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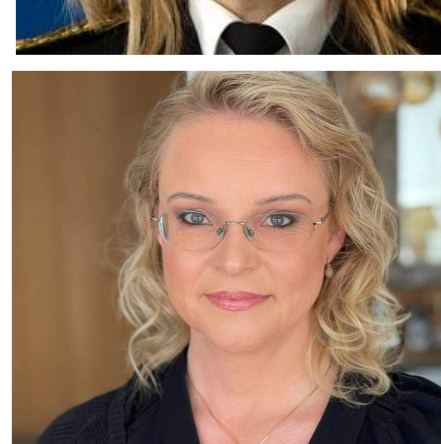
“The figure of **the prominent woman** is a common image throughout the Sagas of Icelanders, often resulting in some of the most memorable female characters found on Old Norse literature.

The prominent woman is characterised by some admirable qualities, for example, wisdom, beauty, determination, and strong-mindedness.”

We are proud to present to you our first set of inspiring speakers at the conference!

Source:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/english/documents/innervate/14-15/08-amy-morrison-q33225-pp-153-164.pdf>





ELIZA REID

- FIRST LADY OF ICELAND
- Nationality: Canadian and Icelandic
- A wife and a mother of 4 children
- Author
- CEO of her own company, Writers' Retreat

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HELENA DALLI, COMMISSIONER OF EQUALITY AT THE EUROPEAN UNION



- COMMISSIONER OF EQUALITY AT THE EUROPEAN UNION
- Nationality: Maltese
- Married, two sons
- PhD in Political Sociology
- Former Minister of Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties and introduced numerous bills of rights on equality for women and LGBTIQ
- Second most re-elected women in Maltese Political history

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ÁSLAUG ARNA SIGURBJÖRNSDÓTTIR

- MINISTER OF JUSTICE
- Born in 1990
- Became Minister of Justice at the age of 29
- Lawyer
- Former Secretary of the Independence Party in Iceland
- Has worked as a policeman/woman, journalist and lawyer

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RANNVEIG RIST, CEO, RIO TINTO/ALCAN



- CEO, RIO TINTO/ALCAN
- Civil Engineer
- Married, three sons
- CEO since 1997 - First ever woman to run a huge company in the metal industry in Iceland
- Recipient of the S&P Metal Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2021
- Board member in many large companies in Iceland

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KRISTÍN ÁSTGEIRSDÓTTIR

- Historian
- Founding member of the Womens' List
- Former Member of Parliament
- First Managing Director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Author of I dare, I can, I will – the history of the womans' holiday in 1975

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LUCIE SAMCOVÁ-HALL ALLEN



- Ambassador of the EU to Iceland
- Nationality: Czech Republic
- University degree in Journalism, Economics and Management
- Worked for the EU since 2005 i.e. for Council of Ministers, Foreign Affairs Council
- Represented EU with the UN in New York and other organizations in Geneva

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SIGRÍÐUR BJÖRK GUÐJÓNSDÓTTIR



- NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSIONER
- Lawyer
- First ever woman to become the National Police Commissioner in Iceland
- Has made reforms and implemented new ways of treating domestic violence against women

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KATRÍN BJÖRG RÍKARÐSDÓTTIR



- DIRECTOR OF THE DIRECTORATE OF EQUALITY
- Bachelor in history and Master in Educational Studies
- Former Director of Department of Society and Human Rights
- Former Director of the Centre for Equality, Akureyri

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LARISA B MILLER

- CEO PHOENIX GLOBAL
- Ambassador to the African Diaspora
- Known to BPW Women
- Empowers women globally

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SIGRÍÐUR HRUND PÉTURSDÓTTIR



- CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS
- Mother of 4, wife
- Investor
- CEO of Vinnupallar

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FRANCESCA BURRACK

- CEO/PRESIDENT
- International speaker
- Author
- Consultant
- Coach
- Member and former President of BPW New York

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DR. MARGRÉT VILBORG BJARNADÓTTIR



- CEO AND FOUNDER PAY ANALYTICS
- PhD from MIT
- Associate Professor of Management Science and Statistics
- Recipient of the Young Academics Awards in 2017 from UI
- Recipient of the Women Academics Award in 2019 from UI
- Recipient of the GWIIN Platinum Award

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is to quit talking and
begin doing.*

Walt Disney

