« Committees:

- BACD full member, 2021
- International Awards of Excellence and British Dental Awards Judging Panel, 2021
- BDA Reading Chair, April 2019–October 2021
- BDA Reading committee member, June 2016–present
- 2nd, 3rd and 5th year dental school representative, Birmingham 2009–2013.

Charitable activities:

- STEM Ambassador, 2020–present
 - Brightside mentor, 2018–present.
- A social mobility charity helping disadvantaged students.

An impressive list! Why do you think you were nominated for the BDA award?

Honestly, I'm not sure as there are lots of charitable dentists in the country. I think it may have been due to being one of the youngest chair representatives the committee has had and being the only current woman on the committee. I also provide mentorship to underprivileged A-level students hoping to apply for dentistry.

How did it feel to win?

It was a big surprise as I was not aware this award existed. I am extremely grateful and humbled to have been recognised for my hard work and contributions I have made to the profession in the early years of my career.

The award ceremony will be taking place in 2022, I can't wait!

Any future plans you'd like to share, career or otherwise?

I am getting married in spring 2022 so most of my free time has been taken up by that. When I'm not carrying out wedmin, I post on my dental Instagram @Shanklasmiles to help share tips and tricks with my colleagues. ■

The BDA's Honours and Awards are designed to acknowledge the unsung heroes of our profession; those who have upheld and improved the standards of dentistry. For more information and to nominate someone for an award in 2022, visit <https://www.bda.org/about-the-bda/honours-and-awards/Pages/default.aspx>.

A special event to celebrate the life of Professor Jimmy Steele CBE

By Professor Justin Durham

Join us for a very special event to celebrate the life of an exceptional Head of School and Professor of Oral Health Services Research, Jimmy Steele CBE (pictured).

Professor Jimmy Steele's research included work in primary care, clinical trials, health economics and quality of life measurement and he authored or contributed to several books in areas such as restorative and preventative dentistry.¹

He was extremely passionate about discussing the big issues we face in dentistry and as such we have brought together four experts in oral health inequalities to continue those conversations.

Please join us for the first Conversations of Steele on Monday 31 January 2022 at 18:00 GMT. We welcome you to watch and comment on an insightful and inspiring

conversation on oral health inequalities between our experts:

- Professor Sarah Baker, University of Sheffield,
- Professor Barry Gibson, University of Sheffield
- Dr Vanessa Muirhead, Queen Mary University of London
- Professor Murray Thomson, University of Otago.

We will also highlight the Jimmy Steele Scholarship with a special introduction from Jimmy's wife, Professor Katie Bushby.

To book on this event please go to <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/dental/about/events/>.

Reference

1. Murray J, Thomason J M. James George Steele CBE. *Br Dent J* 2018; **225**: 388.

CGDent notice

An advert for FGDP(UK) was published in error in the 26 November 2021 issue of the *BDJ*.

On 1 August 2021, the membership and activities of FGDP(UK) transferred from The Royal College of Surgeons of England to the College of General Dentistry (CGDent).

CGDent is now the professional home for the whole dental team and so FGDP(UK) no longer exists. We apologise for the confusion this incorrect advert will inevitably have caused.

CGDent embraces and supports general practice and wider primary care dentistry, and continues to provide standards and guidance for the profession. For more information and to join CGDent, visit their website: <https://cgdent.uk/join/>.