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We have over 130,000 graduates in over 170 countries. Join your local group and come to events or contact us about starting your own!

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Lancaster continues to offer ongoing careers support, library services, discounted merchandise, scholarships for further study and special offers on campus accommodation.

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Welcome

As always I’d like to open with best wishes from Lancaster University. As you will know, we have just come to the end of an exciting year of celebrations for our 50th anniversary.

I was delighted to meet many alumni and friends in various parts of the globe, and I was reminded what an important part of our community you remain. The warmth and pride that our alumni feel for Lancaster really shone through and was quite humbling. Looking at the 50th in numbers for a moment, we held close to a hundred events in twenty-six countries, interacting with an audience of nearly 18,000 people who consisted of alumni, friends and members of the general public. We learned a great deal about what you want in terms of contact with your University, and we also realised that we need to keep the momentum of engagement going. Whether you are supporters, volunteers, or advocates for Lancaster, you are a critical part of our success. We celebrate and take pride in your achievements; we hope you feel the same about ours.

So, we may be catching our breath from a busy 12 months, but we continue to plan for the future, dedicating ourselves to strengthening our ties with our growing alumni community. Please also share your news with us, and remember we will always be delighted to see you back at Bailrigg.

Visiting from all parts of the globe and finding your local group.

Meet our alumni volunteers across the globe and find your local group.

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The third Chancellor for Lancaster was officially ‘installed’ at a special ceremony on campus on 4 March 2015. Lancaster graduate Alan Milburn succeeds mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington, who was also at the event.

He credits the skills he learned at Lancaster, where he graduated in History in 1979, as a foundation for the whole of his working life and career. He was later awarded an honorary degree in 2000.

Speaking at his installation Mr Milburn, a former Pendle College student, said he was honoured to accept the role of Chancellor. He said: “From its humble beginnings in 1964, Lancaster has gone on to have a profound impact not just on this lovely city and the wider region but across our country and far beyond.”

Mr Milburn is Lancaster’s third Chancellor - the founding Chancellor was HRH Princess Alexandra who served from 1964 – 2004 and was one of the longest serving university chancellors in the UK. Sir Chris Bonington was Chancellor of Lancaster University for a decade from 2005 and continues his involvement with the University in the new role of Chancellor’s Ambassador.
Defying Dementia

The team from the Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences, led by Professor David Allsop, has taken the unusual step of launching a crowdfunding appeal to raise some of the money they need to continue the development of an innovative drug with the potential to stop early-stage Alzheimer’s disease in its tracks.

Professor Allsop and his team have taken a different approach to tackling the disease from that taken by developers of existing and failed Alzheimer’s drugs. Scientific trials have produced encouraging results, but the drug needs to undergo pre-clinical development to have any hope of being taken up by a pharmaceutical company and developed for widespread treatment of dementia.

The project called ‘Defying Dementia’ addresses a problem they call the ‘valley of death’, which is the gap between research and commercial development.

The aim of our team is to progress our candidate drugs into clinical use against neuro-degenerative diseases.

“With the potential to stop early-stage Alzheimer’s disease, we decided to take the unusual step of launching a crowdfunding appeal to raise some of the money to do pre-clinical human clinical trials. This is why we are currently fundraising.”

The Lancaster team has been working for the past eight years, on a substance called beta-amylid (Aβ), which is found in clumps and fibres in the plaques formed in the brain in Alzheimer’s. R1-OR2-TAT prevents the dumping of Aβ and blocks the toxic effects of Aβ on nerve cells. The researchers have also made it possible for R1-OR2-TAT to cross the blood-brain barrier.

During the ‘Defying Dementia’ campaign, the University has announced a deal with MAC Clinical Research, a North West company that was discovered did the idea of finding a drug mechanism were at first. Only after they experience of the disease. He developed a towards eventual clinical use. R1-OR2-TAT extends the hope of a drug which once treatments of dementia. R1-OR2-TAT prevents the formation of Aβ in the first place. Alzheimer’s is a progressive disease causing significant increases the pressure to find a way of "It is a slow and painstaking process to begin to look realistic." Dementia affects 12% of people over the age of 65, rising to 46% of those over 80. The Alzheimer’s Society has contributed £150,000 to Lancaster University’s development of R1-OR2-TAT. You can see how much crowdfunding has been raised by visiting our JustGiving page. For details of this and other ways to donate to Defying Dementia visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/defyingdementia. The website also contains short videos about the research.
Gary and Ann Skinner (née Swain) were the first couple to use the chaplaincy chapel for the solemnisation of a marriage on the 8th February 1975 and returned this year for a special ceremony to celebrate their 40 years.

Both were biology students – Gary was in his last year of PhD study and Ann was in her last year of her BSc. They obtained a special licence to use the Galgate register to license the centre for the wedding and Paul Warren officiated at the marriage. The couple returned in 2015 with their three children and families including the three grandchildren.

Their bridesmaids were represented by sister-in-law Prim and best man Graham also returned for the celebration. After the ceremony the party recreated the reception at Revolution in Lancaster which, in 1975, was The Alexandra Hotel. They have promised to return in ten years time for their Golden celebrations.

WEDDINGS

1. JON OGGERBY, Business Studies, 2009, Lonsdale married CLAIRE REDDY, Business Studies, 2009, Fylde
2. BEN WELLs, English, 2010, Furness married ANNE RATHBONE, Psychology, 2006, Furness
5. SAM CADAMY, Criminology & Sociology, 2008, Bowland married SARAH COSGROVE, Psychology, 2006, Bowland
7. JOHN MORGAN, Law, 2009, County married JENNIFER LYON, History and English Language, 2009, Fylde
8. MARK BUTTERWORTH, Maths, 2011, Furness married CHARLOTTE POOL, Biomedical Studies, 2011, Furness

ALUMNI IN PRINT

CATRIONA CHILD, MA Creative Writing, 2010 – ‘Swim Until You Can’t See Land’

J.S. DOLLYER, English Literature, Creative Writing and Practice, 2006, Cartmel – ‘Zero: An Orbit Novel’


KATE HORSLEY, MA Creative Writing, 2012 – ‘Black Greek Coffee’

ANDREW MCMILLAN, Creative Writing, 2010, Lonsdale – ‘Physical’ (Poetry Collection)
The main reason Simon Danczuk went to university, after seven years working in industry, was to challenge himself to fulfil his academic potential. The 23-year-old union activist then discovered a whole world of scholarship and practical knowledge that equipped him for a political life he had only dreamt about since the age of 13.

Now re-elected as Labour MP for Rochdale, he is a dedicated campaigner against child abuse. “There is no doubt that without the education I received at Lancaster, I would not be doing what I am now.”

Studying at Lancaster, he became involved in the Labour Party. In his spare time he was involved in Labour politics in Darwen. He stood as local Labour councillor for the first time in his second year at Lancaster and finally managed to win the seat just after his finals.

Upon leaving university, Danczuk undertook sociological research with Roger Penn in Rochdale, which gave him invaluable insight into his future parliamentary constituency. He went on to co-found Vision 21 - a research, public affairs and communications consultancy. His major interests are democracy, homelessness, regeneration, drugs, housing and employment which fuelled his growing involvement in the Labour Party.

Danczuk became the Labour MP for Rochdale in 2010 and he has been particularly active in investigating paedophile activities in his constituency and beyond. “Lancaster gave me the confidence to be alongside people who had been more fortunate than me.”

THERESA GRIFFIN

GRADUATED: 1984

SUBJECT: ENGLISH AND THEATRE STUDIES

COLLEGE: CARTMEL

CURRENT POSITION: MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FOR NORTH WEST ENGLAND

The daughter of a Coventry car worker, Griffin was already politicised when she arrived at Lancaster, her ambitions to do something in politics had already been lit when she arrived at Lancaster.

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At the end of her third year, Griffin was set on a career in theatre direction, so stayed on to do a Masters. She then returned to Coventry to work in community theatre followed by a job in community arts in Liverpool.

She joined the Labour Party and became an active campaigner at local, CLP, national and European levels. She was a member of Unite’s North West Political Committee and represented North West CLPs on the National Policy Forum and has also been a Regional Organiser for UNISON and Director of Communications and Research at North West Arts.

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MEET OUR ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

AUSTRALIA
Ross McLelland
BBA European Management, 2010, Lonsdale
Senior Recruitment Consultant, Michael Page

CANADA
NOVA SCOTIA
Joan Halima Mills
(Behaviour in Organisations, 1991 and 2000, Graduate)
Professor of Management, St Mary’s University in Halifax

CHINA
BEIJING
Nan Zhang
(Accounting and Finance, 2012, Futuresea)
Research Institute for Fiscal Science, Ministry of Finance

BELFAST
Harry (Har Hui) Xu
(MSc Finance, 2011, Pendle)
Financial Analyst, Cushman & Wakefield

FRANCE
Fioriane Blot
(BBA European Management, 2008, Pendle)
Manager of Internal Meetings & Events, Venue, EY

GREECE
Nikolas Korkolis
(MSc Accounting and Financial Management, 2009, Graduate)
Internal Auditor, Coca-Cola HBC

HONG KONG
Sophia Au
(Marketing, 2014, Pendle)
Business Development Executive, Aegon Insurance Company

INDIA
BANGALORE
Parth Gautam
(MSc Management, 2012, Graduate)
Product Manager, Edusys Services

INDONESIA
Jeffrey Ng
(MA Business Analysis, 1981, County)
COO & Executive Director, Minimal Fashion Group

PAKISTAN
Moizuddin Asif
(Computing, 2014, CDMSATS)
Researcher in Social Computing

SINGAPORE
Leonard Eggert
(MSc Finance, 2013, Graduate)
Analyst, Asia Pacific

UNITED STATES
NEW YORK
Sarah Laimo
(English Literature, 2003, County)
Associate Editor, Practical Law

SAN FRANCISCO
Adrian Smith
(Marketing Management, 2013, Lonsdale)
Online Marketing and Social Media

UNITED KINGDOM
Vasia Papou
(MSc Accounting & Finance, 2013)
Assistant Manager, Deloitte

We also have contacts in Belgium, Cyprus, Thailand and Latin America

If you are interested in helping us co-ordinate a group in your country, please email alumni@lancaster.ac.uk
AFTER 15 MONTHS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD, OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAME TO A CLOSE. It has been an opportunity for us to reconnect with old friends across the globe, as well as to introduce new people to our work here at Lancaster. Thousands of alumni have joined us in celebrating; from our Grand Alumni Reunion in Lancaster to reunions in Jakarta and New York, Bangkok to Milan. Here are some photographic memories of the last few months.

GLOBAL CELEBRATION FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Alumni from as far afield as Australia, Canada, Hong Kong and Peru travelled to campus for the Grand Alumni Dinner in September which was attended by 280 guests and hosted by Vice-Chancellor Professor Mark E. Smith. Guest of honour and alumnus speaker was Game of Thrones actor Roger Ashton-Griffiths, who studied music at Lancaster from 1975 to 1978.

STAFF AND FAMILIES’ SUMMER FETE
Around 2000 members of staff and their families enjoyed all the fun of the fair when campus played host to attractions for everyone.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DAY
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GRAND ALUMNI BALL
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The project quickly demonstrated that whilst tackling anti-social online behaviour is of key importance, sites like Twitter produce data at such high volumes that simply trying to identify relevant messages in amongst all the irrelevant ones is a huge challenge by itself. However, less than a year into the project, Hardaker and her team were invited to Twitter’s London headquarters to present findings from the project to Police, the Crown Prosecution Service, and Twitter itself and the results of this research subsequently influenced Twitter to update its policy on abusive online behaviour.

The interest from the police and Crown Prosecution Service also encouraged Hardaker to turn her research into a tool that could filter the ‘noise’ out of billions of online messages, thereby enhancing the useful ‘signals’ that can lead to the identification of accounts, texts, and behaviours of interest. The software – known as FireAnt – was built for Hardaker by fellow corpus linguist, Professor Laurence Anthony and whilst initially designed to handle data from Twitter, it can also analyse text from almost any online source, including sources such as Facebook, Google+, Tumblr and Reddit.

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A key aspect of this analysis in Hardaker’s work is the process of escalation from online messages that are simply unpleasant or annoying up to extreme, illegal behaviour and even that which could turn into physical, offline violence. One potential use for FireAnt is to pinpoint high-risk individuals and networks who may go on to be a threat, whether to themselves or others.

Her knowledge of the English language has already proved crucial at a national level. Her skills were used in 2014 to analyse videos to try to identify the Islamic State (ISIS) militant with a British accent who appeared in a video of the apparent beheading of US journalist James Foley. Hardaker studied the clip and said the man’s vowels marked him out as probably from the south east of England.

Hardaker specialises in aggression, deception and manipulation online. She is also working on other projects that involve analysing live online social networks for escalation of abusive behaviour, the importance of the Internet in transnational crime such as human trafficking and the Internet as an arena for grooming and coercing victims.

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| TWEETS SENT EVERY DAY | 500,000,000 |
| TIME SPENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA | 28% |
| Estimated cost of cyber crime to the UK economy | £27 BILLION |
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Lancaster’s growth is a result of its excellent course offerings, strong research reputation, and its commitment to student success. The university has been recognized for its innovative teaching methods, world-class facilities, and its support for entrepreneurial initiatives. The growth in rankings is a testament to the university’s dedication to providing a high-quality education, preparing students for future opportunities, and contributing to the local and national economy.

Other top ten universities are Cambridge in first place, Oxford, LSE, University of Liverpool, University of Manchester and University of Birmingham, topping the table for Social Science.

The Complete University Guide is based on ten measures: student satisfaction, research quality, research intensity, entry standards, student/staff ratio, spending on academic services, spending on student facilities, good honours degrees achieved, graduate prospects and completion.

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Lancaster is ranked highly for graduate prospects with 76% of students going on to graduate level employment or further study. The Complete University Guide is based on ten measures: student satisfaction, research quality, research intensity, entry standards, student/staff ratio, spending on academic services, spending on student facilities, good honours degrees achieved, graduate prospects and completion.

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David has been awarded the title of ‘MPS of the Year’ by The Royal Society, London for his work in engineering. The award recognises his contribution to the field of engineering and his commitment to fostering the next generation of engineers.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Kyran Darnton, first-year student, explains how the alumni Friends Programme funding has helped his studies.

For me, Lancaster as I wanted to attend a university that was local, but renowned as an outstanding educational institution. I am studying for a BA-Hons Politics with International Relations and find it stimulating and challenging. It has provided me with the skills necessary to grow, develop and work towards entering the real world working world.

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It enabled me to work in Cornwall as a political intern for the parliamentary candidate for Camborne, Redruth and Hayle.

Having lived independently since the age of 16 I am fully responsible for the payment of rent and bills and this funding helped me to cover these costs during my internship.

I would like to obtain a first class degree. Once I have graduated I hope to enter a career in politics and become an MP.

I aim to make a difference and prove that sometimes what seems impossible can be achieved.

Thank you for your support. I am truly grateful for your donations to Lancaster University.

The University’s new Engineering Building was shortlisted for the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Regional Awards.

Chosen from a shortlist of 15, the new Engineering Building was praised by the judges for its ‘careful detailing, strategy and quality’.

The eco-building also won the Sustainability Award, reflecting the University’s commitment to reduce its carbon emissions. The RIBA Regional Awards are given to buildings across the UK recognised as important contributions to architecture.

Mark Swindale, the Director of Projects, said: “It is great that the high-quality of the building has been recognised by these two RIBA Awards.

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The project architect, Paul Hughes, of John McAslan + Partners, won the region’s Project Architect of the Year Award.

The building was officially opened on 4 March by the new Chancellor, Alan Milburn, and boasts a world-class environment with specially designed workshops, teaching laboratories and office areas.

The Engineering Building will be put forward for the RIBA National Awards, with the recipients announced shortly.

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He had dreamt of a performing career from his early teens, but his passion for science directed him first towards medicine and then to becoming a biology teacher when he started out at Lancaster. But the magic had taken hold. Brought up in Ramsbottom, he says every stage of his education channelled him towards Lancaster, but having visited other universities, the friendliness he found there made him even more keen to go there, plus the quiet campus and the views over to Morecambe Bay. He had been doing conjuring tricks since the age of eight, and even at 10 was dipping into reference books to find ever slicker tricks, which gained him professional gigs in hotels, for weddings and birthday parties from the age of 14, alongside his school studies.

‘As a fresher I used my magic tricks as a real ice breaker,’ says Fitton. ‘From the start I was known as Magic Sam. I would do a trick and I would make friends for life. Magic is hard to ignore.’

He found his studies absorbing - particularly the theories of evolution - which gave him the basis for setting up his current business. The Red Queen Hypothesis states that one has to keep running to stay in the same evolutionary position, whilst evolution requires a superhuman effort. The idea took root after he gave up his scientific ambitions, as a sound principle on which to operate as a self-employed performer.

Outside his studies he took an active role in college life, which gave him invaluable life skills. His first year in charge of publicity for the JCR taught him valuable marketing skills, whilst his stint as College President provided him with event management, book keeping and financial experience. It’s amazing how these skills are transferrable,’ says Fitton. ‘With what I learned in Biology and socially, I had my business model.’

During his final year, the idea of performing as a magician took root, but he did not know how to make it a reality. So he signed up as a Special Constable with Lancashire Police and then worked for Lancaster County Council’s customer services department, all the time performing his magic tricks at weddings, corporate and VIP events. Then in 2013, he left his job to follow his dream.

In 2014 he was voted North West Close-Up Magic Champion and he also won the ‘UK’s Best Wedding Entertainment’ 2015. Sam also performed his magic at the University’s Grand Alumni Ball in London earlier this year.

Fitton often makes up his own tricks, so repeatedly calls upon the scientific knowledge he developed during his time at Lancaster, to create his illusions. For him the value of his three years was in equipping him with a whole set of skills on which he could build an unorthodox career.

He says: ‘Lancaster gave me the opportunity and the time to discover who I wanted to be and you can’t put a value on that’.

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SAM LEARNS THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Sam Fitton Environmental Biology, 2009, Cartmel

He is not drawing comparisons with Harry Potter’s Hogwarts Academy, but for Sam Fitton, Lancaster proved to be the perfect launch pad for his career as a professional award-winning magician.
There are a number of benefits available to Lancaster alumni from the university even if you left a long time ago. Here’s a selection:

1. **FREE COURSES**
   We run free online courses in partnership with FutureLearn. These are sometimes referred to as ‘MOOCs’, or massive open online courses. You can register online to join any of the courses - you just need access to a computer, tablet or mobile phone. Courses re-run at regular intervals and new courses are continually being developed, so keep checking the website [www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/free-courses](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/free-courses)

2. **LUSU MERCHANDISE**
   Use the code ‘ALUM10’ to receive a 10% discount off LUSU Merchandise online, visit [www.shop.lusu.co.uk](http://www.shop.lusu.co.uk)

3. **ALUMNI LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP**
   Lancaster University will offer a reduction in tuition fees to all taught Master’s programmes for eligible applicants, determined by the level of undergraduate award achieved. The value of the scholarship is as follows:
   - 20% fee reduction for 1st Class Hons degree holders
   - 10% fee reduction for 2:1 Hons degree holders
   The Scholarship is open to all our alumni, regardless of nationality or graduation year. You do not need to apply for this scholarship, you will qualify automatically if you meet the eligibility criteria and the course entry requirements, [www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgscholarships](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgscholarships)

4. **LANCASTER MASTER’S SCHOLARSHIPS**
   There are also a number of Lancaster Master’s Scholarships available as part of a government initiative to offer additional support for students wishing to progress to Master’s level study. This scheme is open to UK/EU students who began their studies after 1 Sept 2012.

5. **CAREERS**
   You can have careers support from Lancaster for as long as you need it! Sign up with TARGETConnect for online help, access a range of careers digital resources, find out which companies are recruiting graduates, consider further study options, acquire help with CVs, interviews or as an employer, look at how we can help you recruit the right staff, [www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-careers/](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-careers/)

6. **LIBRARY**
   We can now offer our alumni free access to JSTOR, an online database covering thousands of academic journals, visit [www.alumni.lancs.ac.uk/library](http://www.alumni.lancs.ac.uk/library)

   The Library is open to the general public for reference, but as a Lancaster graduate you can join as an alumni member for a fee of £30 per year and borrow up to six items.

7. **FACEBOOK AND LINKEDIN GROUPS**
   We have active Facebook groups, [www.facebook.com/lancasteruniversityalumni](http://www.facebook.com/lancasteruniversityalumni) and [www.linkedin.com/groupson/lancasteruni](http://www.linkedin.com/groupson/lancasteruni)

8. **CONNECT WITH THE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL NETWORK**
   Lancaster University will offer a reduction in tuition fees to all taught Master’s programmes for eligible applicants, determined by the level of undergraduate award achieved. The value of the scholarship is as follows:
   - 20% fee reduction for 1st Class Hons degree holders
   - 10% fee reduction for 2:1 Hons degree holders
   The Scholarship is open to all our alumni, regardless of nationality or graduation year. You do not need to apply for this scholarship, you will qualify automatically if you meet the eligibility criteria and the course entry requirements, [www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgscholarships](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/pgscholarships)

9. **SPORTS CENTRE**
   Management School alumni can connect with peers online via the new platform: LUMS Connect. Register at [www.lancasteralumni.co.uk](http://www.lancasteralumni.co.uk) to expand your network, receive insights and support from alumni mentors, keep up-to-date with LUMS news... and more! At this stage LUMS Connect is a pilot scheme for alumni and students of Lancaster University Management School degree programmes only.

10. **WORLDWIDE ALUMNI NETWORK**
    Our volunteer network is rapidly expanding. See feature for details (page 9) and refer to website for updates [www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/groups](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/groups)
Honorary Graduates

Each year, Lancaster awards honorary degrees to people with an outstanding, international or leading national reputation in their field. The following awards were made in 2014:

Alumni Awards

The University has introduced alumni awards to Lancaster graduates who have made a substantial contribution in their field and have developed an outstanding international or national reputation amongst their peers. The following awards were made in 2014:

In Memoriam

For full obituaries please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/steps/obituaries
YOUR ALUMNI NETWORK

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KEEP IN TOUCH
Register on our website, like our Facebook page and join the alumni LinkedIn group. Keep your details up to date to receive newsletters, STEPS magazines and invitations.

GET INVOLVED
Come back to campus, give a talk, mentor students or help to organise alumni events – there are plenty of ways to keep your links with Lancaster.

JOIN OUR ALUMNI NETWORK
We have over 130,000 graduates in over 170 countries. Join your local group and come to events or contact us about starting your own!

BENEFITS AND SERVICES
Lancaster continues to offer ongoing careers support, library services, discounted merchandise, scholarships for further study and special offers on campus accommodation.

WWW.LANCASTER.AC.UK/ALUMNI