

The Honorary Graduand: Nick Sturge

Doctor of Business Administration

Nick was born in Kenya but brought up in Bristol, where his family have lived since the 1500s. He attended Portway Comprehensive School in Shirehampton, Bristol and then Swansea University where he was awarded a First Class Honours degree in Electronics & Computing Science.

After working in medical device startups, Nick joined semiconductor business Inmos, before co-founding Motion Media Technology developing video communication devices, in 1993.

Motion Media listed on the London Stock exchange in 1996 going on to export products into 45 countries. Nick then joined and led the Bristol SETsquared incubator, which was ranked the world's top university-backed incubator three times under his leadership. He then set up the pioneering Engine Shed innovation hub at Bristol Temple Meads before

establishing a portfolio career, working with education, technology and creative businesses, local authorities and universities. Nick worked with Cheltenham Borough Council on the prestigious Golden Valley development, developing the innovation blueprint for the cyber and security cluster there.

Nick achieved the top qualification in company directorship, with Chartered Director status from the Institute of Directors and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology.

He was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2019 for services to the UK digital economy.

Nick is now co-chair of the West of England Business Board, Chair the Advisory Group for the Women In Business Charter and an Ambassador for 224 Youth Zone, the gamechanging youth centre in South Bristol.