

LSE Real Role Models

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“Understanding”



Alice Else

Following a bereavement, Alice was a much-needed shoulder to lean on. Whilst not my line manager, her kindness, understanding and support got me through this difficult period at work. Her empathy for my situation meant that I didn't feel alone as I navigated my loss.

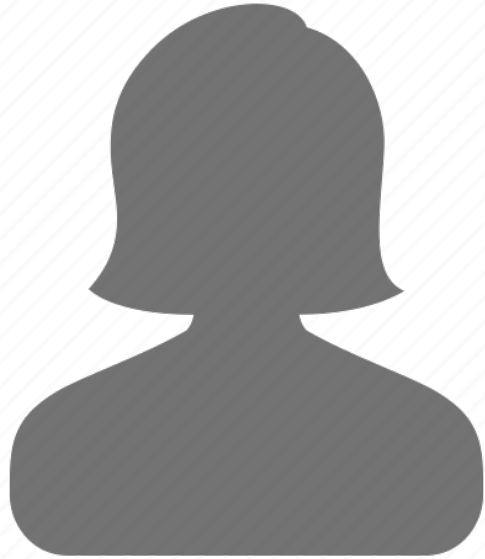
“Charismatic and authentic”



Becky Matthams

Becky is an inspiration for everyone in the team. Her hard work, dedication and integrity makes her the best manager I've ever had! Definitely the Department wouldn't be the same without her and we have a lot to thank her for! She is also very kind to all, always ready to make your day better with her smile and being there whenever I've needed support. Finally, Becky puts her heart, mind and soul into all the work she does, and ensuring that everyone is at their best!

“Constant source of encouragement”



Emma Sommers

I am thrilled to nominate Emma as a Real Role Model in recognition of her exceptional contributions as a coach. Emma has been a game-changer in my professional journey, giving me the confidence and skills I needed to excel in my career. Emma has an amazing ability to understand my aspirations and challenges. Her support has been crucial in helping me navigate a complex career journey as a working mum. She provides me with practical strategies and actionable advice, empowering me to take steps towards achieving my goals. One of the most remarkable things about Emma's coaching is her genuine commitment to my success. She consistently offers personalised feedback and encouragement that boosted my self-confidence. Her belief in my potential inspires me to believe in myself, and this newfound confidence has been transformative. Everyone needs a cheerleader like Emma, and I am deeply grateful for her guidance and support.

“Mother. Queen. Friend.”



Amanda Gaddes

Amanda is a 'girl's girl' - her support knows no departmental boundaries. Whether you work for her or with her, she will always share all her invaluable insights and support you through your highs and lows - at work and off work. Amanda will lift you up and fight in your corner and then invite you to her private library for a friendly chat. If we wanna break the glass ceiling, we all need more people like Amanda!

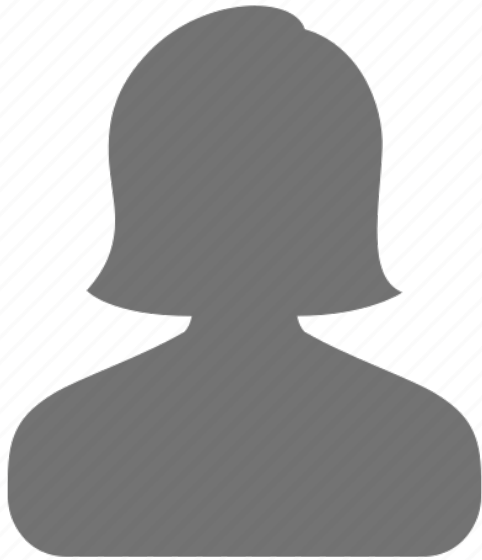
“Lioness and a beautiful heart”



Amanda Gaddes

Amanda is honestly the best manager anyone could ask for. She makes you feel truly valued, respected and appreciated every single day. There is nothing you cannot bring to her – she listens, supports, and fights for you. The trust she places in me and our team is one of the best things working in my role. I aspire to be the kind of leader she is one day.

“Amazing colleague”



Bethan Ovens

Bethan is an amazing colleague - she empowers other women, making her colleagues feel valued, and is a perfect example of a powerful female leader.

“A force to be reckoned with.”



Xiaoran Xu

Xiaoran is smart, driven, funny, and kind. While being the absolute best at her job, she is also a joy to work with! Her marketing knowledge and skills are beyond impressive and she will not gatekeeper but happily share her insights with her colleagues. Recently, she also helped me with my HERA application and it was thanks to her tremendous help that I succeeded on my first try. If I had to choose the ideal team of superwomen to work with, Xiaoran would always be on top of my list!

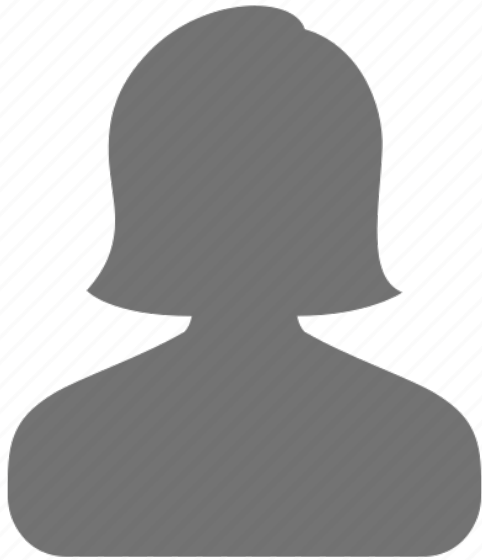
“A BOSS!”



Xiaoran Xu

Xiaoran is a wonderful, supportive colleague and one that always seeks to broaden her horizons and develop personally and professionally. I am so proud of how she takes on new challenges and pushes herself to try new things and she inspires me to do the same. She does amazing work with POWER and is a champion of EDI principles. She is certainly one to watch at the LSE and I am so happy to see her continually reach for new heights!

“Inspiring leader”



Caroline is a fantastic manager - she's supportive, approachable, knowledgeable and empowers her team. Caroline is an exceptional leader and an inspiration.

Caroline Thurtle

“Star quality”



I am inspired and proud of the work Rana has put into her professional growth and taking on new challenges this year. It is so great to see her shine in her new role!

Rana James

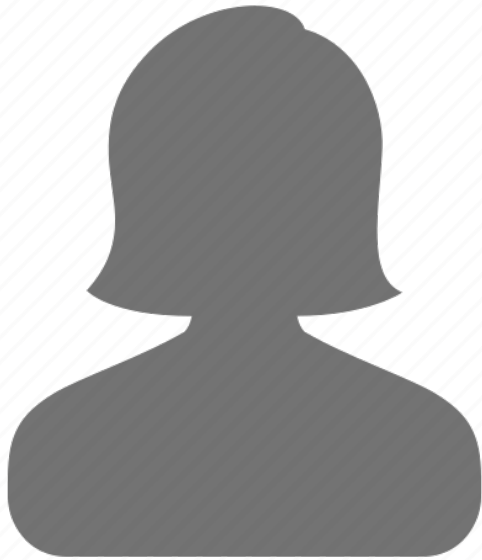
“Second to none!”



Tash Dalling

Tash inspires me daily with her creative mind, her dedication to the LSE and her exceptional approach to personal & professional development. Alongside all of the work she does with EmbRace and as a safe contact, FRA etc she has also found the time to take on an MSc and is smashing it. She is a great mentor to junior colleagues in the team and an all round wonderful colleague.

“Brilliant manager”



Astrid is an inspirational manager - she always strives for continuous improvement and advocates for positive change. She's a role model to those around her.

Astrid Soiza

“She's everything. He's just Ken.”



Louise Millar

Louise inspires me because she set clear goals for herself and finds ways to make it happen. She is always developing and reaching for new heights. On top of this, she is a super supportive colleague and will always be there when you need a chat and advice. Louise is a real champion of women at LSE and has encouraged junior colleagues to apply for promotions and new opportunities- We need more women like this who support each other!

“Total professional bosswoman babe”



Kendall Livingston

Literally in every single way -- Kendall is a strong, empathetic, professional, kind, intelligent woman and is one of the greatest leaders and team players I have ever come across. She's also so encouraging, whenever I slip up on things she is forgiving and understanding and points me in the right direction, and when I get things right she's my biggest cheerleader and champion. Thanks Kendall! You're a total babe!

“One of a kind”



Serena James

Serena is inspiring. She unselfishly makes time for everyone around her, bringing a calm voice and a reminder not to take everything too seriously- she makes me laugh every day. Serena is curious and ready to try new things. She's always working on something new. She's welcoming, positive and collaborates critically to help improve the things we do. I am very grateful for Serena!

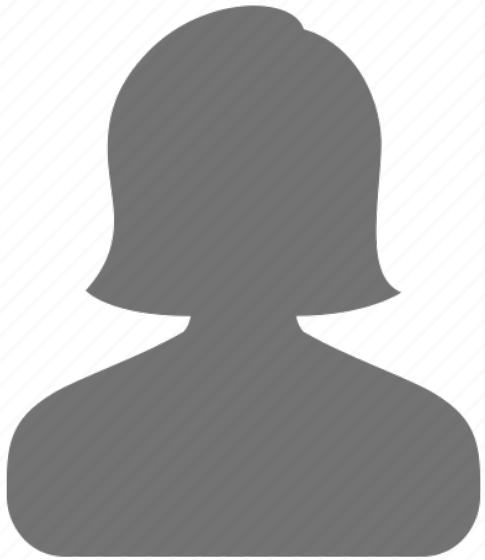
“Open and impactful”



Serena James

I received workplace coaching from Serena when I became overwhelmed by trying to balance my day job, apprenticeship workshops and apprenticeship homework. Her calm, methodical and confident approach meant that I trusted in the process and trusted her. Enabling me to gain perspective on what I did have to do versus what I thought I had to do, was crucial to attaining a balance between my work, apprenticeship and life outside work.

“True Inspiration”



Rachel McDermott

Rachel continues to inspire me in my work at LSE and, more generally, in life! She is so optimistic and positive in her approach to new challenges and this year has managed to use this to great success in new teams across the university, receiving really positive feedback for her work. Externally, she is involved in the promotion of some amazing charities and gives her time so generously to these. There is never a time that my day isn't brightened through an interaction with her! Thank you Rachel.

“Compassionate and Kind”



Sophia Freckmann

Sophia consistently brings such a positive attitude to her role in the Law School, which feels inspirational to work alongside. Her focus is constantly on bettering the experience of our students, even if this means additional work for her, and she is open and responsive to new ideas and tasks. Outside of this, Sophia has so many varied interests which means she can make anyone, staff or student, feel comfortable and happy when speaking with her. She really makes me smile and I'm so glad to work with her at LSE!

“Inspirational Leader”



Akile Ahmet

As the Head of Inclusive Education at LSE, I am constantly inspired by Akile’s focus on ensuring that all of our students at the university feel represented and able to succeed in their education. Every session that Akile runs leaves me feeling hopeful for what could be achieved at LSE and with ideas of how I can improve my own practice in my role. She works in a challenging environment and the resilience she shows in this is really inspirational.

“Approachable and Kind”



Marisol Alarcon

Marisol is such a calming presence to have within the Law School. She is approachable to both students and staff, always offering support where she is able to help. She is so easy to engage with and is always ready to indulge in light hearted moments in the office, which help the day to pass with positivity. She is great in her role and is an inspirational leader to have in the office.

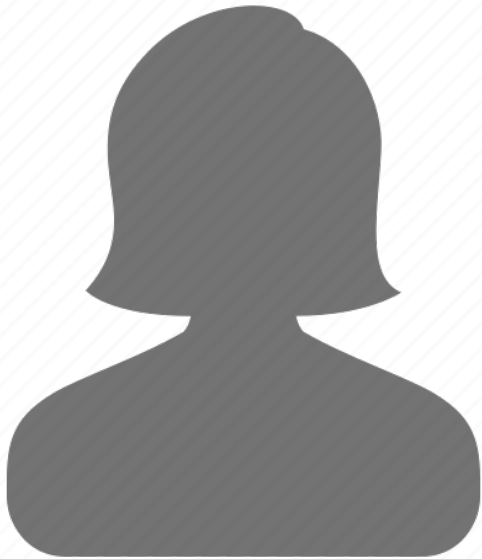
“Hero!”



Clair Harrison

Clair is the most positive influence. She's genuinely interested in people and always follows up with empathy and care. She's encouraging and wants everyone around her to succeed. No matter what someone brings to her, they can be assured she's taken it seriously and will follow it up- no matter how unusual it might be. She's expected to constantly juggle activity but never makes this look difficult. Clair is full of good advice and entertaining stories. In a tough first role at LSE, a short conversation with her in the middle of a really stressful and chaotic time in my own team helped me to make sense of what was happening and think about things more constructively, even though she couldn't have known how impactful her calm guidance was to me at the time. I don't think Clair is really aware, but she is the best!

“Diplomatic influencer”



Kyla Davis

Kyla is diplomatic, perceptive, supportive and such an asset to the LSE. I'm so impressed with how she handles herself in a range of meetings, and have found working with her this year to be an absolute joy and privilege. Her advice, support, and encouragement have been invaluable in my own development and success.

“Empowering”



Daniela Perez Aguilar

Daniela is inspiring in the way she leads staff at LSE into improving their academic mentoring practice. The sessions she runs provide staff with the space, time and direction to share ideas and think about improving student experience at LSE. Alongside this, she encourages and empowers staff to further their own professional development through involvement with internal and external programmes. All this in addition to completing her own PHD- an inspirational achievement!

“Dedicated and committed”



Monika Walker

I'd like to nominate Monika as a real role model as she is a really inspiring person. She is passionate and dedicated to the causes she cares about. She's not afraid to challenge things that are wrong and is a champion for those who need it.

“A ray of sunshine”



Maddie Giles

Maddie brings such a positive aura to our team. She is always willing to help, and there's no task too small. She is really knowledgeable and shares her experience and thoughts with grace. She is kind, supportive and friendly, and she really brings such positivity to our team. I'm grateful to have a colleague like her!

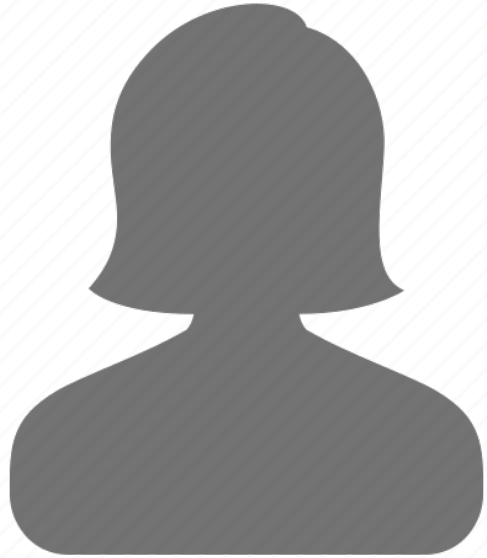
“Kind”



Maddie Giles

Maddie is incredibly kind and always willing to encourage those around her, even those she doesn't line manage and despite always having a thousand and one things on her to do list! She is always ready to lend a hand, offer advice, and share her knowledge, which has greatly contributed to my development. Her genuine care and dedication to helping others makes her an amazing colleague who deserves all the recognition!

“Steadfast and inspiring”



Georgia Nichols

Georgia is one of our fantastic team of Study Advisers and every day her unwavering kindness and empathy with our students greatly inspires me. Despite some challenges she is unshakable in her ability to inspire and motivate LSE students to do their best. She is a great role model of someone who is unflappable and strong even in the face of difficult circumstances and I'm inspired by her strength every day.

“Supportive colleague and good human being”



Louisa Lawrence

Louisa inspires me as a leader. She is compassionate and supportive of everyone in our team, and will always make the time to have a cup of tea with someone who needs it, even if she is extremely busy herself. She genuinely wants everyone in our team to succeed and feel happy at work. She is a brilliant leader and an all-around good human being.

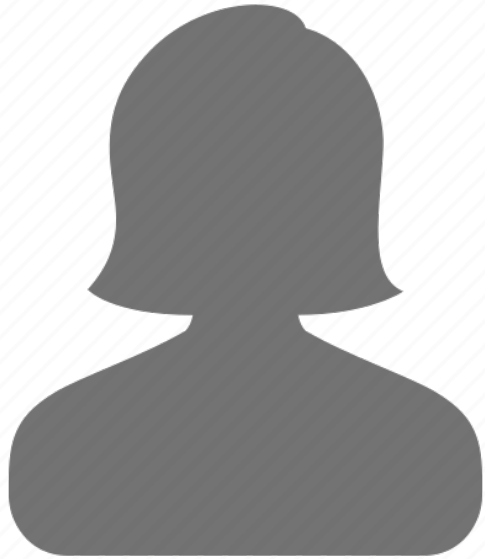
“Grace and composure”



Jessica Kong

Jessica's unwavering work ethic and dedication to providing the best experience for our students inspires me every day. I'm in constant admiration of her ability to combine two roles and LSE. Her ability to handle challenging situations with grace and composure is truly commendable. And her ability to switch effortlessly between her competing responsibilities is inspiring. She is a great role model of how anyone at LSE can manage competing priorities.

“Positive energy”



Yadna Rahman

Yadna inspires and motivates me all the time. She is kind and thoughtful. She is also a very fun person to be around and work with. She brings a brilliant and bright energy to the room. She's always stepping up to help her colleagues.

“Thoughtful colleague and friend”



Claire Tomlinson

Claire inspires me as a colleague and a friend. She is incredibly thoughtful, always remembering people's birthdays and important events in people's lives. She is caring and compassionate and will take the time to check in on everyone. She is a great person to work with, and she is there to support people with work or non-work problems.

“Thoughtful”



Claire Tomlinson

Claire inspires me with how thoughtful she is and how she uses very many wisdoms to help others. She goes out of her way to help her colleagues with their work but also to feel empowered, like when she introduced me to opportunities at LSE that I didn't even know existed. This is just one example of the many ways she supports and uplifts others. Claire's care for others and expertise at what she does inspires us all!

“Kind and considerate”



Maria Kramer

Maria is such a warm and thoughtful colleague. I appreciate working alongside her very much, both for her professionalism, empathy and the perspectives she brings from her background as a doctoral researcher at LSE. A talented player of the bagpipes I also very much admire Maria's musicality!

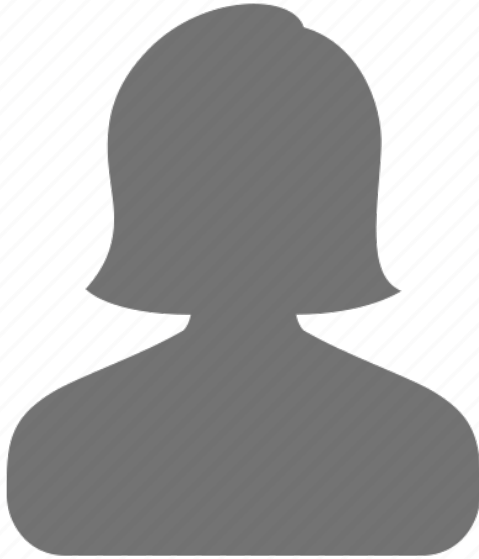
“Amazing”



I'm sure there's nothing that 10 minutes with Megha can't fix! She brings such positive, warm energy and always has practical, down to earth advice. She's funny, encouraging and a genuine joy to be around.

Megha Krishnakumar

“Cares, supports and wants to see you grow”



Emily Bush

I started as a temp and had just lost my mother. I was grieving and struggling to go through the day not crying. Emily was so supportive, she allowed me to cry when needed. Even though I was a temp, she was interested in supporting my journey and helping me grow within LSE. She really cares about her staff and their improvement.

“Genuine”



Konstantina Davaki

Dina is a key support for all students in the Health Policy MSc program. In her role as the placement coordinator, she dedicates herself to learning about the true passions of each individual student in order to help match them to a promising internship. She never hesitates to give her students the time they need and always makes an effort to learn about their underlying values and motivations beyond their career goals. She approaches all conversations with a level of authenticity and care that is truly unique. When you talk to Dina, there is no need to pretend to be anyone or anything other than who you are. Her approach encourages those around her to be proud of their authentic selves and pursue their passions. Personally, Dina has inspired me to pursue work that aligns with my values and be honest with myself about the style of working that suits my personality. Because Dina approaches our conversations with honesty, respect, and authenticity I have always felt I can rely on her for support and have been inspired to adopt the same level of authenticity in my career.

“Empathetic and epic!”



Lina Filippidi

Lina has been an incredibly kind and encouraging manager. This is my first full time role after graduating University and Lina has always encouraged me to reach for the stars and pushed me to expand my skills. Not only that, but she has also led with empathy - after a few years of health issues, Lina has always been empathetic and worked with me to navigate accessibility needs in the workplace.

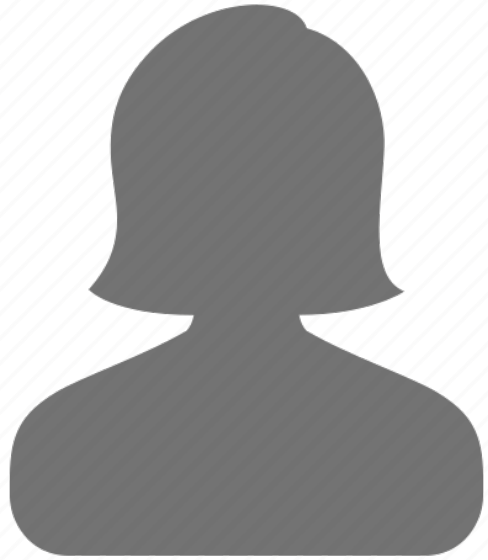
“Caring”



Carolina Stern

Carolina is empathetic, patient and exceptional at teaching complex tasks. From day one, she has led with trust and care, and it was the best way I could have been welcomed at LSE. I deeply admire her expertise in event planning and internal processes, as well as her ability to navigate challenges with confidence and composure.

“A committed cheerleader”



Zoe Jones

Zoe has supported me, encouraged me, comforted me and steadfastly cheered me on while I complete my apprenticeship. My whole team in fact has played a vital part in my being able to commit to it, taking on work and student facing shifts, in my absence.

“Compassionate”



Ernestina Coast

Ernestina has been a true mentor to me. She is an inspirational academic who leads by example with her research, how she cares about students, interacts with colleagues respectfully whilst standing up for inclusivity - within the department, how we teach and approach students. Be this people with caring responsibilities, learning difficulties and how we generally create an inclusive environment.

As my mentor during my LSE Fellowship, Ernestina has listened with kindness and without judgement to my insecurities about deciding whether to further pursue a career in Academia or reorient myself towards non-academic research Track. She has offered useful advice on how to develop my skills so that I can make the career change I have been dreaming of. The advice has been invaluable, but what really makes Ernestina a role model well deserving of the nomination is her judgement-free compassionate approach to others. All of this while being an inspiring researcher - it is rare to see someone showcase the best of both worlds.

“GOAT (Greatest of All Time)”



Niamh Moloney

I joined LSE Law School in September 2023 as an Assistant Professor of Law. Since day one (or even before I officially joined), Niamh was so welcoming and so supportive that it made my settling at LSE much easier. She is one of the greatest law academics in her field, having written a first book on and quasi-created the field of EU financial markets law. Despite the many accolades in her CV, the latest being her appointment as a non-executive director on the Prudential Regulation Committee (which is the pinnacle of financial regulation in the UK), she is one of the most approachable colleagues at LSE Law Department. Always ready to listen to your most mundane problem even among her countless meetings as VCAC at LSE, mostly supported by a chocolate from her endless stock, even her presence provides immense motivation and relief. She is unique in the sense of being one of the foremost academics in her field and one of the most collegial and supportive colleague with a zero hint of an ego. I am very proud of being a colleague of Niamh Moloney - a sentiment I am sure is shared by many colleagues at LSE Law School and LSE generally. And I feel very lucky to work closely with Niamh and to be mentored by her. She is my role model and even I could do half of what she does academically and as a colleague, I will be very content. I cannot think of a person better deserving this than Niamh.

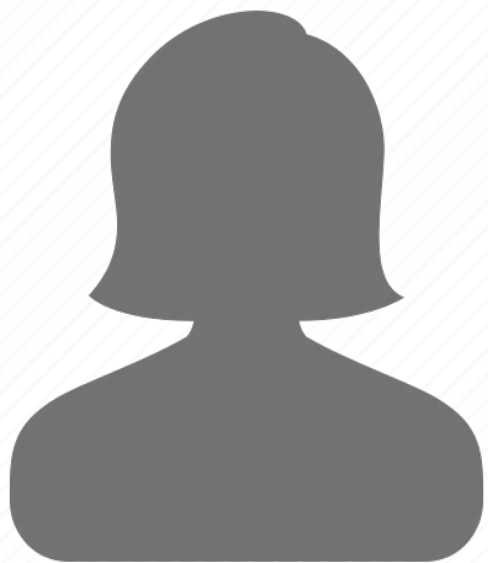
“Superstar!”



Olivia Broome

Liv has been a supportive and encouraging team member to all who have worked with her across her various roles at LSE. For me, she is always there to lend a helpful or empathetic ear whether I'm struggling with a task or with my mental health. What an asset she is to LSE!

“Warmly generous supporter



Sarah Mak

Sarah is sharp, highly knowledgeable but first and foremost a lovely human being with an excellent sense of humour. Sarah is generously supportive professionally and personally. She also has a tremendous cultural breadth from Beyonce to binge watch recommendations to interesting reads. Both interested and interesting- a real life role model!

“Renaissance Woman”



Olivia Broome

Olivia is extremely supportive. I've learnt so much from her and she always encourages me to challenge myself, expand my knowledge and learn new skills. Even though I'm just a part-time employee, thanks to her, I've learned how to dabble with video-editing software such as DeScript, Adobe Premiere Pro and CapCut. She's extremely thoughtful and understanding when it comes to my studies and mental wellbeing. She's helped me balance my PhD work alongside working, and also encouraged me to take wellbeing leaves when I need it. I am truly grateful to have someone as supportive and kind as her! I'm also in awe of how much she knows about everything that goes on at LSE. She has a clear understanding of the events that take place at our university, the roles and duties each division and department at LSE carries out, and the unique ability to then bring together different types of information to promote events on our social media accounts. I'm happy I get to learn a lot from her.

“Dependable”



Drucilla Daley

Dru brings a consistently positive vibe to the team, she's approachable, down-to-earth, and always willing to make time for others, even when she's busy. She's supportive when challenges come up, whether they're work-related or personal, and offers practical, no-nonsense advice that's genuinely helpful. Her presence helps create a solid, supportive team environment where people feel comfortable and valued. She's a true role model, someone who leads by example, not just as a manager but also as a supportive and trustworthy friend.

“Inspirationally affirmative”



Rachel McDermott

Rachel is an utterly fabulous role model in many different ways. Creative, analytical but always warm, positive and unswervingly affirmative. Rachel is phenomenally supportive, tuning into needs, but unafraid to challenge or pose questions when needed to. The way she combines a massively diverse life outside of work is inspiring too.

“Superhero”



**Martha Geiger
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A few days ago, I was discussing work with friends when the topic of leadership came up. As I described Martha, the word "superhero" instinctively came to mind, and the more I reflected on it, the more fitting it felt.

Working alongside Martha is both inspiring and motivating. Her dedication to the Institute and her colleagues is truly remarkable. I have never before received a message from a leader simply to ask if my workload is manageable and how they can help. Beyond her support, she has an incredible ability to recognise and celebrate everyone's contributions, ensuring that each team member feels valued and empowered.

Martha fosters a work environment where innovation is encouraged, concerns are eased, and challenges are met with unwavering support. Martha is also so encouraging and eases out any worry I may have, she makes sure we all feel protected and taken care of so I truly come to work knowing I am valued. Her leadership is defined by genuine care, encouragement, and a commitment to bringing out the best in those around her.

I feel incredibly fortunate to work with such an exceptional leader.

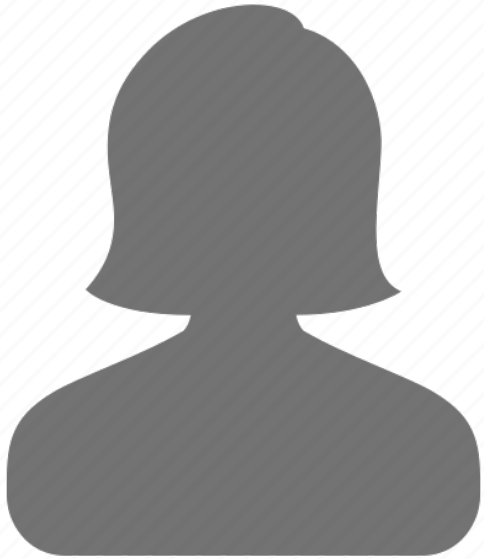
“Caring and supportive”



Polly Liouta

Polly creates a great environment for our small Events & Comms team to work in - she's always such a considerate manager when someone needs extra support, champions us even when we come up against difficult external forces, and does a lot to make sure we feel just as respected and valued as more senior colleagues. She also does a lot to help more junior colleagues feel confident in bringing forward ideas and has always kept a culture of everyone within the team having an equal voice. (She's also great in a crisis: a really important quality in Events!)

“Uplifting”



Sahra Nasr

Sahra always goes out of her way to encourage and uplift those around her. She has personally helped me challenge my imposter syndrome, always reminding me of my strengths and capabilities. Her positive attitude and genuine belief in my potential have made a significant impact on my confidence, and she is a real role model!

“A true asset”



Margie Anderson

I am so proud of Margie for starting a new position and for showing nothing but an incredible proactive attitude towards everything assigned to her so far. Her enthusiasm and positive energy make her an absolute pleasure to work with, and she has quickly become a valued member of the team. Everyone greatly appreciates her contributions, and I have no doubt that Margie will continue to thrive and inspire those around her. We are fortunate to have her on the team!

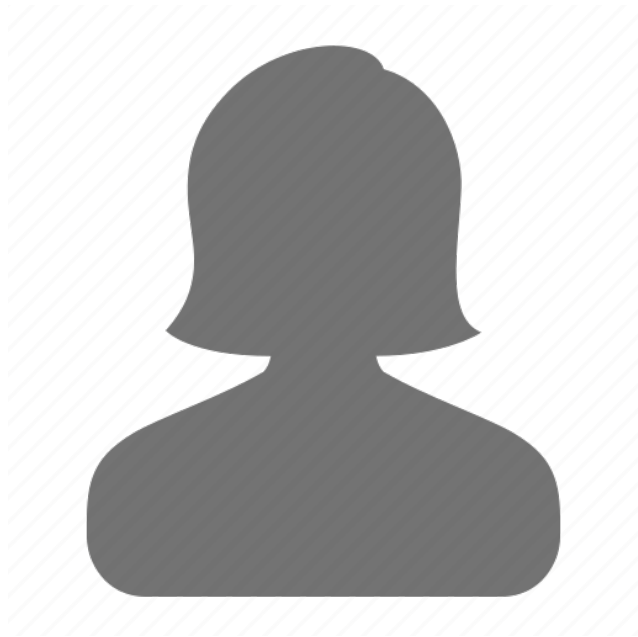
“Shine like a diamond”



Khadija Ahmed

Khadija is an energising presence in the office. Her enthusiasm and kindness light up the space, and she has a remarkable ability to connect with everyone around her. Whether offering thoughtful advice or simply spreading positivity, Khadija is a true source of inspiration. Her uplifting energy makes working alongside her a joy, and it's no surprise that she leaves a lasting impact on everyone she meets. Thank you, Khadija, for being the reason I love coming into the office!

“Positively driven!”



Rachel McDermott

Rachel is so driven and determined, and endlessly fantastic to be around. She pursues personal and professional development for herself with a really inspiring thirst for knowledge and new skills. She also takes time to support others around her to follow in her wake and is encouraging and supportive. Rachel is also simply lovely all the time - her energy is positive and energising, even when she is facing challenges. I look forward times when we chat, and I am so thankful for all the hard work that she puts into what she does (her actual job, her additional responsibilities, and her collaborative learning). She is an absolute star.

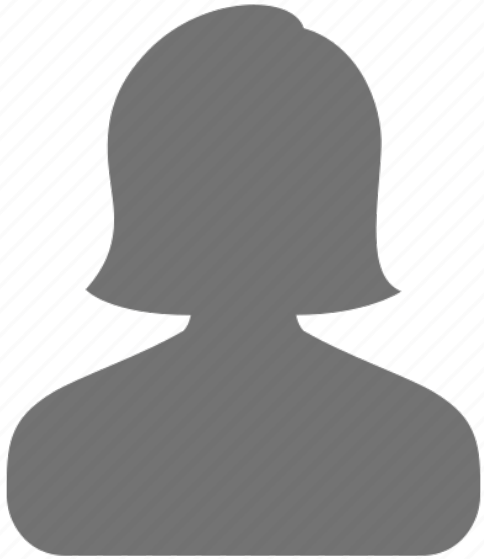
“The heart, hustle, and happiness”



Isabel Lacurie

It's impossible to miss Isi, as she has consistently been so proactive in making our community a better place. She brings boundless energy, fun, and a genuinely kind spirit to everything she does. Isi is an incredibly patient listener, and I always feel comfortable confiding in her when facing challenges. Working in my role can sometimes feel isolating, being the only one in the position, but Isi is always there for a consultation or to lend her support. Thank you Isi!

“Queennnn!!”



Jane Ellison

Since I started my position at LSE, they have been my unofficial mentor, providing constant support to me and those around them. Jane is an extraordinary individual who embodies compassion and dedication. Simply put, she is the best.

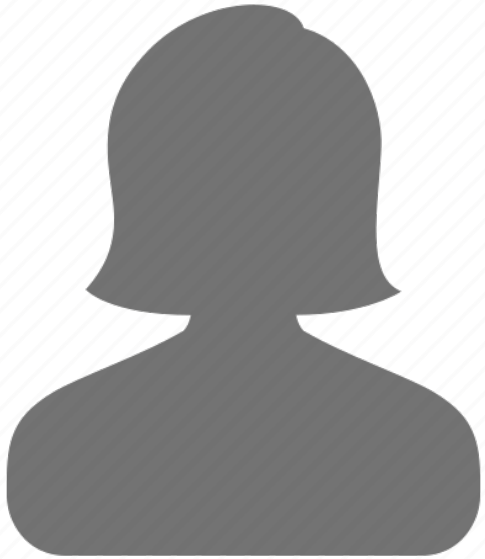
“The best!”



Megha Krishnakumar

Megha is such a fantastic person to be around! Her energy, enthusiasm and positivity inspire me and everyone she supports. Her fantastic sense of humour and joyful approach to life, mean it's impossible to spend time with Megha without feeling energised and generally happier.

“Absolutely amazing!”



Georgia Toynbee

Georgia has an enormous heart, incredible intelligence and an impressive range of talents. She continuously uses that special combination to help others. Such a generous and thoughtful person, she inspires everyone around her!

“Unstoppable Energy”



Amy Mamawag

Amy's energy is absolutely infectious—you can't help but get drawn in! She has this incredible way of making everyone feel included in a conversation, and I'm constantly amazed by how much she knows about our School. On top of that, she's an absolute star of a colleague, tackling every responsibility with perfection!

“A true gem”

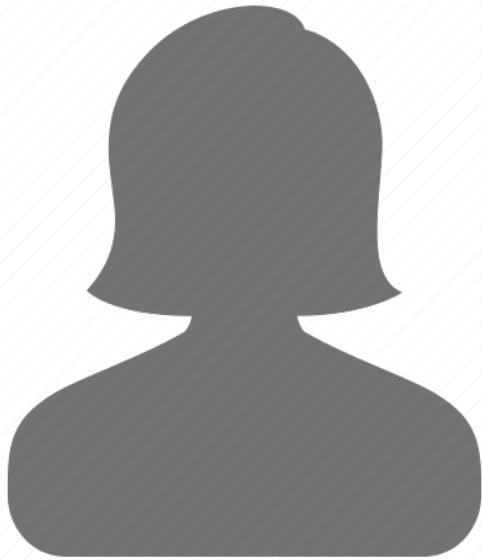


Jackie McAndrew

Jackie is that one person you just know you can trust—whether it’s to share a worry, tackle a project together, or just have someone who’s got your back. She absolutely smashes everything she takes on, and working with her is a dream.

When I was finding my feet as a new line manager, Jackie listened, supported me, and shared genuinely helpful tips that made such a difference. She’s smart, kind, and always tuned in to what people need. I feel so lucky to work with her every day, and I can’t wait to learn even more from her in the future!

“Small but powerful”



Astrid Soiza

Astrid's commitment to fairness, equity and Health & Safety (especially fire safety) was one of the strongest influences on me when I started in the SSC - she is unwavering and I really appreciate that. I love that she is unafraid to be vocal.....and also how she subtly dances in the office.

“Ray of sunshine 🌟”



Hayley Briars

Whenever I need a listening ear, a chat, a brownie, or a coffee, Hayley is always there! She makes me believe in the power of being a ‘golden retriever’, with her kindness, reliability, and huge heart. On top of that, she’s an absolute dream to work with—always bringing her A-game and making our recruitment and marketing events run seamlessly. Hayley, you’re a star!

“Always authentic!”



Hayley Briars

Hayley inspires me to bring my best authentic self to work every day, just as she does. She is there with me through all the highs and challenges of our jobs, always ready to share experiences (both positive and less-positive ones), and brainstorm ideas with me (patiently listening to all my wild ones along the way)! Working with Hayley has helped me to grow and become confident as a manager. Thank you Hayley for making work so enjoyable and being such a role model!

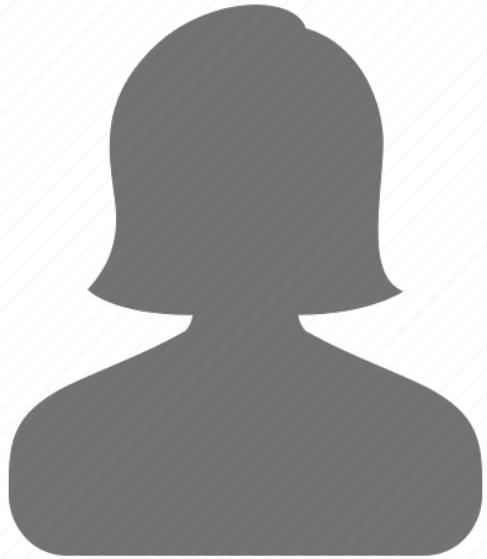
“Invaluable”



**Amy Norton and
Lauren Garden**

Amy and Lauren are absolute stars at what they do! They've made such a difference to the School, always listening carefully to colleagues' requests and questions. Their brilliant advice and support were key to making our Lunar & Chinese New Year event a huge success. Thank you both for everything you do to make our School an even better place!

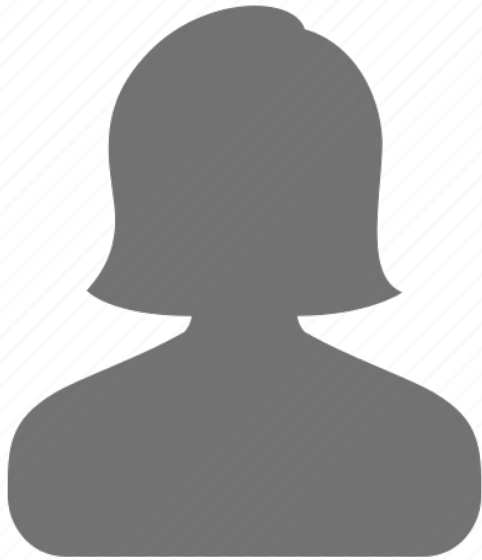
“An ideal colleague, fair, open, consistent and lovely”



Kathryn Ward

Kathryn has significantly motivated and supported me in our work together on a major project within GAO. She is extremely collaborative and set a working culture of consistent openness and support within the project which enabled me to work to my full potential and feel supported and well understood and that we were united in our vision for the wiki. Kathryn understands the importance of being able to bring your whole self to work and created an excellent working culture which adhered to that idea; I was able to speak to Kathryn about significant health issues, and difficult symptoms I was experiencing which enabled me to work whilst feeling that the position I was in was well understood, which lessened feelings of guilt and shame around my health and my capacity to work. Kathryn is extraordinarily fair, works so well with supporting other colleagues, inspired me to understand more about the technical aspects of our work and made me feel very well understood. This helped me in my working relationships with other staff members, when working closely with them, I was able to approach things with Kathryn's template in mind of how to work closely and effectively with someone.. She was a joy to work with.

“Solicitous”



Bethan Ovens

Bethan has inspired me, motivated me and supported me in many ways. The most meaningful to me is her care to check that I am able to hear her. Since informing colleagues of my hearing loss, Bethan has always checked. Often she is the person who will repeat what someone else has said, so that I don't miss out on the conversation or information that is being presented - whether in the office or in the pub.

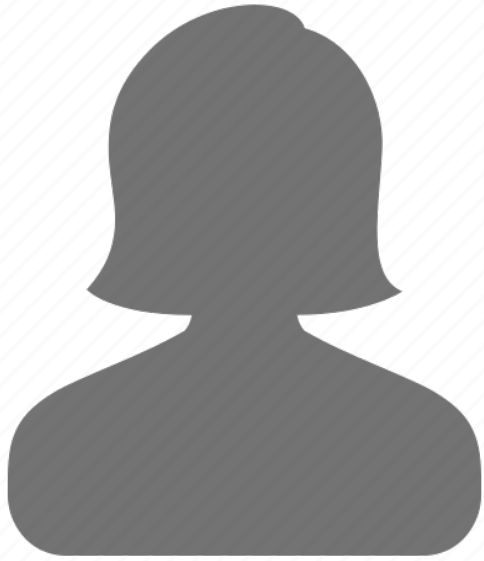
“Sympathetic, dynamic and charming”



Lucy Mu

Having a Staff Disability Advisor is a privilege and I have made full use of Lucy's expertise. From the minute I met her at the inaugural Deaf/Hard of Hearing Cafe, she has been cheering me on in my ambition to raise awareness across campus of Hearing Loss. Key to how she has supported me in advocating for myself, Lucy told me about the Access To Work scheme - and that has meant I have access to assistive technology and training -that I never knew existed. The ATW process is one that I definitely could not have embarked on by myself. Lucy's assistance and knowledge has made navigating this very smooth for my Managers and for me. Lucy is also fun company and we spend a lot of time laughing.

“Empowering leader”



Hayley Reed

Hayley's calm, friendly way of working makes her really inspiring to be around. I am not sure she realises what a brilliant leader she is.

She has also been a huge support to me personally and in work and am very grateful to work alongside her.

“Awesome”



Alice Odonkor

Alice is a friend that I met through the PSS conference and after a quick chat we became a little close-knit-trio with another of our colleagues. Our group chats and outings lift me, making my work life that bit more delightful.

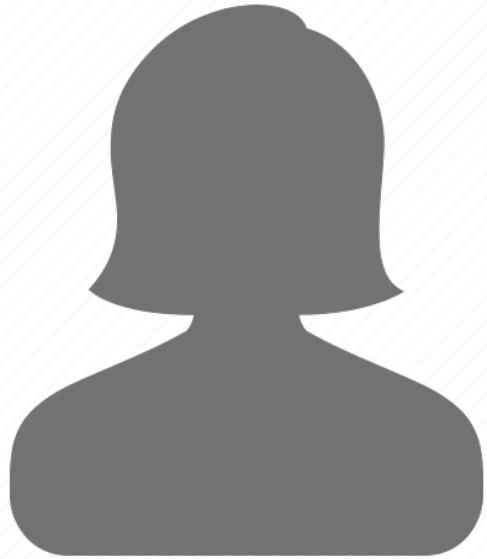
“Friend”



Alex Wright

Alex and I met at a PSS conference and have remained friends since. We became a little close-knit-trio with another of our colleagues. Our group chats and outings lift me, making my work life that bit more delightful. He gives great hugs!

“Tenacious (also gives great hugs and makes delicious coffee)”



Aga Basza

Aga and I worked together some years ago but still we chat and joke and hug. Having completed a Level 5 apprenticeship, she stuck to it through all the challenges that it presented and inspired me to take on the Level 3 apprenticeship that I am soon to complete. I have never known Aga to give-up.

***“Collegiate and patient, our team
wouldn't be the same without her”***



Ellen Wilkinson

Ellen is a colleague who gets things done without fanfare or drawing attention to herself. She participates fully in library projects, and takes on some of the less glamorous parts of our team's work, such as timetabling the sessions we put together for LSE LIFE. She also co-chairs LSE Power's reading group, and does a great job in that role too. She's an example of someone who makes a positive impact on my working life, and quite possibly thinks that it goes unnoticed. It doesn't! Hence the nomination.

“Excellent role model”



“Kay inspires me to speak up, to set boundaries and to believe in myself. They support and motivate me to set and achieve goals, providing encouragement and feedback. They are an excellent role model.”

Kay O'Neill

“Queen of charisma!”



**Doreen
Thompson-addo**

“Doreen is a powerhouse of energy, professionalism, talent, and fun! It’s such a privilege to work alongside a colleague who is incredibly kind, compassionate, and great at what she does! She’s also personally helped me level up in my professional life, and for that I will always be grateful.”

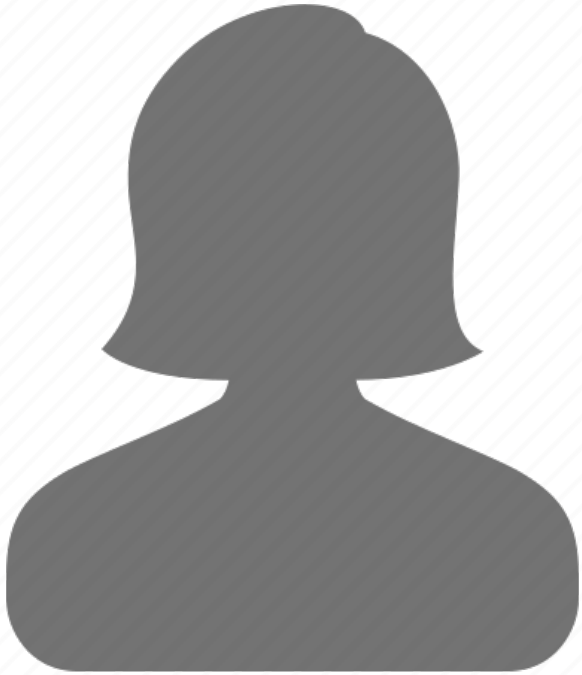
“Omnipresent :D”



Joanne Hay

Joanne is a such an integral part of the School, and continues to champion the causes of Power with her tangible support and vocal action. Come rain or shine, she’s plugged into the happenings at the School and always manages to bring solutions, work-arounds, and merriment where she goes!

“Delightful!”



Rachel Harper

Rachel is such a joy to work with! She's always on top of what needs to be done, and proactively identifying situations and timelines that could get tricky even before they do! She's a caring colleague who always makes it a point to check-in and suggest coffee catch-ups, which is much appreciated. Thanks for all the work you do, Rachel – Education and Student Experience Strategy wouldn't be the same without you!

“Go-getter”



Laura Reid

I'm thankful to have Laura as a Co-Chair as she brings a wealth of understanding for School processes as well as genuine interest and compassion in furthering gender equity in the School and beyond. She's a kindred spirit in terms of being interested in all things professional and personal development, and also a whole lot of fun to work with! Thanks for all you do Laura, you are very appreciated!

“Contagious positive energy”



Pam Cherry

Pam is a ray of sunshine and a truly inspirational person. She always makes time for her colleagues, offering support, encouragement, and guidance to help them learn and grow. Her positive energy is contagious, and she has a remarkable ability to lift spirits, especially during challenging times. Thank you, Pam, for being you!

“Lifts others up”



Camilla Langlands

Camila is an inspirational leader and a fantastic role model. Despite juggling a demanding work and family life, she always makes time for others. She is consistently supportive, kind, and encouraging, creating an environment where people feel heard and valued. Her ability to balance multiple responsibilities while remaining approachable and compassionate is truly admirable. Camila leads by example, offering guidance and support with warmth and patience. She celebrates the achievements of those around her and is always ready to lift others up. Thank you Camilla!

“Welcoming and supportive”



Shayna Main

Shayna is an inspirational colleague who genuinely makes time for others. She goes out of her way to get to know people, creating a welcoming and supportive environment. Her ability to listen, offer thoughtful guidance, and build connections makes a real difference to those around her. Shayna’s positive attitude and willingness to invest in others exemplify what it means to be a real role model.