



LSE Real Role Models

International Women's Day 2023



Simply the best

Mayisha Ahsan

Mayisha is an inspirational force in LSE LIFE and beyond - for students and staff alike. Her energy and enthusiasm to go the extra mile every single day in order to (1) support students in their journey at LSE and (2) help other members of staff are unparalleled and absolutely deserve the highest form of recognition.

An LSE Alumna and first-generation uni student herself, she brings insights about the LSE student experience that are invaluable in developing a nuanced understanding for the diversity of LSE's student community as well as the student community's multi-faceted needs.



Hardworking and passionate

Kathleen Lee

She is a great role model. Kathleen is inspirational, compassionate, easy to work with and very supportive.



Dedicated

Catherine Perry

I've been fortunate to work with Catherine at LSE during her time in the Department of Finance and more recently the Department of Gender.

Catherine is calm, gracious and a real role model in terms of her organisational skills, student focus and professionalism.



Radiant personality

Megha Krishnakumar

Megha has the ability to cheer you up, just by being in her presence - she brings instant joy! She has a fantastic sense of humour and great wisdom, making her a very supportive and wonderful person to know!



Beautiful wise human

Ayan Ali

Ayan is a wealth of information on so many subjects and resources, and shares these willingly with the team. When she doesn't already know, she will research and share with the team following any questions from colleagues. This illustrates her generosity of spirit, and the way she gives her time and knowledge to support others and help them develop.

She has also been a huge support to me personally during a very challenging year, for which I am forever grateful.



Kind funny wise human

Paul Glynn

Paul is an exceptional colleague, mentor and manager. He is not interested in personal glory, only in helping others to develop their potential.

He is widely known and loved around the school, and helps others to develop valuable connections with others in the school. Being managed by Paul gave me the happiest 4 years of my career.

Anji Mehta

Dedicated

She manages so many of us, and is always so diplomatic and balanced and handles all matters with a smile. She's a great champion of women and personally really inspires me.



Pillar of Strength

Carl-Ludwig Campbell

Apart from being a phenomenal human being, Ludwig is also the chair of the Spectrum Committee at LSE and has been a pillar of strength for the LGBTQ+ community, particularly trans and non-binary staff and students. They are working relentlessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our community and I do believe that LSE wouldn't be the same without them.



An absolute treasure!

Nyssa Lee-Woolf

Since I joined LSE, Nyssa has always made time to give advice, share her experience and, more recently, to be a sounding board as I navigated some really tricky situations in my role. She has so much knowledge of LSE and the HE sector that talking to her always helps to put the work I do into a broader context.

She has also helped me develop as a manager - suggesting different approaches and other support that I can draw on - and I hope that I offer my team a similar level of support that she gives me (and I'm sure others).

Nyssa has been great in helping me develop my career, whether through suggesting joining POWER when I first joined LSE to help me connect with people from across the school, putting me forward for working groups and projects that she knew would interest and benefit me, or suggesting new and challenging roles (and helping me prepare for interviews for them). I've been so lucky to have her on my side!



Motivator and Supportive and understanding

Amanda Gaddes

This past year, my nominee has gone from being a fantastic manager for her then-small team, to becoming a mother-hen of sorts for the whole department in her new more senior role. When the stakes have risen, she has risen with them, and she continues to inspire in her everyday work. From identifying gaps in knowledge, to emboldening the wider team to improve existing systems and processes and championing everyone she works with. Amanda creates a safe, supportive environment where those around her feel inspired to be their best selves too. Always approachable and always willing to make time, I believe she cares deeply about her work and about the happiness and well being of those around her.

Amanda has been a great manager to me. She is always around when you need her whether for a quick chat or a formal meeting. She puts herself in her colleagues' shoes and in particular encourage professional development for women PSS. She leads an example herself through the years at the LSE and a real role model to look up to.

Mel Boucher

Pocket Rocket

Mel is my pocket rocket heroine. She carried Health and Safety throughout and after the pandemic. She, and her team were business critical to the LSE, to ensure our campus was safe and secure.

She really cares about her team, she is loyal to the institution, and she (nearly) always has a smile to go with it. Clearly, no challenge is too great!



Jenny Stowar

As someone who has been there before, I am in awe of Jenny's ability to combine motherhood (and I know that she is a wonderful mother) and a demanding professional role while remaining a paragon of calm, kindness and dedication for our students.

She takes the development of her junior colleagues very seriously and goes to great lengths to provide them with the opportunities they need to reach their full potential. And she is a real pleasure to work with.

A very safe pair of hands with a heart of gold.



Helen Green

Helen has been, is and will remain forever the heart and the brain behind LSE LIFE. Her communication skills, her ability to think outside the box, her matchless knack for finding the right word or the right expression, and her dedication for our students have played a key role in the success of this team in its six years of existence.

A most creative, quirky and reliable colleague.



Inspiring force of nature!

Neelam Talewar

Neelam is a true example of what strong leadership should look like. She's focussed and driven, but she is also kind, supportive and transparent. Neelam has a vision, and excels at involving and motivating her team towards achieving goals.

I learnt a lot when working with Neelam, and I have always felt supported, included, and never isolated. She's a true inspiration to other women and all colleagues. I do aspire to shine as much as Neelam one day!



Inspirational

Astrid Soiza

Astrid has done so many different roles within Student Services, most of which are busy, complex and challenging. While I've never worked directly with Astrid, she seems to take everything in her stride, deal with whatever arises and still keep smiling.

As someone who finds the idea of taking on more responsibility quite scary, Astrid's willingness to take on roles that are known to be challenging is inspirational and I think she's a great role model.



Grounding

Kate Smith-Crallan

Kate has been an incredible support throughout my time at LSE. She has been a constant reliable source of honest and constructive advice and has never judged.

She gives up her time to ensure others can learn to make better decisions for themselves and is a fantastic role model for reflecting a huge devotion to her work yet also ensuring she maintains a healthy balanced life.



Powerhouse

Dr. Anna Mahtani

Anna is Associate Professor, Deputy Head of the Department as well as the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Representative at the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. Apart from being an amazing lecturer, Anna also invests a lot of her time in making the Department a better place for everyone through her work in the EDI Committee.

She is compassionate and cares about other's well-beings. Thanks to her efforts, the Department is currently making a lot of changes to make the work and study environment more diverse and inclusive for students and staff.



Dedicated and caring educator

Jillian Terry

Jillian is a wonderful friend and supportive colleague, passionately dedicated to creating valuable learning opportunities for students in their first year at LSE.

Jillian is an incredibly intelligent, innovative and insightful educator, in addition to being a firm and caring leader, a genuinely nice person and pretty awesome baker to boot. Jillian's support and insights have been invaluable in the development of my own leadership at LSE.



Awesome

Laura Boland

Laura is the team leader of the Safe Contacts at LSE. We are a small group, and whilst we are under-represented, without Laura's unwavering support, the work we do in our roles would be so much harder.

Her calmness, and professional approach to this vitally important role is something I remain in awe of.

Shuma Begum

Tireless

Shuma inspires everyone around her to be more conscientious and compassionate. She is at once incredibly hardworking and effective in her role, and a brilliant advocate for staff wellbeing.

We are very lucky to have her as a colleague.



Leader and Phenomenal

Priyanka Kumar

Priyanka and Serena work so hard to make the LSE Power network a welcoming and lively space which represents the interests and augments the voices of its members. Despite the sometimes-huge demands of their network roles (on top of their substantive roles), they are always calm, cordial, and incredibly effective as Chairs. We are very lucky to have them.

She inspires and motivate me as they are the light of the office and positivity is their super power. Being around Priyanka's infectious energy creates such a high vibe for the office and everyone just loves being around her.



Super Serena and Leader

Serena James

Serena is wonderful to have as a Co-Chair for this very network! She's incredibly organised and enthusiastic, which makes it a pleasure to work together. I also admire her zeal and drive towards career development, and believe we are kindred spirits on that front. It amazes me how she can seemingly effortlessly juggle all the various projects she has on, and makes me grateful to be able to work together on this lovely network.

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Full of light

Adeola Akande Pierre-Noel

Ade exudes positivity, sincerity and determination. Her infectious personality makes her approachable and leaves a lasting impression.



Tenacious

Nicole Garnier

Nicole always thinks of others and is very knowledgeable about issues on power and inequality, particular in the workplace. She is a fantastic union rep, always thinking of the broader issues, who has personally helped a countless number of colleagues at LSE on an individual level ,and has also been instrumental in key campaigns that have improved our terms and conditions (or stopped an attach on them). If it oft-forgotten that without socialist and trade unionist there would be no IWD.

Nicole follows a strong tradition that understands the on-going fight for women's equality as a system issue. I have learned a lot about both women's rights and workers' rights in general from her. I am inspired by her determination to ensure that the just outcome prevails.

Ben Platt

Calm and collected

Sometimes in discussing the oppression of women, men are often painted as the enemy. Of course the attitudes and behaviours of some men are very problematic. That said, not all men are the problem and we have some wonderful male colleagues.

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The best!

Claire Tomlinson

Claire always has time to support others in their development. She also volunteers her time to run the PMA Forum, putting on best practice workshops for Programme Managers and Administrators.

Claire is always working hard to improve systems and processes and on top of that, she is kind and a great listener.



Excellent support

Farhana Chowdhury

Having responsibility for two MiM (Master's in Management) courses in the Department of Management, good administrative support is critical for successful delivery of my courses. I have been consistently given not good, but excellent, support by Farhana and Alessia.

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Inspirational leader

Imogen Withers

Imogen is an absolute super hero. She has to deal with a myriad of issues around internal communications. She is always unflappable, and brilliant at her role.



Career Champion

Ceri Jones

Ceri is an incredible team head who is genuinely really passionate about the career development of her (all female!) team. She is so supportive about sharing opportunities from training and secondments to podcasts and articles, and she strongly encourages all members of the team to get the most out of their roles in a way that works for their career ambitions.

She really champions all of us and is always trying to get each of us the recognition she feels we deserve both within our division and across the School.



Pure

Lydia Hatton-Baldwin

Lydia and I started at LSE at the same time in 2019 and since then she has become not only a valued colleague but one of my closest friends. She takes on any challenge with the utmost positivity, makes me laugh uncontrollably, and is the person I turn to when I need a cry.

She carries any difficulty with grace, honesty, empathy and she absolutely exudes love. People like her are very rare and she should be celebrated and protected wherever she goes! Without realising, she has inspired me on so many occasions.



Empowering and motivational

Lucy Porter

Lucy has played a major role in making me feel welcomed here at the Department of Management when I joined LSE four months ago and in setting me up to thrive in my role. She has many qualities that I value in a leader: listening with empathy, showing appreciation, leading by example, being vulnerable, empowering others.

She inspires me by being a kind, competent and empowering leader, she motivates me by recognising my work and emphasising the impact it has, and she strongly supports me when I face challenges and setbacks.

Lucy provides the ground for me to grow and flourish.



Bright star

Jess Rowan

Despite working remotely Jess remains the heart of the team and helps knit us together. She regularly goes beyond the extra mile to help a colleague or a stranger.

She's bright, bubbly and brilliant!



Kindness in human form

Kathryn Goodfellow

Kathryn is one of the most supportive colleagues one can work with! She's always willing to help, comes up with solutions, and is the epitome of empathy. One of the most recent examples that comes to mind is when she was handing over a long-term project, and took the time and energy to walk me through the ropes with (great) patience.

She also practices interesting hobbies outside of work, and is great to catch up with for conversations and a laugh! Thoroughly grateful to have her as a colleague.



Animated and incredible

Rachel McDermott

I met Rachel in her capacity as a coach while she was receiving her accreditation. In the past many months, I can safely say that Rachel has contributed significantly to my growth both professionally and personally!

She's incredibly perceptive, personable, empathetic, and has gone out of her way as a colleague. I'm also inspired by how she has such strong interests outside of her main job - always great to witness and encourage. Thanks for being you, Rachel!



Unequivocally key to LSE!

Joanne Hay

The thing I like most about Joanne is how thoroughly committed she is to being supportive of PSS - and how she's willing to take the time, and go the extra mile to make it happen. Her actions truly speak louder than words, and the care and camaraderie she exudes is second to none.

She's also incredibly fun and genuine as a person, which are top qualities to have in a colleague. Thanks for being so incredibly you – you're quite a role model, and you know it!



Lubala Chibwe

Lubala is one of the most energetic and joyful colleagues whom I have the absolute privilege to work alongside. Always willing to find solutions, pitch in to help, and gets the job done with great effectiveness! She also has a lovely quality of making a group feel at ease and individuals feel like they belong – which is such a great trait in a person. She's delightful to be around as she's more often than not bubbling over with mirth and good vibes. She's an incredible asset to School and Power, so thanks for all you do, Lubala – you're very loved!

Nothing short of a legend!



Supreme efficiency is your middle name!

Sariththira Selvakumar

Sari is such a joy to work alongside – always helpful, and tries to go above and beyond to help colleagues. She has an incredible eye for detail and is amazingly process-oriented, qualities she nobly uses to demystify various work processes for colleagues.

She's wonderfully cheery and empathetic, ensuring to check in with colleagues and ensure they're doing okay. Thanks for all you do Sari, and it's a pleasure to work alongside you!

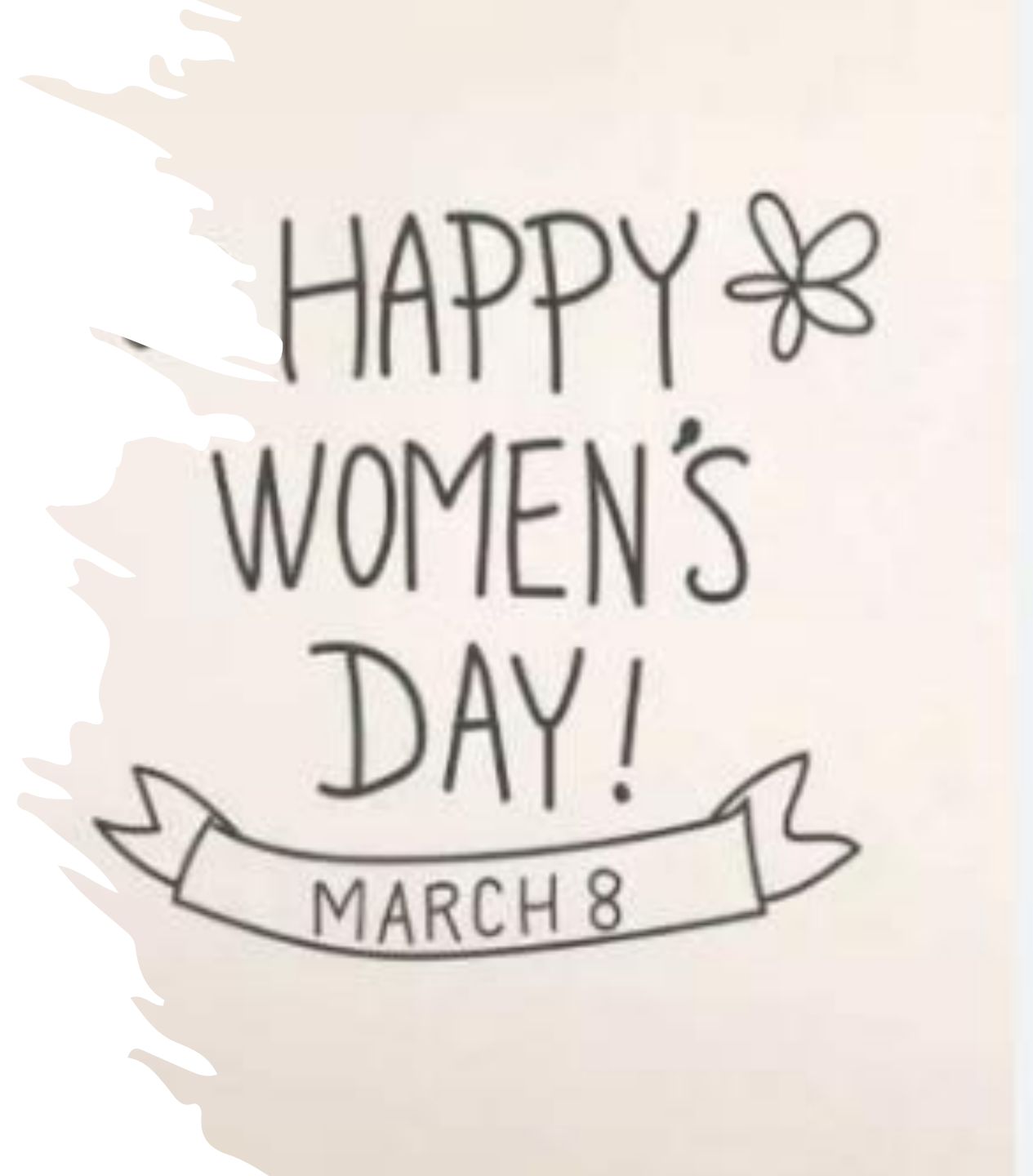
LSE Power Steering Group

Power

I have been inspired from day one, when I was introduced to LSE Power as a member initially, as a steering group member afterwards and as a member again! What could one say for the current steering group's commitment to matters that matter!

They are amazing delivering the agenda, engaging the community and keeping the spirits up! These people rock! and you all deserve this recognition!

Happy International
Women's Day
Everyone!



International Women's Day 2023 campaign theme: **#EmbraceEquity**

For International Women's Day and beyond, let's all fully **#EmbraceEquity**.

- Equity isn't just a nice-to-have, it's a must-have.
- A focus on gender equity needs to be part of every society's DNA.
- And it's critical to understand the difference between equity and equality.

The aim of the IWD 2023 **#EmbraceEquity** campaign theme is to get the world talking about *Why equal opportunities aren't enough*. People start from different places, so true inclusion and belonging require equitable action.

