

The Honorary Graduate: Vanessa Moon

The Orator: Patricia Voaden

Vanessa Moon is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration

Vanessa Moon is Managing Director of Moon Consulting Ltd, a leading Executive Search firm which is based in a beautiful converted Old Fire Station in Pill, Bristol with a small satellite office in London. Vanessa co-founded the business in 2000 perceiving a need for a return to the personal touch in senior level recruitment and is a firm advocate of the company's core values of being distinctive, ethical and approachable in all their undertakings.

Moon Consulting has grown steadily to a full-service team of 11 managing high level and confidential executive search and head hunting campaigns for clients in the UK and Internationally. Clients range from start-ups, family owned concerns, major banks as well as many FTSE Listed businesses. They also have significant experience in the 'not-for-profit' and charity sectors.

Vanessa herself brings 30 years senior management and board level Executive recruitment experience, recruiting mainly board level roles for her clients; covering Non-Executive Directors, Chair, CEO/ MD, FD, Sales, Operations and HR.

Prior to Moon Consulting, Vanessa graduated from Aston University in 1983 with a BSc (Hons) in Human Communication and then worked for Rank Xerox. After that she worked to a Regional US owned Accountancy recruitment firm moving to Bristol in 1992 to manage their regional office and then joined a Venture Capital Backed search firm before setting up Moon in 2000.

Outside of Moon Consulting, Vanessa has always been involved with the wider Bristol community and she is currently Senior Warden of the Bristol Guild of Guardians and was appointed President of the Dolphin Society for 2017/2018. She is a member of the South West Regional Council of the CBI and is on the Advisory Board of The Faculty of Business and Law for The Bristol Business School at the University of the West of England. She is on the committee of the Lord Mayor of Bristol's Children Appeal and Gift Gala, a Trustee with The Royal West of England Academy and a former Trustee of Spike Island.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Vanessa Moon's contribution and commitment to enterprise development, the third sector and the local community