



The Open
University

Presentation of Graduates and Conferment of Honorary Degrees



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Messages from...



The Chancellor

Today's degree ceremony represents a public recognition of all the tremendously hard work you've put into your studies since you began your course at the OU.

The degree you are receiving is obviously an important and hard earned recognition of your studies as well as serving as a platform from which you can go on to fulfil your aspirations for the future.

Each of you, having gained an award through The Open University during this past year, has every right to feel extremely proud of your accomplishment.

As you are about to discover, our OU degree ceremonies are very special occasions; they're celebrations of people from an incredibly diverse mix of ages and backgrounds.

When you graduate from The Open University you don't simply gain a qualification – you gain membership of a unique family. People from all walks of life and from more than 40 different countries, united by a common desire to learn a little more about the world around them.

Whatever you do in future, we hope you continue to enjoy and benefit from being part of that family.

As a 'night school' graduate myself, I'm very aware of the commitment, the sacrifice and the sheer hard work required to have completed your studies with us – just one of the reasons I'm so proud to be the Chancellor of this very special institution.

Warmest congratulations to you all – and may you and your guests enjoy a truly wonderful day on which to celebrate your achievement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of Lord Puttnam of Queensgate, CBE.

Lord Puttnam of Queensgate, CBE
Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor

As The Open University's Vice-Chancellor, what inspires me more than anything else is meeting and congratulating our new graduates at degree ceremonies.

Degree ceremonies are the high point of The Open University community's year. They are the public recognition of great effort and outstanding success, made even more impressive by the often demanding circumstances in which this has been achieved. An OU degree ceremony is a particularly special occasion, the opportunity for you to celebrate with those closest to you who have given you so much support along the way, and who share your sense of accomplishment.

Today you should feel exceptionally proud – proud of your achievement and the hard work you have put in to make it possible, and proud to be part of this great university which is admired worldwide for the quality of its teaching and its innovation. Your degree is highly regarded for its academic worth, and as an Open University graduate you are highly valued for the special qualities of self-discipline, commitment and determination that you have shown.

I warmly encourage you to maintain your link with The Open University through our clubs and societies, our community website and our Alumni Association, and to participate in and shape the work of the OU. A substantial number of our graduates return for further study and this is a source of great pleasure to us.

Finally, on behalf of us all, I would like to thank the men and women who have taken time from their busy public lives to join us at our ceremonies this year by accepting an honorary award. We are richer as a community for their fellowship and advocacy.

Congratulations once again!



Martin Bean
Vice-Chancellor



About The Open University

In 40 years of teaching The Open University has gained a worldwide reputation as a leader in flexible learning, educational innovation and open access to higher education. And it is also recognised for combining these with academic excellence.

Our values

The Open University is a world-leading institution with an outstanding tradition of innovation and excellence.

The University was founded on the belief that everyone who has the ability should also have the opportunity to benefit from higher education.

That barriers to learning can be overcome through excellent teaching and innovative technology.

And that in this way we can empower our graduates to achieve standards comparable with the best in higher education.

Our founding principles – open to people, open to places, open to methods, and open to ideas – remain the guiding principles of The Open University to this day.

Our history

The Open University received its Royal Charter, which confers the power to award degrees, from Her Majesty the Queen in 1969. Our first students began work in January 1971.

The University launched with 25,000 students, who had a choice of four courses: Humanities, Mathematics, Science, or Understanding Society – all leading ultimately to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

The Open University's teaching model was innovative and unlike anything seen in the UK at that time. Teaching was done through printed texts delivered by post, combined with specially produced BBC television and radio programmes, and the support of a tutor.



The OU today

Today there are nearly quarter of a million Open University students, who can choose from qualifications in all the major academic disciplines.

Teaching material is delivered online through a Virtual Learning Environment offering a rich mix of text, audio and visual resources.

In the most recent (2012) UK National Student Survey, The Open University is the highest-rated university in the UK for overall student satisfaction.

Innovation

The Open University continues to lead innovation in higher education, opening up new opportunities and changing lives.

As of 2013 our OUAnywhere initiative allows students to access learning materials, text and audiovisual, through their smartphones and tablets.

We are leading Futurelearn Ltd, the UK's first large-scale provider of massive open online courses, giving free access worldwide to learning materials from some top UK universities.

This development complements the wealth of free learning material available on our OpenLearn website, iTunes U and YouTube. There have been more than 25 million visits to OpenLearn, and more than 56 million downloads of Open University material from iTunes U, since their launch.

Our partnership with the BBC has moved on. We co-produce up to 25 TV and radio series a year, many at prime time. Series such as *Empire*, *The Secret History of Our Streets*, *Bang Goes the Theory* and *Frozen Planet* reach out to millions of viewers.

Academic Excellence

The Open University has gained global recognition for the quality of its teaching.

The high standards achieved by our graduates are recognised by employers: 80 of the FTSE 100 companies have sponsored staff to study with The Open University.

World-leading research

Our academic excellence is underpinned by a thriving research base which inspires and informs our teaching.

Almost two-thirds of our research is classed as either World Leading or Internationally Excellent.

Open University academics are developing instruments and software for the next European Space Agency/NASA space mission; working on new treatments for cancer; developing better ways to spot disease epidemics and predict volcanic eruptions; using sound to help boost crop production; and much more besides.

We are proud of all our graduates, and through your automatic membership of The Open University Alumni Association we hope to continue our association with you. For more details see page 17.



The Degree Ceremony

A very warm welcome to your degree ceremony.

The order of proceedings for the day is in your ceremony programme. On this page you will find more information about the ceremony.

Open University staff are on hand throughout the day to assist you, so if you have any queries do not hesitate to ask.

You will also find staff delighted to talk to you about the Alumni Association and other University services of interest to you.

We wish you and your guests a wonderful and memorable day.

Robing

Before the ceremony you will be directed to the robing room to put on your academic dress. You will see fellow graduates wearing academic robes in a range of different colours. There are eleven variations of academic dress for Open University graduates, each one representing a different qualification, as well as two distinctive robes for honorary graduates.

The procession

The degree ceremony will begin with the entrance of the procession, led by the Chief Marshal, a senior member of Open University staff. The Chief Marshal is followed by:

- Marshals, who are members of Open University staff
- Representatives of key sections of the University community, including: the Open University Students' Association; graduates; associate lecturers; other administrative and academic staff
- Members of Senate, the University governing body
- Distinguished guests
- Representatives of other higher and further education institutions and members of the University Council
- People receiving honorary degrees, their presenters, and senior members of the University
- The University Mace
- The Presiding Officer, who will be in charge of the proceedings today.

You'll find the names of the Presiding Officer, honorary graduates and other key figures in your ceremony programme.



The ceremony

Following the opening remarks by the Presiding Officer comes the presentation of graduates and the conferment of honorary degrees. If you are being presented, you will be announced by name and will be directed to the stage to meet and shake hands with the Presiding Officer. Graduates are presented alphabetically in order of: research degrees; taught higher degrees; Bachelor's degrees; foundation degrees; Diplomas of Higher Education; and the Professional Graduate Certificate in Education.

The honorary degree is generally conferred after the presentation of higher degree graduates and before the presentation of undergraduates. If there are two honorary graduates, one will receive their honorary degree before the higher degree graduates are presented, and one after. Each individual who is to receive an honorary degree will be presented to the Presiding Officer by a senior member of the University, who will describe their achievements. The Presiding Officer will confer the honorary degree and the new honorary graduate will make a short speech.

When all degrees have been conferred and everyone has been presented, the Presiding Office will address the graduates, and then declare the ceremony closed. Everyone stands and the procession leaves the stage. The formal part of the day's proceedings is ended.

Open University Academic Dress



Doctor of Philosophy



Doctor of Education



Master of Philosophy



Master of Research



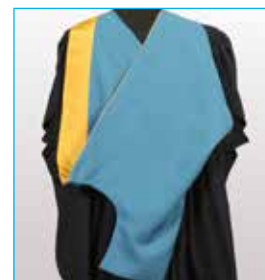
Master of Arts,
Education, Science



Master of Business
Administration, Public
Administration



Master of Engineering



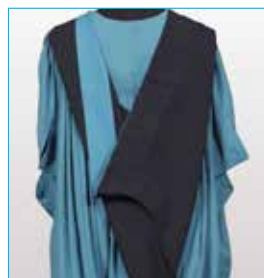
Bachelor of Arts,
Engineering, Laws,
Science



Foundation Degree



Diploma of Higher
Education



Professional Graduate
Certificate in Education;
Postgraduate Certificate in
Education

Honorary degrees



Doctor of the University



Master of the University



Presiding Officers

Six officers of the University share the pleasant duty of congratulating those receiving their awards in 2013.



Lord Puttnam, CBE

was appointed as Chancellor of The Open University in 2006. Since his retirement from film production, Lord Puttnam has continued to pursue his interests in education, culture and environment. In 1998 he founded the National Teaching

Awards and the General Teaching Council for England. He was President of UNICEF UK from 2002 until 2009, and is still an ambassador for the organisation. He is Chair of the TSL Education Advisory Board and trustee of several charities, including the Eden Project and the Mohamed S. Farsi Foundation.



Professor Musa Mihsein

is Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic). He joined the OU in November 2012 and prior to that was Rector of the Arab Open University. He has previously held a number of senior positions at the University of Derby, De

Montfort University and the University of Wolverhampton, and worked as a Senior Manager at British Gas. He is responsible for the academic performance of the Faculties, co-ordinating and approving Faculty business plans and working closely with the Deans and Faculties. He also has responsibility for the academic size and shape of the University, including major shifts in curriculum areas.



Lord Haskins

is Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Council. He graduated from Trinity College, Dublin before pursuing a career in industry. He was Chairman of Northern Foods from 1986 to 2002. He has served and chaired many public committees and advises

government on rural affairs. He was created Baron Haskins of Skidby in 1998.



Professor Alan Bassindale

is interim Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching). He is responsible for leading the production and delivery of the University's learning materials and resources, and for developing the University's Learning and Teaching

Strategy. Alan joined the University in 1974 as Lecturer in Chemistry and has held a number of Pro-Vice-Chancellor portfolios. He is an active researcher in the chemistry of silicon compounds and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.



Martin Bean

became Vice-Chancellor of The Open University in October 2009. With more than 25 years senior executive experience in training, technology and education organisations worldwide, Martin shares with the OU a passionate belief

in the innovative use of technology to widen access to high quality education. The Vice-Chancellor is the Chief Academic and Administrative Officer of the University.



Professor Tim Blackman

is Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research, Scholarship and Quality), and a Professor of Sociology and Social Policy. Tim joined The Open University in 2011, moving from Durham University where he was Dean of Queen's Campus and

Director of the Wolfson Research Institute for Health and Wellbeing. He previously held senior positions at Oxford Brookes and Teesside Universities, and Newcastle City Council. He is a graduate of Durham University and started his academic career at the University of Ulster.

Honorary Awards 2013

Conferment of Honorary Awards

Professor Ronald Carter	DUniv	Harrogate	15 March
Ms Joan Armatrading	DUniv	London	5 April
Mr Paul Simpson	MUniv		
Mr Neil MacGregor	DUniv	London	6 April
Ms Maggie Turner	DUniv		
Mr Gay Byrne	DUniv	Dublin	13 April
Mr Brian Patten	DUniv	Torquay	20 April
Dame Elish Angiolini	DUniv	Edinburgh	20 April
Ms Julie Bibby	MUniv	Cardiff	27 April
Ms Lesley Smith	MUniv		
Professor Jean Bacon	DUniv	Ely	1 June
Mr Pete Winkelman	DUniv	Milton Keynes	6 June
Dr Lucy Worsley	DUniv	London	20 September
Sir Peter Lampl	DUniv		
Sir Paul Nurse	DUniv		
Mr Anthony Barnett	DUniv	London	21 September
Ms Mary McAleese	DUniv		
Mr Michael Eavis	DUniv	Portsmouth	28 September
Sir Terry Pratchett	DUniv		
Ms Jenny Uglow	DUniv	Manchester	4 October
Ms Patricia Jones	DUniv		

The Open University's Charter includes provision for the Senate to award the Honorary Degrees of Doctor of the University and Master of the University. Individuals are nominated for these distinctions by members of the University and these are recommended to the Senate by the Honorary Degrees Committee, which is chaired by the Vice-Chancellor.

There are eight broad criteria within which nominations can be considered. These are:

- Services to the University
- Services to the educationally underprivileged
- Work in areas of special educational concern to the University
- Academic and scholarly distinction
- Public services
- Services to the arts and sciences
- Exceptional contribution to education and culture
- Exceptionally innovative and socially responsible business developments



Honorary Graduates



Dame Elish Angiolini

Public services

After eight years as a Depute Procurator Fiscal, Dame Elish Angiolini moved to the Crown Office to work as part of the Lord Advocate's Secretariat, where she

developed her long-standing interest in improving the support offered to vulnerable victims and witnesses, in particular children. She was appointed Assistant Procurator Fiscal at Glasgow and then Head of Policy in the Crown Office. She was the first woman appointed as a Regional Procurator Fiscal and was installed as the first non-political Solicitor General for Scotland. She became Lord Advocate in October 2006.

Her many awards and distinctions include the Women in the Public Eye Award from the charity Zero Tolerance – recognising her leadership in the area of domestic violence – and the International Association of Prosecutors' Special Achievement Award. In 2012 she chaired the Commission on Women Offenders and became Principal of St Hugh's College, University of Oxford. Elish is a visiting Professor of Law at Strathclyde University.



Ms Joan Armatrading

Services to the arts and sciences

In 2007 Joan Armatrading became the first female UK artist ever to debut at number one in Billboard's Blues chart and the first-ever female UK artist to be nominated

for a Grammy in the Blues category.

Winner of the Ivor Novello and Gold Badge awards, singer/songwriter Joan Armatrading has come a long way since her birth in the West Indies and her upbringing in Birmingham. With twenty albums to her credit, Joan's subtle and sublime music has touched millions.

Joan is an Ambassador of the Prince's Trust and an advisory board member of Camfed. She takes a keen interest in the development of young people. In 2007 she toured schools talking to students about their ambitions. In 2011 she chose 56 regional singer/songwriters to open the show in their local area on her 2012 UK and Ireland tour. Joan was made an MBE in 2001.



Professor Jean Bacon

Academic and scholarly distinction

Jean Bacon is Professor of Distributed Systems at the University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory and Fellow of Jesus College. She leads the Opera

research group with focus on the design and deployment of open, large-scale, secure, widely distributed systems. Specific research areas include middleware for event-driven systems, role-based access control and policy specification and enforcement (policy-driven systems) applied to transport monitoring, pollution sensing and healthcare management.

Publications by Jean include *Concurrent Systems* (1998). She was founding Editor-in-Chief of *IEEE Distributed Systems Online* from 2000 to 2007, and is on the editorial and advisory boards of IEEE's periodical *Computer*. She is an IEEE and BCS Fellow, and served on the governing body of the IEEE Computer Society from 2002 to 2007.

Jean was a founding member of the ACM/IFIP middleware and ACM DEBS (distributed event-based systems) conferences, contributing throughout as programme committee member and co-Chair, general co-Chair, and steering committee member.



Mr Anthony Barnett

Public services

Anthony Barnett is the founder of the global website openDemocracy.net and was its Editor-in-Chief from 2001 to 2006. He writes regularly on issues of

democracy, power, culture and international affairs in its British section, OurKingdom.

A democratic activist in the UK, in 1988 he was the first Director of Britain's most influential constitutional reform movement, Charter 88. In 2009 he co-directed *The Convention on Modern Liberty*. Books he has written or edited include *Iron Britannia: Time to Take the Great out of Britain*, on why Parliament embraced the Falklands War; and *The Athenian Option* (with Peter Carty) advocating a radical replacement of the House of Lords. He introduced the fiftieth anniversary edition of Raymond Williams' *The Long Revolution*. He has also conceived a major television documentary on Henry Moore. Anthony has a special relationship with The Open University – his mother enrolled when it opened and became a happy graduate.

**Mr Gay Byrne***Services to the arts and sciences*

Gay Byrne is Ireland's best-known broadcaster. He started with Radio Éireann in the late 1950s, and when RTÉ was inaugurated in 1962, he became host and producer

of *The Late Late Show*, which is now in its 51st year. Soon thereafter he began hosting *The Gay Byrne Show* on radio every weekday morning. He retired from both shows in 1999, after forty and thirty years respectively. He has continued to be involved in broadcasting – the three programmes with which he is most associated being *The Meaning of Life* and *For One Night Only* (television) and *Sunday with Gay Byrne* on RTÉ Lyric fm (radio).

He supports several charities, including the Irish Cancer Society and the Dublin City University Educational Trust, and is a board member of the Medical and Research Foundation at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Dublin. In 2006 he was invited by the Irish Government to be Chairman of the Road Safety Authority.

**Mr Michael Eavis***Exceptional contribution to education and culture*

Michael Eavis founded the Glastonbury Festival in 1970. He was raised in the Methodist, non-conformist tradition, encouraging

him to question the status quo, and to fight for change.

After travelling the world for two years as a trainee deck officer with the Union-Castle Line, he returned home to run the family dairy farm, working as a coal miner between milking sessions to make the farm viable.

In the late sixties the new phenomenon of outdoor music festivals began to spread, and a casual visit to the Bath blues festival persuaded him to have a go himself in 1970.

When the festival finally turned a profit after eleven years, Michael looked for good causes to support in the UK and around the world. The festival now raises two million pounds annually with the aim of improving the quality of life for millions of people. Michael was awarded the CBE in 2007.

**Professor Ronald Carter***Academic and scholarly distinction*

Ronald Carter's first teaching post was with The Open University in 1971. He is now Research Professor of Modern English

Language at the University of Nottingham. He is the author and editor of many books and academic papers covering the theory and practice of linguistic communication. His *Cambridge Grammar of English* (with Michael McCarthy) won the British Council English Language Innovation Award in 2007. Ronald has served on several HEFCE research assessment panels and government research councils, and he is a Fellow of the UK's Academy for Social Sciences.

Ronald advised the Department for Education on English in the National Curriculum and the development of adult ESOL. He has recently co-directed research with commercial and business partners in a large computational and corpus linguistic project for a range of multimedia grammars and dictionaries with Cambridge University Press. Ronald received an MBE for services to higher education in 2009.

Honorary Graduates



Ms Patricia Jones

Work in areas of special educational concern to the University

Pat Jones was Director of Prisoners' Education Trust, a charity working to extend

educational provision for prisoners, until 2012. In difficult economic times, she enabled the charity to grow, helping over 2500 prisoners each year to access education through distance learning. This involved close partnership with The Open University, the main provider of higher level learning to prisoners. In 2012, she was awarded a CBE in recognition of this work.

Earlier in her career, after completing two degrees in theology, she became Director of adult education for the Catholic diocese, providing informal learning aimed at empowering adults. She was the first woman to be appointed Assistant General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, and Deputy Director of CAFOD, the Catholic aid agency that also campaigns for social justice. She continues to work for prisoners as a trustee of African Prisons Project, a charity providing educational chances for prisoners in Uganda.



Mr Neil MacGregor

Exceptional contribution to education and culture

Neil MacGregor has been Director of the British Museum since 2002. He studied at Oxford University and the École Normale Supérieure

in Paris, before going to the Courtauld Institute of Art in London to study seventeenth and nineteenth century art. He was for six years a lecturer in the history of art and architecture at the University of Reading and a part-time lecturer at the Courtauld. In 1981 he became Editor of the arts periodical *The Burlington Magazine*. He became Director of the National Gallery in 1987.

Neil sits on the Board of the National Theatre, London and on the International Advisory Board of the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, Russia. In 2010 the British Museum and the BBC worked together on the project *A History of the World in 100 Objects*. Neil's book, *Shakespeare's Restless World*, based on the acclaimed BBC radio series of the same name, was published in 2012.



Sir Peter Lampl

Work in areas of special educational concern to the University

Sir Peter Lampl is acknowledged to be the UK's leading educational philanthropist. He is the founder

and chairman of the Sutton Trust, which aims to improve social mobility through education. The Trust has funded over a hundred research studies but it is primarily a 'do tank' that initiates, supports and evaluates a wide range of programmes from early years through to access to the professions.

Sir Peter is also chairman of the Education Endowment Foundation, set up in 2011 by the Sutton Trust with support from Impetus Trust, and funded by an endowment of £135 million from the Government to improve the performance of the poorest children in the worst-performing schools.

Before establishing the Sutton Trust, Peter was the founder and Chair of the Sutton Company, a private equity firm with offices in New York, London and Munich.



Ms Mary McAleese

Public services

Mary McAleese was born in Belfast in 1951. After graduating from the Queen's University of Belfast Law School she was called to the Northern Ireland Bar and

later became a member of the King's Inns Dublin. She was Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology in Trinity College Dublin and Director of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at the Queen's University of Belfast. Mary was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Queen's, the first woman to hold the post, and is now Professor Emerita of her alma mater.

Mary was elected President of Ireland in 1997 and served two terms, retiring in 2011. She has an MA in Canon Law from the National University of Ireland (Milltown Institute), a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Gregorian University, Rome and is currently undertaking doctoral studies there. She is the Chair of the European Commission's High Level Group on the Modernisation of Higher Education.

**Sir Paul Nurse***Services to the arts and sciences*

Paul Nurse is a geneticist and cell biologist who has worked on how the eukaryotic cell cycle is controlled and how cell shape and cell dimensions are

determined. His major work has been on the cyclin-dependent protein kinases and how they regulate cell reproduction.

Paul graduated from the University of Birmingham in 1970 and gained his doctorate at the University of East Anglia, before pursuing his research in laboratories in Edinburgh, Sussex and Oxford universities, and at ICRF, London.

He is President of the Royal Society and Director of the Francis Crick Institute in London and has served as Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK and as President of Rockefeller University in New York. He shared the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and has received the Albert Lasker Award, and the Royal Society's Royal and Copley medals. He was knighted in 1999 and received the Légion d'honneur in 2003.

**Mr Brian Patten***Services to the arts and sciences*

Brian Patten made his name in the 1960s as one of the Liverpool Poets, alongside Adrian Henri and Roger McGough. Their main aim was to make poetry immediate and

accessible for their audience. Their joint anthology *The Mersey Sound*, published in 1967, has been credited as the most significant anthology of the twentieth century for its success in bringing poetry to new audiences, and the book is now a Penguin Modern Classic.

Brian left school at fifteen and for two years worked on a local newspaper, the *Bootle Times*, since when he has earned his living through his work. He has published more than forty books and his poems are translated into many European languages. His collection *The Blue and Green Ark* won a Cholmondeley Award in 2002. He is a Fellow of The Royal Society of Literature and has been honoured with the Freedom of the City of Liverpool.

**Sir Terry Pratchett***Public services*

Terry Pratchett is one of the most popular authors writing today as the acclaimed creator of the Discworld series, the first title of which was *The Colour of Magic*

(1983). Born in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire in 1948, he left school early to become a reporter on the *Bucks Free Press* in 1965. His first book, *The Carpet People*, was published in 1971. In 1979 he left journalism to work for the Central Electricity Generating Board, leaving in 1987 to write fulltime. His first Discworld novel for children, *The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents*, was awarded the 2001 Carnegie Medal. Worldwide sales of his books are now over eighty million, and they have been translated into 38 languages.

Terry Pratchett was knighted for services to literature in 2009. His documentary, *Terry Pratchett: Choosing to Die* (2011), has won many awards. He is currently working on his fortieth Discworld novel.

Honorary Graduates



Ms Maggie Turner

Public services

Maggie trained as a social worker, working in a children and families team. She became a ChildLine counsellor in 1992 and joined them fulltime in 1997. She developed

the nationwide programme ChildLine in Partnership with Schools (CHIPS), which set up peer support schemes for, and run by, young people to tackle bullying behaviour in schools.

In 2003 Maggie joined the charity the Diana Award as Chief Executive Officer. She strongly believes in highlighting the inspirational contribution that children and young people are making to improve society. She has ensured that Diana Award holders are at the centre of the organisation and play a prominent role through setting up youth boards, consultation groups and conferences, and as spokespeople. She has also sat on boards and committees to promote and recognise the role that young people are playing in society at a national level.

In 2010 Maggie was awarded an OBE for her services to children and young people.



Mr Pete Winkelman

Services to the educationally underprivileged

In 1993 Pete Winkelman established Great Linford Manor as one of Europe's leading residential recording studios, after

a successful and varied career in the music industry in London. While in Milton Keynes and inspired by the footballing exploits of his son Bobby, Pete has worked tirelessly with the public and private sectors to deliver the city's thirty-year ambition to host professional league football and to develop a landmark multi-purpose sports and spectators events complex. The resulting *stadiummk* is the new home of MK Dons Football Club, of which Pete is Chairman.

Phase 1 of the building was opened in 2007, as part of the city's fortieth birthday celebrations, and recently the funding for Phase 2 was finally secured, which will complete the stadium to full International UEFA Elite standards. In 2012 the stadium was selected for the long list as a potential host venue for the Rugby World Cup in 2015.



Ms Jenny Uglow

Services to the arts and sciences

Jenny Uglow is an internationally acclaimed writer, editor and broadcaster, with a special interest in cultural history and biography. She read English at St Anne's

College, Oxford. Her books include biographies of George Eliot, Elizabeth Gaskell and William Hogarth, as well as the award-winning *The Lunar Men: The friends who changed the future*; *Nature's Engraver: A life of Thomas Bewick*; *A Gambling Man: Charles II and the Restoration*; and *The Pinecone: The story of Sarah Losh*. Jenny also reviews for press and radio and has been a historical consultant on numerous BBC classic serials, and on several films.

Until 2012 Jenny was Editorial Director at Chatto & Windus, part of the Random House Group. She is Vice-President of the Gaskell Society, President of the Alliance of Literary Societies, a member of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature and a trustee of the Wordsworth Trust. She was awarded an OBE in 2007.



Dr Lucy Worsley

Exceptional contribution to education and culture

Lucy Worsley is Chief Curator at the independent charity Historic Royal Palaces, which opens the unoccupied royal palaces of

London to more than three million visitors a year. After studying history at Oxford she worked for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and for English Heritage, and has a PhD in architectural history.

Lucy has written three books for general readers: *Cavalier: A tale of chivalry, passion and great houses*; *Courtiers: The secret history of the Georgian Court*; and *If Walls Could Talk: An intimate history of the home*. Her life's purpose is to make history fun, and to that end she has many times cast dignity aside on BBC television. She is no stranger to dressing up, cooking, or performing weird or gory rituals from the previous centuries, all in the hope of intriguing the young and old and attracting them to the study of the past.

**Ms Julie Bibby**

Notable contribution to public services, education and culture in Wales

Julie Bibby became involved with the DOVE Workshop, a voluntary organisation, in 1987 when

she returned to the Dulais Valley. She joined a Wider Opportunities for Women course at the centre, and gained employment in the organisation as a driver/clerk, progressing to Joint Coordinator in January 2000. During this time Julie continued to gain new skills and qualifications in teaching and ICT and introduced numerous adults to new technologies. In 2009 Julie graduated from Swansea University with a Masters in Lifelong Learning.

Over the past 25 years, Julie has been an active community member; she is Chair of the Dulais Valley Lifelong Learning Forum and is a school governor for her local primary school. She continues to support and develop learning provision, in partnership with education providers and the staff within the DOVE Workshop, to ensure that community members have the support and advice required to participate in learning.

**Ms Lesley Smith**

Notable contribution to public services, education and culture in Wales

Lesley Smith is Joint Coordinator of the DOVE Workshop, a third-sector, independent, community

education centre located in Banwen in the Dulais Valley. She began her involvement with the DOVE Workshop as a learner and volunteer in 1989 and was later employed by the organisation, becoming Joint Coordinator in 2000. Throughout Lesley's employment she has continued to participate in learning, gaining a BA and later an MA with Distinction in Lifelong Learning. This she achieved through Swansea University's Community University of the Valleys' part-time degree scheme.

Lesley sits on a number of strategic partnerships, including Neath Port Talbot's Adult Learning Network Executive Management Group and the newly formed Third Sector Regeneration Forum. She is a trustee of Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service and Chair of Neath Port Talbot's Social Enterprise Network. Lesley continues to work with a dedicated team committed to providing opportunities for learning in communities.

**Mr Paul Simpson**

Services to the University as a partner in an educational initiative

Paul has been involved in education in the British Labour Movement for over forty years. As a young Tutor Organiser with the

Workers' Education Association, he tutored on the very first Open University course in social science. He took that experience with the OU into the TUC Education Service, where he was part of a project that introduced student-centred methods to trades-union education throughout the UK.

Paul was part of the team that brought Labour to power in 1997, working as Education Officer and bringing participative education about policy to many thousands of Labour Party members. He went on to introduce a system of local policy forums to the Labour Party.

Recent work with UNISON has focused on managing the OU/UNISON partnership. This has involved creating a new form of social partnership with employers, based on workplace learning. These learning partnerships have helped thousands of UNISON members engage with higher education through the OU.

The OU at a glance

363

hours were dedicated by our alumni volunteers to help at degree ceremonies in 2012

14,883

students who registered with The Open University during 2011/12 had some form of disability

No.1

The Open University is the highest rated university for overall student satisfaction in the 2012 National Student Survey

2.1million

subscriptions to Open University Courses on iTunes U

215

Open University-validated higher education programmes were delivered by 28 approved institutions worldwide during 2011/12

246,626

students are currently studying with The Open University, which includes 37,121 on OU-validated programmes

80

of the FTSE 100 companies have sponsored staff on Open University courses

67,400

students received financial support throughout the year 2011/12

25million

visits to OpenLearn, The Open University's access point for its open and free online resources

43

years of experience means The Open University has supported almost 1.8 million students

1.2million

telephone calls received by The Open University Student Support during 2011/12

25

degree ceremonies will be held by The Open University throughout 2013.

Student stories



'I think that when I was made redundant, my studies in Law with the OU helped me find employment so that I wasn't out of work for long. Through my OU study I was able to illustrate my good time-management and organisational skills, as well as my academic abilities.'

Donna Nicholls,
working towards a career in Law



'It's a great way to study. I did a Psychology degree and now I promote the OU to other pilots and cabin crew through my job.'

Mark Fry,
Airline Pilot with Virgin Atlantic



'While working as a manager, I developed many people to their next stage as managers. This only happened because of what I learned from my MBA degree with The Open University.'

Rakesh Kumar,
Retail Duty Manager, BP



'Studying opens your mind. I'm a teacher and the MA in Education helped me learn different techniques and other ways of communicating with my students.'

Sinead O'Mahony,
Teacher in Dubai



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