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SPEECH (in English)

Female entrepreneurship: the challenge

CURRICULUM VITAE

Isabella is a member of the Institute of Linguists and the Institute of Translations and Interpreting. She studied at St Andrews in Scotland and at Warsaw University gaining a Masters degree in History of Art before working for several multinational companies in Eastern Europe and the United Kingdom both as an employee and on a contract/freelance basis involved in contract negotiation; project planning; linguistic and cross-cultural communication, liaison and facilitation; client/supplier relationship management in respect of technology transfer projects, government-funded aid programmes and economic development, particularly in Poland.

She founded COMTEC 18 years ago offering technical translation and interpreting services to companies involved in exporting, securing ISO 9002 and Investors in People accreditation for COMTEC. Her Company was further recognised when chosen as a finalist for the 2000 Midlands European Foundation Quality Awards. She grew it to a mature business with a staff of 20 and a large worldwide network of around 500 (sub-contract) suppliers with clients in the manufacturing, engineering and software sectors.

During the development of COMTEC she received the Business Woman of the Year award and achieved Finalist status for her Company in the Coventry Evening Telegraph Training and Small Business categories. She sold her company to Dictation and Transcription (Voicepath) Ltd two years ago, remaining as Director of Operations until June 2004.

Her other abiding focus and interest has been the interface between business activity and public policy in particular the promotion of language skills, female entrepreneurship and trade development with the new Accession Countries. She is a past President of Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce; past Chairman of the Confederation of West Midlands Chambers of Commerce; Board member Advantage West Midlands (Regional Development Agency); Board member Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Economic Partnership; Council member of Coventry and Warwickshire Learning and Skills Council. From September 2002 until June 2004, she was first woman President of the British Chambers of Commerce and Vice-President of Eurochambres, the association of European Chambers of Commerce. She is also a Member of the National Modern Apprenticeships Task Force. From September 2004 she has taken up a new role as Director of CILT, the National Centre for Languages

She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University in 2003 for services to industry and a CBE in 2004.

She is a Scot with a Polish mother, married with a 25-year-old daughter.

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