

The Deborah Rowland Scholarship launches new JustGiving page to support the FM industry

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The Deborah Rowland Scholarship, a scholarship fund dedicated to finding and supporting new talent in the FM industry, is excited to announce the launch of a [JustGiving page](#).

The scholarship is inviting organisations and individuals who are passionate about nurturing the next generation of FM leaders to donate. The funds raised will support future applicants in receiving mentorship, training and qualifications. As the demand for high-quality FM services grows, investing in the professional development of those who ensure safe, efficient, and sustainable environments is essential.

The first cohort of recipients will be revealed at the Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management Awards (IWFM) on 14th October 2024. Once the two successful recipients have been announced, they will need to engage with the mentoring and coaching throughout the scheme, while producing quarterly reports to track their growth.

WFM is an incredibly diverse industry with vast untapped potential for people interested in a variety of careers. It offers the opportunity to learn and apply skills across a broad range of disciplines, including engineering and maintenance, technology and data, softer people-focused roles in guest services, and everything in between.

Deborah Rowland founded the scholarship in partnership with the IWFM after being diagnosed with advanced cancer. With more than 30 years of FM industry experience in senior roles across the private and public sector, she is passionate about ensuring that the future of FM is supplied by ambitious and invigorating talent.

Rowland, director public sector affairs at [Sodexo](#), said: “We are thrilled to provide a new platform for our



FM community and supporters to contribute to the development of new talent. Every contribution, no matter the size, will go a long way in helping us achieve our mission of supporting those who want to get into FM but can't move forward because of financial circumstances."