

Take action, make impact: Shraddha Singh

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 Shraddha

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Joining the NCC

Having been in the field of composites for 15 years, I've followed the NCC since it was established. The NCC was the first place I applied to after completing a postdoctoral project at the University of Oxford.

What motivates my login

- **Personal growth and development:** There's an opportunity for continuous learning – expanding my skillset, taking on new challenges and staying up-to-date with industry.
- **Sense of purpose:** Knowing my work delivers tangible results and makes a difference – such as helping a customer deliver a superior product to market.
- **People:** There's immense satisfaction in collaborating with colleagues and working as a team. Building strong relationships not only contributes to an effective team, but delivers a better outcome and makes the environment enjoyable.

Inclusion to me

It's feeling that you're listened to, and valued regardless of our differences. It's more than being part of a team – it's feeling like you belong and make a worthy contribution. Simple steps include being an active listener and celebrating our achievements.

Advice to my 16-year-old self

“ **Believe in yourself: Have confidence in your ability and your potential. Self-doubt is normal but never let it hold you back.** ”

My inspiration

My father, a scientist himself, is my hero. His dedication, teaching, values and leadership by example has shaped me into the person I am today. Speaking to him always brings strength in times of doubt or challenge. His impact on my life is immeasurable and I am blessed to have him as a source of inspiration.

