



# NOMINATIONS 2025

# WISE100

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## WISE100 - 2025: Women In Social Enterprise Nomination Form

Thank you for your interest in submitting an application for our WISE100 Women in Social Enterprise awards, through which we name and celebrate this year's Top 100 Social Business Women along with four special award winners.

Created by Pioneers Post, in partnership with NatWest Social & Community Capital, the WISE100 is an initiative to support, celebrate and share expertise, learning and inspiration among women in social enterprise, impact investing and mission-driven business across the UK.

We're looking for exceptional women leaders of all kinds – from the rising stars of social enterprise and impact investment to CEOs with decades of experience behind them. We'll be spotlighting the journeys of some of these exceptional women, exploring their challenges and achievements they have experienced and sharing them with you via the Pioneers Post website, the independent news platform for the global impact community.

Please ensure you have [read the criteria](#) for each award, and then submit your nomination by completing the details in this form. This year there are four different awards that you can enter.

**DEADLINE:** nominations will close at midnight on Sunday 16 February, 2025.

Thank you,  
Pioneers Post & NatWest teams

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Read the [Awards Criteria](#) on the Pioneers Post website.

Any questions? Get in touch via [WISE100@pioneerspost.com](mailto:WISE100@pioneerspost.com).

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\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

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## Who are you nominating

Who is the 'exceptional woman in social enterprise' you are nominating? (\*You are allowed to nominate yourself)

2. Name \*

of the person you are nominating

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3. Email \*

of the person you are nominating

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4. Job title

of the person you are nominating

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5. Nominee's X handle

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6. Nominee's LinkedIn URL

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7. Name of their organisation / social enterprise \*

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8. Website of organisation \*

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9. Organisation's X handle

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10. Organisation's LinkedIn page

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11. Please provide a summary of the organisation they work in (400 words) \*

Please use this space to explain what this organisation does, what social/environmental challenge it is trying to solve, how the organisation generates a sustainable revenue, and how it delivers positive social impact. It would be helpful if you provided some basic facts and figures on turnover, profitability and impact to explain this, as well as some information on the legal structure and governance of the organisation.

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12. How long has the social enterprise in question been trading? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Up to or fewer than 5 years trading

More than 5 years trading

13. Where is the organisation based? \*

*Tick all that apply.*

- North East
- North West
- Yorks & Humber
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- South East (not including London)
- South West
- East of England
- Greater London
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

14. Which sector(s) do they work in? \*

*Tick all that apply.*

- Business services / consultancy
- Education and youth
- Employment and training
- Environment and recycling
- Finance and investment
- Health and social care
- Hospitality and catering
- Leisure, sports, arts and culture
- Marketing and communications
- Regeneration and community development
- Renewables and utilities
- Retail (including Fairtrade)
- Transport
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## The nomination

WISE100 Social Business Woman of the Year – for a CEO, social entrepreneur or leader with more than five years of experience building revenue, social impact and a strong team, who has made a particular impact during the past year.

WISE100 Rising Star Award – for a CEO, social entrepreneur or leader showing star qualities while being relatively new in their social enterprise career, with five or fewer years of leadership experience, who has stood out for their achievements over the past year.

WISE100 Social Investment Champion – for a woman making her mark in impact investment during the past year, whether through a particular deal or through a broader contribution to the social investment field.

WISE100 Changemaker Award – for a woman who has been a driving force for positive change through social innovation during the past year, working in any sector or organisation – from climate change to women’s empowerment.

15. For which of the following categories would you like to nominate this woman in social enterprise? \*

Please select one of the following awards categories. Based on the category you're going for, the form will let you continue to the next applicable section. If you wish to apply for more than one award then please submit a separate application for each category.

*Mark only one oval.*

- WISE100 Social Business Woman of the Year *Skip to question 17*
- WISE100 Rising Star Award *Skip to question 20*
- WISE100 Social Investment Champion *Skip to question 23*
- WISE100 Changemaker Award *Skip to question 26*

16. For how long has the person nominated been in a senior or leadership position in the social enterprise or impact investing sector (not necessarily at the same organisation)? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Up to or fewer than 5 years
- More than 5 years

## WISE100 Social Business Woman of the Year

For a CEO, social entrepreneur or leader with more than five years of leadership experience building revenue, social impact and a strong team.

17. Why are they an outstanding social business leader? Please provide a short biography (250 words) outlining the person's role, track record and credentials. \*

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18. Why do they deserve to be this year's Social Business Leader of the Year? \*  
Please provide evidence of this leader's achievements and the achievements of their social enterprise during the past year (2023). This should include facts, figures and specific examples where possible (max 400 words).  
(Please do NOT write a long piece of prose telling us how fantastic this person is without backing it up with clear evidence.)

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19. Please include at least one endorsement (100 words per endorsement) from a team member, board member or business contact/partner. \*

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## WISE100 Rising Star Award

For a CEO, social entrepreneur or leader showing star qualities while being relatively new into their social enterprise career, with five or fewer years of leadership experience.

20. What qualities make them a rising social business star? Please provide a short \* biography (250 words) outlining the person's role, experience and development as a new social enterprise leader.

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21. Why have they shone particularly brightly this year? Please provide evidence of \* this leader's achievements and the achievements of their social enterprise during the past year (2023). This should include facts, figures and specific examples where possible (max 400 words).

Please do NOT write a long piece of prose telling us how fantastic this person is without backing it up with clear evidence.

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22. Please include at least one endorsement (100 words per endorsement) from a \* board member or business mentor/advisor about why this leader is a Star of the Future.

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WISE100 Social Investment Champion

For a woman making her mark in social impact investment during the past year.

- 23. What marks this person out as a leader in social investment? Please provide a short biography (150 words) outlining the person's track record in social investment. \*

Horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 23.

- 24. What achievements this year make them a Social Investment Champion? Please provide evidence of this leader's achievements in social investment during the past year. This should include facts, figures and specific examples of how this person has made a mark in social investment during the year. (max 400 words). \*

Please do NOT write a long piece of prose telling us how fantastic this person is without backing it up with clear evidence.

Horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 24.

- 25. Please include at least one endorsement (100 words per endorsement) from a board member, senior colleague or social investment partner. \*

Horizontal lines for writing the answer to question 25.



## WISE100 Changemaker Award

For a woman who has been a driving force for positive change through social innovation during the past year, working in any sector or organisation - from climate change to women's empowerment

26. What marks this person out as leading or pioneering changemaker in the impact space? Please provide a short biography (250 words) outlining the person's experience and credentials. \*

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27. What achievements over the past year make them deserving of the WISE100 Changemaker Award? Please provide evidence of this leader's achievements and the achievements of their social enterprise during the past year. This should include facts, figures and specific examples of how this person has made a significant positive impact in climate change during the year (max 400 words). \*

Please do NOT write a long piece of prose telling us how fantastic this person is without backing it up with clear evidence.

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28. Please include at least one personal endorsement (100 words per endorsement) from a board member, senior colleague or business partner/advisor. \*

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Your details (of the person making the nomination).

29. Name \*  
of the person making the nomination.

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30. Company or organisation

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31. Email \*  
of the person making the nomination

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32. Relationship to your nominee (eg friend, business colleague, yourself, etc...) \*

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### 33. Declaration \*

#### 1. Declaration:

By submitting this form I am declaring that the information I have given is a true and accurate representation of the nominated person. If any of this information is found to be incorrect in a way that affects eligibility for an award or place in the Top 100, *Pioneers Post* has a right to withdraw our entry.

I understand that the selection of the successful entrants will be within the sole discretion of the judges and *Pioneers Post* and that these decisions are final. I also understand the right of the judges and *Pioneers Post* to deselect an entrant at any stage.

*Tick all that apply.*

I declare that the information I have given is a true and accurate representation of the person or organisation I'm nominating

### 34. Data Privacy \*

I understand that:

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*Tick all that apply.*

Yes I understand.

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