

Vanessa Vallely | International Motivational Speaker | Managing Director of WeAreTheCity

Vanessa is one of the UK's most well-networked women and has provided keynotes on networking and personal branding for over 175 companies worldwide.

At the height of a successful 25 year career in the financial services Vanessa launched the award winning WeAreTheCity.com in 2008 as a vehicle to help corporate women connect and grow professionally and personally. WeAreTheCity.com now has over 42,000 members and in 2013 launched a sister site in India.

Vanessa is the co-founder of City-wide diversity forum The Network of Networks (TNON) and co-chairs its gender chapter. TNON brings together diversity leaders from over 120 firms to share best practice and includes chapters for LGBT and BAME.

She is the Pearly Queen of The City of London, a tradition that has been in her family for over 100 years, and is an avid charity worker. She is on the board for Cancer Research UK as one of its Women of Influence.

Vanessa is the author of the book "Heels of Steel: Surviving and Thriving in the Corporate World" which tracks her career and shares 13 chapters of tips to succeed in the workplace.

She has been named Women in Banking & Finance's Champion for Women, Financial News Top 100 Rising Star, The International Alliance for Women Top 100 Women globally & Brummells Top 30 London Entrepreneurs. In 2015 Vanessa was in GQ UK's Top 100 Connected Women and the Evening Standard's 1000 Most Influential Londoners. Vanessa is a regular guest on TV and radio and has also contributed to a number of government select committees and think tanks.

Keynotes and workshops include The Power of Profile, The Power of Social Media, The Big Brand Theory, Speed Networking, Speed Mentoring, Pay it Forward Manage Your Career, Twitter School. Vanessa is also available as a dinner speaker, panelist, facilitator and leadership development programme host. All talks can be tailored towards specific audiences.



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