



## Emma Harrison

**Founder & CEO, A4e**

One of the UK's most successful social and philanthropic entrepreneurs, Emma Harrison CBE has spent 21 years in business, helping individuals in disadvantaged situations find work and rediscover their ambition and motivation.

As founder, chairman and owner of A4e she has transformed the business from a Sheffield based training company to the current global leader in social and welfare reform.

Emma created A4e in her home town of Sheffield, with the aim to 'improve people's lives'. A4e has now helped over 1m people back in to work and operates in 11 countries, employs over 3,300 staff and has a turnover close to £200million.

Emma's latest endeavour has seen her appointed as David Cameron's 'Family Champion' in December 2010. She is volunteering her time to spearhead the 'Working Families Everywhere' campaign, which aims to help more than 100,000 unemployed families working within five years.

A committed supporter of the third sector, she founded the Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI) a charity which supports small charities in the UK to increase their knowledge to make them more effective and ultimately self sustaining.

She has won a whole host of awards for her achievements -including: 2007 The NatWest Everywoman Award, 2007 Credit Suisse Award for the Outstanding Woman in Business Award finalist, 2006 Veuve Clicquot finalist, 2004 Management Today Top 100Entrepreneurs, 2004 Regional Entrepreneur of the Year, 2003 Inner-City UK Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Presented by Gordon Brown, 2002 Richard Branson's Fast Track 100 Motivation Award and The International Chamber of Commerce has named her the UK's Outstanding Businessperson of the Year.

She lives at Thornbridge Hall, Derbyshire with her husband Jim and their four children.

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