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EDITH MORLEY LECTURE 2017: IN CONVERSATION WITH PENNY MORDAUNT MP

I am delighted to invite you to the University of Reading’s Annual Edith Morley Lecture which will take place on Friday 10 March at 1:00pm.

This special event which takes place annually to celebrate International Women’s Day, will honour and mark the contribution of Professor Edith Morley (1875-1964). Professor Morley was the UK’s first female professorial appointment. She was made Professor of English Language at the University in 1908, a position she retained until 1940.

Professor Morley wrote of the battle for fairness for women in public and professional life. She believed that women should have an equal place in academia and society, and was an inspiring and motivating force for the young people around her, both male and female.

Our speaker this year is Penny Mordaunt MP, herself an inspirational figure in the world today. Penny is a member of University of Reading Alumni, and has an inspirational political career – as both an MP and as the now Minister of State for Disabled People, Work and Health.

This year’s Edith Morley Lecture will take place in the Meadow Suite, Park House, Whiteknights campus.

Please find enclosed some additional information about the event. We would be extremely grateful if you could RSVP by Friday 24 February.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Dunn, Events Officer at events@reading.ac.uk or call 0118 378 7553.

Best wishes,

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