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# The Graduate Guide

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## Welcome to your alumni\* community

Graduation is a time for celebrating your success and looking to the future. You are part of a global family of over 160,000 Sheffield alumni from more than 180 countries. From Nobel Prize winners to Olympic champions, Sheffield's graduates are helping to shape the world we live in.

But graduation is just the beginning. In *The Graduate Guide* you will find advice on everything from getting a job, to setting up your own enterprise, to taking a gap year or doing further study. You can also find information on how to continue to engage with your University by attending events, supporting current students and making the most of your alumni benefits.

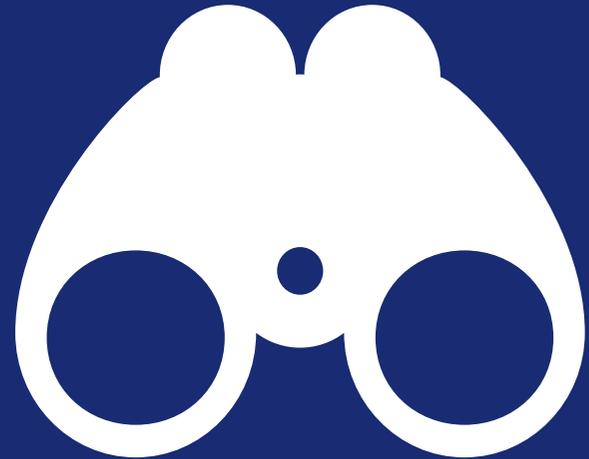
We look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon.

With very best wishes

### Claire Rundström

Head of Alumni Relations

*\*Alumnus or (fem) alumna n, pl ni or nae – A graduate or former student of a school, college or university. From the Latin: nursling, pupil, foster son, from alere to nourish.*



# Your Future

# Life After Graduation

We asked recent graduates for their top tips for life after University:



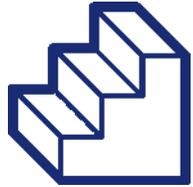
## 2. Life isn't always a straight line.

You might have to be adaptable and flexible in order to develop your skills and experience, and discover what you really want to do.



## 4. Persistence is crucial.

The job market is very competitive, so don't lose heart if at first you don't succeed. Always ask for feedback and be sure to act on it next time.



## 1. Don't worry too much if you don't have a clear plan yet.

As long as you're taking steps to improve your career prospects, you're going in the right direction!



## 3. Build up your contact list.

Alumni events can be a great way to expand your professional network with fellow Sheffield graduates.



5. When applying for jobs, make yourself stand out, and read the job advert carefully. If a contact name is given then why not give them a call? It may set you apart from the competition.



## 6. Try non-traditional means of applying for jobs too.

Often small and medium-sized businesses can be receptive to speculative applications, and doing a placement or internship can be a great way to get your foot in the door.

## Your Careers Service

Sometimes it's difficult to know where to start when embarking on life after graduation. But never fear! Our Careers Service is here to help.

You can find advice and information on the Careers Service website, and use Career Connect at <https://careerconnect.sheffield.ac.uk> to book an individual advice session or send an email enquiry.



[shef.ac.uk/careers](https://shef.ac.uk/careers)



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[shef.ac.uk/careers/aboutus](https://shef.ac.uk/careers/aboutus)



→ If you're interested in doing further study to enhance your career, or you're not sure if it's right for you, check out the *Postgraduate Study and Research* guide.

→ Thinking of taking some time out? The Careers Service website also offers advice on taking a gap year.

→ Budding entrepreneurs can access the services offered by University of Sheffield Enterprise (USE) – see pages 9-10 for more information.

## Choosing a Career

The Careers Service *Explore your Options* webpages have plenty of useful information to get you started. The *Careers with my Degree* pages and interactive resources such as *Profiling for Success* can help you to understand your motivations, skills and interests and see how these could match you to possible careers.

All of this and more can be found at



[shef.ac.uk/careers/students/worktypes](https://shef.ac.uk/careers/students/worktypes)



**Remember! You can use the Careers Service for up to three years after graduation.**

## Job Hunting

Career Connect has a powerful search function to enable you to search for jobs, including part-time work, placements and graduate jobs. It allows you to:

- search job listings – there are also several national graduate jobsites you could try. If you're looking closer to Sheffield, you can find local vacancies at [yorkshiregraduates.co.uk](http://yorkshiregraduates.co.uk)
- search events, including careers fairs run by the University (to find careers fairs elsewhere in the UK, visit [prospects.ac.uk](http://prospects.ac.uk))
- book appointments and get in touch.



Visit [step.org.uk](http://step.org.uk) and [graduatetalentpool.direct.gov.uk](http://graduatetalentpool.direct.gov.uk) as well as Career Connect to find graduate internships, which can be great for gaining experience.



If you are a graduate, you will need to register at <https://careerconnect.sheffield.ac.uk>

- You can also find useful resources on the Careers website such as a guide to job hunting strategies.
- If you're an international student or graduate, or you're looking for work in other countries, check out the *myInternational Career* and *Going Global* resources.
- And find out how to secure those jobs that aren't advertised with useful creative job hunting resources.

## Making Applications

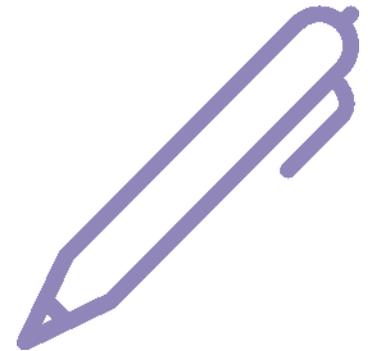
You can access a range of resources to help you write strong job or course applications via the Careers Service, as well as guidance on how to use social media to enhance your job prospects.

If you have health conditions that may affect your career, check out the *Support for Disabled Students* guide.

Explore the *Students and Graduates* webpages at [shef.ac.uk/careers/students](http://shef.ac.uk/careers/students)

to access all of this and more!

- Finally, please do take part in the national Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey when contacted by the Careers Service and help us make sure that Sheffield has an excellent set of responses from all of its recent graduates!



## University of Sheffield Enterprise

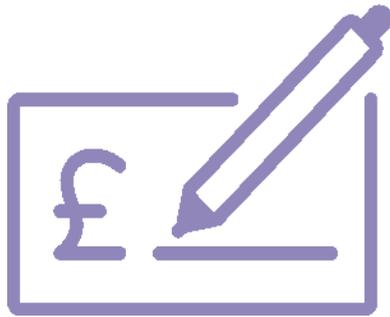
University of Sheffield Enterprise (USE) provides advice and support for anyone wishing to make their startup idea happen. Opportunities available to graduates include:

- funding
- coworking opportunities and use of office space
- workshops and events
- expert advice and support from Startup Coaches
- skills development.

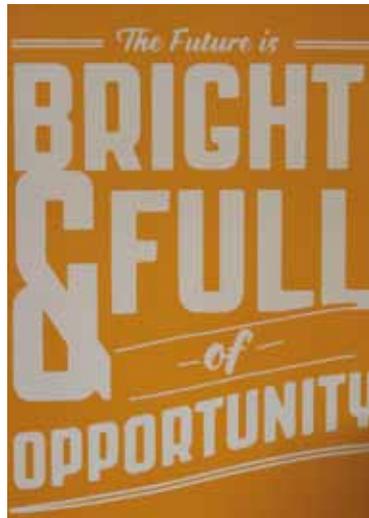
Call 0114 222 4044 or visit

 [enterprise.shef.ac.uk](http://enterprise.shef.ac.uk)

for details of how graduates can access the support offered by USE, with the potential to receive a £1,500 grant from the Evolve Fund.



**A £10,000 grant from the Alumni Foundation, which distributes the philanthropic donations of alumni and friends of the University, has resulted in the opening of the Evolve Coworking Space in the USE building.**



Natalia Welch (MA International Criminology 2012) set up her business Pura Panela – a Columbian 'healthier and balanced alternative to processed sugar' – with the support of USE.



Natalia, below, runs the business, which started trading in September 2014, from a dedicated space in the University's Bioincubator: "My legal background has been very helpful, but my involvement with USE and the skills I've developed, the ability to test ideas and network with other entrepreneurs, have been fundamental to getting my idea off the ground."



## Postgraduate Study

Whether you want to carry on studying a subject you love, learn new skills or try something new, a Sheffield postgraduate course could take you there.

Apply now or register your details to keep up-to-date about postgraduate opportunities at the University of Sheffield.

Visit  [shef.ac.uk/gofar](https://shef.ac.uk/gofar)



**In the last Research Assessment Exercise, 93 per cent of our staff who were surveyed were doing work that is internationally recognised or world-leading.**

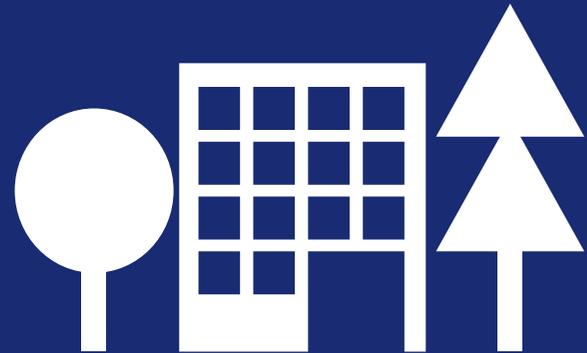


### Bringing Great Minds Together The Doctoral Academy

If you become a doctoral student at Sheffield you'll be welcomed into a collaborative community of outstanding, inspiring researchers. You'll gain free, personalised skills training, expert careers advice and become part of an inspiring, collaborative group of researchers from across the disciplines.

Find out more about applying for a PhD at

 [shef.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/Sheffield](https://shef.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/Sheffield)



# Your Sheffield

## Students' Union Life Membership Gold

Life as a student flies by. Set yourself up to revisit your student days again and again by becoming a Life Member of Sheffield Students' Union.

Membership includes:

- access to the Students' Union building, including club nights and bars
- sign a friend into the Students' Union
- visit the Activities & Sports Zone
- access to SheffieldVolunteering.



## How to Become a Life Member

You can purchase Life Membership by downloading the application form at [su.sheffield.ac.uk/sheffield-su/gift-vouchers/life-membership](https://su.sheffield.ac.uk/sheffield-su/gift-vouchers/life-membership) and returning it with one passport-sized photo and a cheque or postal order (payable to 'University of Sheffield Students' Union') to the address below. Membership costs £10 (plus an additional £2.50 outside the UK to cover postage costs). All proceeds are invested in the Students' Union. Or if you're in the Students' Union, visit Our Sheffield where you can browse for souvenirs while your Life Membership card is instantly made.

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11am – 4pm Sat  
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membership](https://su.sheffield.ac.uk/sheffield-su/gift-vouchers/life-membership)

## Our Sheffield Shop

Our Sheffield stocks a range of crested and non-crested gifts and merchandise, from the classic embroidered black and gold crested hoodo to the Sheffield pewter tankards, mirrors and business card holders. The shop aims to stock locally-designed, sourced, and produced stock in order to provide those leaving the store with memorabilia that encompasses their time at the University. You can also find the sought-after Henderson's relish and the 'Strong and Northern' t-shirts worn to reflect a love of the popular local condiment and of the city.

Our Sheffield aims to provide the perfect reminder of the University of Sheffield and of the city, epitomising everything that we love about Sheffield.

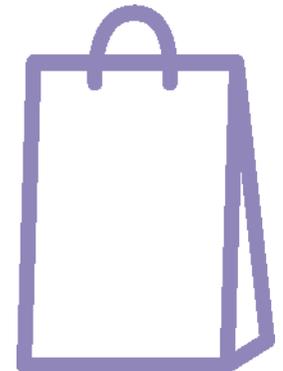
Visit the Our Sheffield Shop website for more at  
📄 [oursheffieldsu.com](https://oursheffieldsu.com)



## University Gifts & Souvenirs

The University's Print & Design Solutions team takes time to select traditional and bespoke gifts for University departments, alumni, students and external customers to purchase. All the products have been carefully hand-selected for use at a wide variety of occasions. New products are regularly introduced and are also available to view in display cabinets in the Octagon Centre.

Visit the University Gifts & Souvenirs website for more at  
📄 [shef.ac.uk/cics/  
university-gifts](https://shef.ac.uk/cics/university-gifts)



## Reunions and Events

Once you've graduated, we're sure you'll miss your alma mater, and the Alumni Relations team is here to help you reunite with friends and remember your time spent as a student.

We organise a number of reunions and events throughout the year which alumni and friends are invited to attend.

These events happen on campus in Sheffield, around the UK and internationally, and range from informal receptions to pub quizzes, formal dinners, class reunions and more.

Keep an eye on your email inbox for:

- Pop Tarts Reunited in September
- London Pub Quiz in the Easter Holidays
- Alumni Sports Day and Pop Tarts Reunited in March/April.



**POP  
TARTS  
REUNITED!**

In addition to the events we organise, we can also help you to plan and arrange your own reunions or events.

Visit



[shef.ac.uk/alumni/  
events/howto](http://shef.ac.uk/alumni/events/howto)

to download our *Reunion Help Guide*.

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**Let us know when you get together with fellow grads by tweeting @SheffieldAlumni**

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## Alumni Sports Day

Over 200 alumni returned to Sheffield for our annual Sports Day on 19 March 2016. The football tournament attracted 24 teams and the eventual winners of the trophy were Fly Me To The Moon, with FC 79 the runners-up. The Students' Union provided the post-match entertainment, with a pie and peas supper followed by a pub quiz and Pop Tarts Reunited!

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**Don't forget to keep your details up-to-date to get all of the latest event invites.**

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## Sheffield Alumni Quiz – London

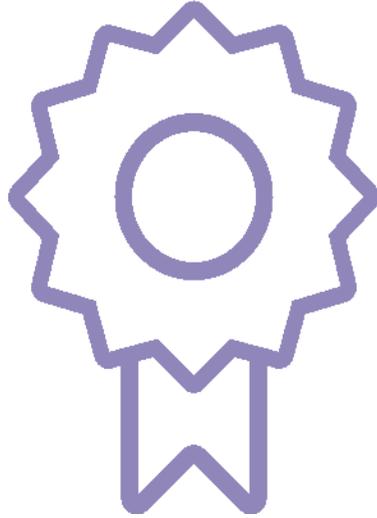
Seventeen teams took part in our annual Sheffield Alumni Quiz, held at The Waterfront Bar in London's Kings College Students' Union on Thursday 7 April 2016. We had more than 80 guests join us, from a range of departments and graduation years from 1972 up to 2015. This year, Heaven Knows I'm Quizerable Now took home the title after a tense finish during the Wipeout round. They claimed the coveted Alumni Quiz Trophy and a bag of Sheffield Alumni goodies!



# Volunteering

Volunteering is a fantastic way to stay connected with the University whilst making a huge difference to students. It allows you to continue to develop your skills and build your own professional network. Here are just some of the ways you can get involved:

- mentor a student
- give a talk about your career
- provide a career profile
- feedback on student projects.



**Our annual Pioneering Alumni Award recognises an alumni volunteer who has graduated in the last five years. It is presented at our annual Sheffield Alumni Volunteer Awards.**

Visit our Alumni Volunteering webpages to register your interest and find out more at

 [shef.ac.uk/alumni/volunteering](https://shef.ac.uk/alumni/volunteering)



During National Volunteers Week we asked our Alumni Volunteers why they choose to give their time and knowledge to support the studies and career prospects of our students.



**Jason Cook @JCook1501:**

@SheffieldAlumni Sheffield Uni gave me so much during my 5 years so I naturally want to give something back! #SheffAlumniVols



**nommer @nommer:**

@SheffieldAlumni it doesn't take much time, and it's personally rewarding. You'll meet other alumni too so good for networking!



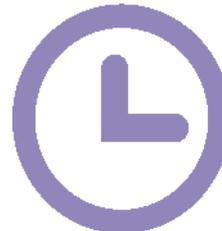
**Charlotte Hudson @HudsonLottie: :**

@SheffieldAlumni Got involved because not everyone leaves Uni with a clear career path ahead. I want to show that's nothing to be scared of.



**Gbenga Ogee Oludotun @ogee4lyf:**

@SheffieldAlumni Volunteered as a student @sheffielduni Now with the eMentoring program by @sheffieldalumni #VolunteersWeek



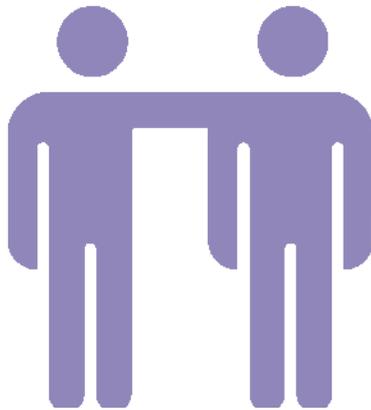
**In the last year more than 800 former students from around the world have given nearly 10,000 hours of their time to help current students through our Alumni Volunteering Programme.**

## Supporting Your University

The University of Sheffield has a history built on philanthropy and every year generous supporters help us to change the world for the better through the power of ideas and knowledge.

Philanthropic gifts to the University are transformational. With your help, we invest in world-class research, first-class teaching and learning facilities and in ensuring that the brightest students, regardless of background or financial situation, are able to achieve their full potential.

What cause do you really care about? Medical research? Business and entrepreneurship? Addressing inequality? Your old department? Student hardship? Whatever the issue, the chances are that your University cares about it too, and is working to make positive changes in the world.



Donate online now at [onlinepayments.shef.ac.uk/donations](https://onlinepayments.shef.ac.uk/donations)

Take a look at our fundraising priorities online to find out more about some of the world-changing research projects we're currently working on and get in touch to find out how by making a donation to Sheffield – no matter the size – you can make a difference.

 [shef.ac.uk/alumni/donate](https://shef.ac.uk/alumni/donate)

## The Alumni Fund Creating opportunities for the next generation

The Alumni Fund helps provide talented students with access to a first-class education they would otherwise be unable to afford, whilst maintaining and further enhancing standards at the University for future generations of students.

 [shef.ac.uk/alumni/donate/fund](https://shef.ac.uk/alumni/donate/fund)

## The Big Walk

In 2015 a team from the University raised £86,000 for lung disease research with their Pennine Way adventure. The Big Walk 2016 saw two teams walk more than 120 miles along the Trans Pennine Trail before joining friends and supporters for a further 18-mile walk into Sheffield together, raising money to support refugee academics and students at the University.

 [shef.ac.uk/big-walk](https://shef.ac.uk/big-walk)



## Roderick Frank Hincliffe I chose to donate...

“As a native of the area and someone who has lived within Sheffield itself for around 40 years I feel proud of the city in general and of its academic institutions in particular. I also successfully undertook study for a PhD whilst working full-time and at a late age. The help and encouragement I received from senior figures in the University was absolutely critical.

To have the opportunity to study at a first-rate university and to achieve things you perhaps felt were beyond you is a great experience which will stay with you and motivate you for the rest of your life. I've had that experience, and having the opportunity now to help others means a lot to me and is the reason I'm proud to be a donor.”

## Outstanding Sheffield Alumni

**Jessica Ennis-Hill CBE** (*BSc Psychology 2007, Hon LittD 2010*) famously won gold at the London 2012 Olympics. She has world and European heptathlon titles and is the current British record holder. Jessica still lives and trains in Sheffield with her long-time coach Toni Minichiello (LLB Law 1996, Hon LittD 2013) and is a patron of our Elite Sports Performance Scheme.

**Eddie Izzard** (*Hon LittD 2006*) is a comedian, actor and writer. He has been active in campaigning on various political themes and ran 43 marathons in 51 days for Sport Relief. In 2006 the University awarded him an honorary degree and in 2010 he was elected as the Honorary President of the Students' Union.

**Lucy Prebble** (*BA English Literature 2002*) is a playwright who wrote *The Sugar Syndrome*, *The Effect* and *ENRON*. She has also written for the *Guardian* and is the author of the television series *Secret Diary of a Call Girl*, which starred Billie Piper.

**Dan Walker** (*BA History 1998, MA Journalism Studies 1999*) replaced Bill Turnbull on *BBC Breakfast* in February 2016. He is also the face of the BBC's *Football Focus* and is a familiar face at international sporting events. Dan still lives in Sheffield, has given talks at his old department and is a patron of our Elite Sports Performance Scheme.

**Dr Helen Sharman OBE** (*BSc Chemistry 1984*) became the first Briton in space and the first woman to visit the Mir space station as part of Project Juno in 1991. She became the President of the Institute of Science & Technology in 2015.

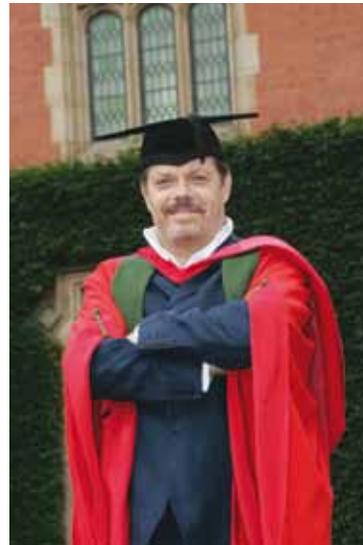
**The Rt Hon the Lord David Blunkett** (*BA Politics 1972, Hon LittD 2016*) is a former MP who served as Education and Employment Secretary, Home Secretary, and Work and Pensions Secretary. He joined the House of Lords on 28 September 2015 and was appointed Professor of Politics in Practice at the University in 2015.



Jessica Ennis-Hill CBE



Dan Walker



Eddie Izzard



Dr Helen Sharman OBE

## Your Exclusive Alumni Benefits

Don't miss out on the benefits of staying in touch with us!

**Reunions and Events** – Exclusive invitations to events both on and off campus.

**Postgraduate Discount** – As a Sheffield graduate you can benefit from a 10% discount on tuition fees if you decide to study with us at postgraduate level.

**International Alumni Loyalty Discounts for Further Study** – Rewards worth £1,000 per year of study are available for all University of Sheffield graduates and their siblings, spouses and children for all years of study.

**Business Support** – Do you want to set up a business? Alumni can access University of Sheffield Enterprise and its free business services up to five years after graduation.

**Careers Advice** – Continue to use the Careers Service for up to three years after graduation. You can use Career Connect at: <https://careerconnect.sheffield.ac.uk> to access support and search for jobs.

**Discount on Sports Facilities** – S10health offers a discounted membership rate for all Sheffield alumni. This membership provides access to the gym, swimming pool, steam and sauna rooms, and fitness classes all based at the Goodwin Sports Centre.

**Free Borrowing Rights at the Library** – Graduates with undergraduate or higher degrees can apply for free membership of the library scheme, which enables you to borrow books from Western Bank Library, St George's Library and the Health Sciences Library.

**Library Services for Alumni Members** – The Library card allows alumni to access all library sites during staffed service hours, including Western Bank, the Information Commons, the Health Sciences Libraries and the Library Connect area in the Diamond. To find out more, including how to apply for a Library card, please visit [shef.ac.uk/alumni/services/library](https://shef.ac.uk/alumni/services/library)

**Discounted Hotels and Cottage Hire** – Enjoy a 10% discount with cottages4you and receive a discount at a number of hotels in Sheffield, including Halifax Hall Hotel situated within the Endcliffe student village.

**Inox Dine** – Situated on Level 5 of the Students' Union Building, Inox Dine is an independently-run restaurant serving contemporary British food with an international twist, and Sheffield alumni receive a 10% discount.

**Wedding Venue Discount** – Choose from four stunning wedding venues at the University of Sheffield, including Firth Court, and receive an alumni discount, with momentoUS.

Visit



[shef.ac.uk/alumni/services](https://shef.ac.uk/alumni/services) for full details.

**For some of these benefits you may need to show your Alumni Membership Card. If you haven't received your card yet or need a replacement, please email [alumni@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@sheffield.ac.uk) or call 0114 222 5592.**



## Reasons to be Proud of the University of Sheffield

- We are Varsity champions in the 20th year of Sheffield Varsity, having retained the title for the fourth year running.
- Our Students' Union was voted #1 in the UK for the eighth year running in the National Student Survey and we are the only university consistently in the top three for student experience.
- At £81 million, the new Diamond building is the University's largest ever investment in teaching and learning.
- St George's Church is home to the region's first urban breeding pair of peregrine falcons.
- The world-leading £43m Factory 2050 on Sheffield Business Park is expected to contribute almost £2m to Sheffield's economy every year.
- In 2016 two teams from the University walked the Trans Pennine Trail from the east and west coasts before meeting colleagues and students to walk

the final 18 miles to campus to raise money for refugee students and at-risk academics.

- Our scientists contributed to an international climate agreement at the COP21 United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2015
- We are a world top 100 university and one of the world's top 100 most international universities according to *Times Higher Education* rankings.
- 2016 marks 25 years since Dr Helen Sharman OBE (BSc Chemistry 1984) became the first Briton in space and 75 years since the death of Amy Johnson CBE (BA Latin, French and Economics 1925) – the first female pilot to fly solo from Britain to Australia.
- Our physicists are part of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) Scientific Collaboration that observed ripples in the fabric of spacetime called gravitational waves for the first time.
- In 2012 Jessica Ennis-Hill CBE (BSc Psychology 2007, Hon LittD 2010) won gold in the London Olympic Games.

## Your Alumni Community

Graduation is just the beginning as you join a community of over 160,000 alumni across more than 180 countries – including five Nobel Prize winners, a London 2012 Olympic champion, award-winning writers, philanthropists, politicians and pioneers who have taken their Sheffield education out into the world to change it for the better.

To stay up-to-date on all things Sheffield, look out for your annual alumni magazine *Your University*, which is published every July, and keep an eye on your email inbox for your quarterly *Sheffield Alumni Bulletin* e-newsletter and invites to reunions and events as well as opportunities to come back to campus and support current students.

We would love you to keep in touch with us and you can do so in a number of ways, which you can find on the back cover of this guide.



## Development Alumni Relations & Events.



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### Watch

-  Watch our graduate video to learn more about what it means to be Sheffield Alumni. Visit [shef.ac.uk/alumni/graduates](https://shef.ac.uk/alumni/graduates)

### Keep in touch

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