# DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION IN HENKEL, A MULTINATIONAL COMPANY

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### AGENDA

- My Bio Who am I?
- Why DEI is important?
- What is Henkel about?



- Two big DEI initiatives at Henkel Gender parity in SBU Innovation and DEI wider Initiative called United by Diversity Program
- Small changes make a difference its all about culture! Example
- DEI is a journey
- Video reflection



### Patricia Cullen - Background Director ACM Global Product Development

#### **Background**

•BSc, PhD, in Chemistry, MBA & Strategic Marketing

#### **Current Role & Location**

Director Global Product Development based in Dublin, Ireland.

#### Work experience

- 36 years experience @ Loctite/Henkel
- Promoted through the technical positions within PD (Chemist/Snr Chemist/Scientist/Senior Scientist)
- Appointed Manger of Product Development in 1996.
- 2011-2014 in Rocky Hill NA as Head of AG NA Product Development
- 2017 Placement in Shanghai, China.
- Current global roles in SBU Product Development







#### WHY IS DEI IMPORTANT?

#### **BENEFITS**





- Greater innovation and creativity
- The business will be boosted
- Increased productivity
- More talent to choose from



Henkel

### HENKEL CONGLOMERATE AT A GLANCE WHAT IS HENKEL ABOUT? ADHESIVES, BEAUTY, DETERGENTS

- 124 Nationalities
- 50,000 Employees
- 75+ Nationalities in Headquarter Germany
- 56% from Emerging Markets
- 4 Generations under one Henkel roof

Baby	Boomers	(1946-1964):	9.7%
Generation	X	(1965-1980):	39.21%
Generation	Υ	(1981-1996):	47.89%
Generation	Z	(1997-2012)	3.21%







### HENKEL DEI

- We are deeply convinced that gender diversity plays a decisive role when it comes to our success: Gender diverse companies outperform their peers. It is also our social responsibility to ensure equal access to opportunities for all.
   Additionally, our investors, clients and consumers demand balanced teams.
- That is why we have decided to pursue a bold ambition: We strive to achieve gender parity across all management levels by 2025.
- We aim to reach a significant step-up on our Top MC as well as build the pipeline for future leadership position on the management levels below.

Overall, we are on a good track and have made considerable progress in the recent years, increasing the proportion of women **to today 39% across all management positions**. However, we also clearly see that even more needs to be done and we are fully committed to significantly accelerate our efforts.



### DEI AMBITIONS 2025 GENDER PARITY AMBITION







# What did Henkel do? Two Approaches!

There is no one single solution here!



#### GENDER PARITY IN INNOVATION

INITIATIVE ONE: WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (ADHESIVES)







### UNITED BY DIVERSITY

#### INITIATIVE TWO: FOCUS ON INCLUSION

DEI- United by Diversity program





WHAT DID WE DO? INITIATIVE ONE TACKLE GENDER WITHIN INNOVATION TEAM.

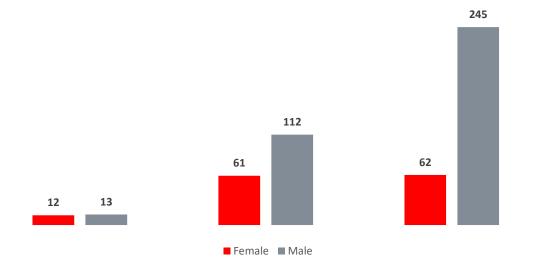


- Set up the WISE Program
- Our global team who supported WISE Initiative below.





### Innovation Headcount by Gender - Example





# WISE: Immediate Causes and Actionable Strategies for short term



Measure - KPI



Raise Awareness



Recruitment Training



Assess perceived barriers to promotion to higher MC levels



### ► WISE TEAM STRATEGY - WORKSTREAMS



Business Objective &  Accountability	Define targets for SBU & establish long term commitments
2. Diversity Policies & Inclusion	<ul> <li>Change the "image" of a Technology employee through female role models</li> </ul>
Recruiting, Promotion & B. Hiring Practices	Establish gender neutral recruitment guidelines
4. Mentoring, Sponsoring & Training	Development of eLearning
5. Network or Affinity Groups	<ul> <li>Raise awareness of WISE across SBU community, build internal and external networks</li> </ul>



DIVERSITY POLICIES & INCLUSION ROLE MODELS

INSPIRE DIVERSITY

- Aim: Change the "image" of a Technology/Engineering employee using female role model
  - "You can't be what you can't see"
- 15 Role Models already published
  - Very positive feedback
- Included D&I male advocates







# RECRUITING, PROMOTION & HIRING GUIDELINES



- Aim: Improving diversity by implementing recruiting best practice
- Rolled out to all Inno team managers/hiring managers in Q1 2021
- Track D&I metrics for all new SBU innovation hires globally (template).

#### **Recruitment Process Overview**

- 1. Hiring Request
- 2. Intake to Sourcing
- 3. Screening
- 4. Interviews & Selection
- 5. Hiring Decision & Offer Management





Recruitment Best Practice for WISE



### MENTORING, SPONSORING & TRAINING ELEARNING



- Aim: Raise awareness about our Initiative and D&I to Innovation Team
- eL rolled out in 2020 and completed in Q1 2021



 WISE branded gadgets (rucksack & pen) entire SBU Innovation Community











### NETWORK OR AFFINITY GROUPS COMMUNICATION





- Aim: Raise awareness of Initiative to Innovation Team
- Communication plan in place for all platforms.
- Newsletter launched Monthly
- Co operation with Corp Comm







### NEXT STEPS: WE CAN LEVERAGE ACROSS HENKEL.







Role Model Interviews

- Recruitment Best Practice Guidelines
- eLearning

Communications such as Articles, training, studies & more ......



### UNITED BY DIVERSITY

#### INITIATIVE TWO: FOCUS ON INCLUSION

DEI- United by Diversity program

ERGs (Employee Resource Groups)





### UNITED BY DIVERSITY CIRCLES AS EMPLOYEE VOICE FIVE CIRCLES AS COMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER DEI AGENDA



### **01** Families

Ensure equal career planning and opportunities for all

02 LGBTQ+

Break-down the fear of the "unspoken"

### **03** Thinking Styles

Different thinking hats for impactful synergies across global teams

### **04**Culture & Recruitment

Hire and grow without boarders by extending university footprint

### **05** Persons with Disabilities

Embrace each other's differences & empower people to develop to their full potential.

YML Talk 5/9/2023



### Small changes impact Culture – Example @ Henkel

'Culture eats strategy for breakfast!'



**D&I** Moment proposal



#### **DEI Moment affects Culture**

- Needs to be every day discussion
- Important
- On the agenda
- Roll out DEI moments: 2-3 mins item on meetings agenda
- DEI Moment (common practise @ Pharmaceuticals)





### Examples of DEI Moments

- Depending on the meeting & agenda etc, it could be a 2 min DEI video on some related topic.
- Introducing a new starter.
- Feedback on an event that took place.
- ☐ A DEI learning someone had (e.g. pronouncing some one's name)
- A reflection on how well a x-functional team worked.
- Just phrasing it as a DEI moment throws people & they don't know what to say at the start.
- Important that the meeting host has one ready or maybe share a few examples when rolling it out & it will go from there!



## WE ARE ON A DEI JOURNEY DEI @HENKEL

- It's a journey
- No quick fix
- Deep within culture
- Needs both top down and bottom up commitment
- Started with Gender Parity and making significant progress
- Now looking more at Inclusion
- DEI Accreditation





# VIDEO REFLECTION ON INCLUSION

All of Us, an award-winning video from our Unconscious Bias course. – YouTube

https://youtu.be/Z9I4jWLEPzg



### THANK YOU

