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OGUNTE WOMEN'S SOCIAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2012



Louise van Rhyn, from Symphonia for South Africa, is a finalist of the Oguntê Women's Social Leadership Awards 2012.

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Louise van Rhyn, from Symphonia for South Africa, is among the finalists nominated for the Women's Social Leadership Awards 2012 (www.ogunte.com), in the category **Campaign Leader 2012**.

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

The awards aim to encourage and acknowledge extraordinary vision, responsible business and campaigning practices, and the capacity to develop and engage with people.

The winners will be announced during an event on June 18th 2012, at the [Hub Westminster](#) (London), organised by Oguntê Ltd, the Social Innovations Development company focused on women. The winners get exposure, insights, coaching, connections, media opportunities and high value peer-to-peer mentoring.

Servane Mouazan, CEO and Founder Ogunte, says

"These women-focused awards are not about fluffiness and cupcakes. The women who are shortlisted for the Women's Social Leadership Awards are real achievers and are not coasting on the buzz. They are incredible role models, challengers, and impactful decision-makers. They are not all conventional and they don't all sit at the decision tables that mainstream leaders recognise. Our role is to show the world that these social entrepreneurs and activists do create massive ripple effects and can teach a thing or two about changing the status-quo."

The Women's Social Leadership Awards 2012 are supported by WeightWatchers International.

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Note to the editors

About Symphonia for South Africa

Symphonia for South Africa is a Non-Profit organisation with a vision to strengthen the fabric of South African society by initiating and leading projects intended to engage South Africans in processes of nation building. In 2010 they launched the **School @ the Centre of Community** project. This is a large-scale change process to mobilise South Africans to get actively involved to deal with the education crisis facing South Africa. They have a bold and audacious vision: Quality Education for all children in South Africa by 2022.

About Oguntê Ltd

Ogunte is a Social Innovations Development company focused on women-led social ventures. Ogunte help potential and high achieving women social leaders create and respond to commercial opportunities and have a better social and environmental impact. Last year, the organisation created Make a Wave, the first pre-incubator for women social entrepreneurs, contributing to the Women Effect ecosystem.

For more information about the work and details about the Awards, go to www.ogunte.com

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