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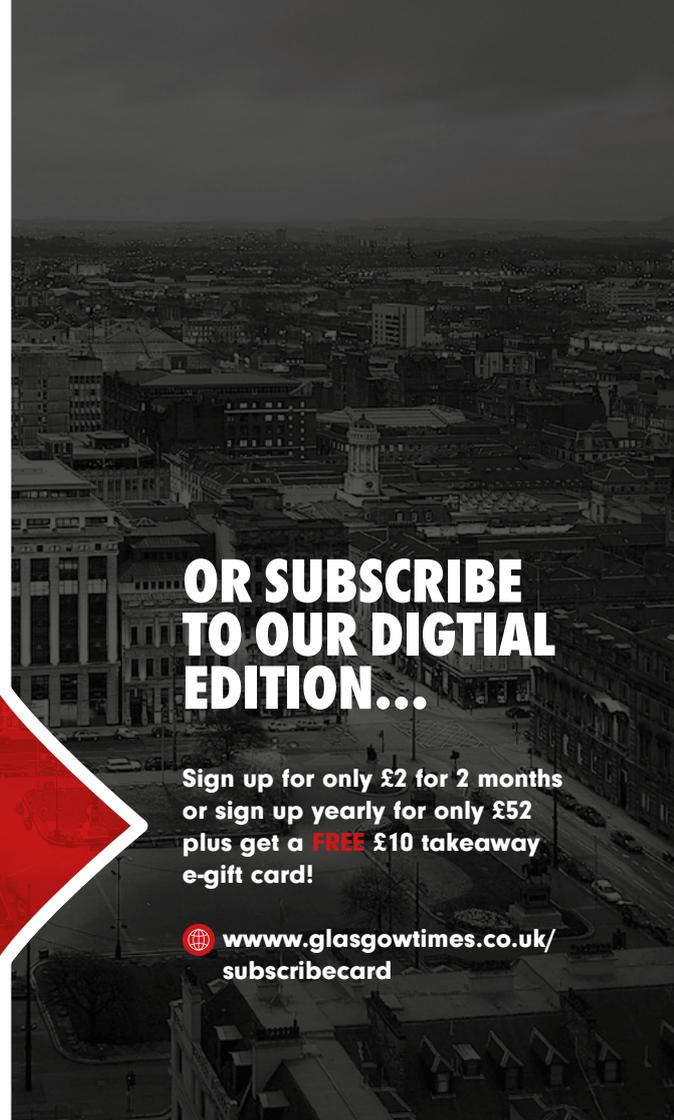
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# Welcome

CALLUM BAIRD, EDITOR, GLASGOW TIMES



It is my great pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the 58th annual Glasgow Times Scotswoman of the Year Awards, in association with the St. Enoch Centre.

This has been a year like no other. The pandemic has changed everything. From doctors and nurses to politicians and

teachers, scientists, and other key workers – Scotland's women have kept us going through the most difficult year in modern history.

This event has honoured the accomplishments of Scottish women for more than half a century and every one of our nominees over the decades have been inspirational. But this year it feels particularly important.

We are delighted, therefore, to once again celebrate the remarkable work and deeds of Scotland's women. The 2020 awards attracted numerous superb nominations and, as I am sure you will agree, a young SWOTY shortlist and a group of Scotswoman of the Year finalists who are truly inspirational.

I hope that you have a wonderful and memorable evening and will join me later in wishing our finalists the best of luck.

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# Welcome

ANNE LEDGERWOOD, CENTRE DIRECTOR, ST. ENOCH CENTRE



As Centre Director of St. Enoch Centre in Glasgow and Chair of the City Centre Retail Association, Anne Ledgerwood is one of the city's most influential retail figures.

Anne, a mother of two, has spent 15 years in shopping centre management, gaining an MBA along the way.

She began her retail career as Marketing Manager at Braehead, where she played a leading role in establishing the Renfrewshire shopping centre as a destination, brand and major Scottish business.

In 2004, Anne left to establish her own business, working with a range of private

and public sector clients. Among the projects she undertook was a rebranding of St. Enoch Centre. In 2009, she was appointed Marketing Director by owners Ivanhoe Cambridge.

Since joining St. Enoch Centre, Anne has repositioned the Glasgow mall as a leading destination for families. Her role in attracting world-famous toy store Hamleys to St. Enoch Centre has helped to increase footfall from 12 million visitors annually to nearly 20 million visitors each year.

St. Enoch Centre has long been at the heart of Glasgow and Anne continues to drive this through partnerships with public, private and not for profit organisations.

She looks forward to launching St. Enoch Centre's £40 million leisure development this year and continuing to work with partners to promote Glasgow as a world-class retail destination.



# Running Order

INTRODUCTIONS

Cathy MacDonald

WELCOME

Callum Baird, Editor, Glasgow Times

AND

Anne Ledgerwood, Centre Director, St Enoch Centre

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## Host Cathy MacDonald

Cathy MacDonald is a bilingual broadcaster and producer from the Isle of Lewis. She currently presents a live daily features lunchtime programme, for BBC Radio nan Gaidheal, in her native Gaelic language, and is one of the regular presenters on the Religion and Ethics programme, Sunday Morning With, on BBC Radio Scotland.

# 2020 Young SWOTY Finalists



## LUSYA STEELE, 20, ERSKINE

Cyclist Lusya Steele took the silver medal in her first European Championships. She started cycling with the Johnstone Jets, a community club set up by her dad. Hooked on the sport since childhood, Lusya worked hard through Scottish Cycling programmes, and started making a name for herself at the junior world and Euro championships. She is now on course to represent Britain at the Olympics in 2024.



## ROSEANNA CAMPBELL, 21, EDINBURGH

Roseanna, who was in care throughout her teens and became homeless at the age of 16, has become a champion volunteer at 6VT Edinburgh City Youth Café. Roseanna has been a youth board member for four years, was elected as President and has recently been selected as 6VT's Youth Ambassador, which has enabled her to attend many events supporting young people across the city.



## JULIANA SWEENEY-BAIRD, 17, BEARSDEN

Juliana is losing her sight due to a rare genetic condition, but she continues to triumph in ice skating, training five times a week. She is ranked first in the world for inclusive skating and is a current British junior champion. Juliana is an ambassador for Inclusive Skating – a world-recognised charity that promotes the sport for young people with physical and learning disabilities.

# 2020 Young SWOTY Finalists



## AMANDA AMAESHI, 16, DUNFERMLINE

Award-winning writer Amanda raises awareness of issues such as the lack of women in STEM and the harms of fast fashion. She is a member of the Girlguiding Advocate Panel, a panel of 18 young women in the UK aged 14-25 who speak out on issues that matter to girls and young women across the country. She is also a spokesperson for Girlguiding Scotland and a member of the YSHealth Panel, a youth-led panel who focus on health and wellbeing issues concerning young people in Scotland.



## KATIE PAKE, 12, GLENROTHES

Schoolgirl and champion swimmer Katie Pake has raised thousands of pounds for children's cancer charities. She had a type of bone cancer, which led to the amputation of her leg when she was nine. Since then, she has made it her mission to increase awareness of childhood cancer to help others. Katie takes off her prosthetic leg to swim and has won gold medals at the junior and senior Scottish Disability Sport National Swimming Championships. As well as training four times a week in the pool, she plays football and is a wheelchair racer.

# Let us Entertain you



## Melanie Masson

Melanie Masson shot to the British public's attention with her powerhouse vocals and heart rending performances of Janis Joplin's Cry Baby. With millions of hits on Youtube of her first audition, she very quickly became an X Factor favourite. Growing up in Glasgow with her performer parents, she sang in venues all over Scotland from an early age. She first trained at her parents' stage school and went on to train in Music and Drama at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh. She has previously been a solo recording artist and a session singer, touring all over the world and performing alongside artists such as Pink and The Stereophonics and had Top 40 hits with WiFi and with The Bassheads. She is an advocate of Woman Power which she demonstrates in the video for her recent single 'Why Don't You Love Me?'



## Marina Rolink

Marina Rolink is a Glasgow based Singer-songwriter with a distinct, warm voice and songwriting style. Full of emotion and honesty, her songs tell stories of love, heartache and all the the stuff in between. Marina has an endearing manner on stage and you are sure to leave her shows feeling like you've made a new friend. She claims to draw influence from the likes of Laura Marling and Sufjan Stevens and she studied the art of songwriting at the Academy of Music and Sound in Glasgow. Be sure to catch her next headline show at the Glad Cafe in Glasgow on November 19th 2021.



## Len Pennie

Len Pennie is a student of modern languages and a poet who writes predominantly in the Scots language. She is passionate about the promotion of minority languages and the destigmatisation of mental illness. She is the poet laureate of the St Andrews Society of Los Angeles.



# 2020 SWOTY Finalists



## Linda Bamford

Linda, who is chairperson of Disability Equality Scotland, was a frontline nurse and paramedic who had to give up her job because of a spinal cord injury. She turned her attention to disability campaigning and was responsible for the widespread adoption of the 'walking, wheeling and cycling' transport policy, ensuring wheelchair users were considered during pedestrian area designs across Scotland. She is the recipient of two Queen's medals - one for 'Long Service and Good Conduct - Emergency Services' to the NHS and the second for 'Dedication to the NHS'.



## Professor Jill Belch OBE

Jill's campaign Masks for Scotland raised more than £430,000 and delivered more than 1 million pieces of PPE around the country in six months. The Professor of Vascular Medicine coordinated a mammoth volunteer logistics effort and social media campaign enlisting support of general public and celebrities alike. In her day job, Professor Belch is renowned for having developed effective treatments for vascular disease while establishing Dundee as a leading research centre in the field.



## Maja & Mirka Jankowska, Holly Baxter-Weir, Clare Boyle - For The Love of Scrubs

The four women behind this appeal to provide scrubs to frontline workers during the pandemic raised more than £10,000 in the first 48 hours and enlisted more than 1200 volunteers across the country. At one point 9000 people were signed up to their Facebook page. Spearheaded by mother and daughter Maja and Mirka Jankowska and Claire Boyle and Holly Baxter-Weir, it was a mammoth nationwide push to support those putting their own lives at risk every day on the frontline against Covid.

# 2020 SWOTY Finalists



## Monica Lennon MSP

Monica proposed and promoted The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 in the Scottish Parliament, the world's first legislation to make sanitary products free to those in need. The Bill was supported by all parties, Monica has served as an MSP for the Central Scotland region since 2016. She is Scottish Labour spokesperson for Economy and Fair Work.



## Professor Devi Sridhar

Devi Sridhar is one of the world's most inspirational global health experts, and for the past year she has been an expert adviser on Scottish and UK governmental committees, helping people across Scotland understand Covid and its effect on their day to day lives. Through her approachable and knowledgeable public health messaging, she has raised awareness of how the pandemic has exposed deep inequalities in society. She was the US's youngest Rhodes Scholar, aged 18, and became Professor of Global Public Health at the University of Edinburgh when she was 30. She is respected by fellow academics and the wider public alike.



## Eunice Olumide MBE

Eunice shot to fame as Scotland's first black supermodel, appearing on the catwalks for the likes of Christopher Kane, Henry Holland and Harris Tweed, but she is also well known and respected as an activist and author. She has fundraised for charities such as Children's Hospice Scotland, the Well Foundation and the Columbus Hospice and was awarded an MBE in 2017. Eunice has spoken out in support of Black Lives Matter and recently successfully petitioned the Scottish Parliament in a bid to have Afro-Scottish history taught in schools.



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