



Yvonne Thompson CBE

Dr. Thompson has spent over 30 years working in the communications industry. During most of this time she campaigned for minorities, small business owners and closest to her heart, race and women's equality in the workplace, especially the boardroom. Having spent nearly half that time being the only woman on a board with nine men at Choice FM (the UK's first legal black music radio station, now Capital Xtra), she experienced first-hand how lonely being at the top can be for a woman. Having decided to share her experience, thoughts, hints, tips and advice to help other aspiring women, she spent a year researching and talking to other highly successful women in boardrooms. She chose 22 women's stories to share with readers. With this book, *7 Traits of Highly Successful Women on Boards*, she moves the women on boards conversation from being facts and figures to an easily accessible and achievable read that both women and men can aspire to.

Recognised by Queen Elizabeth II for her work with women enterprise and minorities, Dr. Thompson was awarded a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) in 2003. This was followed by her Doctorate in Enterprise, Small Business Women and Minorities Issues, through the London Metropolitan University in 2005 and a further Doctorate was awarded by Greenwich School of Management and Plymouth University for her work in Global Diversity and Enterprise in 2015. She was recently listed in the Top 10 Diversity Consultants by The Economist magazine.