FINALISTS ANNOUNCED IN THE 2016 FTA EVERYWOMAN IN TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS AWARDS

Today, 22 of the most inspirational role models within the transport and logistics industry have been announced as finalists in the 2016 FTA everywoman in Transport & Logistics Awards. The Awards aim to demonstrate the breadth of career opportunities offered by the industry, particularly for women, and those shortlisted are prime examples of this with careers ranging from engineers to warehousing managers and HGV drivers.

This is the ninth year of this prestigious programme which celebrates the women who really shine, whether they are rising stars at the beginning of an exciting career journey or in senior roles sharing their success stories created over several years.

With the UK’s transport and logistics industry expected to receive double its current investment over the next decade*, everywoman, the FTA and the Awards partners hope to raise the visibility of women excelling in this field, encouraging more females into this exciting sector. The gender imbalance still present within transport and logistics means more women are needed to raise the profile of the sector and to help reduce the skills-gap, ensuring a more diverse and representative workforce.

The finalists for the 2016 FTA everywoman in Transport & Logistics Awards are:

Rising Star of the Year Award: Awarded to a woman aged under 30 who is excelling in her career.
- Rachel Beckett, Coaching Team Leader, Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company, from Brighton & Hove
- Jodie Hartley, Transport Operations Manager, Yodel, from Hatfield
- Amy McNamara, Transport FLM, DHL Primark, from Northampton

Driver of the Year Award: Awarded to a woman who is excelling in her role as a driver including HGV, van, motorcycle or passenger transport.
- Amiee Leeson, HGV Driver, XPO Logistics, from Worcester
- Kirsty Sando, Driver Manager, Heathrow Express, from London
- Loretta Taylor, PCV Driver, Oxford Bus Company, from Oxford

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The Warehousing Award: Awarded to a woman who is excelling in her role within a warehousing environment.

- Emma Buckley, Lead Team Manager, Wincanton, from Stoke-on-Trent
- Lynsey McIntosh, Operations Director, Oakland International, from Redditch - Worcestershire
- Helen Page, Team Manager, Mondelez, from Birmingham

Innovation & Sustainability Award: Awarded to a woman who is implementing an innovative operational solution (technologies and processes) that is changing the industry in a positive way.

- Rebecca Crow, Customer Experience Advisor, FedEx Express, from London
- Jennifer Henderson, Tunnels and Major Projects Engineer, Transport for London, from London
- Katherine Trauth, Manager, LNG Marine Fuel Projects, Shell, from London

Team Leader of the Year Award: Awarded to a woman who is leading a team to excel in a way that contributes greatly to the company’s success.

- Wendy Findlay, Fleet Support Engineer, First Glasgow, from Glasgow
- Caroline Rose, Head of Regional Operations, TNT Express, from London
- Hannah Self, General Manager, Go-Ahead London, from London
- Claire Wright, Shipping & Maritime Business Economics Manager, Shell, from London

Leader of the Year Award - sponsored by Asda Logistics Services: Awarded to a woman operating in a senior role, contributing to the strategic direction of the business.

- Samantha Earl, General Manager, Pertemps Driver Training, from Gloucester
- Kathryn Lewis, Operations Director, Advanced Supply Chain, from Manchester
- Louise Whitehouse, Head of Ground Operations, TNT UK Ltd, from Atherstone, Warwickshire

Industry Champion of the Year Award: Awarded to an individual, male or female, who is an active champion for the industry, playing a vital role in attracting and retaining women in transport and logistics.

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Maxine Benson MBE, co-founder of everywoman, comments, “Today’s announcement comes as the transport industry seeks to enhance its image as one that offers exciting opportunities to all women, from young women entering the workforce to those returning after a career break. This year’s finalists are the role models who demonstrate the industry is open to all backgrounds and skill-sets and that it welcomes talented and ambitious women. We know these finalists will inspire others to follow in their footsteps.”

David Wells, FTA Chief Executive adds: “The Freight Transport Association is proud to once again be the Title Partner of the prestigious FTA everywoman in Transport & Logistics Awards 2016. Women are essential in every aspect of the UK logistics and supply chains - from drivers and warehouse staff, to transport managers and managing directors. It is essential that the logistics industry is able to access a wide talent pool, to meet its need for good quality staff at every level. The FTA everywoman in Transport & Logistics Awards encourages forward-thinking companies that are committed to introducing diversity to the freight industry, and showcases how women can make a career in transport a successful and fulfilling one.”

The winners will be unveiled at a ceremony attended by over 300 industry leaders on 26 May 2016 at the London Hilton on Park Lane. To book your place or a table, please contact Seema Bennett, Event Sales Manager on 0207 981 2574 or email seema@everywoman.com.

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About everywoman

Founded in September 1999, everywoman is an expert in the advancement of women in business. We provide leading edge products and services designed to enhance the existing potential and talents of women in business. For sixteen years we have run highly acclaimed events that create a platform to uncover success stories and raise the profile of role models who go on to positively influence others.

Our clients include companies from a diverse range of sectors who want to develop their women at all levels and strengthen their pipeline of female leaders, through to individual women who want to progress and develop themselves for their future success. These companies and women are members of the everywomanNetwork.

Inspiring success and fulfilling potential is the backbone of all we do. www.everywoman.com.

About FTA

The Freight Transport Association can trace its origins back to 1889 and is recognised as the voice of the freight and logistics industry, representing the transport interests of companies moving goods by road, rail, sea and air. FTA members operate over 220,000 goods vehicles - half the UK fleet - consign over 90 per cent of the freight moved by rail and 70 per cent of sea and air freight.