



Arden University Graduation Ceremony

Central Hall Westminster, London

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Welcome

Welcome from our Chief Executive Officer & Vice-Chancellor, Professor Carl Lygo

On behalf of everyone here at Arden University, congratulations on your success.



It is a great honour to welcome you and your supporters to Central Hall Westminster to celebrate your success today.

This graduation day is the culmination of many hours, days, and years of hard work and determination from you. It takes a very special kind of person to rise to all the challenges and overcome the obstacles of studying at the highest level. You have proved yourself to be worthy of the highest awards available in UK education. This is your success, so please enjoy every moment of today's celebration. Well done! One of our core values at Arden is to support people in reaching their full potential. We're passionate about making a positive difference in people's lives and I hope, as you sit here today, you feel we have made an impact on yours.

And let's not forget your family and friends who have supported you on your journey, some of whom may be here to celebrate with you today.

With a wealth of opportunity ahead of you, I'm confident that your qualification will help you reach your full potential in absolutely anything you want to do. You now join a select group of people who have the honour of becoming an alumnus of Arden University. You can stay connected with us and watch the further progress of the university through our alumni association. If there is anything the team at Arden University can do to help you further, then please do not hesitate to contact us. You will always be part of the Arden University family.

Professor Carl Lygo

Chief Executive Officer & Vice-Chancellor

Chair's introduction

Introduction from Professor Ann Tate C.B.E
(Chair of the Board)

You have now joined a growing community of Arden University alumni, a community which I hope you will take great pride in being a part of.



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Arden University I would like to welcome you all – graduands, staff, and guests – to today's graduation ceremony, and congratulate all our graduands on their success.

A graduation ceremony is a rite of passage which marks a significant milestone in your life. It celebrates the hard work and dedication you have invested in your programme of study and allows you to feel great pride in your achievements. I hope that you will enjoy your day and remember it for many years to come. You have now joined a growing community of Arden University alumni, a community which I hope you will take great pride in being a part of. I am proud to be associated with Arden University and the values it stands for.

We believe there is no single right path to a university education. Rather, there are many available routes for access, whatever your background or circumstances may be. Where you finish is much more important than where you start, and Arden University is here to support you on your journey.

I hope that today marks the beginning of a new phase in your life and career, and I look forward to hearing about all your successes in the future. But for now, my warmest congratulations to you all.

Professor Ann Tate C.B.E
Chair of the Board

About Arden University

At Arden, we passionately believe that everyone, everywhere has an equal right to education. We strive to remove the barriers created by location, cost, time, and other life commitments, to give ambitious people like you the opportunity to access the life-changing rewards of a university degree.



Since the granting of our university status in 2015, we've worked hard to do things differently. We recognise that your degree needs to fully prepare you for current and future workplace developments and the expectations of employers, to create a better world for everyone.

With study centres across the UK and Germany, as well as our provision of online degree courses studied by students across five continents, many of whom have travelled to join us here today, we've made it possible for people from all backgrounds to take control of their futures.

As active champions of equality, diversity, and inclusion, we believe that higher education is a force for both social and economic change. We are proud that you have chosen Arden University to be a part of your life journey.

Ceremonial order

*Please stand for the incoming and outgoing processions.
For the remainder of the ceremony, please remain seated.*

Procession of the Platform Party

Music – 'Trumpet Voluntary' (Clarke)

Opening of the Ceremony – Professor Ann Tate C.B.E., Chair of Board of Directors

Student Speaker – Dace Rozina, Student President

Presentation of Graduates and Prizes

Presentation of Honorary Graduates and Acceptance Address

Presentation of Graduates and Prizes

Closing of the Ceremony - Provost, Professor Yang (Lucy) Lu

Recession of the Platform Party

Music – 'The Best' (Tina Turner)

*The duration of the ceremony will be approximately 90 minutes
Early exit is prohibited and you must remain seated until the end of the ceremony.*

Alumni Reception

Graduates and guests are invited to attend a drinks reception in the Lecture Hall and Library on the ground floor to celebrate your achievements.

The Alumni reception won't open until the ceremony has ended and will last for 1 hour.

*Please ensure all hired graduation gowns and hoods are returned to the drop off area
in the corner of the Lecture Hall and Library by the end of the reception.*

Refreshments – Please do not eat or drink during the ceremony and please take all litter with you.

Photography and mobile telephones - Please do not move from your seats to take photographs or video recordings during the ceremony. Please also ensure that your mobile telephones are switched to silent for the duration of the ceremony.

Applause – You are invited to applaud the presentation of the graduates to recognise their hard work and achievement and to celebrate their success. Please applaud only after the student's names are called so that each student's name can be heard clearly when announced.

Health and Safety – In the event of an emergency, please remain seated until directed otherwise.



About Central Hall Westminster

The wonderful location in which we're joining each other for today's graduation ceremony is Central Hall Westminster, a Grade II listed building which we hope you'll agree is a fitting location to celebrate your academic achievements.

Originally opened in 1912 as a space for worship, concerts, and public and private events, Central Hall Westminster is one of the capital's most culturally significant venues. Over the years it has welcomed many noteworthy public figures through its doors, including Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, and King Charles III, and was also the location of the Inaugural Meeting of the United Nations in 1946.

The Great Hall's breathtaking grand organ, which you'll see located behind the stage as you await your graduation moment, features 4,731 pipes; and don't forget to look up – the spectacular self-supporting domed roof above you is the largest of its type in Europe.

We hope that attending your graduation day in such a beautiful setting will create memories that last a lifetime.

List of graduates November 28th, morning ceremony

Faculty of Business

School of Digital Finance

Bachelor of Science with Honours

Accounting and Finance

Amy Afriyie

Giovanna Breviglieri Neves

Nicola Elliott

Adrienn Hamori

Sharmin Kamangarpour

Aruna Rashid Kamara

Amy Kingshott*

** Arden Achiever School of Digital Finance*

Angelika Kozuchowska

Sashi Stephen Lall

Jasmine McIntosh

Claire Louise McLaughlan

Elizabeth Onabanjo

Syeda Salam

Annette Yeboaa Duah

Masters of Science

Accounting and Finance

Robert Sili*

** Best Performing Postgraduate Student*

School of Health and Care Management

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Healthcare Management with Foundation Year

Mavis Abrokwah

Olubukola Adewusi

Nana Akua Agyeiwaah

Ramya Ambadi

Pascaline Ama Serwaa Asare

Cyndi Atu-Cornelissen

Nadia Benchama

Nabila Bibi

Gifty Boateng

Beatrice Godfrey Bukuru

Denilia Burke

Ira Debrah

Aissatou Diallo

Patrice Djouari

Ruth Dumba

Abigail Eshun

Natasha Henry

Starran Dane John

Theophilia Daphne Johnson

Massah Johnson

Magali Landu-Malonda

Jody Louise Lewis

Sekinat Omotayo Matanmi

Mariana Mocanu

Barbara Angela Mohalland

Nantambi Angela Muwonge

Lucy Obazee

Kafayat Omobolanle Odesanya

Callista Eziaku Okeke

Sandra Okrah

Ann Opara

Faith Juliett Osai

Rosemary Osei

Amanda Osekreh-Addo

Patrick Adeola Otasanya

Florence Otoo

Noella Ramazani

Beverley Robinson

Temitope Shittu

Joanne Shereen Smith

Katherina Abegail Stephenson

Deon Angelene Thompson

Sara Ismail Warsame

Riya Yasmin

Akosua Adjeiwaa Yirenkyi

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Healthcare Management

Stella Tonbra Abu

Ophelia Acheampong

Osasumwen Emmanuel Aiwekhoe

Lacky Akhtar

Olawunmi Sekinat Alli

Roland Allotey Babington

Obinna Frank Anyasie Ugochukwu

Eunice Arowolo

Kiran Babar

Rugiatu Bangura

Rumana Begum*

** Winner of Deans Prize- Faculty of Business*

Samuel Bello

Semhar Berhe

Rufia Bibi

Nicola Bogyere

Elisabete Lima Gaspar Capela

Amina Nadeem Chibbar

Chakanyuka Johnstone Chikuvire

Natalie Rose-Marie Cornelis James

Denecia Ottavia Delpratt

Diane Dennis

Sophie Dickson

Helena Donkor

Elena-Simona Dragomir

Adijat Edreece

Alexander Egbeaba

Stella Oghali Elias-Omenuba

Oluwatobiloba Enilolobo

Bobbi Ezeike

Emmanuel Abayomi Faniyi

Md Redwan Hussain

Kazi Islam

Emma Japp*

** Best Performing Undergraduate Student*

Jahlina Jenkins

Cynthia Jimoh

Rolande Kaljop

Diana Katjivikua

Rosemary Maina

Daudette Makengo

Bianca Marah

Maureen Mayanga

Lucina Wangui McCreadie

Shamsa Thabit Mohamed

Qudsiyah Mudasar

Proscovia Mukasa

Reshma Narayanan

Peddtor Njanjeni

Elizabeth Ntege

Sheriff Nyang

Iseoluwa Samson Obadina

Evelyn Obeng

Ethel Oboh

Iyiola Odetola

Mabel Ogbummuo

Mary Okon Udoh

Mojisola Ashake Abiola Oladoja

Millicent Owusu-Sekyere

Nazia Parveen

Neha Rashid

Joseph Richards

Sahibi Sahra

Antonia Opeyemi Salami

Janaya Ennis Sergeant

Jessica Sewell-Hubball

Louise Shaw

Abrar Sikhi

Pauline Table

Lina Veli

Katrina Verma

Jacqueline Sandra Williams

Sadia Yousaf

Master of Public Health

Comfort Kaheru-Isanga

School of Human Resource Management

Masters of Arts Human Resource Management

Adama Audrey Indrig Bodo Gninkanhe
Vicky Gutteridge*

** Arden Achiever School of HRM*

Victoria Lakey

Sofia Artur Pais Louro E Moreira Romão

School of Project Management

Masters of Science Engineering Management

Michael Colin Morrison
Sai Chand Reddy Raghotham
Charles Austin Serano
Andrew Steele
Costar Takawira
Christopher Xuereb

Masters of Science Project Management

Chelsea Abena Mettle-Quansah

Henna Gholey

Johanna Hansen*

** Arden Achiever School of*

Project Management

Mohammed Issah

Laurence Mbombo

Levi Nixon

Kehinde Oseni

Amos Odhiambo Oyomba

Iftikhar Qayyum Awan

School of Leadership & Management

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business

Ashley Leech

Faculty of STEM

School of Computing

Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing with Foundation Year

Madiya Ali
Abena Boateng
Gustavo Cielici Do Prado
Dennis Osemwegie Edegbe
Jessamin Abigale Adrienne Jabbi
Denim Mortimer
Emmanuel Opara
Tawakalit Oluwatoyin Owuye

Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing

Felix Adutwum
Mohamed Barreh
Lansana Fofana
Sampo Ilmari Hellevig
Bintu Kamara
Anthony Myrie
Bernard Ouma
Surjit Randhawa
Nigel Nyrere Rhymer
Daniel Terry

Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing (Information Management)

Dili Ojukwu

Bachelor of Science with Honours Computing (Mobile Computing)

Tracy Monroe

Postgraduate Certificate Data Analytics

Durga Devi Soundarajan

Masters of Science Data Analytics & Project Management

Chinemerem Ochulor
Javard Toossi

Masters of Science Data Analytics and Enterprise Architecture Management

Joseph Fitzsimmons

Masters of Science Data Analytics and Finance

Stephen Annor
Lee Cadwallader-Allan
Loyda Falana Johnson
Mee Tyng Yoo

Masters of Science Data Analytics and Human Resource Management

Kehinde Bolanle Rasaki

Masters of Science Data Analytics and Information Systems Management

Zainab Bala Kuta
Rajat Paul

Masters of Science Data Analytics and Marketing

Tinenechi Mulambia Chienda

Masters of Science IT Security Management

Lasantha Dadayakkara Devage
Silvio Ellul
John Garikai
Ifeanyi Rapuluchukwu Molokwu
Manfred Gilbert Odoom
Mansoor Rahaman
Samuel Sant*

** Winner of the Deans Prize- Faculty of STEM*

Masters of Science Strategic IT Management

Konstantinos Lochaitis
Mohammed Mead
Kandice Weste

Masters of Science Telecommunications Management

Peter Keys

School of Design and Creativity

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Graphic Design

Danielle Sanger
Karina Tothova
Katie Walton

Masters of Arts Visual Communication Design

Paula Boenders*

** Arden Achiever School of Design and Creativity*

Faculty of Learning and Teaching

School of Digital Education Postgraduate Certificate

Digital Education in Practice
Ramandeep Kaur*

** Winner of Deans Prize- Faculty of Learning and Teaching*

Rosemary Aloma Louisa Mcarthur

Faculty of Social Sciences

School of Criminal Justice Bachelor of Arts with Honours Criminal Justice

Samantha Reed

Faculty of Business

School of Leadership and Management

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business with Foundation Year

Shamema Akhter
Mohammed Ali
Kathleen Samantha Cacanindin Alimpia
Destina Ceylanoglu
Edgarda Lima Da Costa Taborda
Nicola Edwards
Penny Elwell
Louise Kennedy
Marcelline Nzau Mbonga
Ayesha Begum Rahman
Kailash Ramruttun
Newman Ruzario
Dianne Simpson
Idorenyin Jonah Thompson

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business

Mohammed Salat Aden
Mohammed Ali Mojnu
Magdalena Asenova
Gustav Ayekple
Georgeta Baicu
Mariya Baneva
Anton Barbu
Nuzeera Begum
Adrian Bujur
Hasnain Butt Akhtar
Mohammed Chowdhury
Vanessa Clarke
Robert Costa
Maria Carlota Da Cunha Cardoso
Maria Carolina Da Silva
Kenisha Dennis
Deise Neurite Andre Dombala
Daniel Donnor
** Arden Achiever School of Leadership and Management*
Alexandra-Iuliana Dumitru
Akpore Joseph Egbeme
Christiana Fakorede
Giacomo Rosario Fasolo
Svetla Georgieva
Petya Dinkova Georgieva

Ivanka Yakimova Gogova
Lucy Goldspink
Tiffany Jody-Ann Gunter
Mustafe Mohamed Hashi
Syed Habibul Hassan
Kayah Kimani Iaan Haynes-Barrow
Cristina-Daniela Ionita
Fikisha James
Carol Lesley Jukes
Shorifa Khatun
Velislava Kostadinova
Sandor Lakatos
Polina-Adriana Lupasco
Haider Mahboob Malik
Marion Marsland
Yolanda Martin-Pryce
Marie Masso
Albert Mbaki
Liliana-Nicoleta Merlan
Md Abdullah Mohymin
Ofentse Jose Mpete
Fadi Nassar
Matthew Newens
Thu Thao Nguyen
Mst Noorjahan
Benjamin Mayowa Okuribido
Josephine Abei Ring
Abdul Saboor Aslam
Eddy Samba
Adriana-Georgiana Sandor
Cornelia Sandu
Harry Shafique
Ma. Cristina Silvestre
Veneta Rumenova Sirakova-Vateva
Roza-Maria Stanila-Vincene
Kazi Sumi
Maha Tariq
Suganthi Thurairatnam
Corina Maria Tipus
Carol Denise Tomlinson
Matina Tsotras
Misbah Uddin
Iliya Vatev
Radostina Yontova
Asif Mohammad Zali
Timea Zilizova

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Finance)

Eric Horak
Syeda Fariha Hussain
Daliza Vuth

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Human Resource Management)

Hayley Atkinson
Ameerah Banu Baboolall
Kristyna Bradacova
Aimee Louise Hall

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Marketing)

Beth Andrews
Possible Banafu Hackman
Khalidda Ibrahim
Hannah Long

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Business (Tourism)

Nardos Kasaye

Bachelor of Arts with Honours Human Resource Management & Psychology

Monika Dudek

Masters of Business Administration

Saif Saleh S Abuhelayel
Muhammad Haris Ashraf
Taimoor Azhar
Haddy Ceesay
Ana Maria Iancu
Samuel Itam Omini
Saieda Qureshi

Masters of Business Administration Data Analytics

Rita Kapott
Gabriel Owuru Ochelle*

** Winner of Vice Chancellor Prize*

**Senior Leader Masters Degree
Masters of Business Administration
Apprenticeship**

Paula Gray
Alison Harker
Ann Harrison
Josie Jones
Corinna Laing
Narisa Leyland
Genna Matthews
Nicola Morton
Sophia Bi Raja
Jennifer Rogers*
** Arden Achiever School of
Leadership and Management*
Andrea Ruhs
Stephanie Szolin
Andrew Tait
Rachel Udall-James
Claire Williams

**School of Health and Care
Management**

**Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Healthcare Management**
Mihaela Vasile

Faculty of Social Sciences

**School of Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Criminal Justice**

Luana Provenzano
Elaine Xerri

**Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Criminology and Law**

Charlotte Brewer

**Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Criminology and Psychology**

Chloe Anson
Edna Assiradoo
Elizabeth Marion Jacqueline
Azeez Khoshnaw
Karolina Bednarek
Rochae Carr
Molly Dixon
Caitlin Edwards
Jane Enabor-Gbajumo

Serish Farooq
Felicity Jane Holmes*
** Arden Achiever School of Criminal Justice*
Sidney Washington Daniels
Jessica Kendall-Lea
Zoe Knowles
Vanessa Krol*
** Winner of Deans Prize- Faculty of
Social Science*
Jade Moriarty
Sikirat Olowookere
Winta Tewoderos
Zoe Thompson
Faye Tipper
Nicola Welbourne

**Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Law and Psychology**

Ornella Russo

School of Law

Bachelor of Law with Honours
Adeyemi Olujide Adegoke
Shanaz Akhtar
Razzel Jean Philomena Camillo Amante
Chantelle Lloyd*
** Winner of the Katie Aubrey Prize*
Rachel Brown
Ashraful Chowdhury
Michael Christou
Chelsie Craig
Radoslava Dinkova Georgieva
Abigail Gillett
Kubir Hussain
Femi Majekadegbe
Olufemi Ogundere
Chika Onyebuchi
Ioana Lucia Pop
Danai Riala
Oriola Uka
Stephen Wilkinson

Sarah Zientecka
School of Psychology
**Bachelor of Science with Honours
Psychology**
Nkiru Nkemdilim Akpom
Abdulhamza Rajooj Hmood Alameri*
** Arden Achiever School of Psychology*
Rachel Benton
Catherine Brookfield
Kim Marie Crown
Ayesha Khalid
Pragya Modi
Rebecca Smith

Masters of Science Psychology

Selina Benterman
Megan Consterdine
Emma Creed
Tracy Darch-Hall
Carolina Dolciotti
Kathryn Elkin
Hannah Griffiths
Pham Thi Thanh Ha
Chai Yiing Lim
Atiya Munir
Ashleigh Robyn Reitz
Lucy Roberts
Brigitta Sarmaste
Andrea Schiff-Windsheimer
Rebecca Speyer
Wuen Lin Tan
Zoe Turner-Shepherd
Samantha Wesley
Ryan Wilson-Preen

Prize winners

Best Performing Undergraduate Student

Awarded to the undergraduate student with the highest classification mark across the university.

Emma Japp

Arden Achiever Undergraduate

Awarded to the undergraduate student with the highest classification mark across a School.

Criminal Justice

Felicity Jane Holmes

Design and Creativity

Zoen Lau

Digital Finance

Amy Kingshott

Health and Care Management

Amy Louise Hinton

Law

Victoria Bajic

Leadership and Management

Daniel Donnor

Psychology

Stephanie Schildknecht

Best Performing Postgraduate Student

Awarded to the postgraduate student with the highest classification mark across the university.

Robert Sili

Arden Achiever Postgraduate

Awarded to the postgraduate student with the highest classification mark across a School.

Computing

Neal Donnan

Design and Creativity

Paula Boenders

Digital Education

Victoria Rafferty

Digital Marketing and Sales

Shannon Parfitt

Health and Care Management

Rebecca Louise Nekstad

Human Resource Management

Vicky Gutteridge

Leadership and Management

Jennifer Rogers

Project Management

Johanna Hansen

Psychology

Sophie Yeldham

Dean's Prize

Arden University presents this prize to a student who achieved the greatest academic success within the faculty, while demonstrating the values of Arden University.

Rumana Begum Faculty of Business

Vanessa Krol Faculty of Social Sciences

Samuel Sant Faculty of STEM

Ramandeep Kaur Faculty of Learning and Teaching

Vice Chancellor's Prize

The Vice-Chancellor presents this prize to a student who had to overcome significant challenges to pursue higher education.

Gabriel Ochelle

Katie Aubrey Prize

This prize is in memory of Katie Aubrey, a much loved and missed Arden University colleague who passed away following a short illness. Arden University presents this prize to a student who has overcome a personal challenge and achieved success.

Chantelle Lloyd

**A warm congratulations
to all of our prize winners**



Awards of Advance HE Fellowships

We are delighted to announce that the following staff members have been awarded HEA fellowship in 2023. Staff receiving HEA fellowship have been found, through a rigorous external assessment, to have clearly demonstrated their commitment to high quality teaching and learning, to the values of inclusivity, scholarship and participation that underpin their practice, and to giving students an exceptional experience through their teaching or leadership.

Arden University supports colleagues to apply to Advance HE for three categories of Fellowship. The following applicants have successfully been found to meet the criteria for Fellowship, Senior Fellowship and Principal Fellowship.

Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)

Lauren Kinch

Penny Hyams

Adil Fathelrahman

Daniella Nayyar

Jo Haigh

Theano Mari

Matthew Copeman

Gavin May

Gbolahan Olusegun Babalola

Veronica Rovagnati

Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA)

Minakshi Katti

Hilal Seda Yildiz Erden

Antonios Kassanis

Principle Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA)

Alison Watson

Arden University Graduate Gowns



Arden University HNC, HND, UG Certificate & UG Diploma Gown

Gown: Black bachelor shape.

Hood: CNAA shape hood in navy lined teal.

Hat: Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.



Arden University Bachelor Gown

Gown: Black bachelor shape.

Hood: Cambridge full shape hood in navy lined and the cowl bound 1" teal, the neckband is faced teal.

Hat: Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.



Arden University Postgraduate Gown

Gown: Black masters shape.

Hood: CNAA shape hood in navy lined teal, the inside of the cowl is bordered 1" silver.

Hat: Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.



Arden University Master Gown

Gown: Black masters shape.

Hood: Cambridge full shape hood in navy lined and the cape bound 1" teal, the neckband is faced teal, the cowl is bound 1" silver.

Hat: Black mortarboard with black button & tassels.

Taking Arden with you after graduation

We asked some of our alumni to reflect on their time at Arden University and tell us about their visions for the future.

Hanoch

Arden University alumni,
MBA

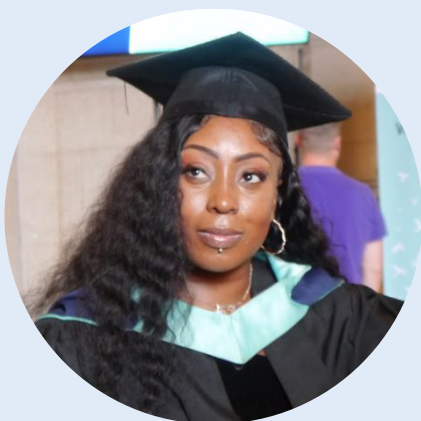


Studying at Arden University has been absolutely fantastic. There were ups and downs, but the staff were incredible and provided valuable support.

The available materials were excellent and contributed to my career improvement and the in-depth knowledge of my specialised subject. The training they gave me has really enabled me to find and explore new job opportunities.

Charlene

Arden University Alumni,
BSc (Hons) Health and Care Management with Foundation Year



My course was excellent. The best thing about Arden University was the flexibility of attending classes only two days a week. I have a family, so blended learning was incredibly helpful in allowing me to balance studying with being a mother of three.

Because Arden considers more than just your grades, if you are persistent, committed, and determined to pursue your goals, then they are there to help.

Prachi

Arden University alumni,
MSc Engineering Management



Go to Arden. Especially if you want to explore opportunities outside your studies and grow your passion, abilities, and expertise.

My experience was truly incredible. All the staff, professors and especially career support were just outstanding. Whenever I had questions or needed interview support, they were always there.

Mathew

Arden University Alumni, Senior Leader Apprenticeship plus Executive MBA (CMI), Kate Aubrey award winner 2023



I was a regional GM overseeing six sites when I started my course, and now I've moved into a business systems role. It's been a bit of a jump, but everything I've done with Arden is helping to make that transition.

Career progression was one thing, but the course also solidified all my previous business experience and gave me a strong foundation to build from.

The Arden Graduate Grove

In partnership with

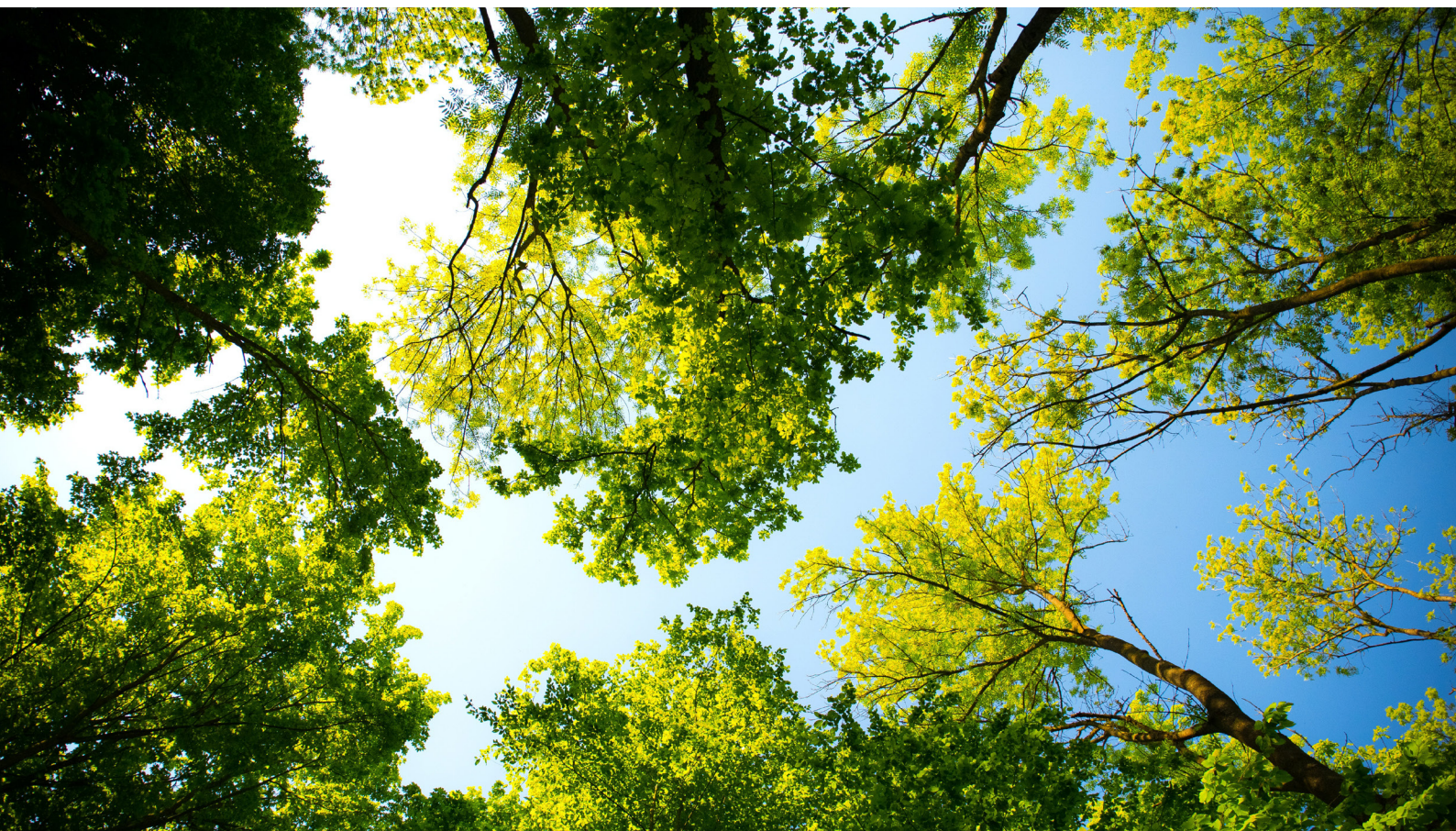


Arden University has committed to plant a tree for each of our graduates. In this endeavour we work closely with our chosen partner Ecologi, a passionate community of over 19,000 SMEs and 40,000 members that empowers businesses to accelerate global action on climate and nature.

Since launching the Graduate Grove in 2021, Arden University has planted more than 4,300 trees on behalf of our graduates.

When will your tree be planted?

We aim to have each tree planted within a year of donation. Once we have planted your tree, we will be able to give you a grid reference for its location.



We believe that education should be long-lasting, providing huge benefits for our students and their families long after they graduate. As a result, we hope that, just like the trees in our Graduate Grove, the knowledge and skills you have gained through your education with us continue to grow long after you have completed your studies.

You can learn more about Ecologi and their action on climate change by visiting ecologi.com

The history of the ceremonial mace

The tradition of the mace derives from medieval times in England when the mace was held by a bodyguard for dignitaries at ceremonial functions.

As an ancient symbol of authority, it reminds us that universities are custodians of both enduring traditions in learning and of the power they bestow upon those who come to learn.

The mace has become a symbol of authority and character of the institution and is carried at the head of the robed academic procession, followed by academic staff from the schools and faculties whose students are to be presented.



About the Arden University mace

Our beautiful mace was designed by Arden University Graphic Design student Jemma Lee Loppnow and crafted by the world-famous silversmiths Thomas Fattorini Ltd in Birmingham, England.

The creative and modern design represents a modern university and is symbolic of Arden University's proud history and values.

The symbolic Arden 'A' is held by supporting hands and the bird holding the scroll in its beak represents offering education to all. The globe at the bottom of the staff represents opportunities for a higher education around the world.



Please scan the QR code to watch an interview with Jemma and the making of the mace.

About today's mace bearers



Ria Gurpreet Sidhu

Ria Gurpreet Sidhu, a senior lecturer and programme team leader at Arden University, is a distinguished leader recognised by the Chartered Management Institute as a Chartered Manager.

With over 13 years of experience in UK higher education, she prioritises quality and best practices. Ria's leadership centres on emotional intelligence and team well-being. She is an engineer, holds an MBA, and is currently pursuing her PhD. Her research interests include higher education, mature students, AI, and globalisation.

Ria also serves as a school governor, emphasising community engagement. She passionately advocates for women's leadership and champions equality, diversity, and inclusion.

As a mace bearer for Arden University, I feel profound responsibility and pride. The mace symbolises our intellectual legacy as graduates and Arden's rich diversity and community impact. This prestigious event marks a significant milestone in my life, and I'm honoured to be part of your celebration as we recognise our achievements and embark on new journeys.



Joe Short

Joe is a graphic designer at Arden University and has worked with us for nearly 16 years. He supports the marketing team and wider business, creating visually compelling designs to help communicate our presence to a global audience.

Amongst other responsibilities, Joe plays an integral part in the visual design of today's graduation ceremony, including the Arden Wings.

Beyond the office, Joe has a young family that keeps him on his toes. He also is an avid fantasy football enthusiast, winning the Arden colleague competition on numerous occasions. Alongside this, he likes to keep active at the gym and enjoys playing video games.

Having designed the first ever Arden University graduation mace, this now feels like a full circle moment and it is a privilege for me to be a mace bearer at this year's ceremony. I'm very proud to be able to share in your special day, and I wish you all the best in your future.

Pierre Neil

Pierre Neil, widely known as Swiss, is a dynamic force in the world of music, culture, and social change. Born into a multicultural family in London, Swiss has spent his life advocating for diversity and equality, making him a worthy recipient of an honorary doctorate for his remarkable contributions to the BAME (Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic) community.

Swiss first made waves in the music industry as a talented DJ and producer, seamlessly blending genres to create a unique sound that resonated with audiences from all backgrounds.



Beyond the turntables, Swiss's dedication to community empowerment is evident. He has tirelessly championed initiatives aimed at breaking down barriers and eliminating discrimination. His leadership in mentoring and nurturing emerging BAME artists has been instrumental in providing them with opportunities to showcase their talent and create meaningful careers.

Swiss is the visionary founder of the ground breaking Black Pound Day company. Black Pound Day encourages individuals to actively support black-owned businesses on a designated day each month, fostering financial growth and sustainability within the BAME community.

Through this innovative platform, Swiss has harnessed the power of consumer choices to uplift and promote black entrepreneurs, ultimately bolstering economic opportunities, community resilience, and social equity.

His dedication to creating a more equitable society shines brightly through this transformative endeavour.

Raphael Sofoluke

Raphael Sofoluke is a prolific entrepreneur, author, and visionary who founded the UK Black Business Show, UK Black Business Week, Birmingham Black Business Show, and Black Tech Achievement Awards.

The UK Black Business Week is the UK's first dedicated week for black entrepreneurs, professionals, and allies of the black community.

The UK Black Business Show, launched in 2017, is an annual conference and exhibition during

Black History Month, spotlighting businesses founded by the black community. Endorsed by Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, the show emphasises the contributions of black businesses to the economy and offers insights from leading black business professionals.

In 2023, the show marked its seventh year, expanding into a week-long event attracting over 15,000 attendees. The flagship UK Black Business Show drew more than 6,000 attendees and featured 200 exhibitors.



Raphael has been a featured speaker on various platforms, including Sky, BBC, ITV News, Forbes, Mastercard, CBS, Facebook, and BET, and was invited to 10 Downing Street during Black History Month.

Raphael also initiated the Black Tech Achievement Awards to celebrate black role models and innovators in the tech sector. It has garnered the attention of major tech companies and media outlets.

Raphael co-authored the "Twice as Hard" book, released in the UK and the US in June 2021, alongside his wife. The book features interviews with 40 black trailblazers, addressing challenges faced in predominantly white spaces and providing recommendations for success.

In 2022, Raphael featured in a nationwide campaign with Axa and Evening Standard as one of Three Axa Start up Angels. He was also named in a global list of most influential people of African descent.



Arden University Students' Association

The Arden University Students' Association, launched in December 2021, was established in response to significant feedback from students expressing their desire for representation at Arden. This dedicated team, led by Managing Director Sophie Harrison, and your elected Student President, Dace Rozina, serves as the voice and advocate for all students engaged in distance and blended learning.

The association empowers students to realise their full potential by ensuring the delivery of high-quality, representative education. To achieve this, they work closely with Arden staff members, external stakeholders, and a dedicated team of student representatives to comprehend the diverse needs of the student body.

A fundamental part of the association is the Student Representative Network, encompassing all subjects, study modes, study centres, and student communities. Their mission is to advocate for the voices of all students and facilitate positive change within the Arden University community.

The vision of the Students' Association is to actively participate in every decision the university makes that impacts your educational journey. Through this, they can ensure students have the best possible academic experience and success during their time at Arden.



Dace Rozina
Arden's President
of the Students'
Association

Dace Rozina is the Student Association President for 2022/24 and is currently pursuing a BA (Hons) Business at Arden University.

Dace's country of origin is Latvia, and she started her academic working career as a Student Event Organiser whilst studying a Level 7 NVQ Veterinary doctor course at Veterinary University in Smiltene, Latvia.

Soon after beginning her studies at St. Patrick's college in the UK, Dace started her journey as Group Representative and Student Council Event Organiser, and also worked as Student Council President before graduating with a HND in Business.

Being President of the Student Association is important to Dace because she is passionate for students to have a voice, and to contribute towards the university being the best place it can be for current and future students.

When Dace is not working on the presidential tenure or her studies, her main hobby is dog agility sport as well as helping people with their dogs' behaviours and gardening.

If you'd like to get in touch, feel free to email us at studentpresident@ardenuniversity.ac.uk with any questions or feedback about your time at Arden University.



Welcome to the Arden Alumni Community

We are excited to have recently launched our Alumni Community. This initiative has been established to keep graduates like you involved, informed, and engaged in all things Arden, even long after you've finished your studies.

By joining the Arden Alumni Community, you can gain access to:

- **Career development advice and guidance from Arden Alumni Careers Team.**
- **Opportunities to volunteer your time to 'give back' to the university community - as well as to other students and graduates - through sharing your own experiences and providing valuable career insights (including activities such as guest webinars, speaker sessions, mentoring and work experience opportunities).**

We look forward to growing and building our community with you, and for you.

You can read more about getting involved with the community by visiting our dedicated blog page. Simply scan the QR code here:





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