

Finalists Announced for the 2023 Rise & Lead Awards

Celebrating Innovation and Inspiration

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-- Rise & Lead Women is delighted to
announce the Finalists for the second
annual Rise & Lead Awards. These
prestigious awards, designed to
honour groundbreaking and inspiring
initiatives, shine a spotlight on
trailblazers who are championing
change and driving progress in three
categories: Gender Balanced
Leadership, Closing the Gender Pay
Gap, and Parental Support.

After a thorough evaluation process, the Distinguished Jury (see members listed below) selected eight Finalists for initiatives which set new standards of excellence. Francesca Donner, Chair of



the Jury, said, "Each initiative impressed the Jury for its measurable impact at the organisational level. We applaud the leadership behind each initiative for setting new standards in European best practice."



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Ebere Akadiri, Founder and President of Rise & Lead Women, said, "Rise & Lead is delighted to shine a spotlight on deserving initiatives, which can serve as inspiration to other organisations seeking to deliver progress. After last year's successful debut, we are thrilled to continue honouring leading initiatives in gender equity for the second year running."

"' Gender Balanced Leadership:

This Award recognises initiatives that promote gender equity in leadership.

Initiative: Women in Politics Organisation: The Nine

Initiative Manager: Georgia Brooks

Initiative: TWISE

Organisation: TWISE GmbH

Initiative Manager: Nina Gillmann, Monika Kayser, Esther Langkafel

Initiative: Gender Diversity Initiative

Organisation: Bankenverband Initiative Manager: Doris Zingl

Closing the Gender Pay Gap:

This Award recognises initiatives that uphold equal pay for equal work, demonstrating a commitment to eradicating wage disparities across genders and roles.

Initiative: Closing the Equal Pay Gap

Organisation: Allianz

Initiative Manager: Christian

Ruckriegel

Initiative: We Mind The Gap Organisation: Reykjavik Energy Initiative Manager: Ellen Ýr

Aðalsteinsdóttir

Initiative: Universal Fair Pay Organisation: Sozial-Holding

Mönchengladbach

Initiative Manager: Sabine Scholl

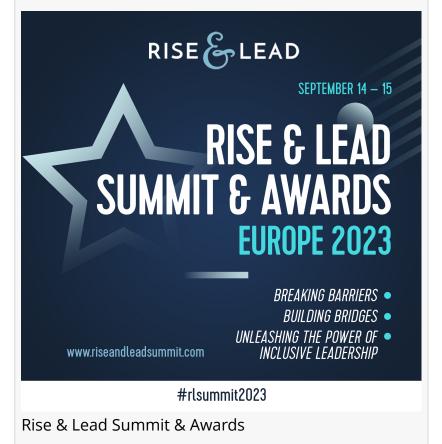
Parental Support:

This Award recognises initiatives that excel in providing comprehensive

family-friendly policies and nurturing a supportive work-life balance for parents and caregivers.

Initiative: Parental Support





Organisation: Kraft Heinz

Initiative Manager: Matteo Patroncini

Initiative: MyCollective Company: MyCollective

Initiative Manager: Ricarda Engelmeier

The Rise & Lead Awards ceremony promises to be a night of celebration, inspiration, and empowerment as these exceptional finalists gather to share their success stories and vision for a more equitable future. The Winners will be announced at an event on 14 September at the NH Hotel in The Hague as Rise & Lead applauds their remarkable achievements and commits to a world where gender balance and fairness are the cornerstones of success.

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Members of the Distinguished Jury

Chair: Francesca Donner, Founder, CEO & Editor, Front Page Media; Former Editor, Women & Gender, The New York Times

Leye Falade, General Manager, Production, NLNG

Claire Godding, Senior Expert on Diversity & Inclusion and Societal Needs for the Financial Sector, Febelfin

Camila Hurtado, Leadership Development Consultant, Allianz

Audrey-Flore Ngomsik, CEO & Co-Founder, Trianon Scientific Communication

Dagmar Schumacher, Entrepreneur; Former Director, Brussels, UN Women

Tanya Kopps, Chief Human Resources Officer, Ahold Delhaize Europe

About Rise & Lead Women:

Rise & Lead Women is an international organisation based in the Netherlands that champions women's leadership and financial inclusion in workplaces and the marketplace. It was founded in 2018 by female entrepreneur Ebere Akadiri. Through our sponsorship of events, webinars, and mentoring sessions, we connect aspiring leaders with experienced business executives to explore topics essential to professional growth and development.

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