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WELCOME



It is with a real sense of excitement that I welcome you to the 2019 edition of *The Graduate* - the publication that keeps Queen's alumni around the world in touch with their alma mater and with each other.

Having only recently joined the University, I am still finding my way around but in the coming weeks and months I am really looking forward to getting out and about and meeting as many of you as possible.

As ever, your annual alumni magazine includes an exciting array of graduate news, campus updates and reports of the impact of Queen's donors and supporters, staff and students, both on and off campus.

This issue has a distinctly international feel, with articles on University activities in India (p26) and Asia (p28), profiles of our award-winning Graduate and Student of the Year (p32) and *My Time at Queen's* recollections from a number of our overseas alumni (p46).

We also celebrate the huge contribution made by some of our female academics right across the University in areas such as cybersecurity, business innovation and medical research (p23).

I encourage you to complete our online survey (<https://www.djsresearch.co.uk/QUB>); it's your chance to share your thoughts on the benefits and activities available to you as a Queen's graduate and what more you feel we could offer.

So don't miss your opportunity to shape the future of our alumni programme, and you never know, you might even win one of our 'goody bag' prizes for doing so!

I hope you enjoy reading *The Graduate*.

If you would like to share your views on this edition please contact the Editor (editor@qub.ac.uk) and tell us what you think.

With every best wish

Nathalie Trott

Director of Development
and Alumni Relations

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UNIVERSITY NEWS



QUEEN'S IMPROVES ITS WORLD RANKING

Queen's world university position has risen from 180 to 173 in the latest assessment by QS World University Rankings.

The rise contrasts with the overall trend in the UK, which has seen 56 of the 84 participating universities drop by at least one place.

Commenting on the results, Professor Richard English, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation and Engagement, said: "Queen's enhanced performance in the QS World University Rankings 2020 is a testament to the hard work being carried out across the institution."

"Our new ranking – Queen's best performance in these rankings in the last five years – provides an opportunity for us to reflect on, and celebrate, the fact that we are an international university."

The survey of 1,000 universities from 82 different locations, is based on a list of criteria including reputation, faculty/student ratio (including international) and staff citations. Massachusetts Institute of Technology remains number one in the world for the seventh year, while Oxford continues its reign as the best in the UK.

Students on US Scholarship Programme

Twenty-six Queen's students are among 54 young people from Northern Ireland selected to take part in the British Council's prestigious Study USA programme.

They will spend the academic year studying business or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related subjects in US colleges, across 34 states, to help develop their career prospects when they return home.

Queen's Law student Lucy Bill, who is attending Mary Baldwin University in Virginia, says she is excited to be part of the programme.

"For me, Study USA is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to study in a traditional US college, while pursuing my passion for sports and embracing a totally different culture."

"I'm excited to delve into my business classes and I also hope to undergo an internship during my time away. When I return, my plan is to hibernate in the library during final year, then focus on my life-long goal of becoming a barrister – specialising in either commercial law or clinical negligence."

Each year, over 800 Queen's students take the opportunity to go outside Northern Ireland to study or gain work-related experience. The University works with a range of organisations and colleges to provide global opportunities for its students.

Treating Cancer by Laser

Queen's researchers have brought alternative methods of treating cancers using proton beams accelerated by lasers – which can be less damaging to patients than other treatments – a step closer. An interdisciplinary team led by Professor Marco Borghesi from the School of Mathematics and Physics and by Professor Kevin Prise from the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences has looked at how lasers could help accelerate and deliver the proton beam for therapy.

The researchers used the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) Central Laser Facility's Gemini laser system to increase understanding of how ultrashort proton pulses affect human cells.

"This experiment contributes to unravelling some of the underlying biological processes."

The research suggests that laser proton beams could be used to target cancer cells as successfully as conventional accelerators, and evidence is also emerging indicating that ultrashort dose delivery could reduce the damage inflicted on healthy cells affected by radiation on the way to the tumour.



STFC (Gemini laser system).

We Shall Remember Them

Since the passing of Vice-Chancellor Professor Patrick Johnston in June 2017 and Chancellor Tom Moran in August 2018, the University has been considering how best to acknowledge their immense contributions to life at Queen's.

In his July update, the University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Greer, shared the outcome of those deliberations with staff and the wider Queen's family.

"Tom was very supportive of Paddy's ambitious vision for Queen's, of which a key factor was the creation of a Graduate School.

"That vision became a reality in April 2016, when the Graduate School opened. It has had an enormous impact on Queen's, delivering an outstanding student experience promoting a culture of opportunity with both economic and social innovation and impact.

"The Graduate School will now become the Thomas J Moran Graduate School, ensuring Tom's legacy continues for many generations to come. We have also commissioned a portrait of Tom by Colin Davidson and plan to host an annual event in New York – the Thomas J Moran Lecture."

Professor Johnston, a world-leading cancer researcher who was passionate about patient care, is to be remembered by having his name added to the international centre regarded as one of his major achievements.

"The establishment of the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB) represented the realisation of Paddy's long-held ambition around transforming cancer services in Northern Ireland," said Professor Greer.

“He saw the potential of Northern Ireland becoming a global leader in cancer care and the benefits that would bring, and he ensured that potential became a reality. In recognition of his impact on cancer services, the CCRCB building will be renamed the Patrick G Johnston Centre for Cancer Research.”



Kelly McCaughrain; photo courtesy of Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

New Children's Writing Fellow

Award-winning Belfast writer Kelly McCaughrain is the new Children's Writing Fellow for Northern Ireland, based at the Seamus Heaney Centre at Queen's.

The Fellowship was created by the University and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland as part of a joint ten-year Seamus Heaney Legacy project supported by the Atlantic Philanthropies.

Speaking about the appointment Kelly, who graduated from Queen's with a BSc in Psychology (2000) and a BA in Creative Writing (2016), said: "Reading offers so many benefits to children's development, and therefore to our whole society. Children's literature is something that should be valued and promoted, and I'm thrilled to see that happening in Northern Ireland.

"We have some truly inspiring organisations, teachers, librarians and writers already working hard to promote children's literacy and reading for pleasure and I'm really looking forward to working with them and learning from them and I hope that I can use my fellowship to support them."

Kelly's first novel, *Flying Tips for Flightless Birds*, published by Walker Books, was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and, in May this year, won three Children's Books Ireland (CBI) awards – the Eilis Dillon Award for a first children's book, the Children's Choice Award and CBI Book of the Year Award – in addition to the Northern Ireland Book Award 2019.



Precision Medicine Centre of Excellence

Queen's has opened the Precision Medicine Centre of Excellence (PMC), which will radically change the landscape of medicine in Northern Ireland and beyond.

A state-of-the-art laboratory, the PMC will bring together high-throughput genomics, artificial intelligence and big data analytics in a fully integrated fashion.

Professor Manuel Salto-Tellez, Director of the new Centre, said: "No longer a 'one size fits all', we have seen a major shift towards precision medicine in recent years, focusing on tailored treatment for patients.

"The Centre will provide the necessary infrastructure to meet the increasing demands in the changing field of healthcare and industry in terms of technologies and expertise.

"It also has the potential to boost regional and national biotech companies, while improving the lives of oncology patients across Northern Ireland and beyond.

"Our long-term vision is that the NI biomarker industry is a key player in making sure all cancer patients have access to high-quality, comprehensive and timely molecular characterisation of their tumour to inform therapeutic and clinical management."

The Centre is co-funded by Invest NI, Queen's and the Health and Social Care Research and Development Division of the Public Health Agency.

(L-R): Jeremy Fitch, Invest NI; Dr Janice Bailie, Public Health Agency; Professor Salto-Tellez and Professor Ian Greer, Queen's Vice-Chancellor.



Going Global!

Thirty-two Queen's students spent the summer in Ghana, Japan, Brazil and Macedonia on a range of medical, engineering and computer science work placements.

Selected for the IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) programme, they gained essential workplace skills that will enhance their future employment prospects back in Northern Ireland.

IAESTE runs in more than 80 member countries, with over 4,000 traineeships exchanged each year, and is managed by the British Council Northern Ireland on behalf of the Department for the Economy.

Council Director Jonathan Stewart said: "The British Council recognises the economic benefits of developing stronger relationships and links between Northern Ireland and other countries.

"Through IAESTE, local employers and universities can benefit from the experience of international trainees and set the foundations for future partnerships, links and networks.

"The programme provides our local undergraduates with the opportunity to travel and gain valuable technical experience as well as softer inter-cultural skills and awareness of business practices from different countries."

Calling all Queen's Graduates – One Year Out

If you graduated last year, you will soon be contacted to complete the Graduate Outcomes survey, a new national survey seeking to understand whether you are in employment, have continued with further study or decided to do something different.

The results will allow current and future students to make informed choices and help Queen's to evaluate, improve and promote its courses. The data will also be a vital tool for the University when providing careers advice to current and future students.

This survey is overseen by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) on behalf of the UK higher education funding and regulatory bodies. HESA and their partner organisations Confrontit and IFF Research will be contacting you either by email, text or telephone call.

As the survey is a legal requirement for education purposes, the passing of contact details to HESA is fully compliant with GDPR.

So we need your help please! If and when you are contacted, please respond to your invitation to participate.

Keep up with all the latest University and graduate news at: <http://daro.qub.ac.uk/news>

PROFILE



NATHALIE TROTT JOINING FORCES, WORKING TOGETHER

Originally from Harrogate in North Yorkshire, Nathalie Trott joined the University's Development and Alumni Relations Office as Director at the end of July. With more than 17 years in HE management, she outlines what has impressed her about Queen's and shares her hopes for the future.

Over the years I've met a lot of Queen's graduates, and I've never met one who didn't talk to me with real passion about the time they spent here.

As a fabulous former boss once said of the university we worked at, "you are who you educate".

My knowledge of the Queen's community suggests that I am joining an excellent, ambitious university with a real commitment to education and research, and to Belfast and Northern Ireland, and to addressing significant global issues.

Three things have already inspired me since moving from Dublin with my husband Mike, our 13-month-old daughter Emily and cat Schrödinger – the relationship between the University and its alumni, the level of past philanthropic successes and the calibre of colleagues here at Queen's.

Graduates are our ambassadors; they are our most loyal supporters and our critical friends. At Queen's there is a genuine desire to engage the alumni community to support the work of the University in a variety of ways, both locally and internationally.

Philanthropy is, of course, part of this relationship, and we are hugely grateful for the support graduates give, but the gifts of time and talent are fundamental too. I look forward to establishing close relationships with graduates and meeting many of you over the coming months and years.

From that perspective, and while the need for ongoing financial support to create freedom and flexibility remains, I am fully aware that there have been many tremendous philanthropic successes over the years. Past fundraising campaigns have helped the University deliver innovative research and a high-quality educational experience, which has undoubtedly helped the University to its Top 175 ranking in the world.

Queen's is firmly committed to Widening Participation – something very close to my heart – so I'm really excited about expanding our work in this area. It's also great to see philanthropy supporting innovation in teaching and learning, as seen by the Simulation Centre, and it will be great to work on other philanthropic projects like this.

The collective professionalism of colleagues at Queen's is just inspiring. I've never joined a university where the welcome has been so warm, and the processes and induction so well handled. The sense of a university built on collaboration, high standards and good systems leads me to think that together we will be able to do great things.



“It is humbling to be situated in the heart of campus, and particularly in such a glorious and historic building.”

And it really is about working together because alumni relations and development should always be integrated into the University and not something delivered in isolation.

It is humbling to be situated in the heart of campus, and particularly in such a glorious and historic building – in a lovely office – but if I'm doing my job correctly I should be out and about and not enjoying the view too much!

That said, and because it is directly across the road from my office, I look forward to watching the new Student Centre take shape over the coming years. With the help of generous supporters, the Centre will significantly enhance student life and support the future growth of the knowledge economy in Northern Ireland.

Queen's strikes me as a wonderful place to work and study, and has an excellent blend of old and new. My undergrad was in History so I love libraries and the McClay Library is a great building that has been buzzing every time I have been there. The CS Lewis Room, with its wardrobe door into Narnia, is one of the most magical things I've seen at any university, and if you haven't yet tried it for yourself I'd encourage you to get in touch and arrange a visit.

That many of the new buildings around campus – not to mention the older ones lovingly restored and refurbished – have had generous support from

graduates is testament to the loyalty and commitment our alumni have in supporting the future plans of the University.

Riddel Hall, the colourful Computer Science building and the new School of Law, to name but three, are all helping to deliver a first-class education for future generations.

As I walked around the quad it was great to see the photographs of the various Graduates and Students of the Year in the windows of the Sir Peter Froggatt Building. It's such a positive initiative and so important for current students to get a sense of where people's lives take them after Queen's.

I've also just watched *Derry Girls* so was thrilled to learn that Lisa McGee was the 2018 graduate winner. I can't remember the last time my husband and I laughed so hard at a television programme!

“I am really looking forward to getting to know the Queen's community.”

Queen's appears to be a wonderful combination of academic and intellectual excellence, and real warmth and humanity. It also has a significant role to play not just as an excellent UK university, but also as an intellectual powerhouse on the island of Ireland.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the Queen's community. I can't wait to hear your stories as alumni from across the generations, and to learn how campus, Queen's, and of course Belfast have transformed, but also to hear about the common bonds and experiences that unite people across the decades.

It will be a pleasure to thank personally as many of our donors as I can, and to understand what it is that has inspired you to invest in Queen's. I am keen to be joining forces with the Vice-Chancellor and senior University team as work begins to shape the next strategic plan, and to ensure that you can play an active part in that.

Thank you for your passion, commitment and support to date, and please don't be a stranger! I sincerely hope that Queen's always feels like your home away from home, and that you know you are welcome back any time.

Your advice, challenge, advocacy and generosity will help us to build an even stronger Queen's for future generations, and I can't wait to get started.

CURRICULUM VITAE

A double graduate of the University of Cambridge, Nathalie Trott has been CEO of the DCU Educational Trust for the last three years, where she was responsible for overall strategy and development.

- 2016** Chief Executive Officer, Dublin City University Educational Trust
- 2013** Director of External Affairs, Cambridge Judge Business School Fellow, St Edmund's College, Cambridge
- 2012** MBA, University of Cambridge
- 2008** Head of Alumni Relations, University of Cambridge
- 2007** Head of Alumni Relations, Saïd Business School
- 2004** Alumni Relations Officer, Warwick Business School
- 2002** Alumni Officer, Christ's College, University of Cambridge
- 2002** MA History and Management, University of Cambridge

A key member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) – the professional body for fundraising, alumni relations and communications professionals in education – Nathalie is a recipient of the CASE Distinguished Service Award and CASE Crystal Apple.

Nathalie succeeds Norma Sinte, who retired in March after 11 years as Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and Helen Surgenor, Assistant Director of Fundraising, who served as Acting Director in the intervening period.

FUNDRAISING IMPACT



JMK SOLICITORS LAUNCH STUDENT PRIZE

JMK Solicitors, one of Northern Ireland's leading personal injury and road traffic accident law firms, have launched a student prize in conjunction with the School of Law at Queen's to run over the next three years.

Commenting on the announcement Ms Olivia Meehan, Legal Services Director at JMK, said: "We are delighted to be working with Queen's to recognise and reward the efforts of the next generation of lawyers.

"We are so pleased to pledge a £3,000 prize to the student who achieves the highest mark in the Torts module and meets the widening access criteria set by the University.

"We will be offering this prize for the next three academic years starting in September 2019."

Thanking JMK Solicitors for their support, Head of the School of Law Professor Robin Hickey said:

"We are deeply indebted to JMK Solicitors for this most generous student prize, which has been specifically earmarked for a top individual meeting the widening access criteria.

"This highlights the importance of encouraging WP students not only to enter higher education, but to continue their studies once they have enrolled at Queen's. Support such as the JMK Solicitors Prize is a great example of this."

The widening access programme aims to support students who have the ability to succeed in higher education, irrespective of socio-economic background, disability, ethnicity, political opinion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or age.

Pictured above:

(L-R): SORCHA Mac Laimhin, Development Manager in the Development and Alumni Relations Office at Queen's; Ted Jensen, Outreach Officer, Queen's Widening Participation Unit; Olivia Meehan, Legal Services Director at JMK; Professor Robin Hickey, School of Law.

Ulster GAA Supports Prostate Research

Research into prostate cancer at Queen's is to receive support from Ulster GAA.

The President of the local Council, Oliver Galligan (pictured below), has pledged GAA support to the Queen's Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB) as part of the Association's 'Supporting Prostate Cancer Research' campaign at the Ulster Championships in 2019, and throughout 2019-2020.

The Ulster President said: "I am delighted to choose prostate cancer research as Ulster GAA's charitable cause for 2019.

"The reach of the GAA family will help to create greater awareness of the disease and help with early detection, while funds raised will go directly to world-class research being undertaken by Queen's University Belfast."

Dr Aidan Cole (left) from CCRCB said: "The prostate cancer research team at Queen's is delighted to form this strategic partnership with the Ulster Council GAA to improve education, diagnosis and management of men diagnosed with prostate cancer in our communities.

"We are proud of our strong links with the GAA community and endeavour to provide our patients with the best treatments available and lead in clinical trials that can transform the treatment of prostate cancer in the future."

Over 4,500 men in Ireland are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year. In the UK, prostate cancer deaths have exceeded breast cancer deaths for the first time, with over 11,000 men per year dying of aggressive forms of prostate cancer, which are often only diagnosed when men present to their GP with urinary symptoms.



Annual Fund

Organisers of this year's Culture Night, which took place in March in the Sir William Whitla Hall, staged a hugely successful celebration of cuisine, theatre, dance and music from around the world, thanks to donors to the Queen's Annual Fund.

Led by Pharmacy student Rachel Jye Miin Pang from Malaysia and organised by Queen's International Student Society, the event received £1,500 in support from the Fund, one of 55 projects to benefit this year.

Since the Fund's launch, generous contributions from Queen's graduates have helped to fund over 500 projects within key areas such as sport, culture, arts, mental health and academia. This provides life-changing experiences for students through scholarships, priority fundraising projects, clubs, societies and much more.

For further information on the Queen's Annual Fund, please get in touch with Stephen O'Reilly, Regular Giving Manager, at stephen.oreilly@qub.ac.uk

Find out more about projects supported at www.queensfoundation.com/AnnualFund

To make a donation go to <http://go.qub.ac.uk/MakeAGift>

Lynsey Courtney Foundation

Dr Lesley Anderson from the Queen's Centre for Public Health has received over £19,000 to help reduce the number of women being diagnosed with cervical cancer in Northern Ireland.

This generous gift is in memory of Lynsey Courtney, who lost her fight against cervical cancer in September 2018, aged 30. The Lynsey Courtney Foundation was set up by her family to raise awareness and funds towards research.

The donation will be used to investigate the knowledge and awareness of HPV among women in Northern Ireland and to help inform how cervical cancer screening is promoted so that we can ensure that women attend screening. Dr Anderson and her team aim to reduce cervical cancer and improve patient outcomes.

Throughout Lynsey's diagnosis and treatment she inspired everyone who knew her with her sheer grit, determination and positive mindset, even on the toughest of days. It was Lynsey's wish that further research would take place to prevent others enduring what she experienced. The team at Queen's are proud to be a part of her legacy.



Lauryn Hollywood.

US Work Experience Scholarship

BSc Finance student Lauryn Hollywood from Omagh in County Tyrone, who participated in the Ireland-US Council 2018 Student Scholarships Programme that introduces talented students to the business world in the United States, has returned to the US for a year-long appointment to work at Prudential Financial in Jersey City.

Lauryn was one of six recipients of the Work Experience Scholarships celebrated at an awards lunch held at the Metropolitan Club in New York in June.

Council President Brian W Stack, in announcing the 2019 awards, said: "This is the 35th year in which the Council has operated this successful and much-admired scholarship awards programme."

“We in the Council are proud of the role that this programme has played as part of the Council's broader mission to build closer business and economic links between the United States and Ireland – north and south.”

Since the scholarships were established, changes to US workplace visa laws now require applicants to be undergraduates in universities on the island of Ireland, who already possess green cards (work permits) or US citizenship.

The programme provides a valuable opportunity for learning, acquiring business-related skillsets and networking while in longer-term internship placements of up to 12 months, set in a fast-paced corporate environment.

The Ireland-US Council, which encourages and promotes business between Ireland and the United States, was established in 1962 by American and Irish business leaders in preparation for the visit of President John F Kennedy to Ireland in 1963.



Pictured (L-R) are: Ted Jensen, Outreach Officer, WPU; Helen Surgenor, Assistant Director (Fundraising) and Michael McDonnell, Choice.

Choice Housing Prizes

Choice Housing, one of the largest independent housing associations in Northern Ireland, has launched a new partnership with Queen's to help transform the lives of young people across Northern Ireland.

Three prizes – one in each faculty – will provide financial support to students who have participated in either the Pathway Opportunity Programme or Senior Academy Programme, key Queen's initiatives delivered by the University's Widening Participation Unit (WPU).

WPU students include those in secondary education and colleges who have disabilities, or are care leavers or adult learners.

The programme takes young people who have the ability to attend university but who are least likely to progress to higher education, and provides support to enable them to fulfil their potential.

The Choice Housing Prizes will be awarded to the three Pathway Opportunity Programme or Senior Academy students who achieve the highest overall mark in Level 1 and who will be continuing to Level 2.

Michael McDonnell, Group Chief Executive of Choice, said: "We are very pleased to announce this partnership with Queen's, who are leading the way in providing opportunities to study for those who may find prospects not as readily available."

"The Widening Participation Unit at Queen's has worked with a wide range of young people, teachers, schools, colleges and parents to raise the profile of opportunities open to those who want to achieve academic success."

"We hope that through these prizes, we can help recipients to succeed in the future and create stronger inclusive communities."

Holstein NI Backs Cancer Research

Researchers at CCRCB have received £7,500 from Holstein NI and members of the local farming community, to support work in cancer research, the proceeds of a hugely successful Open Day.

Thanking Holstein NI, Head of Health Fundraising in the Development and Alumni Relations Office at Queen's, Teresa Sloan, said: "On behalf of CCRCB can I say just how delighted and grateful we are with the ongoing generosity of Holstein NI and members of the local commercial dairy farmers' and pedigree breeders' communities.

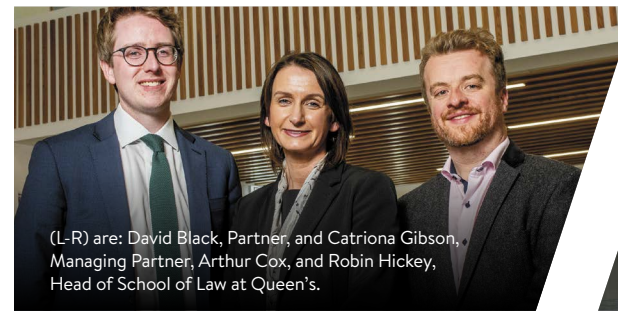
"The £7,500 from Holstein NI will help fund local research, clinical trials and equipment at CCRCB at Queen's. Ultimately, this research will improve outcomes and quality of life for patients here in Northern Ireland."

More than 1,200 visitors and 50 trade exhibitors attended the one-day event held at the end of April. Visitors had an opportunity to view the award-winning Edenordinary Herd, which features a modern dairy unit with 200 high-yielding pedigree dairy cows bred from world-renowned cow families.

“Staff at CCRCB are working strenuously to understand the biology of cancer, to improve treatments and to train the next generation of clinicians and scientists.”



(L-R): Event organisers/Holstein NI members William Annett, Charlie Weir and George Mitchell are pictured with, Teresa Sloan and Professor Chris Scott, Director of CCRCB.



(L-R) are: David Black, Partner, and Catriona Gibson, Managing Partner, Arthur Cox, and Robin Hickey, Head of School of Law at Queen's.

Arthur Cox Establish Law Prize

Leading law firm Arthur Cox has launched a prestigious student prize for Queen's Law School undergraduates.

With a longstanding commitment to diversity and social inclusion, Arthur Cox recognises the University's dedication to attracting and retaining the most talented students. Supporting this aim, the annual award will be presented to the student(s) with the highest mark in the Contract Module of Stage 2 in the LLB Undergraduate Programme at the annual Law School prize-giving ceremony.

With offices in Belfast, Dublin, London, New York and Silicon Valley, Arthur Cox is an employer of choice for Queen's students.

The inaugural prize was won jointly by Chloe Emerson and Chelsea Dignam. Responding to the initiative Professor Robin Hickey, Head of School of Law at Queen's, said: "The University welcomes the generous support of Arthur Cox for this important prize. Having joint winners first time around emphasises not just the quality and competitiveness of our undergraduates but the importance of corporate backing for our students.

Catriona Gibson, Managing Partner of Arthur Cox said: "I'm delighted to support this prize for Queen's Law School undergraduates. These are exciting times for emerging law graduates. It's wonderful to see the calibre of individuals at Queen's University, and to be able to play a part in supporting and celebrating the quality of that talent. Many congratulations to Chloe and Chelsea."



Pitching in to Support Ovarian Cancer Research

The Immediate Past Lady Captain of Helen's Bay Golf Club – Linda Wilson (pictured right) – has presented a cheque to Queen's researcher Dr Nuala McCabe (centre), to fund ovarian cancer research, the proceeds of Linda's year as Lady Captain.

Dr McCabe, who works in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB) and the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biological Sciences at Queen's, is responsible for the discovery and development of biomarkers for clinical trials in the area of breast and ovarian cancers. She runs a joint research programme between Queen's and Almac Diagnostic Services where she is a Team Leader of Internal Research and is Biomarker Research Manager.

During Linda's year as Lady Captain, the County Down seaside club raised over £6,000 by staging a Bridge Drive, a Charity Luncheon and an Afternoon Tea with fashions, which were supported by hundreds of lady members and their guests.

Commenting on the gift to CCRCB Rachel Ketola (left), Development Manager, Health in the Development and Alumni Relations Office at Queen's, said: "I am delighted that the ladies of Helen's Bay Golf Club have so generously supported the work of CCRCB.

"The money raised will make a major contribution to funding ovarian cancer research at Queen's and, ultimately, will help to improve the outcomes and quality of life of patients in Northern Ireland."

To find out more about supporting the University, visit the Queen's Foundation web page <http://darq.qub.ac.uk/Foundation> or get in touch with Naomi King on tel: +44 (0)28 9097 3101 or email: n.king@qub.ac.uk

DEAL OR NO DEAL?

With the UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson committed to leaving the EU on 31 October ‘come what may’, we asked Queen’s Brexit experts Professor David Phinnemore and Lisa Claire Whitten to consider the likely impact of ‘deal’ and ‘no deal’ departures for Northern Ireland.

As You Were – The ‘Deal’ Scenario

If the UK does avoid a ‘no deal’ Brexit and leaves the EU with a Withdrawal Agreement, then little will change on or immediately after departure day. For many who see Brexit posing significant challenges for Northern Ireland this is welcomed.

With a Withdrawal Agreement, the UK will enter a transition period during which it will remain in the EU’s single market, its customs union and trade agreements and other EU policy regimes. The border on the island of Ireland will remain as is.

When the transition period comes to an end – scheduled for 31 December 2020 but extendable for one or two years – it is envisaged that the UK will move into its still-to-be-negotiated post-Brexit relationship with the EU.

If, however, that relationship has not been concluded or fails to deliver on the commitment to avoid a hard border, protect the 1998 Belfast ‘Good Friday’ Agreement ‘in all its dimensions’ and maintain the necessary conditions for continued north-south cooperation, the Withdrawal Agreement’s so-called ‘backstop’ arrangements will enter into force.

These would, until the UK-EU relationship meets the commitments, see Northern Ireland remain in the EU’s customs union and its single market for goods while the rest of the UK would remain in a looser customs union arrangement with the EU.

The backstop arrangements are designed to minimise the disruptive effects of Brexit for Northern Ireland. However, if they enter into force, they would mean some additional checks and controls on the movement of goods from the rest of the UK into Northern Ireland.

The possibility also exists of some increased regulatory differentiation, especially if future UK governments, contrary to commitments, decide not to maintain regulatory alignment with the EU.

Concerns have been raised over the impact that the backstop could have on Northern Ireland’s economic and constitutional position within the UK. While these tend to be overstated, that Brexit is and will continue to be disruptive cannot be denied. The Withdrawal Agreement, negotiated in good faith, seeks to manage and minimize that disruption.

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The Vulnerability of Northern Ireland – The ‘No Deal’ Scenario

In the fast-growing lexicon of Brexit, ‘no deal’ is used to describe a situation whereby the United Kingdom would leave the European Union without a bilateral agreement on how to deal with the consequences. From ‘catastrophic’ to ‘manageable’ the likely impact of a ‘no deal’ Brexit is hotly debated; the vulnerability of Northern Ireland in the scenario, however, is not.

A recent report from the Department for the Economy warned of ‘immediate and severe’ consequences of ‘no deal’ on Northern Ireland’s competitiveness and predicted a sharp rise in unemployment with upwards of 40,000 jobs being at risk. Short-term economic effects would not be evenly felt, border regions, small cross-border traders, agri-food suppliers and the haulage industry would all be particularly exposed. In the long term, ‘no deal’ could mean between 4% and 9% reduction in economic growth otherwise expected in Northern Ireland by 2030.

While British and Irish citizens will be able to travel across the border even in the event of ‘no deal’, non-Irish/British citizens may face checks. At present many areas of specialised healthcare are delivered on an all-island basis, in the event of a ‘no deal’ Brexit, access to specialised care would be much more difficult, meaning that patients on either side of the border may need to travel significant distances to receive necessary care.

The Higher Education sector would be hit hard by the loss of EU funding and a likely reduction in the number of international students coming to study.

Analysis by the CBI suggested the impact on education would amount to ‘a lost decade’ of potential and prosperity in Northern Ireland.

Given the amount of legislation required to implement ‘no deal’ it is also difficult to see how the introduction of direct rule could be avoided if devolved government has not yet been re-established. Relatedly, the PSNI have consistently warned of security challenges associated with ‘no deal’ – officers in England and Scotland have begun training for possible deployment to Northern Ireland if ‘no deal’ happens.

A ‘no deal’ would be a dramatic turn in the already disruptive force that is Brexit. The nature, extent and value of the Brexit disruption is a matter of opinion but Northern Ireland’s particular vulnerability to it is not.

For Northern Ireland, the best-case scenario is that ‘no deal’ never happens.

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All information correct at time of going to press. For the latest analysis on Brexit by Queen’s staff visit <https://www.qub.ac.uk/brexit/insight-analysis/>

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CELEBRATING FEMALE ACADEMICS AT QUEEN'S

One hundred and thirty-five years after Queen's had its first cohort of female graduates, women now make up 57 per cent of our students and 54 per cent of staff. 56 per cent of our Heads of Directorates are women and women in the Professoriate have increased from 11 per cent in 2000, to 23 per cent in 2018.

Driving the gender equality agenda since 2000, Queen's Gender Initiative (QGI) is an independent, female-focused entity that promotes visibility of women and encourages their advancement. QGI's instigation of flexible-working and family-friendly policies, now benefits all staff with caring responsibilities. Prestigious public lectures, International Women's Day events and bespoke mentoring for all female staff, are led by QGI to support women's career development.

Our gender equality work is also driven by the Athena SWAN charter, which Queen's subscribed to in 2005. Athena SWAN awards recognise advancement in gender equality and along with QGI, SWAN drives structural and cultural change, mainstreaming gender equality. We currently hold Institutional Silver and 15 departmental awards.

As a future-focussed organisation, committed to addressing historical under-representation of women in academia, Queen's continues to innovate in gender equality, to benefit all staff and students and positively impact society.

In this issue of The Graduate we highlight 12 women who are among many blazing a trail in their chosen subject areas. Only by benefiting from the talents of all will Queen's reach its full potential, and ensure that the University remains to the fore in gender equality.

Engineering and Physical Sciences

PROFESSOR MÁIRE O'NEILL

Máire O'Neill was a PhD student when her research was first exploited commercially. Now, the one-time UK Female Inventor of the Year is one of Europe's leading cryptography experts.



The youngest engineering professor in the history of Queen's, and the youngest Irish Academy of Engineering Fellow, Máire is Professor of Information Security and now Acting Director of the Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology (ECIT) at the University.

Recently joining the UK's Artificial Intelligence Council, a body of leaders from business, academic and engineering backgrounds, she set up to understand and establish greater use of artificial intelligence (AI), is an essential voice in the fight to protect our data and privacy in the 21st century.

Earlier this year she was among an impressive line-up of speakers at the inaugural TEDx event held at Queen's, where she spoke on the importance of considering security within the connected devices in our homes, including Smart TVs, watches and toys.

PROFESSOR BIQIONG CHEN

Biqiong Chen is a Professor of Polymer Engineering and a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining and the Royal Society of Chemistry. She has collaborated on over 80 journal publications; her research into the formation of polymer nanocomposites has implications in the fields of healthcare, energy and engineering.



PROFESSOR SU TAYLOR

Dean of Research at the School of Natural and Built Environment. Su began her academic journey at Bath as a Building Engineer student, before working as a Chartered Engineer. In 1995, she joined Queen's as a Research Assistant and later became a Research Engineer in the construction division of the Northern Ireland Technology Centre.



Su has pioneered 11 Knowledge Transfer Partnerships at the University, an initiative which sets up three-way partnerships between companies, graduates and academics to provide specialist expertise to industry.

Her research has also been funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, the Technology Strategy Board, the Department of Transport, and Knowledge Transfer Partnership.

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

PROFESSOR FIONNUALA NÍ AOLÁIN

Gaining an LLB and PhD in Law from Queen's, and an LLM from Columbia University, Fionnuala is a champion of human rights law, internationally.



She has been consulted as an expert by the UN Women and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on conflict and sexual violence, and as of 2017, has been the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism with the OHCHR.

Now a Professor of Law at Queen's and Associate Director at Ulster University's Transitional Justice Institute, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin was nominated twice by the Irish government as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights (2004 and 2007) and elected to the American Law Institute in 2016.

PROFESSOR NOLA HEWITT-DUNDAS

Professor of Innovation Management and Policy, and Head of Queen's Management



School, Nola is a UK leader in social science and enterprise policy.

She is a current Senior Research Associate with the UK Enterprise Research Centre and her studies in business innovation and technology transfer have been adopted by the UK Economic and Social Research Council, the Royal Irish Academy and the Irish Higher Education Authority.

Alongside her contributions to innovation research, which have been used by the World Bank, European Union and NI Executive, she sits on the Gender Equality Team at Queen's.

PROFESSOR JOANNE HUGHES

Joanne Hughes is the Director of the Centre for Shared Education and a leading European mind in shared education in divided societies; she has secured funding and endorsement from the EU, ESRC, British Council, UNICEF and from other bodies during her career. In addition to working as an adviser to the UK government on the topic, Joanne was appointed to a UNESCO Chair on Globalising a Shared Education Model for Improving Intergroup Relations in Divided Societies, in 2016.



DR FRANZISKA SCHROEDER

A reader in Sonic Arts, a senior lecturer in the School of Creative Arts and a saxophonist with two CD releases, Dr Schroeder is making waves in the audiovisual world. She earned a PhD from the University of Edinburgh in 2006 and has written for many international journals. Dr Schroeder, who is a Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy and a registered expert for the EU's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, among other positions, has performed with international musicians, including Joan La Barbara and the Avatar Orchestra.



DR GOSIA SWADŹBA-KWAŚNY

Gosia is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering and Director for the Research Centre for Advanced Liquid Materials (QUILL). She was awarded the Green Chemistry Research Fellowship in 2015 and started her own



research group in ionic liquids. The Swadzba-Kwaśny research group within QUILL focuses on the design and application of functional liquids, which are used in everything from battery electrolytes to acids in catalysis.

Medicine, Health and Life Sciences

PROFESSOR USHA CHAKRAVARTHY CBE



A leading retinal surgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and a Professor in Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences at Queen's, Usha has been involved in major international trials with therapeutics, including the IVAN, INTREPID, EUREYE, INDEYE, and VISION studies.

Notably, she was a co-author of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, guidelines for the treatment of Age-Related Macular Degeneration.

A world-leading authority on eye disease, she was awarded a CBE in 2016 for her extensive involvement in clinical trials, her work with the NHS and her role within the Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

PROFESSOR MOIRA DEAN



Moira is a Professor in Consumer Psychology and Food Security. Her research group focuses on studying the perceptions, attitudes and behaviours of the food supply chain and how we can feed our growing populations sustainably.

Her research within the Global Institute for Food Security is ever more relevant in the current century, and has been funded by the Food Standards Agency, Safefood, the Medical Research Council and the European Union.

PROFESSOR DENISE FITZGERALD



When she was 21, Denise Fitzgerald suffered from Transverse Myelitis, a condition similar to Multiple Sclerosis, and had to learn to walk again with an intensive

course of physiotherapy. She has since gone on to become a leading researcher at Queen's in Regenerative Neurolmmunology.

In 2016, Denise led a £2m research programme, funded by the Wellcome Trust and BBSRC, to investigate new treatments for MS patients. The Fitzgerald Lab is now a Regenerative Neurolmmunology research group at the University with a particular focus on the causes and treatments of Multiple Sclerosis.

In 2017, research led by Denise and Dr Yvonne Dombrowski revealed new findings into the way the brain repairs damage, a landmark discovery for the future treatment of MS.

PROFESSOR NOEMI LOIS



Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine and a vitreoretinal surgeon, Noemi has been published in over 100 publications. Her research closely focuses on retinopathy in diabetes patients.

In 2019, she made The Ophthalmologist's annual Power List as a leading mentor, professor and academic in her field.

PROFESSOR HELEN MCCARTHY



Helen has spent 11 years researching nanomedicine applications and non-viral delivery systems for the treatment of cancer and other diseases, and is a professor in the School of Pharmacy. She holds patents for three delivery systems.

In 2017, her company Phion Therapeutics Ltd won the Invent Awards Prize for its revolutionary technology in drug delivery. Helen's research continues to have significant influence in how we deliver medicine to the human body.

For more on Athena SWAN at Queen's University Belfast visit: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/AthenaSWAN>

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY



PRISM – Best LGBT Initiative 2019

Queen's University's LGBT+ Staff Network, 'PRISM', was named 'Best LGBT Initiative' at the 2019 Northern Ireland Equality and Diversity Awards at a ceremony in Titanic Belfast in April.

Organised by Legal Island, the awards provide local employers with an opportunity to showcase their commitment to embedding equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

PRISM, which was launched in November 2018, promotes a safe, welcoming space for LGBT+ staff at Queen's and provides information, confidential support and advice on sexual orientation and gender identity issues.

Conor Curran, Head of Diversity and Inclusion at Queen's, said: "The PRISM Network is a staff-led initiative that exemplifies the University's commitment to promoting equality, respect for diversity, and creating an inclusive and respectful environment for staff and students.

"The award is an important endorsement for the network, our leadership and all of our people who champion LGBT+ inclusion every day."

Stepping Out with Pride

This year's Belfast Pride Festival, incorporating over 100 events across 10 days, culminated with the centrepiece Pride Parade on Saturday 3 August.

The largest cross-community parade in Belfast, over 600 Queen's staff and students – many joined by family members – attended to show their support for LGBT+ colleagues and the wider LGBT+ community.

Organised by Belfast Pride, with support from the Rainbow Project, HERe NI and Cara Friend, the event expects numbers to exceed the record 55,000 people who turned out last year, once official figures are released.

Ireland's Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, was among those present, marking the first appearance of any political leader at the main parade.

“Diversity and inclusion are critical for business – when business prioritises inclusion, the workplace is better for everyone.”

Sheree Atcheson, Graduate of the Year, 2019

Supporting Culture and Diversity – Queen’s Annual Fund

Among the 50 projects supported by Queen’s Annual Fund this year were a number of cultural and international initiatives.

Through gifts from individual graduates, the Annual Fund supports and enhances all aspects of the Queen’s experience for students. Unrestricted funds are secured primarily through telephone fundraising and direct mail campaigns, with 25% going to the University Scholarships Fund, 25% to a current campaign priority, and 50% in the form of small grants to a range of student and staff projects. Among the 2019 ‘small grant’ beneficiaries were:

- Black History Month, organised by the Students’ Union, which received £1,000 to engage and showcase the University’s diverse Afro-Caribbean student and staff population
- The Malaysian Students’ Society of Northern Ireland (£880), which hosted the Belfast South-East Asian Games, a multi-sport event
- The South Asian Students’ Society (£700) whose members organised a Diwali Night which included dance, traditional dress and food
- Queen’s International Student Society (£200), which staged a singing competition as a community building event.

The University’s International Office also received £2,625 to train and develop international students to become Alumni Ambassadors.



iRise Network Launched

The launch of Queen’s first Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and International Staff Network, ‘iRise’, took place this summer.

Standing for: internationally focused, racial diversity, inclusivity for all, social cohesion equality of opportunity, iRise promotes the University as a welcoming place to work for BAME and international staff.

Providing networking and support plus a range of training and development opportunities, iRise runs a social programme, and liaises with other staff networks and student societies.

Queen’s Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Greer said: “As a University community, I want us to be reflective of the students and global society that we serve through our teaching and research.

“We recruit the best from around the world and it is vitally important that our people – in all of their diversity – feel supported, visible and listened to.”

Dr Yassin Brunger, Co-Chair of iRise, said: “We were delighted to be joined by staff, students and senior leaders who came to show their support and appreciation for our efforts.

“In particular, it was encouraging and very important to see the Vice-Chancellor’s clear engagement with issues of diversity and inclusion and his commitment to supporting a diverse and inclusive culture.

“As we get started, this support means a great deal, both to members of iRise and to BAME and international staff throughout Queen’s.”



Dr Yassin Brunger.



Supporting Pride are (L-R): Professor Mark Price, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Engineering and Physical Sciences with Sally Bridge and Richard Robinson, Co-Chairs of PRISM.

A Glimpse of a Better Future

Embracing equality and diversity, and fostering greater inclusivity for staff and students, are all part of the University’s agenda aimed at raising aspirations.

Former President of Queen’s Graduates’ Association (2017–19) and NUS-USI President (2015–17), and currently Client Account Manager – Northern Ireland for Stonewall, Fergal McFerran, BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics (2015), reflects on recent changes at his alma mater.

I’ve always held a deep and perhaps sometimes sentimental sense of pride in my connection to the University but in recent years that has undoubtedly taken on a new dimension.

Identity has always been a complicated and often contested subject for us here, but as the world around us becomes more connected, the work to shape a truly inclusive university for all who interact with it has never been more important.

The learning community that Queen’s has evolved into today is a thriving one. The excellence of the teaching and research is enriched and informed by

the patchwork of lived experiences and identities that now inhabit the offices, lectures halls, laboratories and corridors of the University.

When I reflect on my own time as a student, I tend to focus on the last three of my five undergraduate years. Those were the years during which I really began to come to terms with the fact that I was gay.

It wouldn’t be until shortly after I had actually graduated that I would come out but if it had not been for the pockets of acceptance and affirmation that I found within the Queen’s community during those years, I am not quite sure where I’d be today.

The truth is that I was lucky. At the right moment I found acceptance, but the reality was that I had to search quite hard to find it. Many others will not have been as lucky as I.

That’s why I’m so proud of the transformation that I’ve witnessed at Queen’s in recent years in how the University has embraced diversity and inclusion so unapologetically. The search to find acceptance will be a little less daunting today.

The transformation can be seen everywhere: in the creation of a dedicated diversity and inclusion unit; the hundreds of people taking part in Belfast Pride under a Queen’s University banner; the launch of a new network for international and BAME staff; the renewed efforts to tackle mental health issues; or the University’s commitment to widening participation, to name just a few examples.

When I find myself back at Queen’s, or when I see some of the moments in the life of the University today that are actively promoted to the world around it, I can’t help but feel like I’m catching a glimpse of a better future for Northern Ireland.

That’s not to say the job is done. Inclusion is not a journey with a fixed end and particularly in a dynamic place like Queen’s, there will always be challenge and change. But for a world-class institution that is focused on the needs of society my sense of pride is rooted in a belief that Queen’s now better reflects the world that it seeks to serve.

For more on Queen’s Gender Initiative go to <http://dar0.qub.ac.uk/QGI> or for further information on Athena SWAN visit: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/AthenaSWAN>

INTERNATIONAL

FOCUS ON INDIA

It's Friday 3 May 2019 and the temperature is almost 40 degrees centigrade. Staff from Queen's University are on the road again. The location is New Delhi, India, and those gathered in the Oberoi Hotel include Sir Mark Tully, the former Bureau Chief of the BBC in the city.

Sir Mark, a 2011 honorary graduate (DLit) who worked for the BBC in India for 30 years, is among a group of guests attending a reception with the Queen's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Greer.

Addressing graduates, educational agents and other key stakeholders, Sir Mark said: "Those of you who are graduates are your University's best ambassadors. You will be the people who fulfil the Vice-Chancellor's wish that more people from this wonderful country of India will come to Belfast to study at Queen's."

After China, India sends more students to universities around the world than any other country. While there is stiff competition from domestic institutions, studying abroad remains an attractive option for those who have the means and the grasp of the English language.

Despite political uncertainty over Brexit, the UK remains a popular destination for Indian students. In the past year, Queen's has received almost 1,000 applications from India, a 40% year-on-year increase, Professor Greer told media during the trip.

Queen's enjoys a long-standing relationship with India. Ten years ago, His Excellency Kamallesh Sharma, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, was appointed Chancellor, a position he held until 2014.

The move helped cement relations between Northern Ireland and what American author Mark Twain once described as 'the cradle of the human race', boosting India's investment in Northern Ireland businesses.

The University established an office in India in 2014 in partnership with T&A Consulting to strategically target the region as part of its ambitious Vision 2020 internationalisation plans.

In 2016, Queen's led a study into the impact of the built environment on levels of exercise and physical activity among people in India.

Attractive destination

With over 180 students currently at Queen's, and almost twice as many graduates with degrees in Engineering, Finance, Business and Medicine living in India, it is a lucrative recruitment market. And with merit-based scholarships worth £7,500 available to Indian students, Belfast is an attractive destination for those prepared to travel.

One such individual is Prayag Ray, a 2018 PhD graduate in English. "Coming to Queen's is a good opportunity for Indian students because it gives you something different.

"It gives you a certain exposure to an intellectual climate that is truly international. It's just a way to broaden yourself as an individual."

Queen's two-day visit also explored collaborations with Indian universities. During the trip, his second since taking up the role of Vice-Chancellor in summer 2018, Professor Greer signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tezpur University in Assam.

That MOU means the two universities will explore mutually beneficial opportunities over the next five years in the areas of joint supervised doctoral programmes, which has already allowed students from Tezpur to begin PhD study at Queen's. It also offers student and staff exchange for the purposes of study, research and teaching.

And opportunities for Indian students at Queen's are not just in English and Engineering. Damini Saraf is a 2017 Master's graduate in Advanced Food Safety. "The teachers are really ready to help you. How they teach is through presentation, so when they are presenting something it is eye-catching. What I liked about the course is they put more emphasis on practical things."

Connections

Queen's is among a select group of top-ranked institutions invited to partner with Infosys on their InStep Global Internship Program. Infosys, a global leader in technology and consulting services, is a corporate member of CSIT, the University's Centre for Secure Information Technologies.

Collaborating with CSIT, joint research projects have been promoted, PhD scholarships sponsored and internships provided.

Since 2011, 35 undergraduates from the School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Queen's have undertaken summer internships at Infosys, across two campuses in Bangalore and Pune.

The University also plans to double the capacity of its one-year cybersecurity and software engineering programmes.

Other universities and research institutes at the May reception included: Tanuvas, the Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology (IGIB), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), PSG and Lovely Professional University.



Staff and guests at the event in May, including Professor Ian Greer (3rd from right) and Sir Mark Tully (2nd from right).

Discussions focused on research collaborations and opportunities for student and staff exchange for study, research and teaching.

Role of alumni

Promoting Queen's as a destination for students – and helping take forward relationships with key stakeholders – is something graduates are being encouraged to get involved in.

Speaking about the role of alumni in promoting the University in India, Dr Tully added: "I was deeply honoured when, some years ago, Queen's awarded me an honorary doctorate. I always felt a deep affection for the University and for Ireland of course, both Northern Ireland and the Republic.

"To me, I have found in a very long life that the friendships you make at university are the friendships which last longest in your life. Your relationship with your university is one of the deepest you can form.

"For that reason I am delighted that Queen's makes such an effort to keep up with its graduates, to encourage them to maintain their links."

For more on applying to Queen's from India go to <http://go.qub.ac.uk/2019India> contact Neeta Tyagi, Queen's India Office, telephone: +91 11 4054 6760 extension 103 or email indiaoffice@qub.ac.uk. Graduates in India who would like to connect with fellow Queen's alumni or keep up with the University's visits, can join the University's LinkedIn group.

VOLUNTEERING



THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS

Volunteers are playing an increasingly important role in the life of the University. Giving time to Queen's and serving as an advocate for the University, often as valuable as giving financial support, can open doors and make a real difference.

Alumni Engagement Officer, Stephen O'Reilly, experienced first-hand how Queen's graduates in China and Hong Kong are volunteering their time to promote the University, during a recent trip to Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Beijing.

"The unbelievable pace and scale of growth in the cities I visited is reflected in the graduates' career stories since leaving Belfast to return to China. From innovative boutique start-ups to senior leaders in international financial institutions, Queen's graduates are already making a big impression.

"As brand ambassadors for the University, alumni are providing important advice to prospective students through a range of different activities and events and even in online seminars.

"They are also helping inbound students make the successful leap from their home country to Belfast with vital information on relocation requirements, the cost of living, the food and weather they can expect, accommodation recommendations and even the nightlife on offer.

Supporting the University

"Graduates in Asia lead hectic lives. Despite being time poor, however, and often with great distances to travel, they still come out in great numbers to support the University whenever it is in town. In November 2018, when President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Greer made his inaugural visit to China he was greeted by dozens of alumni, keen to support the University and be part of the graduate network.

"The hugely successful Chinese social media platform WeChat (circa 1 billion users) is a key driver for graduate-to-graduate communication where our alumni groups are hubs of activity.

Broken down by city, study area and class year, graduates network with each other to share job opportunities, career advice and accommodation recommendations, along with the odd GIF and emoji.

"I would like to thank all those graduates who so warmly welcomed me to Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Beijing for volunteering their time across several evenings and weekends to discuss growing and shaping our alumni networks, for supporting student recruitment at the University and for bringing their thoughts, passion and energy to the table.

"The University's trips to China and Singapore are part of an ongoing series of events that has seen the Vice-Chancellor launch a Chinese alumni network in Shenzhen, Chinese New Year celebrations around campus and China Queen's College students visiting Belfast for two weeks in the summer of this year."

To find out more about Queen's links with China visit <http://go.qub.ac.uk/China2019>

Singapore Internships

Law graduate Pedram Norton, has a successful career in Singapore working for Stephenson Harwood LLP. Since 2016, with help from Careers, Employability and Skills at Queen's, he has supported the University by bringing a student intern into his firm for 2 weeks each summer. Not only are internships a chance for students to grasp what a career in law might be like, some change lives forever.



Amy Moore, this year's intern, really enjoyed her experience. She has been offered an assessment day interview which could lead to a trainee contract starting in 2021, once she graduates. And this is not a one off example; the 2018 intern Ciaran Fitzpatrick also has a role lined up with the firm when he graduates next year.

Pedram commented: "Giving back by helping students gain crucial work experience is so important to their careers. And thanks to the quality of those we have hosted, Stephenson Harwood would be remiss if we didn't invite them to come work with us permanently. It's a win-win!"

For more on providing an internship (locally or overseas), contact Natasha Sharma, Alumni Relations Officer, natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk or +44 (0)28 9097 3135.

LEGACY GIVING



Elise Heesbeen from Maastricht University in the Netherlands is spending nine months doing a Research Master's degree in Fundamental Neuroscience with the Fitzgerald MS Research team.

OFFERING A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Legacy gifts are so much more than a few lines in your will. They have the power to transform lives – to break down barriers to education, to broaden horizons and to provide answers to global research challenges like disease, pollution, cybersecurity and food safety. Queen's is at the heart of this transformational change, taking legacy gifts and magnifying their impact on the global stage.

Legacy Manager Susan Wilson shares a number of stories outlining how legacy gifts from alumni and friends of Queen's are helping to shape lives locally and around the world.

Tackling global research challenges

Gifts in wills to Queen's help fund life-changing research, seeking to overcome some of the major health problems of our time, including cancer,

cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cognitive impairment and multiple sclerosis.

We understand that the causes closest to your heart are often personal, which is why you can choose to fund the area of research which means the most to you. This is what Caroline Jamison from Carrickfergus, County Antrim, has chosen to do – supporting research into multiple sclerosis (MS) through a gift in her will.

"My mother was diagnosed with MS at only 33. Six years after her death I was also diagnosed with MS and it was then that I found out about the ground-breaking research at Queen's into MS. It gave my dad and I hope that a cure will be found.

"The following year my dad passed away and in his will he left me his beautiful collection of vintage motorbikes which he had lovingly and meticulously restored during his lifetime. I decided to use the bikes to help fundraise for the MS research team at Queen's.

"I am proud to be associated with the team – helping, in my own way, to ensure research continues until a treatment is found. I also take confidence from the fact that I know any monies raised or gifted will be spent here in Northern Ireland, for the benefit of MS sufferers worldwide."

Breaking down barriers

It started with the £10 ticket to another life which led to a world of opportunity for Jean Cochrane, and a new generation of Queen's women with ambition.

Born in 1914 in County Donegal, Jean graduated in 1938 and worked in various teaching roles including a spell in Melbourne, Australia, an opportunity leveraged through a '£10 pom' ticket.

In the 1960s, Ms Cochrane became Principal of the Parent's National Education Union School in London, a role that allowed her to travel extensively to areas such as Bangkok, Bogotá, Trinidad, the West Indies and Hong Kong. In the 1980s, she took advantage of the chance to expand on her travels, participating in educational exchange trips to the USA, Hong Kong and China.

Jean was a trailblazer. She broadened her mind through education and through travel. Her legacy to Queen's – The Jean Crawford Cochrane Scholarship – now ensures that young women with talent can come to the University, regardless of their background, to benefit from the life-changing possibilities that a world-class education opens up. Through a gift in her will, future generations of women in Ireland will have the opportunity to shine as she did.

The inaugural recipient of the Jean Crawford Cochrane Scholarship is Seanna Turner, who graduated in June 2019. Seanna said: "As a 25-year-old mother of two returning to education, I found the financial struggle to be greater than I imagined.

"Social work is something I have always wanted to do. I am passionate about promoting equality, helping others and empowering socially disadvantaged groups. I am so thankful for this amazing support."

Broadening horizons

Murray Tyrrell (BA German, 1973) studied at Queen's during a time of intense civil unrest, an experience which sparked an interest in the dynamics of conflicting societies.

In his will he left £1,000 in memory of his parents to support a postgraduate student to expand their knowledge of conflicting societies through research in a third-world country.

The Dr and Mrs Tyrrell Prize for Conflict Transformation and Social Justice was presented to Angela Narbona Iranzo, by Professor Hastings Donnan from The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice. Angela, from Valencia in Spain, has since gone on to work with Northern Ireland Alternatives on restorative practices in different high schools in North Belfast.

Legacy gifts demonstrate the unlimited power of education, travel and philanthropy. Combined with the international focus of an institution like Queen's, the positive effects of a local legacy gift will ripple far beyond the University and transform lives at home and internationally.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Queen's, Professor Sir George Bain explains: "I have made provision in my will for a legacy to Queen's because it is a special kind of university. It is a provincial university relating and contributing significantly to the province of Ulster. It is not parochial, narrow or restricted in outlook. It combines a significant regional focus with a larger national and international role.

"Queen's takes young people from the province in which they are located (and also others) and gives them a world-class education with all the life-enhancing benefits that brings."

Legacy gifts to the Queen's Foundation are essential. They provide an important lifeline to future generations. When you choose to leave a charitable legacy you become part of the solution. You inspire the greatest minds and invest in world-class research.

You change lives.

To mark the Lanyon Society's 15th birthday, please find enclosed a special edition legacy newsletter for information.

If you are considering drafting your will or amending your existing will to include a charity gift to support an area of research or education which you are passionate about, please contact Susan Wilson on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or email susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk

CELEBRATING QUEEN'S OUTSTANDING GRADUATES AND STUDENTS

Past winners of the First Trust Bank Queen's Graduate and Student of the Year Awards gathered for a special event at Queen's in March, to mark 20 years since the awards' launch.

Guests joined representatives of First Trust Bank, who have sponsored the awards since they were introduced, staff from the University and the Development and Alumni Relations Office who run the initiative, and members of the Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA), in whose name the awards are presented each year.

Former winners of the prestigious First Trust Bank Graduate of the Year Award present on the night included Johann Muldoon MBE, who was awarded Best Woman Architect in Europe winner by Women in Construction and Engineering in 2017 and Jonny Bramley, BAFTA award-winning BBC Sport Executive Producer.

Also present were The Priests, who, as a trio, won the Graduate Award in 2009, following their success as international recording artists.

Fifteen former winners of the First Trust Bank Queen's Student of the Year Award were also present, including those acknowledged for their

contributions to aid projects overseas and to student life, for undertaking volunteering and for personal achievement, often against the highest of odds.

The evening included the presentation of souvenir plaques to prior winners, a number of video presentations (including from Big Cat expert Jonathan Scott, Graduate of the Year in 2008) and the formal opening of an exhibition in the Sir Peter Froggatt Building depicting all the First Trust Bank Queen's Graduate and Student of the Year Award winners of the last 20 years.



Sheree Atcheson

Meet Graduate of the Year Sheree Atcheson – BEng, Computer Science (2013).

Born in Sri Lanka, Sheree Atcheson was adopted when she was just three weeks old and brought to Northern Ireland where she was raised in County Tyrone and attended St Patrick's Academy in Dungannon from 2002 until 2009.

Sheree studied Computer Science at Queen's, where 90 per cent of her classmates were male – an imbalance she has been working to address ever since. After graduating, she took part in numerous outreach programmes, running code camps at different schools: an experience that showed her the lack of women in technology was even starker.

From the beginning of her career, Sheree noticed how few women rose to the top in the UK tech industry, which led her to launch the UK wing of Women Who Code (now 8,000 members) in Belfast. As UK Expansion Director for Women Who Code, the largest non-profit in its space with over 167,000 members globally, Sheree has inspired thousands. She is now their board-appointed Global Ambassador.

Joining Deloitte UK in 2016 Sheree said she sought out an organisation that was a good cultural fit and shared her values. "Deloitte is a leader in supporting women who want to progress their careers in technology and I felt that I would be able to have a different kind of impact," she said.

“My day job allows me to better thousands of everyday people's lives, and I'm very excited by that.”

Sheree became Consulting Inclusion Lead at Deloitte earlier this year, 'owning, managing and leading the inclusion strategy' across the company.

Spending much of her time challenging the status quo and industry stereotypes, Sheree inspires young women to take the same leap of faith that she did to join the male-dominated world of tech. In a sector that is often accused of lacking leading females, she is a true role model.

A woman of colour, with a highly respected profile particularly – though certainly not exclusively – among young black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) women, Sheree has mentored many of her seniors on the importance of inclusivity, holding them to account. She leads the change that so many simply talk about.

Known for her remarkable energy and busy schedule that regularly requires her to address conferences and events all over the world, including the World Economic Forum, she still finds time to sit down and help others. Sharing her experiences. Creating space for the next generation of female coders. Giving back to her community. Challenging inequality.

A regular contributor to Forbes, which she has described as her biggest achievement, Sheree blogs for The HuffPost and was recently (July 2019) profiled in *The Guardian* newspaper.

In 2017 Sheree was nominated for Northern Ireland Young Business Woman of the Year. She also founded I Am Lanka – a social responsibility project highlighting local and global Sri Lankan change, and was listed as one of the UK's Top 35 Most Influential Women in Tech by ComputerWeekly.

Nomination this summer in the Ethnicity Awards (in the BAME Workplace Hero category, the results of which are expected at the end of October), suggests that Sheree's star is still very much on the rise.

As someone who has been breaking down barriers since she was born, Sheree is justifiably lauded for championing diversity, respect and inclusivity, and for motivating women who work in the tech sector. As a passionate leader and change maker she is also a very worthy addition to the Queen's Graduate of the Year role of honour.

The Graduate of the Year will be presented at the Charter Day Dinner in November, tickets for which are now on sale via Eventbrite <http://go.qub.ac.uk/QGA2019>.

For further information contact Natasha Sharma, Alumni Relations Officer, natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk or telephone +44 (0)28 9097 3135.



Student of the Year
Gif Sotonye-Frank; husband
Sotonye-Frank; son, Itakena;
daughters, Telema and Belema

International Human Rights Postgrad is Student of the Year

Gif Sotonye-Frank – a PhD student in the School of Law who is currently on sabbatical in the Students' Union – is the 2019 First Trust Bank Queen's Student of the Year, an award she picked up in July during Summer Graduation week.

She was recognised primarily for her dedication to the area of gender, sexuality and human rights, with a focus on female rights, including that to education for young women in Nigeria.

Among many achievements, Gif represented the School of Law at the final of the Vitae National 3 Minute Thesis Competition, was the voice of female students as Women's Officer in the Students' Union, secured a bid as part of Development Weeks to host a Gender Social Justice and Innovation Conference, and was elected as the Students' Union Vice-President Postgraduate Officer.

In her new role, she will focus on work-life balance and mental health, and sourcing work experience placements for international students.

Throughout the year, Gif was also involved in recruitment events for the University and took part in a widening participation (WP) initiative within the School of Law, where she was a tutor on the Pathways Opportunity Programme. WP focuses on supporting young people from underprivileged areas towards further education.

Speaking about this year's award, Charlotte Maguire, University Road Branch Manager at First Trust Bank, said: "We are delighted once again to join with the University and the Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA) in the presentation of this eminent award.

"The 2019 Student of the Year – Gift Sotonye-Frank – is an inspirational role model not just for female and international students but for all students, and at both undergraduate - and postgraduate level."

Commenting on the award Gift said: "I am delighted – and very excited – to have been selected as this year's First Trust Bank Queen's Student of the Year. I have really enjoyed my three years at Queen's; getting involved in women's issues and speaking out on behalf of international students is a personal passion."

CONVOCATION



Convocation and the Future

The Convocation of Queen's University has existed since 1865 with a wide-ranging membership including all the graduates of the University, its Pro and Vice Chancellors and the members of the Senate. It also has a broad remit to discuss and pronounce an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University.

For practical purposes, Convocation operates with an elected Standing Committee and its Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Convocation's wide remit also means that the issues and activities it has engaged in have varied widely in the past. These have reflected key issues and challenges within the University; wider societal, economic and governmental changes impacting on the life of the University; and the interests and priorities of its membership and Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee of Convocation has decided that now is the right time to carry out a review of its interests and priorities.

The review will consider how Convocation can best contribute to and support the achievement of the University's objectives and priorities over the period 2020 to 2025, through its representative function on behalf of the membership. The findings and conclusions of the review will be incorporated into a new strategic plan for Convocation 2020-25.

Three themes have been identified for the review:

- To raise awareness of the existence, functions and potential of Convocation.
- To identify how Convocation can best contribute to and support the continued success of the University.
- To improve engagement and interaction with the membership of Convocation.

The Committee of Convocation is keen to hear the views of its membership about its future priorities and activities. It is especially important that those graduates who may have become more distant from their University over the years can have an opportunity to contribute – and re-establish contacts.

There will be an opportunity to provide views and ask questions at the upcoming Annual Meeting of Convocation on Thursday 14 November. Outline details below.

Alternatively, if you want to offer views or ask questions at any time please just send your message to the Clerk of Convocation at clerk@qub.ac.uk.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CONVOCATION

14 November 2019 at 6pm
(Refreshments from 5.30pm)

Canada Room / Council Chamber
Queen's University Belfast

CLASS NOTES



Thank you to all who have contributed to Class Notes. Regrettably we are limited by the space available, so apologies if your submission has not been included here. All class notes can be found at <http://darq.qub.ac.uk/QUBClassNotes>

2000s

Gary Doggett,
MSc Youth
Justice (2017),
originally from County
Meath, is the Coordinator
of Driver Intervention
Services at Extern, aiming
to reduce road dangers through developing driver
intervention programmes across the island of
Ireland.



Gary was joint winner of the New Scheme of the Year Award at the 2019 Young Driver Road Safety

Awards in the UK, for a project aimed at addressing impulsivity in young drivers.

Find out more on Twitter @garydoggett

Gordon Brown,
MSci Medicinal
Chemistry (2015),
is living in New York, where
he is a PhD student in the
lab of Bobby Arora at New
York University.



He has successfully defended his qualifying exam and has been awarded an Outstanding Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. Gordy will continue his research in the development of peptidomimetics and will teach Organic Chemistry alongside his boss in the upcoming autumn semester.

Hairuo Jia (Julie),
Master's in Business
Management &
Marketing (2012),
is just months away from
opening a jazz club
in Shenzhen, in Guangdong Province in south-eastern China.



Born in China, Julie attended Shenzhen Experimental High School before graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Commerce from Shenyang Aerospace University in 2010. While at Queen's she worked part-time as an interpreter in the Students' Union.

Having set up her own wine distribution business she is ready to open Roots House in the Nanshan District, one of the most aesthetic and artsy areas of Shenzhen. The boutique jazz club with a select wine list and creative cocktails will marry the two greatest passions in her life.

Julie is planning to offer a Lanyon Cocktail and there's even talk of a dried cherry blossom flower by way of decoration, both inspired by Queen's.

Norman McComb,
BSc Geography (2006),
MSc Environmental
Engineering (2007), relocated to Western
Australia shortly after graduating from Queen's
and now resides in Sydney.
Since then he has worked on some of the world's
largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) construction
projects in Western Australia and the Northern
Territory. He has also spent time on Barrow Island
(a Class-A nature reserve as well as an active oil
field), and in Papua New Guinea.

Norman founded his own company earlier this year (Logic Hub Pty Ltd) and is currently delivering on a climate change and resilience development project for Asian Development Bank in the South Pacific, on the island of Nauru.

Simon Lee,
BD Theology (2005),
MTh Theology
(2005), PGCE
Education (2009),
CERT Counselling
(2011), MEd
Education (2018), was elected to Lisburn and
Castlereagh City Council earlier this year, as a Green
Party Councillor.



Sarah Mullin,
BA English
(2004), is currently the
Deputy Head of Priory School,
a co-educational independent
school for children aged
6 months to 18 years, in
Edgbaston, Birmingham. She
was a shortlisted finalist in the Head
Teacher of the Year 2019 (West Midlands Education
Awards) and a finalist in the Positive Role Model for
Women (out of 28,000 nominations) in the National
Diversity Awards.



Sarah's new book *What they didn't teach me on my PGCE* is soon to be published – a collection of narratives for aspiring, training and early-career teachers.

On 1 August, Sarah and her husband Ryan Mullin, MEng 2003 – whom she met at Queen's – celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary.

Robin Triggs,
BA Archaeology and
Paleoecology
(2003), also has an MA
in Landscape History from
the University of East Anglia
(2006). Former member
of the Dragonslayers and Chess Club at Queen's,
Robin published his debut novel, *Night Shift*, in
November 2018.



A thriller set in near-future Antarctica, the new security chief, Anders Nordvelt, must find a murderer amidst a tight-knit crew.

Available in hardback, paperback, ebook and in audio from Flame Tree Press.

James Doyle,
BA Environmental
Sciences (2001), is an
award-winning children's
author and journalist,
who has written 10 books
and been translated into
24 languages. James has
worked with the team behind JK Rowling and
been published alongside Michael Morpurgo, Neil
Gaiman and Jacqueline Wilson.



In 2013, he became the first person from Northern Ireland to win the International Reading Association's Award – the world's largest literacy organisation – in San Antonio, Texas.

His *Superhero Handbook* published in 2017 was nominated for the Children's Book Ireland Award, 2018. *Why can't I feel the earth spinning?* – his tenth book – came out in October last year.

Valerie Johnson (née Harris), BA Politics (2001),

got in touch to tell us about her remarkable 80-pound weight loss story.



"My book was published January 2018 and is titled *My Own Best Ally: A Weight Loss Story for the Rest of Us* (available through Amazon) where I explain how I changed my thinking, lost 80 lbs, and reversed prediabetes symptoms.

"Frankly it was a lot of hard work, a lot of saying no, and not wasting time on gimmicky nonsense. I am sharing my story of hope for those who've tried and fallen with weight loss.

"I spent years getting to the root of how I changed, not just counting calories and minutes of exercise. I am a big believer in brain plasticity, where the brain can create new reward pathways to change habits.

"I wrote my story largely out of the frustration of watching overweight people get dismissed because they failed to follow a diet and exercise plan, while their food addictions were ignored.

"I am a stay-at-home mom to two girls, and live in Battle Ground, WA. I spent several years working in the healthcare industry, until I stopped to raise children. Weight loss is one of my biggest passions: I live health and fitness every single day, and I love to write about it in a way people can understand and apply."

1990s

Patrick Hicks, MA in Irish Writing (1995),

has been in touch to tell us about his latest book and his time at Queen's.



"I had the good fortune of graduating from Queen's in 1995 and whenever I'm in Belfast I always walk the campus to see what's new.

Exciting changes have occurred since I graduated almost 25 years ago, and it's wonderful to see the next generation of students studying, laughing, debating, and thinking."

Patrick's eleventh book is *Library of the Mind: New & Selected Poems*, published by Salmon Poetry. He was a finalist for an Emmy (Writer-Short Form) and is currently the host and curator of the weekly NPR-affiliated radio show, *Poetry from Studio 47*.

The Writer-in-Residence at Augustana University, and faculty member in the MFA program at Sierra Nevada College added: "I'm reminded, yet again, of how much I learned at Queen's, especially from Edna Longley, Glenn Patterson, and Seamus Heaney."

More at <http://patrickhicks.org/>

Caroline F McGovern, BA Sociology (1993),

has been appointed as Fundraising Officer for Allergy UK.

Angela Currie,

BSSc (1993), has turned to writing literary fiction following various careers (including nursing and clinical research) since graduating.

Earlier this year she won a Bronze prize in the Feathered Quill Book Awards (2019-US) for her fictional novel *The Training Ground*.

This story is set during World War II and revolves around a collaboration between G2 (Irish Military Intelligence) and the British Secret Service on a mission to supposedly neutral Spain, to retrieve armaments from the German Embassy in Madrid.

1980s

Dr Boyd Peters, MB BCH BAO (1988) FRCGP,

who lives near Aviemore in the Scottish Highlands, has been appointed as Medical Director for NHS Highland.



Educated in Limavady Grammar School and then Queen's, Dr Peters held the post on an interim basis since April this year.

He was previously the board's Associate Medical Director for mental health, having worked as a GP for over 25 years.

Keen on the outdoors and on teamwork, Boyd has been a member of Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team for 24 years, dealing with some of the most challenging conditions to be found in the UK. His passion for the mountains was forged in his school days in Limavady.

NHS Highland is one of the fourteen regions of NHS Scotland. Geographically, the largest Health Board, it covers 32,500 km² and serves 320,000 people.

David Douglas, BSSc in Accounting and Economics (1986), Diploma in Accounting (1987),

trained as an accountant with KPMG in Belfast.



He recently started a walking tour business in Derry/Londonderry called Derrie Danders Walking Tours. Although accountancy is his profession, David's passion is history and he encourages visitors to linger longer in, and enjoy a dander around the city.

For further details or to contact David directly, go to <https://derriedanders.co.uk/>

Peter O'Neill, BSc Psychology (1983), MSSc European Integration Studies (1996), LLM (2008),

is Director of the Imagine Belfast Festival of Ideas & Politics.

He started in student politics by setting up a Community Action group and becoming active on housing issues.



He was elected President of the SU in 1983 as part of a new wave of student leaders who had rejected the more managerial approach to representing student concerns.

During his time as a student hack Peter was involved in a wave of protests opposing cutbacks in higher education spending and the lack of student representation on university committees. He was arrested several times in high-profile occupations of the Education Minister's office (Nicholas Scott), Belfast Education and Library Board and various University offices.

"I learned a lot from my time in Queen's and will miss the old building which witnessed so much political and cultural activity. But time doesn't stand still for old hacks and I look forward to seeing how current students can create a new Students' Union that meets their future needs," said Peter.

Florence Madden

(née McCartney), BSSc Economic History (1981), set up her own Management Development Consultancy in North West England in 2002 and now runs open and bespoke courses largely based on NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming).

Florence published her first book *The Intention Impact Conundrum* in April 2018 and is currently co-writing her second, *Everyday NLP*, with her friend and associate Eleni Sarantinou, who is based in Kuala Lumpur.

For more, go to www.florencemadden.co.uk

1970s

Liam Gallagher, BA Russian Language and Literature (1978),

has lived in Brazil for over 40 years.

Initially working in banking, since 2006 he has been a freelance translator and interpreter. In 2016, he fulfilled a promise to himself by resuming his studies of Russian.

Recently Liam received a certificate of proficiency at B1 level from the University of Saint Petersburg.

He has also just been appointed President of the newly created Irish Business Network Brazil, whose aim is to promote relations between the two countries.

Further details at www.ibnbrazil.com or by emailing contact@ibnbrazil.com

Leslie Hamilton,
MB BCh BAO (1977), is a past President of the Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery and former member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Leslie recently chaired the review commissioned by the General Medical Council, 'Independent Review of Gross Negligence Manslaughter / Culpable Homicide,' the report of which was published in June.

Colin J S McClatchie,
CBE, BSc

Economics (1971), formerly the Managing Director (Scotland and Ireland) of News International Newspapers, Public Interest Member for the Institute of Chartered Accountants Scotland (ICAS), and Chairman of Scottish Opera, has published his memoirs.



Entitled *A Musing*, the book is both 'hard hitting and naturally highly amusing' and a 'warts and all' reflection on his life and in particular on his successful career working for three of the 20th-century 'press barons' – Roy Thomson, Robert Maxwell and Rupert Murdoch.

Copies of the book can be ordered by visiting www.colinmcclatchie.com or from William Anderson & Sons Ltd on +44 (0)141 440 2881.

Bernard O'Kane
LLB (1971),

Professor of Islamic Art and Architecture at the American University in Cairo in Egypt, where he has been teaching since 1980, has published *Mosques: The 100 Most Iconic Islamic Houses of Worship*. A visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of California at Berkeley, Bernard has authored a number of works on Islamic art and architecture.



Brian Downie,
BSc Civil Engineering (1970), is currently serving as the 116th President of the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE).



Born in Ireland, Brian attended Queen's in the late 1960s where he had an interest in rowing and dabbled in student politics, before immigrating to South Africa in the early seventies. He is married to Linda – whom he has known since their school days in Northern Ireland – and has two daughters.

A consultant with Royal Haskoning DHV, Brian has held a variety of positions over the past 37 years in the Transport and Planning fields.

Charles Sell,
BSc Chemistry (1970), MSc Organic Chemistry (1971), is a retired Fragrance Chemist, now living in England.



"My career as a natural products chemist began at Queen's and ended with my doing research into the sense of smell, employed by the world's leading manufacturer of perfumes.

"After retirement, I qualified as a volunteer guide at Canterbury Cathedral.

"During my professional life, I published a number of books on chemistry as applied to the fragrance industry.

"I have now combined my two loves by writing a book entitled *Perfume in the Bible* which contains many photographs of the medieval windows of Canterbury Cathedral."

The book was published by the Royal Society of Chemistry in July 2019 and copies can be ordered from <http://pubs.rsc.org/bookshop/>

1960s

Tony McStea,
BSc Chemistry (1969), who lives in Switzerland, got in touch to share his news.



"A photo taken on a day in July, 1969, of four young men who by rights shouldn't have been there, who came from the Boys' Model, a secondary school that did NOT send kids directly to university.

"But Norman McNeilly, headmaster of the Model, wouldn't take no for an answer and short-circuited the Northern Ireland Education Authority by having us do London University GCEs, and this is what carried us to Queen's – two mathematicians, one physicist and a chemist (me). We had to work hard, especially the spectacularly academically ungifted me, but we got there.

"Sadly, I am the only one left now, but this photo is a memory of great days gone by and of gratitude to an alma mater that carried us all to success in life."

Tony can be contacted by email at info@teemacs.com

William McDowell,
BSc Chemical Technology (1961), who went on to earn a PhD in Polymer Science from Manchester University, now lives in Berkshire.

John McCurdy,
MB BCh BAO (1960), from Brampton, Ontario, shares one of his memories of studying medicine at Queen's, with a 'graphic content' warning for the squeamish.

"It was a beautiful spring morning in the Anatomy Department at Queen's. A mild euphoria pervaded the room as we finished five semesters of anatomy and looked forward to our clinical years at the Royal and Mater Hospitals.

"A spleen was picked up and bowled to a femur-wielding batsman. Contact was made and the formalin-hardened spleen sailed through the open window and landed at the feet of the approaching professor.

"Silence prevailed as Professor Pritchard, with his mane of white hair, entered the room.

"No attempt was made to identify the culprits. Instead, in his subdued Australian accent he reminded us of the living who had generously donated their bodies so that we might learn. He mentioned the sanctity of the human body and the respect it deserved. He expressed his disappointment. He quietly turned around and left the Department.

"At that moment, I believe, we all became better doctors.

"Thank you, Professor Pritchard."

John can be contacted by email at johnmccurdy1936@gmail.com

If you would like your news to appear in CLASS NOTES, please contact Gerry Power (Editor, The Graduate): g.power@qub.ac.uk or go to <http://daro.qub.ac.uk/QUBClassNotes>

OBITUARIES

It is with sadness that we include on these pages obituaries of some of those graduates who have recently passed away.

Nicholas Crichton CBE

16.12.18

JUDGE

Extract from obituary on Brits in Kenya website.

Nicholas Crichton, LLB 1967, a former teacher in Kenya at Pembroke House School and the district judge who helped the most vulnerable families in the country by founding the UK's first family drug and alcohol court, died of lung cancer aged 75 in December 2018.

He was one of the most influential family judges of his generation and a pioneer of the specialist family drug and alcohol courts that have transformed the chances of keeping together families where one or both parents have addiction issues.

Born in 1943 in Buckinghamshire, Nicholas was the younger son of film director Charles Crichton, best known for the comedies *The Lavender Hill Mob* and *A Fish Called Wanda*, and dancer Vera Crichton.

After excelling at sport at Haileybury & Imperial Service College near Hertford, he came to study law at Queen's.

Qualifying as a solicitor in 1970, he joined Nicholls, Christie & Crocker in 1972 because he wanted to practise criminal law, becoming a partner in the firm two years later.

He met his wife, Ann Jackson, on a blind date and they married in 1973 before settling in Penn, Buckinghamshire, where their sons – Simon and Ian – were born. The couple divorced in 2008.

Establishing his reputation in crime and child care proceedings, his most high-profile case came when he was instructed on behalf of Metropolitan Police SPG officers during the 1979 inquest into the death of the anti-racism campaigner and activist Blair Peach.

He helped to set up the Inner London and City family proceedings court, the first such court designated to deal only with family cases; Crichton remained there as resident judge until his retirement in 2014, the same year he was named the Law Society Gazette Legal Personality of the Year and two years after being appointed CBE.

Shortly before his 69th birthday in September 2012, he met Jane Maskell, and was married two years later. Nicholas is survived by Jane, his two sons, and by five grandchildren.

Anne Doughty

16.12.18

WRITER

Anne Doughty, BA Geography 1961, died in December 2018 aged 79, having suffered from heart-related problems for many years.

Anne grew up in Armagh and after graduating from Queen's became a geography teacher, working in Princess Gardens Grammar School and then Bloomfield Collegiate for 10 years before meeting her husband, Peter, also a teacher. The couple settled in Hampstead close to his job in University College, London, in 1970.

In her first years in England, Anne became interested in reading Irish history. Having left Northern Ireland as 'The Troubles' were starting, when Anne began to write she wanted to show a different side of life in Northern Ireland, carving out for herself a niche as an Irish historical novelist.

Peter encouraged her to pursue her dream to become a novelist; even when the rejection letters kept coming in he was her greatest motivator. Anne continued to write for 23 years before she finally got a publishing deal.

She is renowned for her popular Hamilton series of historical novels, the first of which, *A Few Late Roses* was listed for the Irish Times Fiction Award.

After losing her husband, she coped with her grief by throwing herself into her writing and finished her novel *The Blacksmith's Wife*. Her last book, *The Girl from Galloway*, was published in 2018 and came out in paperback in May 2019.

Dr Des Hayes

18.01.19

DOCTOR

Extract from obituary provided by Hayes family.

Henry Desmond Hayes passed peacefully surrounded by family in his home in Norfolk, Virginia, in January 2019, aged 87.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1931, he was the first of three sons to the Rev. William Henry Hayes and Gladys Pedlow Hayes.

A past pupil of the Methodist College (Methody) and a Queen's medical graduate (1954), he entered practice in Ireland in 1955. He moved to Virginia in the late 1950s, joining friends from medical school, first living in Petersburg and settling in Norfolk in 1963.

Over a 45-year career he cared for many patients and their families, and taught and mentored many students, residents and interns.

A founding Director of Ghent Family Practice and the EVMS family medicine residency programme, patient care was paramount to Dr Hayes. He had high expectations of himself and, as noted by a former resident, emphasised the importance of understanding the patient's life and family and treating patients in ways 'just not amenable to the prescription pad'.

Des, as his friends fondly called him, enjoyed, and his life was enriched by, waterfront life on the Elizabeth River in Norfolk, Norfolk Academy, golf, the Redskins, visiting family in Northern Ireland, Larchmont United Methodist Church, and his service to others as a family doctor, geriatrician and teacher.

He was blessed with a loving 59-year marriage to his late wife, Cambrai Lille Davis of Ballyronney, Northern Ireland, whom he met and married as a medical resident at Ards Hospital in Newtownards in the 1950s.

Dusty Anderson

25.03.19 CIVIL SERVANT

*Extract from obituary provided
by Lady Victoria Boat Club.*

After a long illness, James Dusty Anderson, BSc 1956, died in March 2019 at the age of 83. With his passing, Irish rowing, and in particular Belfast rowing, lost one of its greatest characters.

Born James Anderson on 3 November 1935, he was a product of Coleraine Academical Institution, learning to row at the school. In 1953 he came up to Queen's to read Economics and joined the boat club. In 1955 he stroked the Junior VIII (now Intermediate), and in 1956 the Senior VIII which won the Senior Championship of Ireland. This was a strong, powerful crew, possibly the best Queen's crew of all time.

In 1956 he was elected captain of the Club, and stroked the Senior VIII again. This crew was very fast but lacked power in the final stages of a race. Nevertheless, 1956-7 was the most successful year in the history of the Club.

Married in 1962, Dusty had 2 sons. He held a senior role in the Youth Employment Service, later taken over by the Civil Service. After retirement he worked as a consultant for the Office of Electricity Regulation.

It would be hard to find a more loyal, humorous, logical person than Dusty Anderson. He was a leader and will be sorely missed. But whatever he was, he was supported by his loving wife, Roz; she was the rock that gave him the strength to do all the things he did.

Eleanor Harriet Dreyer (née Lowe)

11.05.19 DOCTOR

Obituary provided by Mark Reid.

Eleanor Dreyer, MB, BCh, BAO, one of the most popular and lively members of her medical year at Queen's, died on 11 May 2019, aged 80.

Eleanor followed her father and sister Kay (graduate 1961) into medicine. She enjoyed her undergraduate days to the full, typified by one year on Rag Day dressing up as a flying saucer, using two hula hoops draped with white sheets!

On qualification, she worked in the Belfast City Hospital and then in general practice after attaining a postgraduate diploma in 'O and G'. She joined her father as a GP in the Shankill Road (he was also a Queen's graduate and the local coroner) and gave a caring and attentive service to her many patients.

Around this time she met and married Kaare Dreyer, a Norwegian, who qualified from Queen's in Civil Engineering. They had three children but, in 1971, at the height of The Troubles, they moved to Kaare's home in Stavanger, where both were employed in Norway's burgeoning oil industry.

Eleanor was instrumental and innovative in setting up Stavanger's first woman's clinic, and served as a company doctor for the Stavanger Aftenblad newspaper and other local employers until her retirement.

She was very proud of the family, including her six grandchildren, who still live in Stavanger. Her interests included golf, sewing and keeping in touch with former Queen's classmates, with whom she was a regular and enthusiastic attendee at reunions.

Brian Conlon

28.07.19 BUSINESSMAN

Brian Conlon, BSc Accounting 1987, DSc (Econ) 2012, Founder and CEO of Newry firm First Derivatives, died on Sunday 28 July 2019 in Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry, following a short battle with cancer. He was 53.

His career included spells at KPMG, Morgan Stanley (where he was part of the risk management team) and then SunGard, a major global derivatives software house, as a capital markets consultant, before he left to set up First Derivatives in 1996 in his mother's spare bedroom, with a £5,000 loan from the local Credit Union.

The company now operates in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia and employs over 2,400 employees worldwide, and has an estimated valuation of over £800m.

An accomplished GAA footballer, Brian Conlon played for his native Down in the mid-1980s until his sporting career was cut short by a serious knee injury.

In 2010, he won the EY Entrepreneur of the Year (EOY) Award. Two years later he was awarded an honorary degree from Queen's 'for services to business and commerce'.

Earlier in 2012, Brian helped open Northern Ireland's first ever financial trading facility – the First Derivatives Trading Room – supported by Invest NI. It has continued to provide a dynamic learning environment for Queen's students wishing to embark on a career in financial services or technology.

In 2015, he was the recipient of the INVENT Innovation Founder Award and was the Belfast Telegraph's Business Person of the Year.

The former Abbey Grammar student was married to Julie and had two young children.

We have also been notified of the following deaths:

William George Irwin
MB BCh BAO 1948
21.09.18

Dr Anthony Whyte
BSc Zoology 1974
27.10.18

Dr Jennifer P Black
MB BCh BAO 1969
22.11.18

Dr Edward Simpson
BSc Maths 1942
05.02.19

Adam John Curry
LLB 1986
19.03.19

Isabella Agnes Mary Semple (née Martin)
BA Celtic 1975
16.04.19

Charles Michael Lavery QC
LLB 1954
25.04.19

Michel de Dadelsen
BA French and German 1973
01.06.19

Justice Charles Quin QC
LLB
07.06.19

Kenneth McIlroy
BSc Mechanical Engineering 1957
21.06.19

Dr Samuel Ian Adamson
MB BCh BAO 1969
09.10.19

Additional obituaries and appreciations can be found on the Development and Alumni Relations website: <http://dar.qub.ac.uk/obits>. To include an obituary in next year's issue of The Graduate, please email editor@qub.ac.uk

MY TIME AT QUEEN'S



Paola Mutsumi Nagamatsu MA (2014)



I am from Colombia, though I live in Japan. I studied Violence, Terrorism and Security at Queen's, having been advised to consider 'somewhere different' by my supervisor.

He suggested I try somewhere unique and mentioned Queen's. I looked up the course and decided to go. And he was right!

My classes were in the evening so I spent a lot of time in the library. At weekends I went to St George's Market or the Titanic Quarter, enjoying the compactness of Belfast.

My mother visited in July. That summer it was the FIFA World Cup and we watched the games on TV. We took a road trip to the North Coast and travelled to Isle of Man; I was delighted to show her around where I felt was home.

Unfortunately I couldn't attend my graduation in December as I was back in Japan, but I livestreamed it at night at home.

I worked in an Education and Cooperation Affairs role in the Colombian Embassy in Japan for a few years, but have now started a new job at a Spanish company. Queen's played a big part in my career; the diversity I experienced there led me to look for work in an international environment.

Binod K Maitin, PhD Analytical Chemistry (1982)

At Queen's I was supervised by Professor Duncan Thorburn Burns, Chair of Analytical Chemistry.

I worked as a Laboratory Demonstrator and got the opportunity to interact closely with students. I enjoyed the friendly environment and great cooperation from all in chemistry, especially the departmental BBQs.

I relished student life. As a member of the Staff Common Room I socialised with academics and PG students, attended Belfast Festival and watched films at Queen's Film Theatre. Nearby Botanic Gardens was a great place for relaxation.

Graduation day was particularly memorable; I really loved the ceremony and being able to share it with my wife.

My PhD and associated learnings at Queen's proved valuable in my career. I worked both in research and industry and had a long tenure as Technical Head with United Spirits Limited, now a Diageo company in India.

Currently, I am a Technical Consultant with FlavorActiV, UK, and Trillium Beverages, Mumbai, and live in Bangalore.

I cannot forget the hospitality of the people in Belfast or the memory of spectacular scenic places in Northern Ireland, all of which ensures that I visit Queen's frequently.

Catch up with Binod by email binod@maitin.org

Dr Pedro J Oiarzabal MPhil (1999)



I obtained an MPhil in Economics and Social Sciences in December 1999 at an exciting time in the Peace Process after the signing of the Belfast Agreement on April 10, 1998.

I had carried out fieldwork in the much-divided West Belfast over previous years regarding the impact of the European Union's Peace Programme.

Looking back, I cannot stop wondering what would have happened if Europe had not strongly supported the resolution of the conflict. This one thought gains new meaning in the current context of the Brexit decision.

A second thought deals with my own country. Without any European Union's involvement, the Basque Country is healing from its own wounds. ETA unilaterally ended its armed struggle for an independent country in 2011, while disbanding in 2018. However, there was never an agreement between the different parties involved in the so-called Basque conflict.

Queen's was pivotal in the development of my academic career and opened new avenues to pursue a PhD degree in the United States, which I obtained in 2006.

After many years abroad, I finally returned home to Spain, though Belfast is, in many ways and will always be, part of it.

Read more about Dr Oiarzabal's work at <https://oiarzabal.academia.edu/>

Sofia Botzio LLM (2005)



I am from Greece but currently live in Warsaw, Poland, where I am a Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser in the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

Having worked in Croatia as a human rights monitor after the dissolution of Yugoslavia, I wanted to learn more about conflict situations and human rights, especially in relation to international law and legal standards.

Queen's provided me with the opportunity to learn about the Northern Irish conflict and human rights law. I also wanted to be in a place where people were known to be friendly.

Life was really good in Belfast. I lived in Stranmillis with two flatmates and a dog and then on University Street with a Chilean flatmate and made lots of friends from all over the world.

Apart from the nights out, I loved walking on the towpath in Belvoir Forest and Holywood beach with our communal dog 'Cocoa', mixing with local people to learn as much as possible about life in Northern Ireland.

My experiences in Belfast were very useful and have helped me in analysing and understanding human rights in conflict settings. Queen's deepened my knowledge and the contacts I made there have remained with me since.

If you would like to share memories of your time at Queen's, please send them to the Editor, Gerry Power: editor@qub.ac.uk. All your stories will be published online at <http://daro.qub.ac.uk/MyTimeAtQUB> and some may be used in print in next year's issue of The Graduate.

HERITAGE



Journeying Beyond Westeros team at Dundrum Castle.

GAME OF THRONES, WESTEROS AND BEYOND

From graduates working in key production roles over eight seasons on the HBO interpretation of George RR Martin's bestselling book series *A Song of Ice and Fire*, to our archaeologists revealing the history of local monuments used as filming locations, the Northern Ireland connection to *Game of Thrones* is legendary.

Journeying beyond Westeros is an initiative funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Tourism NI, and the Historic Environment Division of the Department for Communities. It will introduce visitors to Northern Ireland from across the world to the seven kingdoms of Westeros, the main setting for the TV series, by bringing the fictional landscape of the show to life. Archaeologists from Queen's are set to play a key role in explaining the largely hidden medieval history of ancient Ulster,

through some of the many local landmarks used on *Game of Thrones*. Global television audiences delighted in the exploits of the Starks, Lannisters, and Targaryens in the epic fantasy series, the final season of which was screened around the world earlier this year.

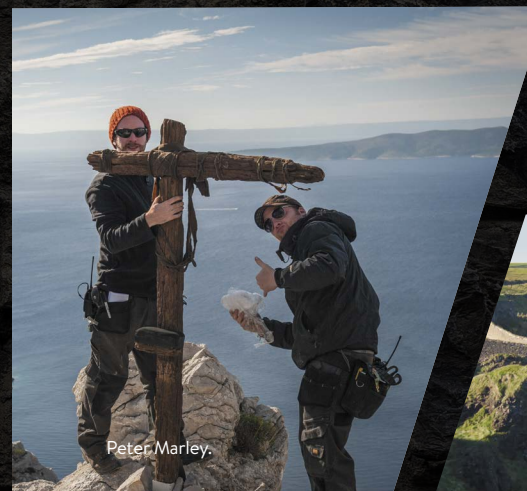
In addition to settings in Croatia, Spain and Iceland, ancient ruins across Northern Ireland were used as filming locations throughout the series. These monuments have their own remarkable stories

to tell and the project will help to create a local medieval heritage trail incorporating iconic sites from the world's biggest television blockbuster. Led by archaeologists from Queen's working with the Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership, it has been developed as part of the European Year of Cultural Heritage programme. Dr Colm Donnelly from the School of Natural and Built Environment will lead the team.

"Using historic sources such as the Annals of the Four Masters, the object is to work towards the development of a heritage trail across Northern Ireland where visitors will learn the stories of our powerful past rulers and their families – their wars and rivalries, their alliances and marriages, and their betrayals and assassinations – in and around the year AD 1500."

In 2016, *Game of Thrones* tourism was estimated to be worth £30 million to the local economy, while Northern Ireland Screen estimates that £210 million has been spent on goods and services during its production since 2009. It is hoped that the development of a heritage trail will become a legacy to local involvement with the series.

QUEEN'S GRADUATES WORKING ON THE SHOW



Peter Marley.

Lee Kinnier

BA Film Studies 2016

Post-Production Assistant

"One Sunday, I get a call offering me a job on a little show called *Game of Thrones*, on one condition: I have a car on the road in two weeks. Twelve thousand miles later, with some expert advice from some of the best editors and producers in the business, I'm finally on the road to becoming an assistant editor."

Katrina Doran

BSc Psychology 1996

Make-Up Artist

"Working on *Game of Thrones* is simply a life-changing event. The scale of everything is amplified. I worked in Crowd Make-Up and on Prosthetics with the extras and stunt doubles, where we worked on hundreds of people every day; the attention to detail was everything. We all learned so much and the team stepped up their game every season, to Emmy-winning standards."

Peter Marley

MA Film and Visual 2010

Standby Props

"Working on *Game of Thrones*, from Season 1 until the end, has given me experiences I had never considered when finishing my MA. I've learned a host of practical skills that come from being on a production of that calibre. I now have friends, colleagues and contacts all over the world. I now have a wife who I met on the show and I've been lucky to call Croatia and Spain home for months at a time. I have a filmmaking family for the rest of my life."



Dunluce Castle.

Jaime Hegarty
BA Film Studies 2016
Assistant Extras Coordinator

"Our team worked around the clock to facilitate the demands of all filming units, which at points had a 24-hour cycle of filming. Since *Game of Thrones*, I have now progressed to working as an Extras Coordinator on other television productions such as BBC's *Line of Duty* and ITV's Netflix drama *Marcella*."

Lauren McGuigan
BA Film Studies 2016
Trainee Assistant Editor

"I have wanted to be an editor since I was 12 years old, so the fact that my first job after graduating was a trainee editing position on the biggest show in the world was a dream come true. It was great to see the editing process of such a large-scale drama and to meet talented editors and assistants, who taught and gave me so much guidance."

Rebecca Kelly
BA Film Studies with
Production 2015
Post-Production Assistant

On season 7, I worked as a Post-Production Assistant, running between set and the production office. On season 8, I moved into the production office, where I became the travel coordinator, organising the movements of all cast and crew members across filming locations in Northern Ireland, Croatia, Spain and Iceland.

Ronan O'Loughlin
BA Film Studies 2018
Camera Trainee

The experience I had working on set was an amazing combination of fun, learning and hard work. I hadn't even finished my degree at the time, so balancing both was a challenge. *Game of Thrones* changed my life for the better; I made so many new friends and great connections in the industry. The long hours and continuous days were new to me, but it didn't feel like I was going to work each day."

To read about other Queen's graduates involved in the production of *Game of Thrones* visit: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/Thrones>.

Ronan O'Loughlin.

Lauren McGuigan.

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Professor Joe O'Sullivan

Professor of Radiation Oncology, Queen's University Belfast
Consultant Oncologist, The Northern Ireland Cancer Centre,
Belfast City Hospital

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