

## Alumni profiles

Alumni profiles in the International Development Department.



**[Video: Samuel Ofofu Ampofo, Public Administration and Development \(Distance Learning\) MSc \(2013\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/samuel-ofosu-ampofo.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/samuel-ofosu-ampofo.aspx)**

Samuel Ofofu Ampofo describes his experience of studying an MSc Public Administration and Development by distance learning at the International Development Department, University of Birmingham during his recent graduation.



**[Joshua Gimba, MSc International Political Economy and Development \(2011\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/gimba-joshua.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/gimba-joshua.aspx)**

I chose to study in the UK because I was drawn to the excellent combination of academics and practical experience the University of Birmingham provided.



**[Michael Uzoigwe, MSc and PhD in International Development \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/uzoigwe-michael.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/uzoigwe-michael.aspx)**

The exposure was great and the UK environment provided just the right amount of challenges. The facilities were outstanding, especially the library, and with students from almost every part of the world, IDD provided the best possible platform for my course of study.



**[Oluwapelumi Okuyemi, International Development \(Conflict, Security and Development\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/okuyemi-oluwapelumi.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/okuyemi-oluwapelumi.aspx)**

Having done my research on the course I wanted to study for my post-graduate degree, I was immediately drawn to the University of Birmingham whose international development department is one of the best practise centres for politics and international development in the United Kingdom. I also practically fell in love with the module structure as it fitted in perfectly with how I had envisioned the programme.

**[Video: Pyone Kyaw, MSc International Development Department \(2012\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/kyaw-pyone.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/kyaw-pyone.aspx)**

Pyone Kyaw describes her experience of studying an MSc in International Development at the International Development Department, University of Birmingham during her recent graduation.

**[Video: Anthony Gething, MSc Public Administration and Development by distance learning \(2012\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/gething-anthony.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/gething-anthony.aspx)**

Anthony Gething describes his experience of studying an MSc Public Administration and Development by distance learning at the International Development Department, University of Birmingham during his recent graduation.

**[Video: Chris Woods, Msc Development Management \(2012\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/woods-chris.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/woods-chris.aspx)**

Chris Woods describes her experience of studying an MSc in Development Management at the International Development Department, University of Birmingham during her recent graduation.

**[Video: Leisl Algeo, MSc Poverty, Inequality and Development by distance learning \(2012\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/algeo-leisl.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/algeo-leisl.aspx)**

Leisl Algeo describes her experience of studying an MSc Poverty, Inequality and Development by distance learning at the International Development Department, University of Birmingham during her recent graduation.

**[Video: Anna Townsend, MSc Poverty, Inequality and Development by distance learning \(2012\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/townsend-anna.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/townsend-anna.aspx)**

Anna Townsend describes her experience of studying an MSc Poverty, Inequality and Development by distance learning at the International Development Department, University of Birmingham during her recent graduation.

**[Video: Maria Anna Belka, MSc Development Management \(Public Economic management and Finance \(2012\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/maria-anna-belka.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/maria-anna-belka.aspx)**

Maria Anna Belka describes her experience of studying an MSc in Development Management at the International Development Department, University of Birmingham during her recent graduation.

**[Kamna Patel, International Development \(PhD\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/patel-kamna.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2012-13/patel-kamna.aspx)**

I've gained two really important things directly related to my current career from my studies at Birmingham. The first is a thorough knowledge of the research process and approaches to research. The second is the exposure to teaching masters students I gained by acting as a PGTA and as a tutor on IDD's

distance learning programme. Without this combination of teaching experience and a solid grounding in research, I would not have been prepared for the challenges in my new role.

**[Sippi Azarbaijani-Moghaddam, MSocSc in Rural Development \(1996\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/sippi-azarbaijani-moghaddam.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/sippi-azarbaijani-moghaddam.aspx)**

Sippi has worked for many years as a consultant and country expert on Afghanistan and neighbouring countries. From informing the military and UK Ministry of Defence to defending Afghan women's rights both before and during the reign of the Taliban, Sippi spent 16 and a half years working both in Afghanistan and all around the world imparting her wisdom on Afghan politics, development and culture.

**[Video: Dominic Morris, MA International Political Economy of Development \(2008\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/morris-dominic.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/morris-dominic.aspx)**

I work as a consultant for a consultancy in Bristol. We work with the British Government across DIFID and the foreign office and the Ministry of Defence in the Security and Justice arena and the stabilisation agenda at the moment.

**[Video profile: Caroline Littlewood, MSc International Development \(Urban Development\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/littlewood-caroline.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/littlewood-caroline.aspx)**

What I enjoyed most I guess was first of all studying within a really international range, being able to work with students from all over the world. Also what I really liked about the IDD programme is that it allows you to do the research for your dissertation abroad so it's combined with very hands on field research which was really the deciding point for me why I choose this degree

**[Video profile: Zainab Usman, MSc International Development \(International Political Economy and Development\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/usman-zainab.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/usman-zainab.aspx)**

There were so many things I had learnt in my undergraduate degree but then as I was doing my Masters doing my research. It's like my brain was expanded I got to learn so much about so many different things, I met a lot of incredible people from all over the world, it was amazing. The people, the staff, my fellow students the close nit environment, all those counted.

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