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# Welcome to the Donor Newsletter



Dear Benefactor,  
I am delighted to welcome you to this year's Donor Newsletter.

Through this publication we want to say an enormous 'thank you' to our entire donor community. Whether your support is a small regular gift, or a larger contribution, it is equally important and equally valued. Your generosity

makes possible so many activities that enhance every aspect of the University's work.

Our students are benefiting from the creation of bursaries and scholarships; groundbreaking research is being undertaken by our dedicated academics, and state-of-the-art facilities are being developed through the generosity of new and innovative funding partners.

In this issue you can read how leading companies from across Northern Ireland have pledged more than £1m to Queen's University's Graduate and Executive Education

Centre which has opened for business at Riddel Hall on Belfast's Stranmillis Road.

You can learn what personally motivates donors such as Professor Jim Dornan and Professor James Caldwell to generously support scholarships and bursaries, and why they hope others will follow their example.

And, as usual we have a round-up of projects that have been given a boost by the Annual Fund – a real lifeline for the University that has very tangible benefits across the campus.

I hope you enjoy reading how you and others are helping to make all this possible. Your generosity is making a real difference to the work and reputation of Queen's University.

With sincere thanks and best wishes.

Jacqui McCormick  
Stewardship Officer

## Meet the new team members



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Natasha Sharma

Natasha has joined Queen's Development and Alumni Relations Office as the Annual Fund Manager. She will oversee the dispersal of the Fund which provides cash for programmes that enhance the student experience. You can read more about the Annual Fund on page 14 of this publication and you can contact Natasha on [natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk)



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Anne Frank



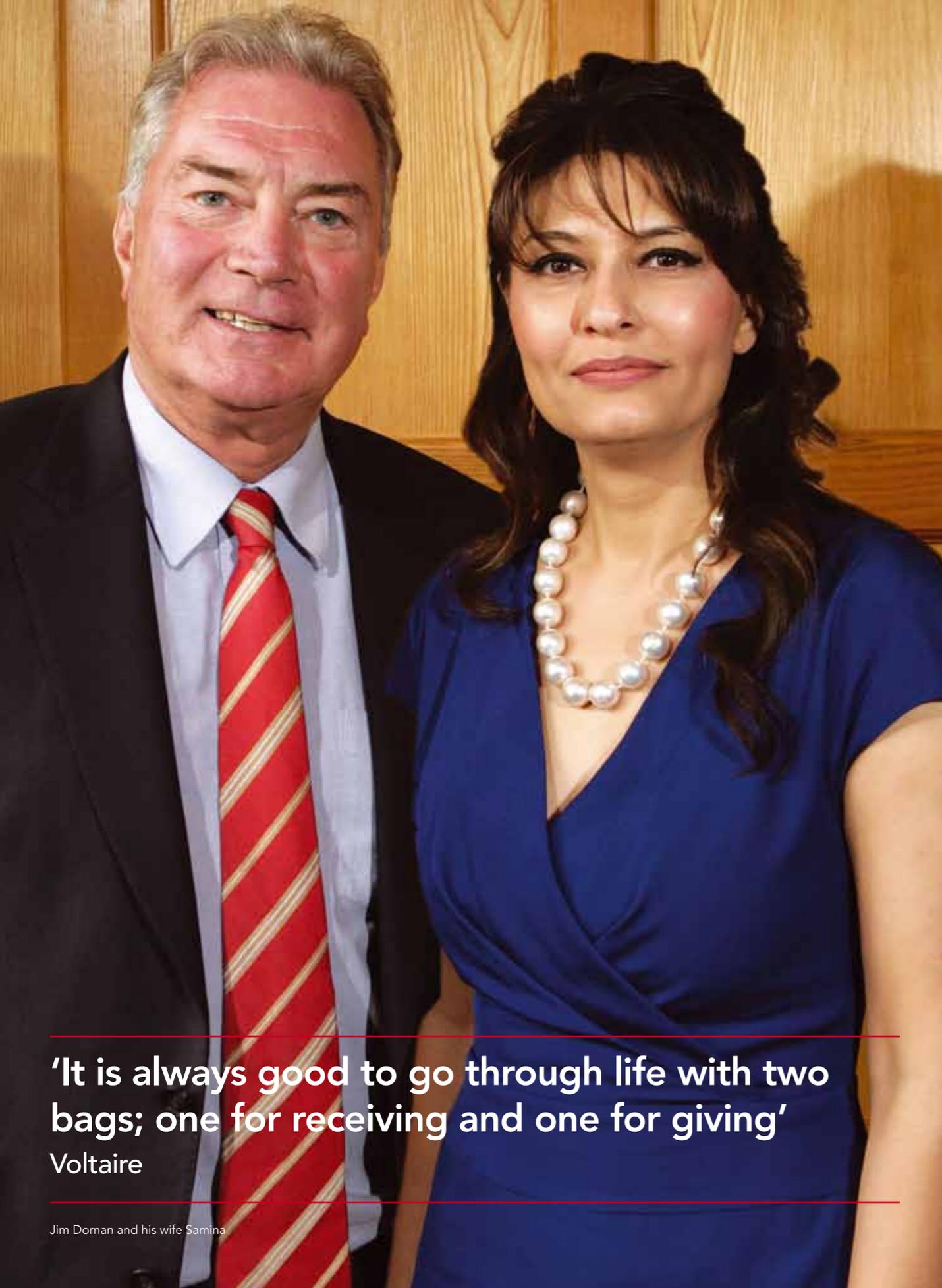
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**'It is always good to go through life with two bags; one for receiving and one for giving'**

Voltaire

Jim Dornan and his wife Samina

## It's time to give something back

**Professor Jim Dornan's account of why he and his wife Samina decided to set up travel scholarships for Queen's undergraduates.**

Back in our early days when my wife Samina and I were playing 'doctors and nurses' with our siblings and friends our 'pushy parents' were mapping out our education. Their ambition was for us to become doctors – but my big ambition was to own my own car – and Samina wanted to fly F1 fighters!

Our parents decided that our long-term ambitions were best served through education, education, education. Now that we are both working in the medical field we are aware that our parents not only made material sacrifices, but had the tenacity to keep pushing against the tide of our hedonistic desires and encourage us to pass the necessary exams to achieve our/their goals!

When I was approached by Alice O'Rawe from the Queen's Development and Alumni Relations Office, I discussed the idea of funding travel scholarships with Samina. We thought to ourselves, 'it's payback time'.

Samina had her tertiary education in Pakistan, whilst I attended Queen's University, Belfast. We are both terribly grateful to the governments and academics of our countries as they made our parents' dreams and our desires come true.

When I went to university, I seem to remember that only about five per cent of the population were able to access this type of tertiary education. Now the figure is somewhere near twenty per cent and, quite simply, our country's coffers cannot afford this. There is less government funding available per student in real terms!

Students and their parents are under huge pressure to fund their dreams and it seems appropriate that we should help others have similar opportunities to what we had.

Problems that young people have are world-wide. In much of the under-resourced world, and indeed in this part of the world, young people go to university with high ideals. They find the pressures of trying to just survive, while at the same

time watching their friends who didn't go to university having a ball, too much, and they drop out.

All I can say is that experience tells me that in the long-term most will regret doing that BIG TIME. So we all must do what we can to encourage them to see university through to a happy conclusion.

We are particularly keen to be involved in supporting a scholarship that encourages travel. Both of us come from countries whose local inhabitants have so much to gain professionally, socially and academically from 'getting out there'. I am delighted that Queen's University offers and encourages the uptake of such scholarships.

We hope that by receiving a scholarship the student will not only be fiscally empowered to travel, but they also will somehow value that scholarship a little bit more than if it had been provided by the state. One would like to think that they will give at least some consideration to the 'faceless people' who provided the scholarship, and realise as Voltaire said, "It is always good to go through life with two bags; one for receiving and one for giving".

All my professional life I have very much enjoyed my working relationship with the medical students, and although they don't believe me, when the Belfast Medical Students appointed me their President some seven years ago, I felt it really was the highest honour that I had ever achieved. They were a great bunch at that time, and the fact is that all students are a great bunch, given the chance.

I would relish the opportunity to be an under-graduate again, living as we do in exciting times. However in these difficult economic times one can sometimes get charity burnout. There are many, many, great causes out there, but surely putting a hand in the pocket to encourage Queen's undergraduates to expand their minds and their knowledge-base is the way forward?

**'Students and their parents are under huge pressure to fund their dreams.'** Professor Jim Dornan

If you would like to find out more about scholarships at Queen's contact Alice O'Rawe  
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# Benefactors' lunch a resounding success!

On Saturday, 11 June, the Development and Alumni Relations Office welcomed friends and supporters of the University to a special thank-you lunch.

Guests enjoyed a drinks reception in The Canada Room before taking their seats in the Great Hall for lunch.

The guests were warmly welcomed by host, President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Peter Gregson who spoke of the invaluable contribution donors have made historically and their continued significance in helping Queen's on its journey to become a Global 100 University.

Former Vice-Chancellor and Patron of the Lanyon Society, Professor Sir George Bain also echoed this message, describing the importance of philanthropy.

He recognised the importance of both those who had contributed to current projects such as scholarships, and members of the Lanyon Society whose gifts will be given in the form of bequests to the University.

Following the lunch, guests were treated to music from The Queen's Music Society Theatre Group who performed three songs from Evita – much to the delight of their audience!



Lady Rachel Gregson and Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Peter Gregson



Ms Una Eady, Professor Emeritus, James Dunwoody and Dr Jim McCann



Dr Hugo van der Hart, Professor James Caldwell and his wife Mrs Ann Caldwell with Mr Ian Moore, Acting Head of Alumni Relations



Professor Sir George Bain and Lady Gregson



Mr John Maxwell, Mrs Norma Sinte, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Queen's and Mrs Valerie Maxwell



Ms Alison Simms, Mrs Susan Wilson, Legacy Marketing Officer and Ms Rita Maxwell

# News

## ESB Electric Ireland partnership powers Queen's students

The Minister for Employment and Learning Dr Stephen Farry joined representatives from ESB Electric Ireland and Queen's University Belfast in announcing this year's ESB Electric Ireland scholarship awards.

The scholarships are a result of the partnership between ESB Electric Ireland and Queen's University which enables scholarship recipients from the MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering programme to receive a tailored support package. This includes financial assistance, ongoing mentoring and practical experience gained through summer and corporate placements at ESB International's many energy sites throughout Europe.

The programme is now in its second year and Eamon Byrne joined fellow recipients from last year, Paula Dunlop and David Beckett, in receiving scholarships.

Commenting on the initiative, Susan Kinane, Business Markets Manager, ESB Electric Ireland, said: "I'd like to congratulate our ESB Electric Ireland scholars and I hope they find the financial, and more importantly the practical support provided as part of the scholarship beneficial to their personal and career development."

"Our partnership with Queen's University is a key asset for the company as the scheme reflects ESB Electric Ireland's commitment to work with the education sector to support STEM initiatives and help position them as a central focus of our economy in the coming years. After all, it is through nurturing and developing our young people that we can help to build a strong and robust economy in Northern Ireland."



Pictured with scholarship winner Eamon Byrne, is, from left, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tony Gallagher, Queen's University; Susan Kinane, Business Markets Manager, ESB Electric Ireland and Dr Stephen Farry, Minister for Employment and Learning

## MacQuitty Travel Scholarships broaden the mind

The 2010–2011 William and Betty MacQuitty Travel Scholarship awards were held in the Naughton Gallery on 14 April 2011. The successful students were each presented with a cheque for £1,000 by Mrs Betty MacQuitty, wife of the late Dr William Baird MacQuitty.

The William and Betty MacQuitty Travel Scholarships were established in 1999 to enable Queen's students to travel outside Ireland as part of their postgraduate studies. Students, on application, must be able to demonstrate the principle that 'travel broadens the mind'.

Typically 10 Travel Scholarships are awarded each year. More recently, an additional prize of £200 is awarded to the student who submits the most interesting and well written travel report. Mrs MacQuitty was accompanied by her daughters,

Jane and Miranda. The Travel Scholarships are generously provided through The MacQuitty Charitable Foundation.



Betty MacQuitty, seated centre, with her daughters Miranda and Jane, to her left and right, at an event in the Naughton Gallery

## Jim's generosity books a place in history

Jim McAllister, who died in August 2010, spent almost all of his adult life as a lecturer in Social and Economic History at Queen's University Belfast. Even when he retired, due to ill health, he continued to spend much of his time at Queen's. As well as his love of teaching and history, Jim had a great love of books. He was an avid collector of books on Irish history, the Titanic and Irish church histories.

In his will Jim bequeathed his collection to QUB library. Indeed, it was with great pleasure that the trustees, his aunt, Joy Clugston, and his cousin, Peter Clugston, were able to donate over 7,000 books to Queen's.

It is their wish that this can serve as a legacy to Jim, a man who loved books, loved learning and loved to help others to learn.

# News

## Successful New York event puts health sciences on menu

The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation held a dinner in support of the Institute of Health Sciences on 25 October in New York. The event was successful in raising the profile of Queen's and funding for the new Institute of Health Sciences. The dinner was hosted by the President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Peter Gregson with Senator George Mitchell as guest of honour. Professor Patrick Johnston, Dean of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, outlined his impressive vision for the new Institute of Health Sciences at Queen's.

The Dinner Committee was co-chaired by John Fitzpatrick and Sheila O'Malley and the committee comprised Teo Forcht-Dagi, Michael George, Ali Hanna, Gary Hanley,

Tom Lynch, Tom Moran, John O'Donoghue, Tony Russell and Mark Tuohey.

Invest Northern Ireland (US) sponsored the drinks reception and auction prizes were generously donated by Tourism Ireland New York, United Airlines (formerly Continental), Fitzpatrick Hotels New York and Ardtara Country House Hotel. The main auction prize from Tourism Ireland/United Airlines was return flights for two from Newark to Belfast with a six-night luxury golfing holiday in Northern Ireland. Mr Pat Tully of the American Ireland Funds provided his services as auctioneer. With support from Invest Northern Ireland, Tourism Ireland and the Northern Ireland Bureau, the event showcased Northern Ireland.



# News

## Northern Ireland Electricity scholarship sparks talent

NIE demonstrated its commitment to developing engineering talent at the launch of the NIE Electrical Engineering Scholarship Programme at Queen's University Belfast in November.

The scholarship, which is worth up to £24k over its duration, is open to first-year electrical engineering students. It includes a bursary and a book allowance every year, payment towards university fees, paid summer training experience, one year training experience, a mentor and student membership of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).



Pictured at the Scholarship launch is Professor James McElroy, Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Queen's University, Judy Black, NIE Scholarship student and Gordon Parkes, NIE Human Resources Director.

## The John P B Maxwell Scholarship Fund recognises young barristers

The 2011 John P B Maxwell Scholarships have been won by Laura Clarke, Julie Ellison, Angela Matthews and Severina Kelly.

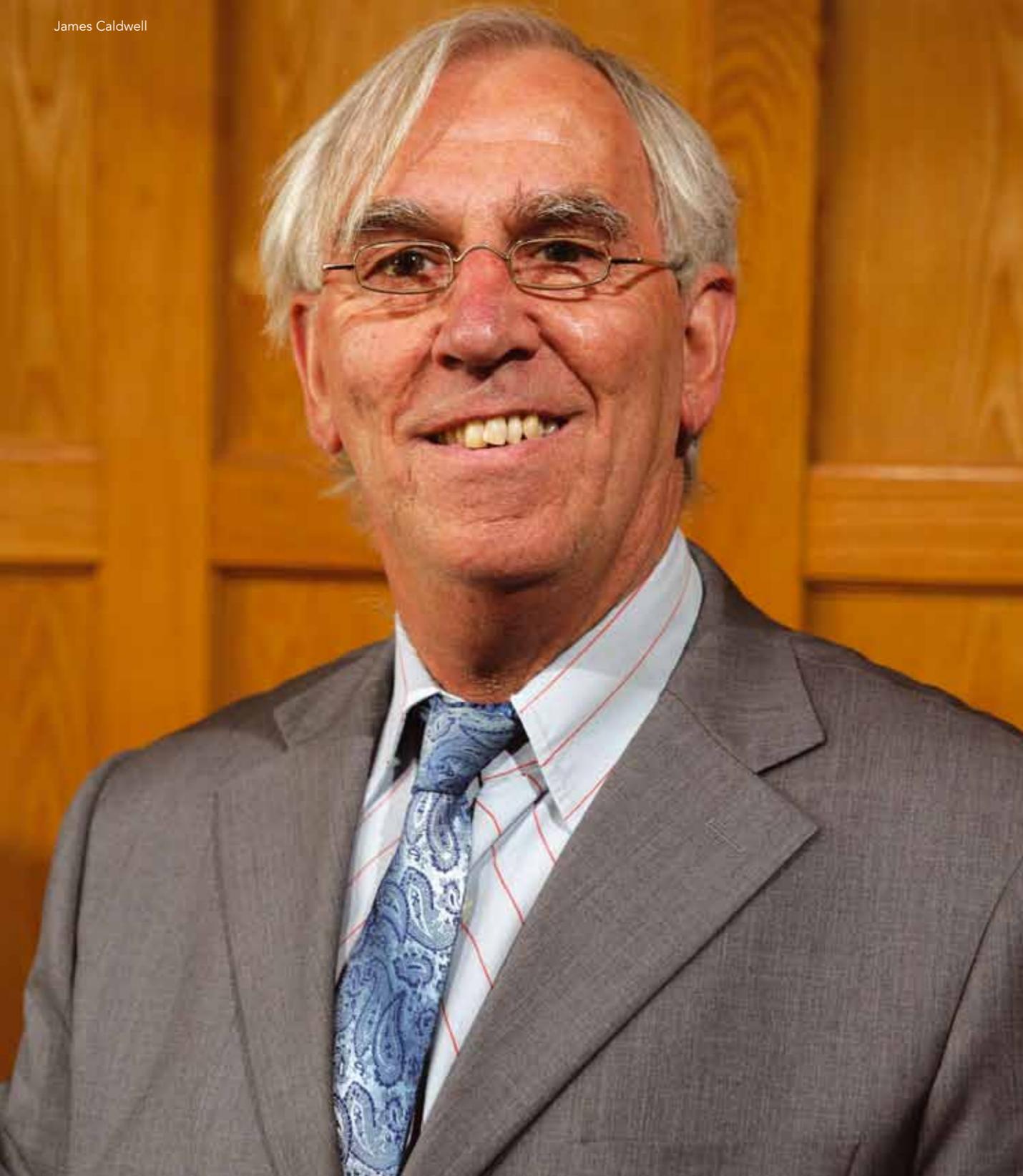
The awards, established by John Maxwell in 2008 to recognise young barristers who distinguish themselves in the course of their postgraduate training at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS), were presented by John on 19 October in the Law Courts.



Laura Clarke, Julie Ellison, John P B Maxwell, Angela Matthews and Severina Kelly

## 'I would like to encourage others to help Queen's on its journey to become a Global top 100 University'

James Caldwell



## James leads by example

Queen's alumnus, Professor James Caldwell has had an illustrious career. He puts that down to the education he received at Queen's. The Professor is now supporting research students in their studies and hopes that he can inspire others to follow his example.

James Caldwell was educated at Coleraine Academical Institution (1955–1961) and was then awarded a Country Scholarship to attend Queen's. He achieved a 1st class Honours BSc degree in Applied Mathematics in 1964 followed by an MSc in Numerical Analysis in 1966.

After lecturing in England and Australia he returned to Queen's for the award of a higher doctorate (DSc) degree in 1985. This award was conferred upon him as a result of his original research work on 'Mathematical Solution of Physical Problems Particularly Involving Magnetostatic Fields'. He was then invited back to Queen's in 1986 by Professor Benno Moiseiwitsch as a Visiting Professor in the School of Mathematics and Physics to give a series of lectures on his research work.

Apart from his studies at Queen's, James was a member of the Queen's University Association Football Club 1st XI winning the annual Collingwood Cup in the 1964–1965 seasons. He still remembers his team mates with great affection and sends his best wishes to all of them.

James had built up his reputation as an eminent researcher in Applied Mathematics before taking on his first Head of Department role at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) in Australia in 1969. On his return to the UK, James continued his lecturing and research at a number of polytechnics/universities, including Newcastle-upon-Tyne and North London, mostly at Head of Department level.

James returned overseas, this time to Hong Kong in 1990, and built a strong reputation in both teaching and research over a 20-year period in the Department of Mathematics at the City University of Hong Kong (CityU). As a result of his innovative research work in Mathematical Modelling he was invited back to the UK in 2007 for conferment of his second higher doctorate (DSc) degree by research at Teesside University. This was a very proud event for him as Teesside is where he was awarded his PhD degree in 'Magnetostatic Field Calculations' way back in 1974.

In parallel to his academic career, Professor Caldwell worked for a number of large organisations and was Head of Modelling for Unilever Research UK. Through his research work, he has published hundreds of articles and conference papers plus a number of postgraduate textbooks particularly in Mathematical Modelling.

In 2010 James, with his Hong Kong wife Mok Mei Lin (Ann) and daughter (Janice), returned to the UK to retire. But in his case retirement really means 'semi-retirement' as he is still Adjunct Professor at CityU and enjoys continuation of his research work in Applied Mathematics together with journal editorial work and the writing of postgraduate textbooks.

Professor Caldwell kept in touch with former colleagues at Queen's, particularly in the School of Mathematics and Physics, during his long period in Hong Kong. On his return he visited Queen's and he kindly donated two of his most recently published mathematical textbooks to the new McClay Library.

Clearly James has very fond memories of his time as a student and Visiting Professor at Queen's and is keen to support other students in pursuing a PhD. So much so that he is now kindly sponsoring the 'Professor James Caldwell Travel Scholarship' in the Centre of Theoretical Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics (CTAMOP) on an annual basis. This Travel Scholarship aims to support PhD student research by offering financial support for international visits, excluding conferences, of two to four weeks at collaborating institutions.

Professor Caldwell is concerned about the UK Government cutbacks in funding for University Education and is keen to send out a strong message to students, graduates, staff and Queen's alumni. He says: "My successful career is a result of my excellent education and experience at Queen's. I'm now able to give something back to my former institution and I'm delighted to be able to support Research Students with further study. I would like to encourage other graduates to become donors and contribute towards helping Queen's on its journey to becoming a Global 100 University."



**'Thanks to the James Caldwell Travel Scholarship, I was able to work with one of the world's top physicists'** Ian Wasson

**'The Caldwell scholarship allowed me to travel to France. It was a brilliant experience as I built up good working relationships. The trip helped me gain confidence in my work and my ability'** Maeve Smyth



# Riddel Hall Founders' Club – helping unlock business potential

A select group of companies from across Northern Ireland has donated more than £1m to Queen's University's Graduate and Executive Education Centre at Riddel Hall, Stranmillis.

Riddel Hall brings first-rate facilities and leading academics under one roof – making it a great place to do business. And with the economy a top priority for the Northern Ireland Assembly, this transformational project fills a gap in the market for quality business and leadership education.

Founders' Club will work in partnership with world-class business educators at Queen's University's School of Management to develop links with the local business community.

**'The Centre can enhance the competitiveness of local export businesses as well as make Northern Ireland a more attractive proposition to international companies'**  
Ed Vernon, Chairman of the Founder's Club

Chair of the Riddel Hall Founders' Club, Ed Vernon, entrepreneur and Chief Executive of local private equity firm Synetec, is delighted that Founder members are backing the project.

He said: "The Queen's Graduate and Executive Education Centre has a key role to play in the development of a sustainable and competitive local economy. There is no doubt that the Centre can enhance the competitiveness of local export businesses as well as make Northern Ireland a more attractive proposition to international

companies keen to set up where there is access to a pool of talented, well-trained individuals.

"Founder members are demonstrating highly visible leadership and support for a project that is important to future economic prosperity. Through the exchange of expertise, advocacy and thinking, they will contribute to Northern Ireland's success and become a part of Queen's influential network at home and abroad."

Roy Adair, Chief Executive of Belfast Harbour Commissioners, said he was looking forward to the international links that could be provided by the new facility.

"As a port and harbour, international business is a huge part of our work and is a vital ingredient in our economy," he said.

"When you see what foreign direct investors are looking for, this place and the links it can provide between businesses and students both here and internationally, is a real game-changer in terms of what it has to offer the global community."

Chief Executive and founder of call-centre giant Gem, Philip Cassidy said he believed the new facility can help put Northern Ireland back on the business map.

"The area of leadership development is one that has been lacking in Northern Ireland," he said.

"It is something that really had to be taken out of Northern Ireland before and now the new Leadership Institute can help bring it back.

"The fact that the Institute of Directors (IoD) has also established a base at Riddel Hall is really attractive – as well as being a place of education, people are going to be coming here to do real

business – the line between education and real world business is being crossed."

Richard Rodgers, Managing Director of Carillion Energy and a member of the Institute of Directors, is also pleased about the IoD move.

"I've been really supportive of the relocation of the IoD to Riddel Hall," he said.

"We need to get more real businesses involved in executive and post graduate education provision. This will be a great place to meet, to discuss ideas, to look for potential recruits.

"If you look at the Northern Ireland economy, the public sector has served us really well over 40 years but now we need to stimulate the economy, the private sector and third-level social economy sector and this is a hub where it can all happen – creative space is so important."

Mark Sweeney, Global Operations Director with Caterpillar Electric Power Division, said that no matter how big the company, investing at grass-roots level is vital for the growth of any business and the new facility is a prime example of how to do it best.

"What is on offer here can help us become much more powerful in terms of leadership and status globally. Supporting Queen's in this way means we are investing in education and we are also able to leverage the expertise on offer here."



## Riddel Hall Founders' Club Members



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### Fact file

- An executive MBA course will also be offered in the new building.
- The new facility will serve not only students from Northern Ireland, but from all over the world.
- There are currently 14,000 students at the management school.
- In the past six years, academic staff numbers have doubled to 85 with a further 40 PhD researchers due to start work.
- There are plans to increase the postgraduate student population to 30%, or by 4,000.
- Eight of the university's academic schools will use the new purpose-built facility.

## The Queen's Annual Fund

Each year alumni donate thousands of pounds to the Queen's Annual Fund. The following pages tell you, our donors, how your money is being spent and what a difference your generosity is making to the lives of Queen's students.

### Students challenge devastating impact of AIDS

In June five final-year pharmacy students travelled to Durban, South Africa to work in an outpatient AIDS Hospice. Their job was to assist AIDS patients by assessing their medication status and help them to find ways to actually remember to take their medication. The team comprised Jonathan Clarke, Gareth Peeples, Paula Savage, Oonagh Diamond and John Hennessey and they also provided labour to help out hospice staff.

Khanya AIDS Hospice has always struggled financially so before going on the trip the group completed a number of fundraising efforts including taking part in the Belfast City marathon. The team was also supported by the Queen's Annual Fund which donated a total of £5,000 to the project.

The visit was a life-changing experience for all the students.

As Jonathan explained: "We gained a great insight into illness from the patient's perspective and the impact of medication on lives. The experience has shaped our perspectives of healthcare and we have learned lessons and skills that no classroom or text book could teach."



Final Year Pharmacy students

For information on the Queen's Annual Fund contact [natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk)  
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### Urucungos do the 'Chicken Jongo'

The First Latin America Week at Queen's, sponsored by the Latin American Studies Forum and the School of History and Anthropology took place in May. One of the highlights of the event was a visit from four Brazilian dancers which was made possible by a grant from the Queen's Annual Fund.

Erica Giesbrecht, Alceu Estevan, Sinhá (Rosária Antônia), and Nil Senna who are linked to a troupe called 'Urucungos, Puitas e Quijengues' also visited six local schools where they taught children how to dance the 'Chicken Jongo', a dance developed by African slaves on the coffee plantations of southeastern Brazil during the 19th century.



Natasha Sharma, Annual Fund Manager (middle) with Urucungos

### Students are building on success

A group of students from the School of Architecture at Queen's has published a journal for the academic year 2010-11. The publication features work from over 100 students including undergraduate, year-out and postgraduate students. Its goal is to raise awareness of Queen's as a growing School of Architecture and highlight the fact that it is within the top ten of UK Schools of Architecture (Guardian University rankings 2011). The students involved learnt valuable skills on how a publication is put together from graphic layout, management of advertising and sponsorship, to content management, including conducting interviews with award winning architecture firms.

The publication received funding from the Queen's Annual Fund.

### The professional touch for legal eagles

The Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS) and the Centre for Educational Development received a grant from the Queen's Annual Fund to develop an online tool to support the development of specific professional attributes among postgraduate students that undertake a work placement as part of their course. The online tool provides a framework for self, tutor and employer assessment of the individual's performance against agreed professional standards for a barrister or solicitor.

## Making a difference to students' lives

### Girls on film

The generous award from the Queen's Annual Fund has allowed Queen's Ladies' Hockey Club to purchase a high-quality HD Digital Camcorder and tripod and a sophisticated piece of match analysis software called Dartfish Connect Plus. The club intends to video all home games, and as many away games as possible, from the beginning of next season. The team will also be able to use the camera to take footage from practice sessions to analyse individual technical skills.



Simon Bell, QUB Ladies' Hockey Club and Rob Carroll, Dartfish Connect

### Minding their own business

The IBM University Business Challenge, supported by the Queen's Annual Fund, is a good example of the kind of project Queen's University's Careers, Employability and Skills Service wants students to get involved in as it offers them the opportunity to develop graduate employability skills, and introduces them to top employers.

The competition also meets the aims of the Degreeplus programme at Queen's which provides a framework for the accreditation of extracurricular activities undertaken by undergraduate and postgraduate taught students.

The IBM University Business Challenge gives participants the chance to work as management consultants in a series of realistic, simulated companies, making all the critical business decisions that affect the company's performance. The Queen's team came third, out of 270 teams representing a fabulous achievement for all concerned.



Students who participated in the IBM University Business Challenge

### Don't cry – Evita was a success!

In April 2011, the Queen's Music Society Theatre Group was delighted to be able to present the Irish amateur premiere of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Evita. Presented in the Waterfront Hall, it was the company's first production in a professional venue and was supported by the Queen's Annual Fund which provided cash for microphones. The cast and crew showed great commitment to the project. Indeed, following on from Evita, the company put on a sold-out production of Fame in the Waterfront Hall with some of the Evita cast returning to the group!



Queen's Music Society Theatre Group

### Speaking the right language

The first Interdisciplinary Linguistics Conference (ILinC) was held at Queen's University on 14-15 October 2011. This successful student-led initiative, jointly organised by the Schools of English, Education and Modern Languages, and supported by the Queen's Annual Fund, brought together over 270 delegates from more than 30 different countries.



Students with event organisers, Vander Viana and Milena Mendes and Natasha Sharma, Annual Fund Manager

## Enhancing the student experience

### Ain't no mountain high enough

Queen's Students' Union recognises that sport makes a positive contribution to students' quality of life and it supports those wishing to get involved with University sports clubs.

To build Queen's success it is vital that top quality coaching is supported. There are a number of Queen's University sports clubs without a coach, and some clubs use external coaches with no formal recognised governing body qualification.

This year, through the support of the Queen's Annual Fund, Clubs and Societies Co-ordinator, David Bradley, has introduced a bursary that will pay for students to complete national governing body awards in their chosen sport.

This will also provide Queen's University sports clubs with qualified coaches. Students may then assist in delivering coaching/training to members of their sports club, and they will take part in additional sporting activities for local young people through Queen's Sport holiday or community activity programmes.



David Bradley, Clubs and Societies Co-ordinator (left) with Michéal O'Fearraigh, Queen's Annual Fund and students

### How you can help

If you are interested in making a donation to the Queen's Annual Fund, which supports a number of projects aimed at enriching the student experience, please contact Natasha Sharma [natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk) +44 (0)28 9097 3928

### On-line tool fine-tunes performance

The Postgraduate Skills Training Programme supports Postgraduate Research Students in the development of generic research skills and enhances their employability prospects through career and personal development. The programme does this through classroom-based training as well as one-to-one support and more intensive development programmes, called GRADschools.

Through funding provided by the Queen's Annual Fund, the Postgraduate Skills Training Team was able to purchase four on-line learning videos. Those chosen have been created to support the needs of Postgraduate Research Students specifically. To view a short excerpt of each video and read more about their content, please go to [www.angelproductions.co.uk](http://www.angelproductions.co.uk)



Natasha Sharma, Heather McGregor and Ruth Beattie, IPSC

### Tribute to generous donors

A plaque has been erected in SPACE (a social space for students in the Students' Union) to commemorate the years of support the Annual Fund has given to the Union, its facilities and its activities. Natasha Sharma, Annual Fund Manager, would like to thank all those who have generously supported the fund.

She said: "The spirit of intellectual inquiry is alive and well at our University, but it needs sustenance. Thank you to everyone who has helped students through the Queen's Annual Fund."

Natasha is pictured with Jason O'Neill, President, Queen's University Students' Union, beside the plaque.



## Cash boost makes Queen's a sporting winner

Queen's Sporting Academies play a vital role in enhancing the student experience by offering over 120 scholarships to GAA, rugby, soccer and rowing each year!

Academy scholarships allow athletes to enhance their performance by providing free access to sports facilities, excellent coaching and the high-quality clothing needed for their sport.

And to supplement the exciting £12 million development at Malone, Queen's has appointed a new Head Rowing Coach along with Academy Development Officers for Rugby and GAA in partnership with IRFU and Ulster GAA.

### 2010-11 Scholarships awarded

- 24 Jack Kyle Rugby Scholarships
- 20 Rowing Scholarships
- 14 Sean O'Neill Gaelic Football Scholarships
- 10 Ladies' Football Scholarships
- 9 Camogie Scholarships
- 7 Ted McConnell Hurling Scholarships
- 6 Soccer Academy Scholarships

### Academy Performance

- Queen's rowing was placed second in the medals table at the 2011 British University Championships and awarded top Women's Novice Rowing crews in GB and Ireland for 2011.
- Queen's Rugby finished in the top seven of the All Ireland League division two, they also became the first Club to win the inaugural 2011 Ulster Rugby Club 7s.
- Men's Soccer finished in the top five of the IFA Championship Division 2 – the highest in over 10 years!
- Queen's Camogie won the 2011 All Ireland Purcell Cup with six Purcell All-Stars.
- Queen's will host the 2014 Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cups at the newly-developed Malone Playing Fields.



To support an Academy please contact Natasha Sharma on [natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk) +44 (0) 28 9097 3928

# Legacy Giving: the myths behind the money

By Susan Wilson, Legacy Marketing Officer

It is understandable that in these current economic times, those who want to give to charity can find it difficult.

This is why many individuals, our "legators", choose to become members of our Lanyon Society and remember Queen's through a legacy or gift in their will.

When we say "legator", what image comes to your mind? Perhaps, the 'Miss Havisham figure', from Dickens' Great Expectations: wealthy, on the wrong side of sixty, with no dependants.

But as far as Queen's is concerned, nothing could be further from the truth. Our growing family of legacy donors is increasingly diverse. Let's look at some of the myths behind the money.

## Myth 1: All legators are wealthy

In 1984 Kathleen McElhennon left £3,000, plus the proceeds from the sale of her house, to Cancer Research at Queen's.

Kathleen was not a wealthy woman, nor was she even a graduate of Queen's. She had been a faithful member of the Queen's cleaning staff for many years and understood how a gift of this nature could have a transformational impact.

## Myth 2: All legators are old



The profile of our Lanyon Society members is changing, illustrated by people like Jonathan Hill, aged 33.

A History and Politics Graduate, Jonathan is a former Students' Union President and is now the President of the Queen's Graduates Association. He has chosen to make a transformational gift to Queen's in his will, supporting the following areas: a capital building project, the GAA Academy, and travel Scholarships.

"Queen's has played an influential role in my life. As a student, I took advantage of the vast range of opportunities that are on offer at this world-class University," says Jonny.

"I believe that it is these life experiences that shape a Queen's student, offering not only the long-term advantages of an exceptional education, but also nurturing ambition and a competitive spirit.

"I feel privileged to have enjoyed these opportunities and want to offer the same to future generations of Queen's students. I also hope that in turn, students and Alumni will feel the same pride and be inspired to do the same in return."



Darlene McCormick, a successful local businesswoman, also describes why she has chosen to leave a gift to Queen's in her will.

"When I went to Queen's people in Northern Ireland were very isolated from each other. It was University that gave me my first experience of being in a truly multicultural environment. I met some brilliant tutors who motivated and guided me, not just with my education but also by helping me develop as a person and become a success. They were positive, up-beat, important role models, and when you meet people like that their influence stays with you for life."

## Myth 3: All legators are graduates of Queen's

Alumni have close links to Queen's, but it isn't exclusively our graduates who choose to give a visionary gift. Some of our benefactors have no links to the University but are proud of what Queen's has achieved and continues to achieve locally, nationally, and internationally. Some also have experienced first-hand the impact of our world-class education and research.



People like Thomas Simms. Tom was an ordinary man from Carrickfergus who wanted to do something inspirational.

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Professor Patrick Johnston, Dean of the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences



So when the self-made millionaire had treatment at the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital in December 2009, he decided to do something extraordinary: he left £2m to Queen's – one of the largest legacies ever received. This hugely generous donation will support clinical cancer research. It will enable doctors to choose better individual treatments that will lead to a higher cure rate. The University is considering how it can honour Tom's name in the Cancer Centre.

Professor Patrick Johnston, Dean of the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences at Queen's and world-renowned expert in cancer research says:

"I cannot emphasise enough the impact that philanthropic gifts such as legacies have on the work carried out at Queen's every day and on the local economy. The support we receive is critical. It means we are able to attract world-class researchers. It means we can build the infrastructure and facilities we need for study. And it means we can prevent and treat the major diseases of the 21st century such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, infectious diseases, vision-related conditions and dementia."

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## The life-changing impact of legacies



by Susan Wilson, Legacy Marketing Officer

As the University's first dedicated Legacy Officer, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of our visionary donors over the last year – those individuals who are considering or have chosen to leave a gift to Queen's in their will. It is a pleasure to hear their memories of Queen's and why they are choosing to give something back.

faces tough times, legacies will be even more vital in ensuring Queen's continues as a top-ranking, research-led institution which is focused on its students.

In the year 2010–2011, the University received over £520,000 in legacy gifts, ranging from £500 to £450,000. The impact has been enormous – supporting students in their studies, investing in pioneering medical research and safeguarding important historical artefacts.

On behalf of the students and staff at Queen's, I would like to thank those who have remembered Queen's in their will, and encourage others to consider leaving a gift to the University. For more information please contact me at the Development and Alumni Relations Office, Queen's University Belfast, BT7 1NN.

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Legacies are all about making plans to provide for the people and causes that are important to you. They are a way of investing in the future, changing lives and supporting the next generation.

Since its foundation Queen's University has been the grateful beneficiary of many legacy gifts. As the University sector

### Leslie and Hilary Morrison, Patrons of the Lanyon Society

The Lanyon Society is a unique group of individuals who have chosen to, or who are considering, leaving a gift to Queen's in their will. Professor Sir George Bain was Patron of the Lanyon Society from 2004 and in the summer of 2011 decided to hand over the mantle of Patronage to Queen's Graduates, Leslie and Hilary Morrison. Leslie and Hilary are both Arts graduates and met at Queen's during their student days. Over the years they have remained in close contact with the University and are delighted to join the Queen's family to meet and thank our legacy donors.



**Legacies to Queen's can be large or small and each gift can make a difference**

A legacy of £2,000 buys a machine to help fight cancer

A legacy of £10,000 buys specialist books or new sports equipment

A legacy of £5,000 funds undergraduate student bursaries

A legacy of £50,000 refurbishes a teaching space or funds scholarships



## Queen's positive on tax law changes

The Government is proposing to boost charitable giving by introducing a lower rate of inheritance tax for those leaving a gift in their will to charity. The incentive, which has been welcomed by Queen's University, is part of a wide-ranging philanthropy package which was announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the March 2011 Budget.

Income from legacies is channelled through The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, a registered charity, and is used to fund vital medical research, scholarships, the recruitment of world class staff and capital projects. But it is hoped that these new rules, which apply to estates over the £325,000 threshold, where 10 per cent or more has been left to charity, will encourage more people to consider leaving a legacy.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, has reduced the inheritance tax levied – on those who do give – from 40 per cent to 36 per cent.

Susan Wilson, Legacy Marketing Officer in the Development and Alumni Relations Office at Queen's University, explains: "Making a will is an intensely personal matter, and after proper provision has been made for family and friends, a gift to charity can be transformational. This

incentive provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the impact of leaving a charitable legacy.

"Say, for example, your estate is worth £500,000. If you choose to leave 10 per cent (of the taxable balance of your estate over the £325,000 threshold) to charity, the donation is worth £17,500. This means you also reduce the amount of tax payable on the remainder of your estate from 40% to 36%. Your beneficiaries will receive £425,800, whilst the charity benefits by £17,500."

The change in legislation is designed to boost the Government's 'big society' scheme and offer alternative funding for charities that have been hit by cuts in government grants.

Around seventy per cent of UK residents die without leaving a legal will. It is hoped that this change in law will persuade people to start thinking about making a will and the real benefits a legacy can bring.

For more information on leaving a legacy to Queen's, please contact Susan Wilson on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or email susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk

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# Queen's recognises its donors

In September 2010 Queen's launched new Gift Clubs to recognise loyal and generous donors to the University. Each year members are sent specially-designed donor pins to acknowledge their support. This allows Queen's donors to participate in Donor Pin Week (13-19 June 2011), a national initiative aimed at raising awareness of philanthropic support for higher education. The week has run annually since 2007. Since then, more than 8,000 donors in the UK have received donor pins.

## Gift Clubs

**The 1845 Circle**  
Recognising regular commitment

This Gift Club is designed to recognise donors who show their support by making a regular monthly, quarterly or annual gift (of up to £1000 within a financial year) through direct debit or otherwise to the University.

Members of The 1845 Circle receive:

- the University's annual donor newsletter;
- special recognition on the on-line annual Donor Roll of Honour;
- a specially-commissioned donor pin;
- an invitation to an event at Queen's.

**The Vice-Chancellor's Circle**  
Leading the way

This Gift Club is designed to recognise donors who give £1,000 or more within a financial year.

These significant donations raise the profile of philanthropy and make a vital difference to the lives of Queen's students and staff. Such inspirational gifts make a real contribution to the development of the campus and enhance the University's distinguished reputation as a global leader in research, education and entrepreneurship.

Members of The Vice-Chancellor's Circle receive:

- the University's annual donor newsletter;
- special recognition on the on-line annual Donor Roll of Honour;
- a specially-commissioned donor pin;
- an invitation to a special annual event hosted by the Vice-Chancellor;
- priority invitations to alumni and donor events.

## The Chancellor's Circle

Membership of the Chancellor's Circle is open to alumni and friends who have donated £100,000 or more since The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation was established in 1999. Members are invited to meet key people within the University and to stay in touch with project teams on a personal basis. They also receive priority invitations to University events.

For further information on any of the Clubs please contact Jacqui McCormick, Stewardship Officer.  
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Do you wish to appear on the Donor Roll of Honour? If no, we will treat your gift as anonymous. Yes  No

Do you wish to receive information on leaving a gift to Queen's in your will? Yes  No

Do you wish to receive information on the Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA)? Yes  No

Please return to the Development & Alumni Relations Office, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast BT7 1NN Telephone 028 9097 5378

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