

The Honorary Graduand: Adeyemi Adedamola Williams MBE FRSA

The Orator: Dr Emmanuel Adukwu

Adeyemi Adedamola Williams MBE FRSA is to be awarded the Honorary Doctor of Science.

Ade graduated in 2002 with a Master of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Portsmouth, joining the professional register in 2003. Spurred on by his experience undertaking a summer undergraduate clinical placement in North America, Ade completed his Canadian Pharmacist Qualification in 2005.

In 2013, Ade took on the Superintendent Pharmacist at Bedminster Pharmacy, an NHS-independent Healthy Living Pharmacy in South Bristol. This pharmacy has gained much renown, winning over 30 national Awards for delivering evidence-based, cost-effective health and wellbeing solutions with their community. He is a Non-Executive Director at Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, previously serving on the Board of the North Bristol NHS Trust as an Associate Non-Executive Director.

Alongside being the UK Community Pharmacist of the Year in 2017, he received the inaugural Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Patient Champion Award. Ade was UK Pharmacist of the Year 2018, 2019 Winner NHS Parliamentary Award Winner for Excellence in Primary Care, and GP-Pharmacist of the Year 2019. A Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for distinction in the practice of pharmacy, he also holds Fellowships from the Royal Society of Public Health and the Royal Society of Arts. In recognition of his significant contribution to public health, he was awarded Membership through Distinction by the Faculty of Public Health.

His enthusiastic input to finding pragmatic, scalable solutions for complex health and policy matters, alongside a passion for engaging and empowering patients, makes him part of many national and cross-professional working groups and campaigns. He is a Trustee and Board Member of the Self Care Forum Charity and an NHS Vaccine Hero – promoting broader access and increased vaccination uptake. Ade is the Primary Care Pharmacy Association Oncology and Community Pharmacy Lead and Pharmacy Ambassador for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Charity. He is also a research collaborator working on multi-disciplinary pharmacy-centred health equity workstreams.

In Bristol, Ade is a Council Member of Bristol Cathedral, Chair of the Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade - the largest Community Event in South Bristol and Chair of the Bedminster Business Improvement District. Alongside media work across various platforms, he is part of the BBC Bristol Radio Morning Show team, a documentary maker, and a regular conference speaker. Ade writes for Press and professional publications on relevant topics, including widely distributed columns in Bristol and South Gloucestershire free press. He also writes and performs poetry.

In 2021, Ade's image was captured by Rankin, the acclaimed photographer, as one of 12 NHS individuals and roles playing a critical role in managing the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The

Health Service Journal (HSJ) Top 100 List cited him as "An individual whose ideas should influence and shape the direction of the NHS". The 2023 Lancet 200-year celebratory programme showcased his "Pulse in the Pub" cardiovascular health campaign as a UK example of innovation in delivering the Universal Health Coverage is a Human Right themed initiative – (Affordable, Quality Care for all).

In the 2022 New Year's Honours List, Ade was awarded an MBE for services to the NHS and the South Bristol Community.