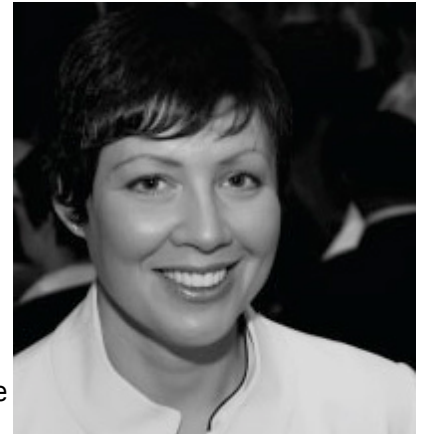


Dr Samantha Collins recognised as Leader in the Workplace at Ogunte Women's Social Leadership Awards 2010.

London, 9th June 2010



Set up in 2007, the Awards recognise outstanding women in the UK and abroad, influential leaders, connectors, campaigners and social entrepreneurs, who contribute to sustainable development, offer innovative and sustainable solutions to pressing social issues, and can evidence their positive social impact.

The winners were announced at a networking event with fabulous speakers at the Royal Society of Arts in London, on June 8th 2010.

Servane Mouazan, Founder of Ogunte, says: *"We bring these women together to help them hold their heads high, to shout out what they have achieved. They have made incredible impact through innovative ideas, courage and sheer hard work. They have stepped out of the tramlines of convention and been brave enough to try something new. We see many pre-set, top-down, poorly designed 'initiatives' to which people adhere to the letter. These women offer something different.*

I am glad to count Dr Samantha Collins among our winners as she proves that you can have a profitable enterprise and also create a ripple effect in the world by putting talent and resources where they are needed. The Aspire Foundation is a fabulous mentoring project that is already boosting the skills and the confidence of women's groups leaders throughout the world. I am convinced they will achieve their target and positively impact on one million women and girls by 2015".

Notes to editors

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2- **Ogunte** is a women-focused social innovations development company, launched in 2001, that wants to see women with socially bold, innovative and robust ideas leading the social economy. **Founder Servane Mouazan** is a Social Innovator Developer who has impacted on over 80,000 women social innovators and their networks with out-of-the-box learning, networking and investment programmes, awards, and business development tools. She is a UK Ambassador for Women in Business, an RSA fellow and is one of Social Enterprise London Board Directors. She was highly commended Social Enterprise Mentor of the year in 2007 by the Newstatesman and awarded by the Global Women Inventors and Innovators in 2009 for her contribution to the sector.

3- See Description of Winners and finalists attached