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**Glasgow**

Engage with Strathclyde

Empowering Women and Girls in Business:

*In collaboration with Empower Women for Change*

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1115 - 1400

## Speakers



### **Dr Poonam Malik (Head of Investment, University of Strathclyde)**

Poonam leads investment in innovation and has contributed as an expert in start-ups, spinouts, scaleups, international business, diverse entrepreneurs, and female leadership.

Poonam is a **GlobalScot** and has worked as a Mentor and Advisor with Barclays Eagles Lab, Investing Women Angels and similar organisations and worked recently with Scottish Government team, as well as an expert on Business and Trade by women and minority leaders.

**Poonam received the 'Women of the Year' at the 16th Scottish Asian & Business Awards 2023** for her contributions to Entrepreneurship, Investment, Innovation and making an inspiring difference to the commercialisation success of companies, to the society and economy.

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### **Prof Norin Arshed (Professor in the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship)**

Norin's research and expertise lies in enterprise policy. She has been a government advisor, a parliament fellow and currently holds a Leverhulme Fellowship.

Recently, she has been focussing on women's enterprise policy and have been awarded a Scottish Government grant to reach out to vulnerable women to explore financial independence and stability through entrepreneurship with them.

Norin is delivering an entrepreneurship programme to women in prison, women leaving prison and to women who are abused (sexual, domestic, secure, financial etc.) victims/survivors working with a number of agencies and a delivery organisation.

In recognition of her work in academia and the community, Norin was a finalist in the recent Scottish Asian & Business Awards 2023 in the Achievements in Education category.

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## **Dr Poonam Gupta OBE CEO & Founder of PG Paper Co Ltd**

Dr Poonam Gupta OBE is a leading UK entrepreneur and CEO of one of Scotland's most successful export businesses, PG Paper. Her portfolio of companies now has an annual turnover of circa \$100 million, operating in over 60 countries, with offices in India, the US, China, Sweden, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

With a career-long interest in strengthening and enabling greater collaboration between Scotland and India, Poonam led a successful Scottish Chambers Task Force to India in 2019. She has been recognised as one of the '100 Most Influential in UK-India Relations' by India Inc Group. Poonam is currently Chair of the Manufacturing Sector Committee of the FICCI UK Council, the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India.

Poonam is Vice President of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce and her entrepreneurial and business efforts have also been acknowledged by her peer group and the industry at large, for which she has received several business awards, the most recent being 'The Global Entrepreneur of the Year' within the Scotland and Northern Ireland region at the Great British Entrepreneur Awards in 2023. In recognition for her service to charity and business, she was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's New Year Honours List in 2016.

Poonam is a benefactor of a number of local, national and international charities; with a particular focus on woman-centric issues, disadvantaged children, gender equality and animal conservation.

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