

TalkTalk CEO Tristia Harrison 'humbled' by damehood

The CEO of broadband giant TalkTalk has received a damehood in the New Year's Honours List for services to telecommunications and for her work encouraging women into technology.

Tristia Harrison, [who has been leading TalkTalk since 2017](#), has been honoured for her time "leading the UK's only scale affordable broadband provider through the pandemic, providing critical national infrastructure to keep millions of customers connected."

Her official citation also refers to the "significant attention" she has dedicated to "recruiting, promoting and inspiring more women into the technology sector, something for which she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Salford in 2022."

Dame Tristia is also chair of trustees at Crisis (the National Homelessness Charity) and spent a decade on the board of Comic Relief, as well as being honorary trustee at Ambitious about Autism and a co-founder of online safety charity Internet Matters. She is a non-executive director at Next.

Dame Tristia said: "I am humbled to have been nominated for this honour. I have spent over 20 years in Telecoms and as a team at TalkTalk we have been proud to champion affordable connectivity, invest in Greater Manchester and encourage more women into telecoms and technology.

"I have also had the great privilege to work with some extraordinary charities including Ambitious About Autism, Comic Relief, and Crisis where today I chair the board of trustees.

"I would like to thank everyone at TalkTalk, in UK telecoms

and across the various charities I've worked with for this prestigious recognition."

Sir Charles Dunstone, chairman of TalkTalk Group, said: "Tristia has been central to UK telecoms over the last 20 years. She and the team have worked tirelessly to bring affordable connectivity to the UK and to challenge the status quo on behalf of customers. In addition, recognition of Tristia's work to invest in Greater Manchester and centralise TalkTalk's activities there alongside encouraging more women into technology make this award extremely well deserved.

"Tristia has combined this career with work to support a wide variety of charities. Including most recently chairing the board of trustees for Crisis.

"On behalf of the board, and everyone at TalkTalk I would like to congratulate Tristia for this richly deserved honour."