

It is with a very heavy heart that I share with you our amazing Alumni team members, and friend to many, Rachael Brookman (Senior Manager, McKinsey Talent Network/Alumni) passed away. Rachael courageously fought cancer for years, and stepped away from work toward the end of last year to focus on treatment and her family.

Rachael had a long career with the Firm, joining the London Recruiting team in 1998. She then worked in the Banking practice before moving to Professional Development as a Senior Manager. Rachael left the Firm in 2010 when her family relocated to Manchester but she continued as an External Worker before returning to the Firm in 2016 as a leader of the McKinsey Talent Network.

Those who worked closest with Rachael and knew her best wanted to share the below to make sure everyone in our function knows the mark Rachael is leaving on McKinsey:

*Rachael is the definition of an inspiring leader. She led Europe McKinsey Talent Network with her whole heart. Everyone she worked with knows her as a leader, thought partner, expert and friend. Rachael cared deeply about her work and the impact it has on people's lives. Rachael was determined, loyal, pragmatic, generous with her time, and always set the bar for what good looks like. When Rachael talked, you listened. When she taught, you learned. And while Rachael loved her work, nothing could compare to the love she had for Simon (her husband) and Ivo (her son). She lit up when she talked about them. We will miss Rachael dearly, not just as a colleague, but as a friend.*

We invite you to leave her family a message on her LinkedIn [here](#).