

# MIDLANDS MATTERS - ISSUE 22



## MIDLANDS ENGINE LATEST

### Quarterly Economic Briefing on Women in Leadership spotlights lack of women at top levels in Midlands’ businesses

Featuring insights on how to improve female representation from Home Fresh CEO Jigna Varu, MD of Dignio UK Ewa Truchanowicz, Head of Business Development at HSBC Suzy Verma, University of Wolverhampton’s Professor Silke Machold, and Theo Clarke MP.

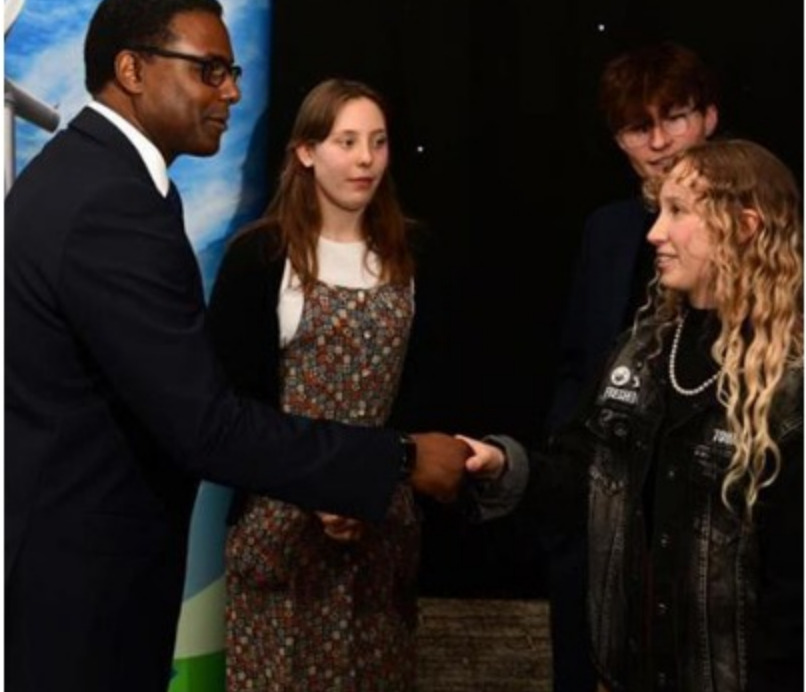
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### Trailblazing Green Growth Champions set out their vision for a greener future

Over 100 business and public sector leaders come together at Midlands Engine Young People’s Green Growth Assembly to hear from a group of dedicated regional Champions aged 15-19.

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### Young Midlanders champion our region’s green future

Ahead of the Midlands Engine Young People’s Green Growth Assembly, the Green Growth Champions related their hopes for the event, as well as detailing their aspirations for the future of our region and planet.

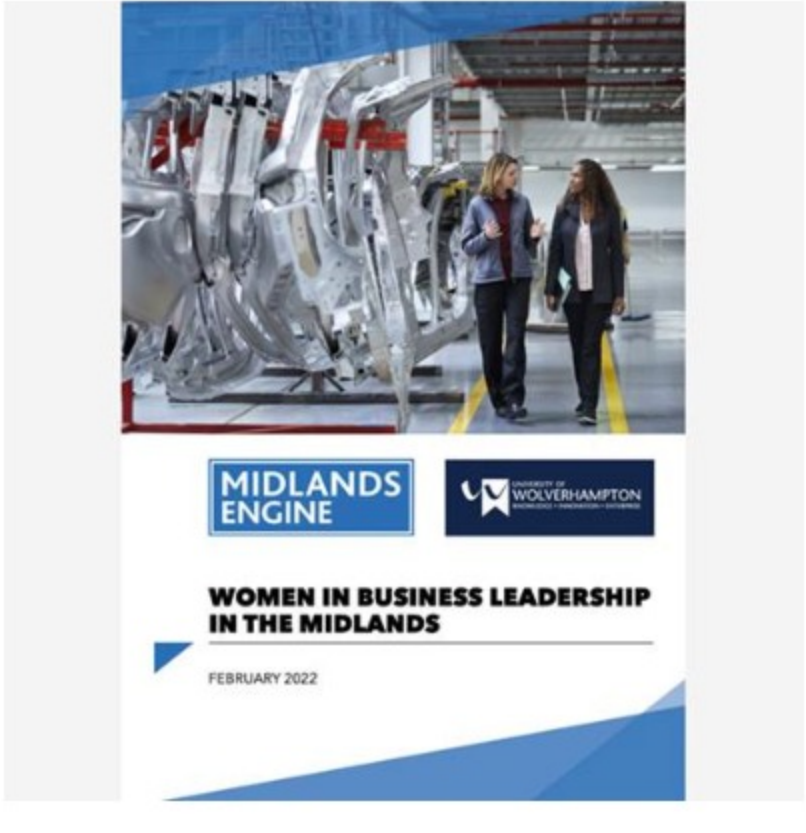
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### New report reveals lack of women at top levels in Midlands businesses, finds only 15.8% of directors in Midlands are women

Midlands Engine Observatory report with University of Wolverhampton - *Women in Business Leadership in the Midlands* - details barriers to success for female business leaders and provides recommendations to redress existing disparities.

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### Green Finance Report highlights need for greater support in private sector decarbonisation

Lack of investment in Midlands region and traditionally carbon-heavy industries identified as key areas to target in push for net-zero.

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### Showcasing exceptional investment opportunities at Leeds Life Innovation and Investor Showcase

Midlands Engine Health explores collaboration opportunities with life sciences innovations from across the country at Leeds Life Science Innovation and Investor Showcase.

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### Midlands set for EV boom according to new research

Online EV conference hosted by Midlands Connect spotlights key regional developments in the sector and predicts region could have over 1.7 million electric cars on roads by 2030.

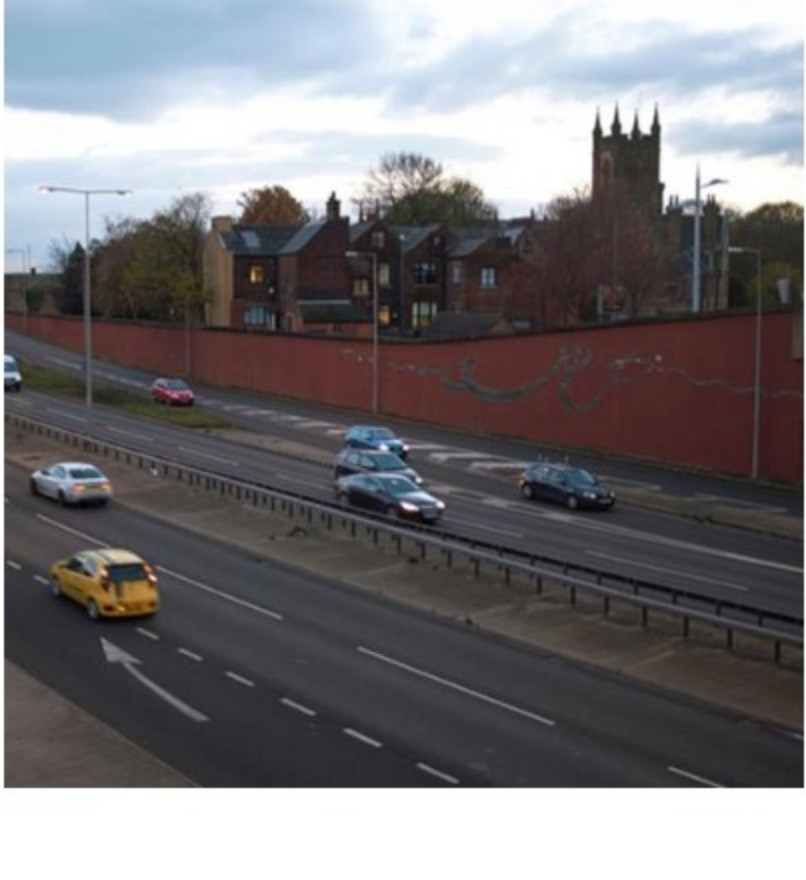
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### Major improvement plan published for A50/500 corridor

Midlands Connect releases major report outlining series of improvements to A50/A500 corridor, with potential to create over 12,000 jobs and generate £12 billion for the economy.

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“Universities ought to partner together to deliver impactful, applied research, at scale” - Professor Simon Green, Chair, Midlands Innovation Management Group, on collaboration to level up.

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### Space Park Leicester launched by British astronaut Tim Peake

UK astronaut Tim Peake officially opens pioneering space research, innovation and teaching cluster at special ceremony.

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Researchers from Midlands Engine Partner the University of Derby spearhead major effort to ensure long-term future of world’s lagoons and the communities that depend on them

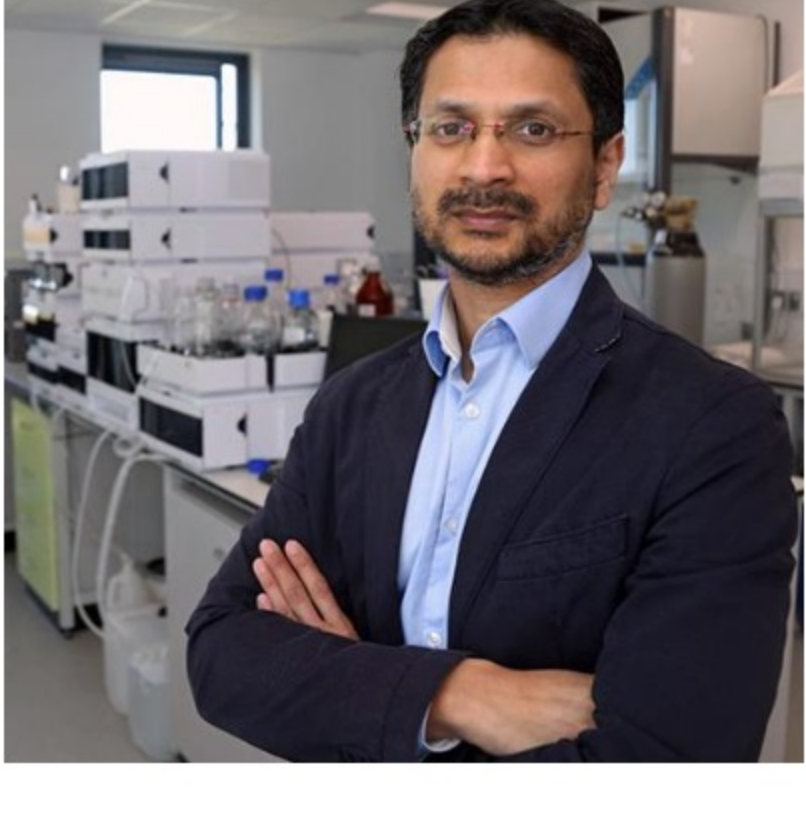
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The Midlands Engine partner receives nine awards, including seven out of ten categories, as well as overall Innovator of the Year and a Special Recognition Award.

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