# 12019 Inspiring Women AWARDS





# FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

28 years ago, I was interviewed for a local paper having raised a modest amount of money for the new charity, Tommy's Campaign. I was asked what I intended doing next and whilst my head said 'nothing' my mouth had other ideas and out came the immortal 'I'm going to hold a charity lunch'. It has been 27 years since that one off lunch was held to raise funds for Tommy's Campaign and celebrate the achievements of our Inspiring North West women. When the first Inspiring Women Awards (NWWof AA)

lunch was held in 1993, it was relatively unique. It is, therefore, a testament to the women recognised then and since that these awards have continued to thrive against the multitude of award ceremonies that exist today. Whilst the format and categories have changed, the philosophy remains the same: to recognise and celebrate the inspiring achievements of women in the North West and North Wales. For 2019 we have six

> categories: Business, Community, Entrepreneur, the Inspiring Young Woman Award (16-25 year olds), the Manchester Bee and Here Come the Girls.

> Judging, for my independent panel of judges, gets no easier and I am indebted to them for their time and diligence in discussing the merits of all the nominations before reaching their decisions. The Finalists represent the diversity of nominees in each of the main categories; from food and drink enterprises to women who bring in visitors and businesses to Manchester; from supporting

the vulnerable and local communities to running successful businesses and from creating a voice for women to displaying extraordinary drive and

courage; they all inspired the judges with their stories.

Our Emcee is long-time supporter of the Awards, BBC radio Stoke presenter Michelle Daniel.

We are also delighted to welcome the winners of the Manchester Monologues 2018: Catherine Antrobus; Pegeen Murphy: Havley Doherty: Javne Marshall and, in spirit, Libby Williamson. Their winning pieces will be broadcast throughout the lunch.

A huge thank you to our overall sponsors the Lancashire School of Business and Enterprise and our category and media sponsors Deloitte, The Lowry Hotel, Cheshire Life and Lancashire Life, Manchester Law Society, Hall Brown, Carden Park Spa and BBC Radio Manchester who are also broadcasting live from the event today. I am also indebted to those businesses who have donated prizes and gifts.

For all their professional support and understanding, I would like to thank talented award winning filmmaker, Tom Paul Martin (www.tomfilms.com); programme designer, Steve Dutton; The Lowry Hotel's group sales manager, Matt Miller; Eamonn Hunt from Very Creative; Paul Grogan from Think Design; Paul Ogden from Paul Ogden PR and of course Hank Hughes-Lundy and his team, Frankie, Anna and Nadine.

I would like to thank you all for attending and supporting these Awards both today and over the years. I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable lunch.

Jacqueline Hughes-Lundy Awards Founder

# Inspiring Women 2019 INSPIRING WOMEN AWARDS

# TIMETABLE

### 12.15-12.50 - Drinks Reception

**13.00 - Welcome** Jacqueline Hughes-Lundy Founder: Inspiring Women Awards

Business Award Interviews & Winner announced

Inspiring Young Woman Award Film & Winner announced

Inspiring Young Women Foundation Charity Appeal - Film

Here Come the Girls Award Interviews & Winner announced

Manchester Bee Award Interviews & Winner announced

**Professor Chris Pyke** Lancashire School of Business and Enterprise

Entrepreneur Award Interviews & Winner announced

**Community Award** Interviews & Winner announced

**Raffle Draw** On behalf of Inspiring Young Women Foundation

17.00 - Close

**EMCEE** Michelle Daniel, BBC Radio Stoke

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MENU

Home gin cured Loch Duart Salmon, Rhubarb, cucumber, rye crisp

Roulade of chicken with mushroom and tarragon stuffing, dauphinoise potato and seasonal vegetables, butternut squash puree, charred baby corn and tarragon cream sauce

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### Vegetarian Option

Heritage Tomato tartare, compressed cucumber, watermelon and mint gel **(v)** 

Mushroom, spinach & Lancashire cheese filo wellington, cauliflower puree, balsamic tomatoes **(v)** 

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In 2010, to mark 18 years of the Inspiring Women Awards, we set up the Inspiring Young Woman award to inspire our next generation. The Foundation was set up to provide bursaries for the winners of this Award and to fund projects aimed at supporting our region's young women. Through your generous donations we are now in a position to fund our first project through Warrington Youth Club.

Warrington Youth Club is a local charity which inspires young people to achieve!

We believe that with the correct support, every young person can build the skills and confidence to meet their potential and live full, happy lives.

> Our series of Girls Group programmes provide targeted support to girls and young women facing a range of challenges relating to their mental health.

Issues such as low self-esteem, harmful relationships and self-harm are addressed by providing safe and supportive environments where vulnerable young women can share their experiences, build greater selfworth and resilience, and develop positive friendships.

The generous donation of £6,000 kindly provided by the Inspiring Young Women Foundation has enabled the charity to sustain this programme for a further 6 months, supporting a further 30 vulnerable young women.



Focusing on future aspirations, the project will also facilitate interactions between group members and inspirational women from local business, sports and culture, encouraging young women to pursue pathways into volunteering and employment.

If you would like to get involved in the project as one of our inspiring volunteers, please contact Tom Peers on 01925 909 660 or visit our website for more information – www.warringtonyouthclub.co.uk



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# THE INSPIRING YOUNG WOMAN AWARD 2019 WINNER - KAT DEMARCHELIER DU-BOIS

'When you are homeless and particularly sleeping rough, many people like to pretend like you're not there and that they can ignore you and your situation by simply avoiding eye-contact. Those years of my life lead me down a path of physical abuse, mental health problems and not much left to live for.'

From being a child Kat Demarchelier Du-Bois' dream was to become a lawyer. That wasn't what her family believed they saw her as a wife and mother not a career woman. In her heart Kat knew she wanted more, so she faced the choice of either staying with her family and giving up her studies or following her dream.

So at the age of 17 Kat found herself living on the streets or in temporary accommodation. In spite of this she smashed all expectations gaining 6 A-Levels at grades A\*- B. Under normal circumstances she'd have gone on to University but she didn't have the support or the funds.

The years that followed saw Kat suffer severe physical and emotional abuse which left her with PTSD. In 2015 she was re-housed in Manchester and for 9 months, lived in a refuge struggling with the benefits system, often needing to visit the food bank on Oxford road, before getting a job and somewhere to live. In 2018 she heard about the legal apprenticeships that were being offered by the city's top firms. Seeing this as her chance to change her future she filled out the application, and today, is working in one of the city's top firms Addleshaw Goddard and is well on her way to one day being a gualified lawyer.



Kat now sees it as her mission to help others with a past like her own. She is a committee member of OpenAG, the LGBTQ+ network for Addleshaw Goddard and also works tirelessly to set up an initiative in all of the company's offices across the UK which focuses on mental health and emotional wellbeing. She

is acting as a mentor to a young woman at a local college, who has faced personal difficulty during her studies, and is helping her to apply for an apprenticeship.

'I am going to dedicate the rest of my life to make sure no one faces the difficulties I did in living their dreams'

We're proud to add Kat to our ranks of Inspiring Young Women.

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### JACQUELINE HUGHES-LUNDY AWARDS FOUNDER & ORGANISER

### Jacqueline is the Founder and sole organiser of the Inspiring Women Awards formed in 1992.

Following a successful career in Financial Services, she established the Strategy, Marketing, PR and Event business Olivia Henry Associates in 2003 with clients ranging from Canada Life International and Close Invoice Finance to The French by Simon Rogan and Abode Hotels; from Manchester Metropolitan University and Olympus Keymed to Salford City Council and The Christie. In addition to running OHA, she has just taken up an appointment with Chester Business School as the Programme Leader for Hospitality Management and senior lecturer in Tourism and Events management.

She developed and jointly organised The Great Northern Cook Off for four years which was supported by chefs including the Michelin starred, Raymond Blanc OBE and Michael Caines MBE.

Her previous public appointments include: Board member for the Millennium Quarter Trust, which included responsibility for The National Football Museum (formally Urbis). Appointed to the Advertising Standards Authority's Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice as a 'consumer expert' on advertising regulatory policy matters. Chair of the ITC's Viewers Consultative Council for the Granada Region.

She is also the Founding Trustee of The Inspiring Young Women Foundation.

Previously, she chaired the recycling charity, Emerge 3 Rs, which has responsibility for the FareShare charity's Greater Manchester depot and was a Board Member and Vice President of The Community Foundation for Greater Manchester during which time she led the Rainmakers Foundation now known as the Birdhouse Fund.

She is a Fellow of the RSA. Her writing credits include travel pieces for lifestyle magazine Cheshire Life and is one of their Food & Drink Award judges. She has been a regular contributor to BBC radio Manchester programmes for the past 25 years.

Inspiring Women



# **MANCHESTER MONOLOGUES**



### MICHELLE DANIEL EMCEE

Michelle began her BBC career in Guernsey in the Channel Islands as a trainee reporter and presenter at the tender age of 20. 'At my very first BBC interview they asked me why I thought I'd make a good journalist' Michelle savs 'So I told them 'because I'm nosey!' Nothing has changed in the last 30 years, of which the last 25 years have been in the North West. Michelle lives on the outskirts of Northwich in Cheshire with Knutsford born hubby, Peter, and their 2 sons 19 year old Joe and 17 year old Ben.

As News Editor for BBC Radio Manchester, Michelle led a team covering, arguably, one of the busiest news patches outside of London. She and her team covered everything from the 1996 IRA bombing of Manchester City Centre and the Commonwealth games in 2002 to the terror attack on the Manchester Arena in 2017.

After 20+ years working for the BBC in Manchester Michelle now heads the other way along the M6 to Hanley where she's Assistant Editor of BBC Radio Stoke. She also gets to present a weekly food and drink programme called The Takeaway, which celebrates the best of what Staffordshire and Cheshire has to offer. 'I've been lucky enough to present for the BBC for most of my career. I love talking to people and sharing their passions - and when that passion includes some amazing food and drink what's not to love!





### **CATHERINE ANTROBUS**

Catherine is an Editorial Assistant at Emmerdale, and has always written from a young age.

'A Girl Like You' is loosely based on a true story, inspired by her Auntie's school days. She was so struck by her story, and the strength of her character now, that she knew she had to try and put it into words. It is a tribute to all women who have faced adversary at such a young age, and have overcome it, and also to her Auntie, who has always inspired and encouraged her.

### **HAYLEY DOHERTY**

Hayley trained as an Actor at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and has since been working across theatre, TV and radio as well as doing voiceover work from her own studio. Hayley lives on a narrowboat and loves exploring the UK's waterways!

Hayley's poem, 'Emmeline's Army' was her first attempt at writing and celebrates Manchester women and the Suffragettes.

### **PEGEEN MURPHY**

Pegeen is a writer, actor social worker, and single mum of three from Bolton. Her monologue 'Dreams For Our Daughters' is about a pregnant teenager getting bullied on a bus in the nineties, and what might have happened as the drama unfolds. Pegeen is currently developing the piece into a full length play.



### LIBBY WILLIAMSON

Libby is a Literature and Drama student at the University of Manchester, as well as a playwright, director and producer, currently the producing at Plaster Cast Theatre, and director of Big Fridge Theatre. Her winning monologue is called Jas, 24. It's the voicemail message a girl leaves for her boyfriend, explaining why she's leaving him. It was inspired by her own and friends' relationship experiences. Many women, even in this generation, get stuck in the role of caretaker without noticing until months later. She wants women to explore what equality actually means in their relationships, and value their own emotional labour. (Plus, honestly, sometimes they just need to dump the auv.)



Playwright, freelance Creative Writing Tutor and Carer for her mum. Jayne's aim is to take professional theatre to those who can't get to the theatre and reach older people who are lonely and isolated. Her latest play 'Make Do and Mend' was collaboration with a group of older women who grew up in Tameside during WW11. It was made up of their own stories and performed for them at their communal lounge and within local community venues across Tameside as part of Ambition For Ageing's inaugural Festival of Ageing. Jayne's Monologue is 'Hand to Hand Combat' and is inspired by an incident she witnessed on a busy Saturday. A woman being verbally abused and intimidated by a man and nobody stopped to help her, she was alone.

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For further information please contact Diane Gilhooley on 0161 831 8151, dianegilhooley@eversheds-sutherland.com or Naeema Choudry on 0161 831 8283, naeemachoudry@eversheds-sutherland.com.





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### 2019 **ENTREPRENEUR FINALISTS**

Recognising women who take that leap of faith and develop businesses which benefit the economy

### Sarah Clarke

Sarah Clarke began Finer Equine after recognising the lack of a product in the market to adequately protect her saddle while in storage and transit. In a matter of months, she taught herself how to use a sewing machine, develop patterns, develop prototypes and sourced a manufacturer to make her innovative Saddle Covers. This was shortly followed by her Bridle Bags and Stirrup Covers which feature elements never before seen in the market. Determined to maintain a high standard of guality, she worked hard to source local manufacturers, all located in the North West. On 2nd September 2018. Sarah launched the brand for direct online sales for pre-orders only (for mid-October delivery). Within only a week she had over £1000 in revenue. Shortly afterwards, she was selected from among 4000 applications for one of only 200 spaces to exhibit at Olympia International Horse Show in London December 2018 - in 7 days, she sold out of half of her range! Sarah now has more than 2,500 Facebook followers with an increasing number of repeat orders. Her intentions for 2019 are to launch three new ideas - paving the way for rider and horse safety in the form of a hat and boot bag and exercise rugs.

### **Christine Ditchfield**

Christine Ditchfield and her husband Stephen launched Three Pugs Gin on the decking at the back of the house in Spring 2016 and life has been like a rollercoaster ever since! After learning the ropes, buying all the kit, applying for licences and getting a little help from the master distiller at Burleighs Gin, they sold their first bottle in November 2016 at Spinningfields Makers' Market and now can count the German Royal Family among their customers. Their craft distillery is also believed to be first gin distillery to open in Warrington since Greenall's started more than 250 years ago. The name for the business comes from Christine and Stephen's other passion in life – pugs. Pepsi, Tutu and Mojo have become the 'drunken' bottle they sell.

### Emma McClelland

Emma McClelland was working at a law firm when she heard a TED Talk that changed her life. After listening to a prominent disability stylist claiming dogs have a better choice of clothing than disabled people, she decided to guit her job and start a new. inclusive fashion line - Kintsugi clothing. The name comes from a Japanese and philosophy that sees broken pottery repaired with gold lacquer. It's a reminder us that, as we travel through life, we all pick up scars, both physical and emotional which what we were and add to our uniqueness. Kintsugi clothing is designed so it can be worn and enjoyed to the greatest extent possible by all people, regardless of age/size/disability. To ensure our collections are truly inclusive, Emma incorporates suggestions from across the disabled community, making fastenings easier and less fiddly, considering how clothes will work in a seated position, and adding functionality to make each garment work harder for its wearer. The result is clothing everyone can wear: Clothing; reinvented.

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### Erica Ingham

Erica Ingham is the Chief Financial Officer of MediaCom Norththe largest billing media agency outside London and consists of four offices across Leeds, Birmingham and Manchester. She has responsibility for a 20-strong department with financial responsibility across MediaCom's offices in Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester. Since joining the team she's also been charged with targeting and supporting MediaCom North's organic growth targets as well as helping to identify and assess potential acquisition targets. In addition to being a senior finance professional, Erica is also an active supporter and proponent of the business community and particularly the creative industries, sitting on the Board as Non-Executive Director for both The Institute of Directors and Creative England. Her career history spans senior finance roles at MTV, 20th Century Fox, Liberty Media Group and the BBC.

### Nisha Katona

Nisha Katona is the founder of Mowgli Street Food restaurants. In 2014 she had a nagging obsession to build an eatery serving the kind of food Indians eat at home and on their streets. She gave up her 20 year career as a full time Barrister to build Mowgli Liverpool and opened Manchester Mowgli less than a year later. In 2018 Mowgli was awarded a placement in The Sunday Times Fast Track 100 list, and this year Nisha was recognised with an MBE in the 2019 New Year Honours list for services to the Food Industry. Nisha, a dedicated curry evangelist, has fond hopes for Mowgli's growth and she still insists on hand picking curry virgins for her kitchens, hand training each new Mowgli chef. Nisha is a food writer featured in a number of publications including the Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Times and The Independent. Her YouTube cooking channel has an international following. Her daily tweeted recipes have over 30k followers. She regularly appears on television and radio as a restaurant, food and business expert including becoming a regular panellist for Radio 4's Kitchen Cabinet. In 2015 she published her first book "Pimp My Rice" followed by the "The Spice Tree" in 2017. The "Mowgli Cook Book" was published in April 2018.

### Dr Shikha Pitalia

Dr Shikha Pitalia is an award winning entrepreneurial doctor who, from small beginnings in 2002, has brought improved healthcare for hundreds of thousands of patients across the North West. SSP Health is the largest provider of primary care GP services in the North West of England, one of only three such organisations in England serving more than 100,000 patients. Dr Pitalia and her GP husband Dr Sanjay Pitalia have pioneered 'federated General Practice', which the BMA [Medical Association] has described as "increasingly being viewed as a vital part of the future of general practice". SSP Health currently manages 37 GP practices across 10 NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Cumbria. The company employs almost 500 people and has a head office in Ashtonin-Makerfield, Wigan. It cares for approximately 140,000 patients. In 2009, Dr Pitalia - who is Secretary of the British International Doctors' Association, Wigan division, supporting education and welfare for doctors from diverse backgrounds - co-founded SSP Health Charitable Trust, raising funds for local, national and international health-related charities

### 2019

### THE MANCHESTER BEE FINALISTS

Recognising those women whose projects promote Manchester Nationally and Internationally

### **Caroline Clegg**

Caroline Clegg founded Feelgood Productions in 1994 after a career as both a performer and as a lecturer at the RNCM, the University of Manchester and MMU. Based in Manchester Feelgood Productions create a diverse range of work from serious issue based drama to Shakespeare to classical musical concerts. Part of their mission is to encourage emerging talent to work alongside professionals. They've also worked on a global scale to help those that need it the most. In just one example they raised money to build a school in Sudan as a result of their show Slave – A Question of Freedom (based on the true story of Mende Nazer who was enslaved in Sudan and trafficked to the UK). And if Feelgood didn't her her busy enough Caroline is also trained as a funeral celebrant.

### **Rose Marley**

Rose Marley is the co-founding Chief Executive Officer of the award winning social enterprise 'SharpFutures'. Incorporated in July 2012, SharpFutures is a creative digital agency that supports diverse young people into employment. By offering a range of interventions including Apprenticeships, Work Experience and Volunteering, SharpFutures nurture the transition into work, whilst responding to the fluctuating needs of creative digital businesses. Clients include The Sharp Project, The Space Project, BBC, ITV,CISCO, FOX, One lota and more. Under Rose Marley Management, Rose was also event director for Manchester Together, last year's globally broadcast choir-led memorial concert which marked the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena tragedy. She's also currently nominated for Institute of Directors, Director of the year for Social Enterprise.

#### Sally-Ann Wilkinson

Sally-Ann Wilkinson co-founded Wild in Art with Charlie Langhorne in 2008 after they worked together on CowParade Manchester. Before that she worked at Granada Television during its time when it was voted the best television company in the world. Bee in the City was produced by Wild in Art in partnership with Manchester City Council, bringing all Manchester's communities together to create the exhibition, and includes an inspirational learning project to give children and young people the chance to take part. The public art trail ran for 9 weeks after which the sponsored Bee sculptures were auctioned off raising £1.1 million for The Lord Mayor of Manchester's Charity, We Love MCR, to improve the lives and life chances of Manchester people. Although Sally-Ann has now stepped aside as Director to start a new chapter in her life she continues to be passionate about widening participation in the visual arts through accessible events and creative learning programmes.

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### Anita Birchall

Anita Birchall launched the Threshold Housing First pilot in 2015. The charity's programme works with women who have been released from prison, using Housing First to curb reoffending rates and protect women from violence. Now in its fourth year, a study from partners York University found that 90 per cent of the women in the programme have so far been able to sustain a tenancy. The basic underlying principle of the Housing First model is that people are better able to move forward with their lives if they are first housed in permanent self-contained housing with wraparound services as required. It has influenced thinking about homelessness strategies both in the UK and across Europe by demonstrating that women experience different routes into, and out of, homelessness, often not coming to the attention of agencies and having much more complex and entrenched problems than their male counterparts as a result.

### Brigit Egan

Brigit Egan has pioneered work with global leadership and management teams in public, private and not-forprofit sector environments for more than twenty years. An experienced speaker, facilitator and coach, she is also a Main Board Director for Oakridge. Oakridge is a privatelyowned company, founded in 1997 with a mission to establish itself as an invaluable partner to companies who wish to lead and engage others to achieve outstanding business success. Brigit has led the design, development and delivery of Oakridge's Female leadership programme called 'Stride' – this has now been running successfully for a number of years. The programme is having a significant impact on the women participating and they are "paying it forward" by supporting colleagues and communities beyond the programme.

### Sally Penni

Sally Penni is an Award Winning Practising Barrister and founder of women in the Law and Business UK and is a Champion of Helena Morrissey's 30% Club encouraging a 30% attainment of women on boards across the UK. She set up Women in the Law UK to help support the next generation of leaders in law and encourage career progression through personal development. Sally is a keen fundraiser raising funds for numerous local & national charities including Roval Manchester Children's Hospital. She is also the founder of social enterprise Didsbury FM which is a community network that aims to connect the community and combat loneliness and isolation in women and the elderly. As well as all of this Sally is heavily involved in community initiatives such as the Greater Manchester Law Centre and is a Trustee of the Royal Exchange Theatre Company, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a companion of the Chartered Management Institute as well as a busy mum of three young children.

### 2019 COMMUNITY FINALISTS

Recognising women whose contributions to society make a substantial difference to the lives of others

#### Sinéad Collins

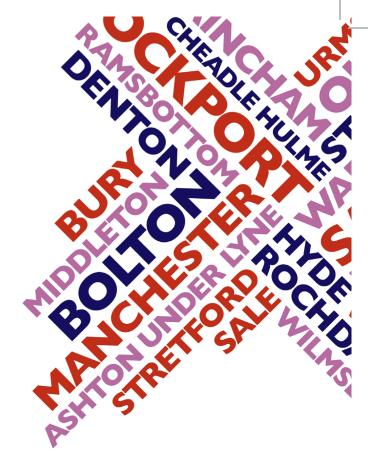
Sinéad Collins is the Centre Head at Maggie's Manchester having previously worked as an oncology advanced practitioner. Although she enjoyed her clinical role, she always had a burning passion to help and support people both practically and emotionally. She joined Maggie's Manchester in Nov 2015, before the first brick had even been laid. "Maggie's Manchester is a cancer support charity located opposite the Christie Hospital, designed to make cancer easier to manage. As well as building the foundations of a fantastic support service in Manchester, Sinead has established many different support groups, including the most recent one for men facing prostate cancer, and is just about to launch a child counselling service and a group for bereaved children. Sinead is the go-to person in everyone's lives for advice, support and the best hug you will find in Manchester. Having a Maggie's Centre at The Christie has made a huge difference to tens of thousands of people in the Greater Manchester area.

#### Deborah Dixon

Deborah Dixon had to discover the hard way that every week, 12 young adults die from undetected heart defects, with symptoms sometimes undetected until it is too late. After the sudden loss of her son Aaron at the age of 23, Debbie launched a memorial fund in his name within 'Cardiac Risk in the Young' to raise awareness and provide screenings in schools and community spaces for young people. These screenings are critical for early diagnosis and preventing heart conditions from worsening. Of the 2,500 young adults she has helped screen in Cheshire, 75 have been referred for further investigation and one woman received a heart transplant after discovering she had a serious heart defect. Debbie is now building on her screening work through a partnership with The English Institute of Sport and is funding a 12-month screening of elite athletes.

#### **Cherylee Houston**

Cherylee Houston (Coronation Street's Izzy Armstrong) co-founded Triple C with the aim of changing access to the arts for children/young people & adults with disabilities and working towards better representation of artists/performers with disabilities in the industry. Triple C run drama-based workshops for children, teens and adults with disabilities, create links between organisations to strengthen access and awareness of disabilities and provide networking events for artists with disabilities. Cherylee, who has been a wheelchair user since she was 23 after being diagnosed with a rare tissue disorder, has always been determined her condition will not prevent her from having an acting career. Now she's helping to ensure others get the same opportunities. Through TripleC she helped set up DANC (the Disabled Artists Networking Community) which meets every 6 to 8 weeks in a different arts venue and in the last few years she has been instrumental in setting up Bee Vocal, Manchester's Mental Health choir which meets weekly at the Bridgewater Hall.



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