

#Be *in* Business



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How would you describe yourself and your role?

I am a leader whose purpose is to provide dynamic solutions and value in whatever environment or situation I find myself in. As an educated Engineer, I have the ability to adapt and evolve in my approach to situations.

As an engineer who is now also a business leader, what additional skills have you needed to acquire?

I have learnt to be an active listener with a growth mindset. I have also learnt the value of continuous learning. I love to read and learn new skills to keep me relevant to today's evolving world and culture.

Sir Alan Sugar once claimed he had never met an engineer who can turn his hands to business, how would you respond to that?

Sir Alan Sugar has not met people like me. If he did, I am sure his opinion about Engineers will change!

What does success mean to you as an engineer and a business leader?

Success for me is achieving a set goal or ambition and having the flexibility to grow from that initial level of success.

How aware are you of the business implications of the technical choices you make as an engineering leader?

They are massive! My technical decisions could have safety, environmental, reputational or commercial implications. I make technical decisions with much thought and clarity by using facts and experience.

What courses have you undertaken to develop your skills as a leader?

There are many formal courses out there but the most effective development as a leader is continuous learning from experience, reading good books (fiction and nonfiction) to keep your brain and vocabulary up to date and partaking in mentoring programmes either as a mentee or mentor.

What piece of business advice would you give to a younger self?

I was a self-driven individual from a young age, and I have records of achievements to back this up. However, what I will tell my younger self is to pause and have some fun. My ambition would not change if I took a pause every now and again to have fun

Who is your biggest business inspiration/ role model?

My biggest human inspiration and leaders are Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and Angela Merkel. These women lead with purpose and that is the type of leader that I want to be.