NWR National Conference 14th September 2024 – Women of Steel

The title of this year's National Conference in Sheffield, "Women of Steel", is taken from the statue in the centre of Sheffield which commemorates the efforts of the women who worked in the steel industries during the two World Wars.

We are delighted to welcome three eminent speakers to our conference who could themselves be described as modern day Women of Steel.

Our first speaker will be Dame Julie A Kenny DBE DL

Dame Julie was born in South Yorkshire and as a young woman set up a highly successful engineering company. Later she supported business and local community projects for which she was awarded a CBE. In 2014 she became the Founding Chair of the Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust, responsible for the largest ongoing stately home restoration in the country. She was awarded a Damehood for her work in heritage and last year was appointed a Commissioner for Historic England. Her work was recognised locally with her appointment as only the second woman Master Cutler in 2022-23.

Our second speaker will be Corin Robertson

Corin grew up in Sheffield and after graduating from Cambridge she joined the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office where she has had an exciting and varied career. She is currently Director General, Finance and Corporate. She has had many roles in the UK, including Head of the Counter Terrorism Department. Her roles abroad have included Deputy High Commissioner in Canada and British Ambassador to Mexico.

Our third speaker is Clare Nasir

Clare is the well-known meteorologist and broadcaster, currently with Channel 5. Clare's career has been dedicated to environmental science. Her work has taken her round the world including a visit to Nepal for the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development. She is also an ambassador for the UK Healthy Air Campaign. Clare is passionate about climate change and has written five books on climate and weather with a sixth, on climate change and food production, in the pipeline.