canada

Loree is an International Best Selling author, speaker, and a dedicated loving mom to a beautiful daughter who has chosen to shine her light as a divine soul with Down Syndrome. Together they raise awareness and cultivate new understandings of Inclusion Consciousness through various projects, events, and speaking engagements. They are working on a Children's Book Series called Miracles and Mud Puddles that tells of their adventures seeing the world through the eyes of magic. At the age of 3 her

daughter Sydney was diagnosed with cancer and their journey since then has given Loree a unique insight into how families navigate through adversity and challenge. Sydney's ability to find love and acceptance in every situation inspires Loree in every aspect of life. Loree and her daughter Sydney have started the BeYOU...BeUNIQUE campaign encouraging people to recognize the evolving uniqueness that we all shine at any given moment.



**Natalie C. MacDonald**  
Owner and Founder, MacDonald & Associates, Canada

Natalie is the Owner and Founder of MacDonald & Associates, a Toronto based boutique law firm specializing in Canadian Employment Law.

Natalie was selected in 2016 and 2017 as one of the leading Labour and Employment Law practitioners in the World, according to the 6th and 7th editions of the Expert Guides Women in Business Law guide. Natalie was also chosen in 2017 by both Global Law Experts and again, by Leaders in Law as the Employment Litigation Law Expert in Canada.

She has repeatedly been named among Canada's Top Employment Law Practitioners. She was recently nominated as one of Canada's Top 25 Legal Influencers, in the category of Changemakers. One of Natalie's cases, Antidormi v. Blue Pumpkin Software Inc. [2004], is touted as a leading decision in the area of inducement of employees to organizations.



## Christine Poulin

### President, Immigration Elite Canada, Canada

Efficient, creative and determined, I have an excellent ability to drive several projects. Involved in several committees, I like to participate and develop projects. I quickly integrate into working groups. I have a great availability in order to travel. I analyze and synthesize situations quickly in order to strategically achieve my goals.



## Jennifer Lu

### The First Professional Philanthropist in China, China

Lu Xingyu, English name Jennifer Lu, female, born in 1987, with a constellation of Leo. Children's Loving Sister Jennifer, she is the First Professional Philanthropist in China. Graduated from California State University, and advanced study in Harvard, Oxford, and MIT. She is now the Chairwoman of Jennifer Lu's Charity Foundation, Charity and Philanthropy Ambassador of TOJOY Holding Group, Executive Chairwoman and Secretary General of China-Africa Project Hope, Charity and Philanthropy Ambassador of Global Confederation of Chambers of Commerce (GCCC).

At present, China-Africa Project Hope has constructed and donated 23 Hope primary schools, 23 libraries in five African countries including Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and Namibia.



## Roxane Jurkovskaja

### COO Co-Founder, The D GmbH, USA

"The best way to predict the future is to create it yourself."

I am a results-driven serial entrepreneur adept at translating high-level strategy into field-level functional impact. In my work I focus on how we can optimize opportunities at the intersection of financial return and social value through innovative thinking and integrated partnerships between business, governments, and the non-profit sectors. I worked with a number of international companies in the Middle East, Europe and Asia, and spent multiple years consulting the United Nations within social entrepreneurship in emerging economies with a special focus on the Euro-Med region. I co-founded The D. GmbH, The Sandbox, and HackaMENA, arranging open Innovation initiatives in Europe, Iran, Iraq, UAE, and Kurdistan. Today I spend most of my time working on a new project focusing on video-recognition and artificial intelligence. I am mainly interested in evolving technologies and how they can be applied to make us and our society better.



## Annadís Gréta Rúdólfsdóttir

### Associate Professor, University of Iceland, Iceland

Annadís Gréta Rúdólfsdóttir studied at the London School of Economic and Political Science and completed her PhD in Social Psychology in 1997. She worked in the UK for 10 years, first as a lecturer at the department of Social Psychology (1999-2000) and then as a senior lecturer in social psychology at the University of the West of England (UWE) (2000-2009). Dr Rúdólfsdóttir has done extensive research on gender, in particular the ways in which gender relations are played out in structural and institutional domains such as the family, media and health care system. She is currently writing about "feminism in action", her experiences and research into the transnational dialogue taking place at the GEST Programme.





## **Ashildur Bragadottir**

Director of Visit Reykjavík & Chairman of the Board of Reykjavík Convention Bureau, Iceland

Áshildur Bragadóttir is Director of Visit Reykjavík. Visit Reykjavík is the capital region's tourism organization which works to promote and develop business and holiday tourism in the capital region for the benefit of the public interest. In addition Visit Reykjavík is responsible for visitor's services such as the official tourist information office as well as being the official festival and events management office for the city of Reykjavík. In recent years, the tourism industry has made its mark on Iceland's economy and society as a whole. After the rapid-fire growth of the past few years, it has become one of the country's most important economic sectors.

Áshildur is chairman of the board of Meet in Reykjavík, the official Convention Bureau for Reykjavík City, a board member at Iceland Naturally, a cooperative marketing organization that promotes tourism, services, products and culture of Iceland to the North American audience, and a member at the advisory board of Promote Iceland (Visit Iceland).

## **Auður Hauksdóttir**

Director, Professor at University of Iceland, Iceland



## **Berta Daniélsdóttir**

CEO, Iceland Ocean Cluster, Iceland

Berta Danielsdottir has strong leadership skills in managing people and assets. She has a comprehensive understanding of business principles, is results driven, self-motivated and resourceful. Her communication skills are strong along with her focus on results and project finalization. Berta has a MSc degree in international management from Akureyri University and has over 18 years of experience in international business.

Berta is currently the CEO of Iceland Ocean Cluster and affiliated companies.

## **Dr. Giti Chandra**

Affiliated Scholar, United Nations University, Iceland

Dr. Giti Chandra is currently an Affiliated Scholar at the United Nations University – Gender Studies and Training Programme, Reykjavik. She has been teaching at the Faculty of English Literature, and the General Literatures Department, University of Iceland over the last two years, and was Associate Professor at the Dept of English, St Stephen's College, Delhi. She has taught in and been a fellow at Rutgers University, New Jersey, from where she did her Doctoral work. She is the author of "Women's Narratives of Violence and Collective Identities: To witness these wrongs unspeakable" (Macmillan UK/US: 2009), and has published various articles and papers, etc.

Dr Chandra has served as Chairperson of the St Stephen's College Complaints Committee and Advisor to the College Gender Sensitisation Committee; she has also served as the External Expert on the Committee against Workplace Harassment at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication.





**Elin Groa Karlsdottir**  
Project Manager, Innovation Center Iceland, Iceland

Elin Groa Karlsdottir is a project manager at Innovation center Iceland, where her work focuses on assisting entrepreneurs who would like to start a business, especially women entrepreneurs. ICI runs start-up workshops for women entrepreneurs which Elin is a project manager for. Elin has a B.Sc. in Business from Reykjavik University, diplom in Gender studies from University of Iceland and is finishing a master degree in public administration. Before coming to the Innovation Center Iceland Elin worked as a manager at the Regional development center of Iceland and has an experience in the banking and finance sector.



**Erla Hlin Hjalmarsdottir**  
Head of Research, the United Nations University Gender Equality Studies & Training Programme (UNU-GEST), Iceland

Ms. Erla Hjalmarsdottir (MPA, PgD) holds the position of Head of Research at the United Nations University Gender Equality Studies and Training Programme (UNU-GEST). She is a PhD candidate in Political Science at the University of Iceland. Hjalmarsdottir's current research is focused on performance management, M&E, rural water supply, governance, development and gender.



**Fida Abu Libdeh**  
CEO, GeoSilica Iceland, Iceland

I was born in Palestine (Jerusalem) but moved to Iceland when I was 16 years old. I finished the program of Preliminary Studies at Keilir in 2008 with a focus on business and economics. Shortly afterwards, I enrolled in the Energy and Environmental Engineering School of Keilir Institute of Technology and finished B.Sc. degree in energy and environmental engineering in the summer of 2012, followed with an MBA degree from Reykjavik University in 2015. The topic of my B.Sc. thesis was the effects of silica and geothermal brine on bacteria and fungi along with the importance and effects of silica in the human body, particularly with regards to bones, skin, hair and nails. I and my fellow student (which is my colleague now) founded the company Geosilica Iceland where we are developing and marketing valuable silica products from the geothermal water in Iceland Specialties: Energy and Environmental Engineering Technology (EET), Renewable energy, Entrepreneur, Health, Business development, Business management.



**Frida Kristin Gisladdottir**  
Painter Of The Light , Art67 Galleri, Iceland



## Guðfinnur Sigurvinsson

Project Manager for Communications, Vodafone, Iceland

Guðfinnur Sigurvinsson has a B.A. degree in Political Science and his final thesis was on the presidential election of 1980 and what role Vigdís' gender played in the campaign. Guðfinnur is now finishing his masters degree in Public Administration at the University of Iceland. He worked for a decade as a reporter and radio talk show host at RUV, the National Broadcasting Service of Iceland. In 2010 Guðfinnur did a television documentary on Vigdis and her historic election and that documentary has been broadcast by major TV stations all over Europe. After leaving the media Guðfinnur worked for a couple of years as a communications director at the Environment Agency of Iceland and for the last year he has worked as such at Vodafone Iceland.

## Gudrun Jonsdottir

A biologist and a social worker, Iceland



Spokeswoman for Stigamót the Icelandic Counselling Centre on sexual violence in Reykjavik from 1999.

A feminist activist that has for three decades been working with survivors of rape, incest, prostitution and trafficking. Active in the Nordic, European and international women's movement for justice and equality.



## Hanna Ragnarsdóttir

Professor at University of Iceland, Iceland

Hanna Ragnarsdóttir is a professor at the School of Education, University of Iceland. She completed a BA degree in anthropology and history from the University of Iceland in 1984, an MSc degree in anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1986, and a Dr. philos in education from the University of Oslo in 2007. Her research has mainly focused on immigrants and refugees (children, adults, and families) in Icelandic society and schools, multicultural education, and school reform..

## Hrefna Palsdottir

Data Analyst & Public Health Researcher, Iceland



Hrefna works a data specialist and a public health researcher at The Icelandic Centre for Social Resesarch and Analysis (ICSRA). ICSRA has conducted a national Youth in Iceland program of surveys among 10-20 year old children and adolescents, consisting of extensive data collection and information dissemination concerning family and adolescent welfare Her research interests include; Education, gender difference, public health and "dropouts" from school.



**Kristín Pálsdóttir**  
Project Manager, RIKK, Iceland

Kristín I. Pálsdóttir is a Project Manager for RIKK – Institute for Gender, Equality and Difference, University of Iceland and a spokeswoman for The Root – Association on Women, Addiction and Mental Health (Ice. Róttin – félag um málefni kvenna með áfengis- og fíknivanda). She has a B.A. in Spanish and Tourism and an M.A. in Editorship and Theory of Publication from the University of Iceland. Kristín has held various jobs in translation and as a specialist in a library and has for years participated in feminist and environmental NGO's and activism in Iceland. She coordinated a very successful conference on women, addiction, trauma and treatment in Iceland in September 2015.

**Kristin Yr Petursdottir**  
Co-founder Ankra/Feel Iceland, Iceland



**Laufey Axelsdottir**  
PhD Student, University of Iceland, Iceland

Dr. Sunna Simonardóttir is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Iceland. She completed her PhD in Sociology at the University of Iceland in 2017. In her doctoral thesis, entitled Discipline and Resistance: Constructing the “good” Icelandic mother through dominant discourses on bonding, breastfeeding and birth she explored the dominant discourses on motherhood in Iceland, focusing on three key maternal activities; bonding, breastfeeding and birth. Her interests include: Gender and Feminist Theory, Medicine and the Body, Cultures of Parenthood, Parental Leave and the Distribution of Care. Her current project focuses on the coexistence of shared parenting and intensive mothering narratives in Iceland in relation to parental leave and critically engages with the pull towards intensive mothering within the context of Nordic feminism.

**Lilja Alfredsottir**  
Member of Althingi & Vice-Chair of the Progressive Party, Iceland

Member of Althingi for the Reykjavik South Constituency since 2016.  
Member of the Constitutional and Supervisory Committee since 2017.  
Member of the Economic Affairs and Trade Committee since 2017.  
Member of the Icelandic delegation on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly since 2017 (Deputy Chairman since 2017).  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade 8 April 2016-2017





## Margrét Pála Ólafsdóttir

CEO, Hjallastefnan, Iceland



Margrét Pála Ólafsdóttir was born in 1957 in Akureyri and raised in Northern Iceland. She graduated as a preschool teacher from the Icelandic college of education in 1981 after having worked for a few years as an unqualified preschool-teacher. After graduation Margrét started working at a Reykjavík daycare center but in 1982 she became a director of the preschool Steinahlíð where she started developing the basics of the pedagogy that later was named the Hjalli method. In 1989 Margrét became the director of a new preschool in Hafnarfjörður called Hjalli. There she continued developing rather unusual pedagogical methods such as sex-segregated classes, natural play material instead of conventional toys and a long forgotten belief in discipline as a way in training social skills. These methods were considered provoking and the school was a matter of much dispute in the beginning, but in later years the Hjalli pedagogy has been gaining ground and today about 11 preschools in Iceland use the Hjalli Methods partly or in whole. Margrét Pála Ólafsdóttir finished her M.Ed degree from the Icelandic University of Education in 2000 and a MBA from Reykjavík University in 2011 and is now directing her own company.



## Olof Juliusdóttir

PhD student in Sociology at the University of Iceland, Iceland

Olof Juliusdóttir is a PhD student in Sociology at the University of Iceland. Her doctoral project focuses on the lack of women in leadership positions in the economic life in Iceland. She has a master degree in Anthropology and a diploma in Education. Her research interests include; gender equality, work-life balance, organizational practices and politics of time.

## Ruth Gylfadóttir

### Founder & Chairman, Enza empowering women The clothing Bank, Iceland

Founder and chairman of Enza empowering women Board member of The Clothing Bank a South African NGO with the mission to inspire skill and support unemployed South African women to eradicate poverty in their lives Honorary Consul General for Iceland in Cape Town and the Cape Province.



## Sigríður Björk Guðjónsdóttir

District Police Commissioner at Sudurnes Police District, Iceland

Cand.jur from the University of Iceland 1993  
University of Copenhagen 1995 to 1996  
Tax Commissionier in Isafjörður 1996-2000  
Master of European Law from Lund in Sweden 2002  
District Commissionier of Isafjörður 2002-2006  
Deputy National Commissionier from 2007-2009  
Commissionier of Suðurnes Police from Jan. 2009-August 2014  
Commissionier of Metropolitan Police from Sept. 2014  
Various studies of management, CEPOL, diploma in Public Management



## Soffía Elín Sigurðardóttir

### Psychological assessment & treatment for children and adolescents, Iceland

Psychological assessment and treatment for children and adolescents.

Learning disabilities, cognitive development and behavioral disabilities. Emotional wellbeing and development.

Particularly interested in Neurological Disorders and Foster Children.

Training (courses and work shops) in EMDR, DBT and CBT. Regularly supervision; general supervision regarding clinical work and also supervision regarding EMDR work in clinical settings.

Registered Psychologist in Iceland. Member of the Icelandic Psychological Association and the Association of Psychologists in Private Practice in Iceland.

## Thordis LOA Thorhallsdottir

### CEO, Naskur ehf, Iceland



Thordis Loa is a powerful business leader with much experience in leading Business, Public Offices and Associations. Loa is an experienced business entrepreneur, a popular speaker and TV host.

Thordis Loa is currently the CEO of Gray Line of Iceland, a Chairman of The Board for FKA (Women Business Leaders in Iceland), Naskar Investments, Finnish Icelandic Chamber of Commerce and more.

Her background and experience varies from being the Vice President for the service division at Reykjavik City for 8 years, a Part Time University professor for 8 years to being an Entrepreneur, TV Host, Investor and a Franchise Owner of an Pizza Hut Chain in Iceland & Finland.



## Aurica Bhattacharya

### Global Legal Counsel at Procure Techstaff Private Limited, India

Prior to working with PTS she has worked with one of the most premier law firms in the Country Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas (earlier known as Amarchand Mangaldas). Completed my Masters in Law(LLM) from University of Warwick and my Bachelor in Law (LLB) from University of Delhi. I have also graduated in Commerce from University of Delhi, and completed Professional Education I and II from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.”

## Lipika Sud

### Director/ Principal Designer, Lipika Sud Interiors Pvt. Ltd., India



Lipika is the Founder Director of 'Lipika Sud Interiors Pvt. Ltd' and Dimension Designers Pvt Ltd and is India's leading well known Interior Designer practicing for over two decades (since 1989). She has worked on many prestigious projects in India and abroad. She also runs Art n Aura- an Art Services company.

She is a product of Shri Ram College of Commerce and has done her Masters from Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi. She holds an LLB Degree from Delhi University - Law Faculty and has done her Interior Design specialization from London, UK.

She is currently the President of 'The Guild of Designers & Artists' and the Immediate Past Chairperson of 'The Institute of Indian Interior Designers -DRC'.

She is a Director ,National Federation of Tourism and Transport Co-operatives and Co chairperson of Indo American Chamber of Commerce (Infrastructure)



**Priyanka Arora**  
Independent HR Consultant, India

Priyanka is a senior HR Professional with over 10 years of strong experience in Consulting and Business HR roles including Diversity & Inclusion, Selection & Assessment, Leadership & Talent Development, Competency Modelling, and Engagement & Culture. Has experienced a complete range of people issues in both, a start-up environment as well as established firms. She has worked across multiple geographies in the US, India and Africa, in MNCs like Merck (formerly Schering-Plough), Aon Hewitt, Pitney Bowes Software, & Glenn Berlett Consulting Services. Currently, a Senior Consultant with Willis Towers Watson, leading their Competency, Leadership, & Assessment Solution area for India

**Rabia Kidwai**  
Consciousness Facilitator, India



Ms. Rabia Kidwai is a consciousness facilitator trained through different consciousness Coaches across the globe. She coaches people for life transformation in any area of their life in which they don't have the desired result across the world. From areas like relationship, finance, health, happiness, joy, ease with life etc to any kind of result people would like to produce she facilitates them through energetic work and verbal coaching. She is also a speaker and writer on many global platforms on the subject of Consciousness and life coaching. To connect with Ms. Rabia Kidwai kindly visit her website [www.rabikidwai.com](http://www.rabikidwai.com)



**Roma Das**  
Principal, Shri S K I Jain High School, India

Roma Das a dedicated educationist is currently working as a Principal in Shri S. K. I. Jain High School, Mumbai. She has over 34 years of experience in the field of education and 15 years of experience as a Principal. She has completed her B.Ed. and Masters Degree in Chemistry from Ravishankar University, Raipur. A Gold Medalist; has bagged several awards in the field of sports and cultural events. She has participated in various workshops and training sessions conducted in India and abroad. She believes that 'Only education can lead to holistic growth of a student which leads to the growth of the society and country at large.' The institution in which she is presently the Principal has been tirelessly working for one and a quarter century, moulding our young into responsible and worthy citizens of the society. Under her able guidance the school has bagged many laurels and also participated in sports and academics at State and National level.

**Shukti Roy**  
Secretary, Los Hispanofilos, India



The Secretary of Los Hispanófilos which is a registered non-profit association that works for the promotion of the Spanish and Hispanic literature and culture in India and the Indian culture and literature in Spain and Latin American countries. Fluent in seven languages including English and Spanish. Has taught English for two decades in a Higher Secondary school in Kolkata, India. Has translated a number of world classics into Bengali from the trove of Spanish and English literature including the prose-poetry *Platero y yo* by the Spanish Nobel Laureate Juan Ramón Jiménez. The bilingual version of the mentioned book has been launched at Delhi this June by the director of the Instituto Cervantes, New Delhi, India. Has to her credit books of poems and a narrative written in English, Spanish and Bengali. Eager to be with the cause of Women's empowerment from all the points of view... economic, social, cultural and philosophical.



**Emma Killian**  
Co-Founder, BriteBiz, Ireland

Emma is the Co-Founder of BriteBiz, an Irish based technology company pioneering the field of business scaling software. BriteBiz allows companies to scale rapidly and cut costs significantly with its integrated systems, making it easy for companies to do business. BriteBiz has clients across Ireland, the UK and North America. Emma is a serial entrepreneur, having successfully grown two other companies and currently employs over 300 people. Emma has continually placed emphasis on the importance of leveraging technology in business to allow scale. As a regular public speaker, Emma shares her journey of managing domestic and international companies, being a Mum to three young sons, whilst scaling and growing a SaaS company with global ambition.

**Julia McAndrew**

Co-Director, Kangen Irish Water, Ireland

I'm Julia McAndrew, living in Co. Galway, Ireland. I'm 60 years of age. I run my own business called Kangen Irish Water. It's a medical device made in Japan that restructures our own tap water into water that is very beneficial for our health.

The unit gives us many different pH waters that is the best for drinking, cooking, beauty water, cleaning and disinfecting water without the use of chemicals. It's totally ECO friendly and very good for our health and the environment.

I had my own Jewellery and travel pack business prior to this. I have two children, my son is age 24 and living in New York and working there. My daughter is age 19 years, a fashion designer student and a model. I am part of "network group" of people in Ireland



**Rehab Abd Elhalim**  
Dr. Woman Wage Peace, Israel

I, Rehab Talal Abdelhalim, was born in Nazareth. I am 65 years old – a mother of four children, and a grandmother of nine. I have a PhD. In Education. I completed studies in the field of Organizational Consulting, personal coaching, Group Facilitator, and a moderator (law). I developed a theory of education called: The Point of Light Theory. I was both a teacher and a school principal from 1970-2007. There, I created an Experimental Educational Campus with students from age 3-12 (regular school children), and 5-21 (Special Needs children). I Integrated all of the children – those with special needs with the regular school children.

I was a lecturer for Principal Training at a Teaching Seminary called Oranim for seven years, and continue to give lectures on both education, and my Point of Light Theory, and Women Empowerment.

Today I am the Director of the Yahalom Center for personal empowerment based on the Point of Light Theory.

I am a leading member of the Women Wage Peace Movement in Israel.

**Zohra Baraka**

Owner, Mohazo Ex-impo Ltd, Kenya

Surprisingly, managing Mohazo is not all Zohra does! She serves on boards of various organizations that promote gender equality, women leadership and cross-cultural exchange in education and microenterprise development. She also promotes progressive dialogue between communities in conflict. Zohra sits on the Board of South Cooperation, NEVA - cooperation between Colorado State University and USIU, and Kenya's National Committee on AGOA. She also sits on the board of Directors of the new Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA).



## Cheryl Barbara Acheampong Youth Coordinator, Liberia



My name is Cheryl Barbara Acheampong, a graduate from the University of Sierra Leone with a degree in History major and Sociology minor. This under graduate course has equipped me with theoretical and practical skills needed to excel in the dual field of environment and development with solid foundation in rural community development, Research methodology, Social work, History, Communication skills and other related skills. I do have broad experience in leadership roles within emergency response operations, strong combination in organizational and interpersonal skills and the ability to deliver solutions in a pressurized, target/deadline driven environment. Activist roles on women rights, teenage pregnancy and early marriages. Represented Sierra Leone youth's in various international seminars and an established trainer on women empowerment issues.

## Larissa Best Business Angel, Impact Investor and Director at Equilibre, Luxembourg



Larissa is the director at the association Equilibre which promotes gender diversity and complementarity in corporations through its multiple programs. She is also a co-founder of TIIME, a social impact consultancy, board member at LBAN, the Luxembourgish Business Angel Network. She is actively engaged in her portfolio companies that range from FinTech to Healthcare to SaaS. She has both a strategic and operations background, replete with financial analytical skills. Due to her entrepreneurial background and education (MBA and Masters in Finance), she has become a proverbial 'Jane-of-all-trades' and can play multiple CXO roles in the companies she engages with to drive value creation in her investments.

## Genna Elvin Co-Founder at Tadaweb, Luxembourg



Genna is the Co-Founder of Tadaweb, a Luxembourg based technology company pioneering the field of small data. In building her company over the past five years, Genna has continually placed emphasis on the importance of diversity, company culture as well as incorporating emerging models, such as the lean methodology into business. Genna is a very active female entrepreneur having started her first startup at 17 that was funded by the US Government to bring solar energy to an impoverished group of Pacific Islands. Earlier this year Genna featured in Forbes for her place on the Hundert's Top 100 Female Founders of Europe.

## Carine de Meyere Senior Investment Advisor bij Future Planet Capital, Netherlands



In order for any business to move forward we need to think in the power of creating global sustainable partnerships! The future is a reimagined version of relief where business is the ultimate driver of social impact; a new model where charitable efforts are no longer reserved for nights and weekends but incorporated into a 9-to-5. Traditional philanthropy and charity are dead! As a global visionary humanitarian, impact investor and knowledge broker I accomplish this vision and open up a broader discussion about how business can (and should be) used to make the world more just, verdant and peaceful. I bring impact investors and social entrepreneurs together and add sustainable value to the world. Clients amongst others are, Israeli Agri Biotech Company Nobactra, Wetlands International, ING private Wealth Management on Impact Investing, the Israeli world leading consulting company on CyberSecurity Comsec, WCT (land remediation & regreening arid desertland) in Africa, B Corp, Hub Culture, the Wonderbag, the Solar powered lamp and charger Waka Waka.





**Nikki Zanchi**  
Director, Women Love To Talk Inc, New Zealand

Founded by Nikki Zanchi, "Women Love to Talk" is a place for all women to be inspired and connected. Here we have the ability to encompass an all round interest... in life and discuss topics with other like minded women. Nikki has a background in Primary School Education, Counselling, Coaching and is a trained Doula. She has five beautiful children all of whom were Home Schooled. Nikki embraces the fact that social media is at the core of almost everything we do and we are working to harness that and create a rapidly expanding team of Social Marketers and Entrepreneurs who will reap tremendous rewards. However, her core belief is in the power of Conscious Real person to person communication. If you want to join a group of proud and passionate women who hold themselves to a high standard uncompromisingly modern, accessible and transformative and ahead of the curve then join us now. Nikki is dedicated to delivering quality experiences and shaping healthy lifestyles. Her courses include Conscious Listening and Conscious Communication. 'Never settle for average and don't stop short of extraordinary'. Nikki strives to help create a better world and a better you.

**Imambay Kamara**  
CEO, Disabled International Foundation, Sierra Leone

Educational background; Community Development and International policies Name: Princess Imambay Kamara (awarded on 31/10/2015, as the New Pan-African Princess) Founder and CEO of Disabled International Foundation Sierra-Leone /UK Which is responsible for; more than 5,000 disabled people of all categories and also more than 2,000 orphaned children as a result of the Ebola epidemic



**Agneta Nyholm**  
Founder, Graceful Living, Sweden

Agneta Nyholm Winqvist is the founder of School of Graceful Living in Sweden. As a practical philosophy, Graceful Living takes the vision that everyone should live more conscious and enjoyable lives and then demonstrate – through inspiration, knowledge and clear structures – the way to a simple but comprehensive lifestyle change. Agneta has previously written 8 books on how to create balance and harmony. Her books have been sold for over 250.000 ex and have been translated to several languages. Agnetas last book took Where darkness meet light – a journey in women history took over eight years to write and deals with gender history Agneta Nyholm Winqvist has worked for over 27 years as a self-employed and lectured around the country on the theme of empowering women, female leadership, sustainability and creating good architecture and interior design.

**Erika Mikaelsson**  
CEO and producer of NORDIC LIGHT MEDIA, Sweden

Erika Mikaelsson, born in Sorsele, Sweden, in April 12 1953, has an academic degree in Journalism (Gothenburg University) 1976 she became the first female sports journalist in Sweden She has worked over 20 years as a news journalist in news papers, local radio stations and at a regional TV-station, before she in 1990 entered the national late night news as an anchor woman and editor. She also worked as a news reporter and was an editor for the foreign news in the morning national TVnews broadcasts. As early as 2005 she started a good news channel that 2010 became greatpeople.tv. 2012 she travelled with her team to Uganda to educate young women as grass root reporters in constructive journalism. She has written 5 books, among them the latest titled "Good news for an even better world". That is a description of the big change that is taking place in the media area in Scandinavia and soon in the rest of the world.





**Stephanie Khouri**  
Serial Entrepreneur and Word Aficionado, UAE

Experienced Founder with a demonstrated history of working in the food & beverages industry. Strong entrepreneurship professional skilled in Negotiation, Implementation, and Creativity.

**Catherine Ward**

**Group Human Resources Director, Interserve Plc, United Kingdom (UK)**

Catherine's career has covered strategic HR leadership, transformation, and communications, in roles in the public, private and private equity sectors, and as a consultant. She is currently the Group HR Director for Interserve Plc one of the world's foremost support services companies, annual gross revenues of £3.6bn, 85,000 employees – 55,000 in UK, 30,000 internationally, and one of the UK's top 20 largest private sector employers.

Catherine created the role of Group HR Director during the lead in to an 18-month period of extensive acquisition in the UK and overseas, when the Group expanded by 50%. She is a member of the Executive Board and sits on the Risk Committee, SustainAbilities Board, Innovation Board and IS Security Board. She has led the transformation of the HR agenda – developing the Group HR Strategy, and defining direction in areas including culture change, leadership, early career talent, and diversity and inclusion. Interserve is the largest company to have achieved accreditation under the National Equality Standard. She is the senior functional leader for c.250 HR professionals, based across the UK and internationally.



**Helen Conn**  
Food & Beverages Consultant, United Kingdom (UK)

A creative Food Scientist - identifying new food ingredients/new foods for the future.

Has experience in bringing to the UK market, functional food ingredients and functional foods from outside the UK.

Presented many scientific papers at conferences and seminars worldwide, as well as appearing on TV/Radio.

Is used as an expert in the media for emerging sciences in food such as nanotechnology/nutrigenomics.

Has extensive contacts in UK/Europe with Universities, retailers and food companies.

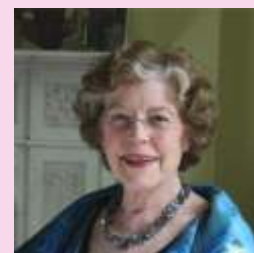
Liaises with Japanese/Australian/Finnish/USA companies to identify new functional food ingredients and supplements for the UK food market.

**Jan Morgan**

**Managing Director at Grosvenor International, United Kingdom (UK)**

Jan Morgan founded Grosvenor International, her up market real estate brokerage. This primarily focuses on Central London and serves high profile figures, top executives and people from the media world who require a discreet, hands-on, bespoke service.

Jan Morgan has been an active member of the International Women's Forum for over 20 years and is the past President of IWF London. She is now concentrating on support for Northern Ireland working with a group of European Presidents to extend and enrich IWF in Europe. Her interests include all aspects of health. She is a Life Patron and former Chair of Alzheimer's Research UK in Cambridge and a Trustee of the Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust. She established and runs LOST (Lithuanian Orphans Support Trust) in aid of the two State orphanages in Vilnius. She trained originally as a nurse at University College Hospital, London and is an award winning garden designer and gardener. Jan loves classical music, especially opera; design and architecture; good food, travel and entertaining her family and friends.





**Pat Duckworth**  
**Cognitive Hypnotherapist, United Kingdom (UK)**

Pat specialise in helping women at mid-life to achieve their goals. I am passionate about inspiring women to live the best possible life. Using NLP, positive psychology and hypnosis, I work with clients to make long lasting and effective change. I am an expert in helping women to control menopause symptoms.

My clients are often surprised at how quickly they start to feel better as they let go of the thoughts and patterns that have been holding them back. I tailor the therapy to the individual and the specific issues that they are experiencing. Most of my clients come from referrals from clients and other therapists.

I am an experienced public speaker who delivers courses and workshops on a range of wellbeing subjects. My goal is to help people to discover easy to follow, practical techniques that they can use to improve their lives and their performance. I help organisations to improve the well-being of their staff. Workshops can range in length from 30 minute tasters to whole day sessions depending on the requirements of the organisation.



**Ashna Mahepal**  
**Fullbrighter, CEO YHS, Entrepreneur, YLAI fellow & Certified Project Manager, USA**

Project Manager with over 8 years of professional Project Management experience collaborating with multi-disciplined Project & Program Management Teams, adept at working in highly stressful environments, coordinating and facilitating delivery of results within tight deadlines, managing multiple tasks, pools of client communications and liaising with stakeholders building solid relationships.

Areas of Proficiency:

- Project and Program Management & Monitoring;
- Contract Management & Administration;
- Procurement (Entire Tendering process incl. evaluations and contract negotiations)



**Deep Laxmi**  
**Self-Image Mentor and Pharmaceutical Professional, USA**

Deep Laxmi is a Self-image Mentor & Speaker helping people boost productivity, performance, and profit by setting big worthy goals, changing their self-image, turning old habits into new lifelong successful habits for an abundant and intentional purpose-driven life. Her Coaching and Teaching is based on the science of self-image: Our self-image and our habits are interlocked together. Change one and you will automatically change the other. We cannot outperform our own self-image, so to bring out the desired change in our lives, we must challenge the conviction of what we believe about our self.

Deep has excelled in business for the past 15 years, as a Pharmaceutical Quality Professional, she is well recognized as one of the top performers. She is Certified Leadership Coach and has trained and coached number of clients including teens to achieve better self-image, attitude, career selections, performance, and growth.

Deep holds three Master Degrees; MBA from St. Joseph University, MS from Georgia State Univ. and MS from Agra University besides dozens of professional certificates.



**Dr. Marialice B F X Curran**  
**Founder & CEO, Digital Citizenship Institute, USA**

Dr. Marialice B.F.X. Curran is the Founder and CEO of the Digital Citizenship Institute. Her advanced graduate and doctoral studies on adolescent development at Boston College reinforced her commitment to service learning as Dr. Curran leads by hand, heart and mind. As a mother and a connected educator, she has served as an associate professor, middle school teacher, principal and library media specialist.

As a pioneer in digital citizenship, she developed and created the first 3-credit digital citizenship course for teachers in the United States. She co-founded the digital citizenship chat in Twitter (2011) and the Digital Citizenship Summit (2015). She serves on the leadership team for the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Digital Citizenship PLN and is a researcher, keynote, international speaker and TEDxYouth speaker.

An entrepreneur and puppeteer at the age of 11, Dr. Curran's experiences include world travel with particular interest in the creative arts, middle level education, special education, teacher education and educational technology.



## **Elianne Ramos**

### **Principal and CEO, Speak Hispanic Communications, USA**

Known online as @ERGeekGoddess, Elianne is an award-winning, nationally recognized social entrepreneur and community advocate. She is considered one of the most influential Latinas in social media. Recently, she was named an international committee member of Women Leaders of the Americas by the Documentation Sciences Foundation and the Organization of American States (OAS). She was also the Latino Digital Coalitions Desk for the Hillary Clinton campaign. Prior to that, she was Principal and CEO of Speak Hispanic and Founder of Border Kids Relief Project.

She is currently the Senior Director of Communications at the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health. Elianne lends her broad expertise to projects that raise civic participation, including collaborations with the Obama White House, governmental institutions, and major civic-centered organizations. For years, she has sought to amplify the voices of social justice and marginalized people on her Google+ show and other online/offline initiatives.

## **Dr. Maha Hosain Aziz**

### **Professor, Blogger & Cartoonist in Political Risk & Prediction, USA**

Dr Maha Hosain Aziz specialises in political risk & prediction across varied industries and disciplines. She is a part-time professor teaching and researching this topic at New York University's Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, also teaching her specialty at e-learning education startup Pioneer Academics. She is a former global politics columnist for Businessweek and CNN World, who now writes on political risk & prediction for the Huffington Post's political offshoot, The WorldPost and The Observer. She is also a cartoonist who created The Global Kid, the world's first comic book on global political risk, prediction and strategy for young adult and adult readers – winner of the 2016 Wonder Woman Award and the 2017 INSPAD Peace Award (100% of sales from the Indiegogo-crowdfunded comic book are going to two global education non-profits that help youth reach their potential – Developments In Literacy and Global Glimpse). She also taught an undergraduate course on British politics and democratic institutions at the London School of Economics (LSE), winning three teaching awards. At the LSE, she was the C&J Modi/Narayanan Fellow while pursuing her doctoral research on the moral economy.



## **Ritu Khanduri**

### **Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Texas at Arlington, USA**

Dr. Ritu Gairola Khanduri is a cultural anthropologist with research interests in colonial and contemporary India.

She is the author of "Caricaturing Culture in India," an ethnography of newspaper cartooning in India. Her research and writing also track cultural politics in social media, comic books, Hindu images, material culture, and Gandhi. Ritu is currently engaged in a projects on women in science and the history of emotion. She has contributed a monthly column on new research titled, J Drive for the American Anthropological Association's (AAA) newsletter, Anthronews. She serves on the Publications and Open Access Sub-committee of the the AAA's Committee on World Anthropologies (CWA).

Caricaturing Culture in India: Cartoons and History in the Modern World, CUP, 2014.

## **Shevelle McPherson Esq**

### **Attorney Entrepreneur Consultant Best Selling Author, McPherson Law Soar2Success Academy USA**

Shevelle is an accomplished attorney, an award winning international speaker, a number one bestselling author and a life and business strategist. Shevelle was selected a Pennsylvania Rising Star twice and has been featured in the Super Lawyer Magazine, the Philadelphia Magazine and the South Jersey Magazine. In 2017, Shevelle was recognized as a National Black Lawyer- Top 100. In both 2016 and 2017 she was recognized as a Best 10 Female Criminal Defense Lawyer, Pennsylvania. In 2017 Shevelle was recognized as a National Trial Lawyer – Top 100 and a National Trial Lawyer – Criminal Defense Top 25.

As a practicing attorney Shevelle came to the realization that her clients were not only struggling with legal dilemmas, they were also struggling with life dilemmas. Having overcome significant obstacles in her own life, Shevelle became extremely passionate about empowering motivated women to shift their mindset and ignite their innate power so they can live fearless, fabulous and fierce lives. She became equally passionate about empowering and supporting entrepreneurs in forming and sustaining successful profitable business entities.





**Susan Mason**  
General Partner at Aligned Partners , USA

Susan Mason has over 25 years of operating management and venture capital experience. She is General Partner and co-founder of Aligned Partners, a Menlo Park-based venture capital firm that invests in highly capital efficient start-ups in the IT area. Prior to co-founding Aligned Partners, she spent 15 years with ONSET Ventures, a venture capital firm with \$1 billion under management that is focused on early stage investing. In 1996 she was named a Kauffman Fellow and joined ONSET Ventures. There she specialized in investing in the information technology area, specifically communications and security.



**Zorica Pantić**  
President , Pleiadian-Wentworth Institute of Technology, USA

Dr. Zorica Pantić is the president of Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston and the first female engineer to lead a technological university in the U.S.A. Under her leadership, Wentworth has become a leader in engineering, technology, design & management education and has achieved a university status. Wentworth's focus on experiential learning and career success produces highly-skilled professionals and well-rounded citizens that fuel the economic growth of the U.S. New England region and beyond. By introducing new STEM and graduate level programs, and investment of close to \$300M in state-of-the-art facilities, Dr. Pantić has spearheaded the enrollment growth from 3,500 to 4,100 students and improved recognition and rankings. For example, Wall Street Journal ranked Wentworth among the top 500 schools in the U.S. (out of 4,500) and #3 in the Northeast region for career preparation, while payscale.com ranks Wentworth among the top 8% U.S. universities and colleges for return on investment (ROI). She is a champion for diversity and has worked tirelessly on women's issues.

**Sonja Yr Þorbergsdóttir**  
Lawyer, BSRB, Iceland



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