

Take action, make impact: Jazmin Agreda

From what drives them to login every morning to advice they would give their 16-year-old selves, here are candid insights from some of the incredible colleagues at the National Composites Centre (NCC) who help champion inclusivity.

Meet Jazmin

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Joining the NCC

I visited the NCC whilst working in a different company. I was impressed by the facilities, the cutting-edge technology and the fact that the NCC works alongside a variety of high-profile industry leaders and academics on novel projects.

What motivates my login

I enjoy getting involved in unique innovation projects. I work alongside brilliant minds to oversee projects evolving from a broad idea, to their design, manufacturing, and testing. This provides an everyday learning opportunity.

Inclusion to me

Inclusion is about making people feel welcome, heard and valued regardless of their differences, without bias. My job involves interacting and collaborating with people from different backgrounds and unique stories. I try to foster a fair environment that enables everyone the opportunity to feel listened to, and avoid assumptions.

Advice to my 16-year-old self

“ **Don't be scared of asking - for or about anything.
Try new paths - making mistakes is the most effective confidence builder.
Giving your best also includes prioritising wellbeing:
balancing time at work with family responsibilities and time for yourself.** ”

My inspiration

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Former First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama. They both have an empathetic yet effective leadership style that conveys collaboration, strength and humanity. For example, Arden once said ‘...leadership is not necessarily being the loudest in the room but instead being the bridge, or the thing that is missing in the discussion and trying to build a consensus from there.’ That's the best way in leadership.

