# The Bessemer Society Fellowship Award THE INSTITUTE OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS **1 BIRDCAGE WALK** Dinner LONDON, SW1 THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2017 5.30pm - 9.45pm 2017



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# THE BESSEMER FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The Fellowship Award celebrates an entrepreneur who in the view of the Society's Founding Council exhibits most clearly the qualities and attributes of the 'Bessemer spirit' – a determination to translate technical innovation into a globally successful commercial product, which generates wealth for society.

# RECIPIENT

Dr Gordon Sanghera, co-founder and CEO of Oxford Nanopore Ltd, has been chosen to receive the Award which will be given by Lord David Willetts. Members of the media will be invited to attend.

#### **DINNER THEME**

The participation of senior officials from government ministries and agencies will provide the opportunity to discuss the New Industrial Strategy in the context of the needs especially of smaller IP based manufacturing companies.

#### Arrangements for the evening

- the evening will start at 5.30pm with drinks, canapes and networking.
- the formal part of the evening will start at 6.00pm with a report from the society and its members.
- this will be followed by the Award Ceremony led by Lord Willetts.
- after another opportunity to network, members, sponsors and guests will retire for the AGM dinner at 7.15pm.
- the dinner will feature talks by invited guests and members followed by the keynote address.
- after this the evening will be opened up for discussion and Q&A, closing at 9.45pm.

#### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS Gordon Sanghera

Gordon Sanghera co-founded Oxford Nanopore, together with Professor Hagan Bayley and the IP Group. He brings over 20 years' experience in the design, development and global launch of disruptive platform sensor technologies working at MediSense and then Abbott Laboratories, when it acquired MediSense in 1996. At Abbott he held director-level positions, including VP World Wide Marketing, Research Director and Manufacturing Process Development Director. Gordon has a PhD in bioelectronic technology and a degree in Chemistry both from Cardiff University.

#### **Lord Willetts**

The Rt Hon. Lord David Willetts is the Executive Chair of the Resolution Foundation. He served as the Member of Parliament for Havant (1992-2015), as Minister for Universities and Science (2010-2014) and previously worked at HM Treasury and the No.10 Policy Unit. Lord Willetts has written widely on economic and social policy. His book 'The Pinch' was published in 2010. He has just completed a book on universities which will be published by Oxford University Press in November.



#### ABOUT THE ORGANISERS THE BESSEMER SOCIETY

The Bessemer Society supports and encourages entrepreneurial business leaders of science and technology companies that believe manufacturing has a vital role to play in business and society, and that by the diligent application of scientific principles, the judicious application of financial and legal tools and determined leadership, it is possible to be globally competitive and to contribute to the wellbeing of society. It is named after the steel inventor, Sir Henry Bessemer, whose inventive mind and entrepreneurial spirit can provide an inspiration for members.

# Bessemer society

# REGISTRATION

Dinner: £95

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