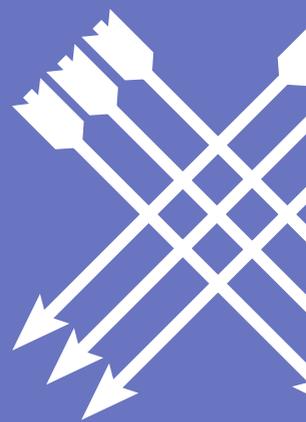


**Sheffield
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**The Hallam Difference:
Your Impact**



The Hallam Difference

This year sees Sheffield Hallam celebrating 25 years as a university. This significant milestone gives us cause to reflect on our long and proud heritage, celebrate our achievements and look forward to the next quarter of a century.

In particular, this year we are championing The Hallam Difference - the difference that Sheffield Hallam makes to its students, to their lives, to the region and beyond.

We do this by shaping futures; by enabling our students to be the best and brightest in their chosen field, regardless of their background or circumstances. We deliver practical solutions to the challenges of the twenty-first century through our world-leading transformational research, and we are pioneers in the creative and digital industries, health innovation and education sectors.

Of course we do not work in isolation; our supporters are integral to our capacity as an innovative, imaginative university focused on transforming lives and making a difference.

This is a university which has always been actively supported by South Yorkshire; in 1843 civic leaders and manufacturers established the School of Design to develop the skills required to ensure Sheffield's metalwork industries remained world leading and competitive. Today, well-known Sheffield names such as Cantor and local manufacturers like AESSEAL are supporting our talented students become truly exceptional.

Within these pages we shine a light on the people who are applying their expertise to help break down barriers to success, enhance student wellbeing and pioneer new learning experiences for our students.

Without your vision and generosity, Sheffield Hallam could not be the vehicle for opportunity and change that it is. Join us and help transform lives.

This is the Hallam Difference.

Professor Chris Husbands, Vice-Chancellor

Taking care of mental health

In 2016 we launched The Hallam Fund to help raise over £250,000 to provide additional and much needed support to students so they can overcome barriers, access the best opportunities and take on some of society's greatest challenges.

Thanks to donations to The Hallam Fund, a new Residential Wellbeing Mentoring project has been launched which is committed to improving student wellbeing and ultimately reducing the number of students forced to withdraw from university.

While most students who come to Hallam transition well into university life; those who do experience difficulties have access to a number of support services provided by the University. Recently, the increase in mental health cases has overwhelmed university wellbeing services; waiting lists are long, and, on occasion, students cannot access crucial support when they are dealing with problems. This, often in combination with other factors, leads to a small percentage of students withdrawing from university. Official figures show that the number of students to drop out of university with mental health problems has more than trebled in recent years.*

Through the Hallam Residential Wellbeing Mentoring project, eight student mentors have been recruited and trained to deliver basic counselling, including mental health awareness, how to deal with culture shock, drug and alcohol awareness and resilience.

Lara Beech, who is a residential wellbeing mentor, said: "I think it's amazing that attitudes around mental health are changing and more people are talking about their experiences. However, many people are still suffering in silence. I think my role is incredibly important, because by being in halls of residence I am there when anyone needs to talk about anything - whether it's an issue with flatmates, or worries about deadlines or finances - so that we can address those issues before they become too big."

*Data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) revealed that a record 1,180 students who experienced mental health problems left university early in 2014-15, the most recent year in which data was available. It represents a 210% increase from 380 in 2009-10.





Affording the care necessities

Saphire Took is a passionate advocate of the importance of education in promoting social mobility. Last year, Saphire made a gift of £1,000 to help two students who are estranged from their families with the everyday costs of studying.

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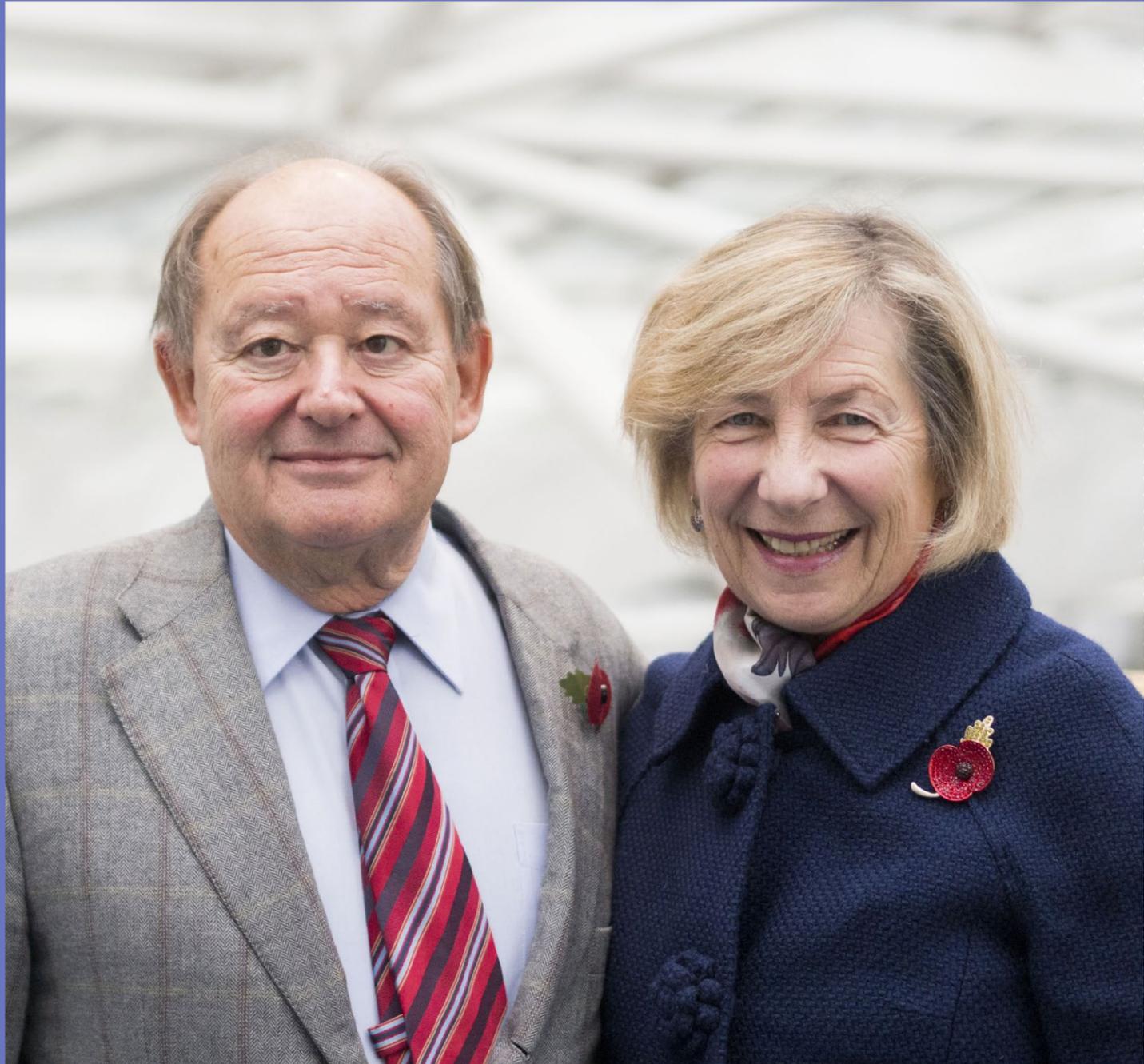


Saphire said: “I’ve experienced the care system from both sides, both as a looked after child and as a foster parent. When I went to university I received no support and ended up having to drop out, as I couldn’t afford the basics like travel and food. I was lucky to be able to go back to university later on in life with the support of my husband. Through donating I’ve been able to do something tangible so that those students who aren’t able to call upon their families for financial or emotional support have a better chance at succeeding first time round. It’s wonderful to hear that Zayne and Alex, the students who I’ve supported, have been given the peace of mind to know that whatever happens, they can afford the necessities such as food on campus, travel and text books.”

Saphire has recently completed her MA in Autism Spectrum at the University and is founder of social enterprise, Talksign, which provides affordable specialist training for foster carers and adopters.

Operating department practice student, Alex Moreno, was nominated to receive the Talksign Bursary donated by Saphire. Alex has no relationship or support from her parents and during her teens she experienced time in care. The £500 Talksign Bursary was added to Alex’s university SHUcard which can be used to pay for essentials on campus as well as bus travel to her placement hospital. Alex said: “The bursary means that I can now afford things like printing out journal articles and marking criteria - I have dyslexia and I find physical copies easier to read compared to on a screen. I am truly grateful for the bursary. Thanks to Saphire’s generosity I’ve been able to afford the everyday costs of studying which can quickly add up.”

Furnishing opportunities



The name Cantor is synonymous in the city with high quality design due to the successful family furniture business which began trading almost 100 years ago.

Started by two brothers, Cyril and Harold, Cantor's Furniture Stores began as a single shop on Snig Hill in Sheffield and expanded to more than 100 outlets across the UK.

Following the success of the business, the family launched the Cantor Trust which was borne from their feelings of affection and responsibility towards the city. Today, Cyril's daughter, Dianne Jeffrey, and her husband, Nicholas Jeffrey, are trustees. Nicholas is a former chair of the board of governors and director of the company and both are honorary doctors of Sheffield Hallam University.

The H & L Cantor Trust made a generous donation to fund more than 200 postgraduate scholarships and bursaries so that students, who otherwise wouldn't be able to, can take-up international work experiences.

Students have travelled as far as Dubai to work at an international law firm, South Africa to conserve great white sharks, and Washington to work at the world's largest museum. Dianne said:

“The world is becoming a smaller place, boundaries are disappearing and universities need to produce global citizens to respond to this change.”

In recognition of their transformational gift, The Cantor Building on Arundel Street now bears the family name.

Investing in the entrepreneurs of the future

This year the University is proud to begin a new partnership with Santander Universities that will create support for enterprise, scholarships and global mobility.

The Santander Universities Programme is one of the largest corporate social responsibility programmes in the world and now celebrates its tenth anniversary having invested 150 million euros in UK universities.

Through this partnership, Santander Universities has committed £75,000 to Hallam to facilitate a number of valuable opportunities that will enable some of the very best students to excel; from global experiences and support for enterprise, to projects aimed at developing the skills and confidence of students from backgrounds that have low participation in higher education.

Class of 2015 events management alumnus, Max Scotford, was the first to benefit from Santander Universities' support.

Max took home the top prize of £5000 at the recent Hallam Enterprise Awards 2017 to further develop his business, Bullion - Yorkshire's first craft chocolate company, sourcing quality cocoa beans from across the globe.

Max said: "Support is a key factor for any fast growing start-up. Whether through knowledge or funding - start-ups and small enterprises are set to benefit the most. The Hallam Enterprise Award, generously donated by Santander, couldn't have come at a better time for us. It's great to see that Santander is encouraging a new generation of makers and entrepreneurs in this way."

Matt Hutnell, director at Santander Universities UK, said: "We are delighted to welcome Sheffield Hallam to the Santander Universities network. We are committed to working with higher education institutions and through this new partnership we will be able to collaborate to help both students and staff at Sheffield Hallam."

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Bridging the gender gap in engineering

Women made up only 14% of students graduating from UK universities with engineering and technology degrees in 2016.

Local company AESSEAL, a global leader in the design and manufacture of mechanical seals and support systems, along with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) are working with Hallam to address this shortfall.

Managing director of AESSEAL and honorary doctor, Chris Rea, donated £50,000 to Sheffield Hallam University to encourage more women to pursue a career in engineering.

Having just entered its second year, the donation has already funded scholarships and bursaries for 26 ambitious female engineers studying at Sheffield Hallam University.

Jessica Owen-Rigby is studying for a Masters in Advanced Engineering and Management and is a recipient of the IMechE and AESSEAL Scholarship. She said: "Without the scholarship I wouldn't have been able to afford to do this masters. I want to be a trailblazer for women in engineering and I feel this qualification will get me one step closer to that goal."

A Sheffield Hallmark

Ashley Carson has worked at the Sheffield Assay Office, assaying, testing and hallmarking precious metals for more than 40 years. Now the assay master, he holds one of the city's most historic titles and has chosen to support the next generation of silversmiths.

Every piece of jewellery for sale in Britain has to be hallmarked. At the Sheffield Assay Office, each earring, bracelet, chain or ring must be carefully unwrapped, stamped, checked then returned to its original packaging. It is a system which is labour intensive and makes implementing a streamlined production system difficult.

As part of Ashley's mutually beneficial relationship with Hallam, students from the Materials and Engineering Research Institute (MERI) took part in a Knowledge Transfer Partnership with the Assay Office. The students worked to design and implement a new factory layout at the office's premises in Hillsborough, which has translated into increased productivity; the Sheffield Assay Office hallmark more than 13 million articles a year.

An accomplished silversmith himself, Ashley supports students on the metalwork and silversmith course at Hallam by offering a free hallmarking service and an annual prize to a third year student for their final degree show. The Assay Office also donates silver to the department which is sold to

students at a discounted rate to help encourage them to be more experimental without having to worry about the cost. In recognition of Ashley's dedication to supporting young silversmiths he was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2003.

Hayley Grafflin was awarded the 2017 Sheffield Assay Office Graduation Prize for Excellence in Design. She said: "Winning the award was such a shock and an incredible experience. It has given me the encouragement and confidence I needed to enter the professional world of jewellery. It has enabled me to achieve my goals of attending exhibitions and craft fairs all within the first few months of graduating."

Going the extra curricular mile

In 2010 Sir Michael Heller CBE was awarded an honorary doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University in recognition of his extensive charitable work and his proud connection to the city.

Sir Michael, together with his wife, Lady Morven Heller, run a charitable foundation supporting the arts, education and medicine.

Sir Michael's association with the University began in 1962 when he taught accountancy at the Sheffield College of Technology - one of our precursor institutions. At the time, he was a successful accountant working for his father's business KP Nuts which was later sold to United Biscuits. Since then, Sir Michael has founded a number of start-up businesses and he is now chairman of London Associated Properties whose portfolio includes Orchard Square. Sheffield remains very close to both Sir Michael and Lady Morven and they have continued to maintain an important link to the city through the work of the University.

Sir Michael and Lady Morven established the Heller Bursary scheme to enable students to learn something new, transformational and unrelated to their course of study. The bursary recognises the importance of extracurricular activities and hobbies to enhance student employability and personal development. To date, more than 25 students have been awarded the bursary and have achieved some incredible things, from deep sea diving and learning new languages, to restoring instruments and archery.

Carl Goodman used the £1000 he was awarded to set up a social enterprise which aims to improve the state of the world's seas and oceans. Robert Jones used his bursary to make the first gin to be brewed in Sheffield in more than 100 years, while Katrina Love travelled to Japan to learn Aikido, a modern martial art, from the masters.

Katrina, who was born and raised in Sheffield, said: "Without the Heller Bursary I never would have been able to afford the chance to go to Japan to train and celebrate the sport's 50th Anniversary - a pillar in the Shodokan Aikido history. I can proudly say that I was there and trained with some of the best Aikido from Japan and around the world. I also made some amazing friends and learnt so much."



Raising the bar

Tunde Okewale MBE began life on an East London council estate. Today, he is a multi-award winning barrister at one of Britain's leading legal chambers and is the founder of the charity Urban Lawyers.

Urban Lawyers aims to inspire young people from more 'non-traditional' backgrounds to enter the legal profession and educates them in how to provide legal advice within their communities.

Last year, Urban Lawyers launched a schools outreach programme in partnership with Sheffield Hallam University's Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice.

The partnership saw law students being trained to run regular law sessions at local Sheffield schools and colleges with the aim of encouraging more young people into the profession.

Tunde said: "I came from a council estate in Hackney - a community that didn't have any visible aspirational role models. But, I was fortunate to have a supportive family and get a good education to become a lawyer. This was the inspiration behind me wanting to share the skills and experiences I've developed so other young people can do what I'm doing and help others along the way.

"Urban Lawyers does not exclude anybody who wants to give back or take opportunities from the resources. This is because I've found that if you have an initiative or a scheme that targets people who are identified as 'disadvantaged' then they won't want to be involved. Urban Lawyers is available to everyone. But, the selling point is that I am not from a privileged background, so if anyone did have any hang-ups that law is not a career for them, then those hang-ups are dispelled - because of me and my story and where I'm from."

In recognition of his contributions to the University and his services to the community and young people, Tunde was awarded an honorary doctorate by Sheffield Hallam University in 2017.



A very fine man of Sheffield

Sir Norman Adsetts OBE, has been a key proponent of the Hallam Difference for a quarter of a century. As the University's very first chair of the board of governors between 1993 to 1999, he helped steer the University through its transition from Sheffield City Polytechnic to Sheffield Hallam University.

Sir Norman has continued to be involved with the University, from the award winning Adsetts Learning Centre - named in honour of his personal contributions and outstanding work to raise funds to build the new centralised library - and The Autism Centre, which is an internationally renowned research and academic hub focused on developing and sharing knowledge and understanding about the autism spectrum.

During Sir Norman's first few years as chair, his two young grandsons were diagnosed with autism at a time when there was little publicly accessible information or support available. So, prompted by a desire to learn more about the condition and noticing a need for trained professionals, Sir Norman initiated a number of developments to bring experts together for the first time. This led to the sponsorship of the Sheffield Hallam Autism Resource Exchange, and later to the inception of The Autism Centre.

The Autism Centre is committed to achieving positive change for autistic people and the wider autism communities. To date, it has enabled the learning of thousands of autism practitioners, autistic people, their families and allies. The philosophy and principles of The Autism Centre reflect those of Sir Norman and his family: The valuing of autistic people for who and how they are, a recognition of their talents and abilities and support for the development of these, and the identification and removal of the barriers in society that prevent autistic people from achieving their aspirations. The Autism Centre has achieved an international reputation for its promotion of more enabling ways of conceptualising and responding to autism and the development of a rights based agenda for change. It is an excellent example of how Hallam's research expertise is making a real difference in communities across the region.



Animated success

The Oscar winning creator of Wallace and Gromit, Nick Park CBE, graduated from Sheffield City Polytechnic in 1980.

He later went on to the National Film and Television School in London where he brought to life some of Britain's best loved characters.

Nick was awarded an honorary fellowship from Sheffield City Polytechnic in 1991. Since then, Nick has continued to support students studying animation at Sheffield Hallam University by awarding an annual prize which is judged by himself and his team at Aardman Animations.

Marta Kwasniewska won the 2017 Nick Park Prize for her animation Growth.

Inspiration for her animation came from her Polish heritage and a popular folk tale she remembers from her childhood.

Marta said: "To win the award gave me a sense of validation for pursuing one of my life's passions and turning it into a career. I'm so grateful that Nick Park has chosen to support students in this way. I hope that being associated with such a highly regarded name in the industry will set me apart during my graduate job search."



Get involved

As demonstrated by the stories told within these pages, there are so many ways that you can help our students be the best that they can be.

If you have an innovative idea about how you can help our students excel, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you.



Volunteering

Alumni and friends of Hallam can offer so much to current students and recent graduates – and gain satisfaction, new talent and valuable skills in the process. From student mentoring, to offering a work placement, there are lots of ways you can develop your own skills and help the next generation of Sheffield Hallam students to succeed.



Philanthropy

Some of our donors are able to make larger gifts in support of the University. Giving at this level can have a truly transformational impact on the University community.

For these larger gifts, you can choose to direct your donation to a particular program or to establish a scholarship or bursary. We can recognise this type of giving by naming a scholarship in line with your wishes.



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Since the launch of the Hallam Fund in 2016, more than 300 alumni and supporters have chosen to donate via a monthly direct debit or one-off donation, which helps to provide essential regular support to Hallam's student and research community. You can choose to donate to the area of greatest need or direct your gift to any of our funding areas: Student support; creating opportunities or life-changing research.



Making a gift in your will

A gift in your will means you can have a transformative impact on our students and staff for generations to come.

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