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Welcome to the latest Donor News, our annual publication to say 'thank you' to all our donors and supporters.

This publication is an opportunity to review the highlights of the past year – and there have been many – and to look forward to see how philanthropy is making a real difference to Queen's.

In Fundraising News (pp04-07) and Health Fundraising (pp16-17) you will read how the many generous gifts – from individuals, companies and trusts and foundations – are changing the lives of our students and researchers. And in the Volunteering (pp10-11) and Annual Fund (pp12-13) sections you can find out how gifts of time and money are impacting on student sports clubs and societies.

Looking forward allows us to demonstrate how donor support will improve life for future generations of students at Queen's Queen's and indeed for wider society.

One example is our Widening Participation initiative, exemplified by the Pathway Opportunity Programme (pp18-19), making access possible to a world-class Queen's education for so many young people who too often don't get the chance of a third-level education.

Or the range of scholarships (pp08-09 and pp14-15) that will attract the highest calibre of students and researchers to Queen's, to stretch the boundaries of knowledge and learning and enable them to find solutions for the most pressing and most complex challenges facing society today.

Whatever your personal motivations for giving, your gifts of money, time and expertise will provide Queen's students with the very best experience and finest education possible, while also helping to advance our world-class research.

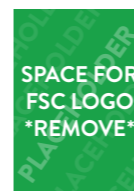
I am hugely grateful to all our donors and volunteers for their support and generosity both throughout the past year and in the future.

With my very best wishes.

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Director of Development and Alumni Relations



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Cover: John Maxwell with 2008 scholar Roisin Downey (left) and 2018 recipient Amy Kinney (right)

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Global productivity boost in sight

A Queen's researcher has found that a simple pair of glasses can improve workers' output and reduce poverty, potentially achieving a huge global productivity boost.

The research trial, published in *Lancet Global Health*, observed over 750 tea pickers, most of whom were female, on plantations in Assam, India and showed that the provision of glasses raised productivity by 21.7 per cent; for those aged over 50 the increase was 31.6 per cent. This represents the largest ever recorded productivity increase from any health intervention.

The study's principal investigator was Professor Nathan Congdon who was appointed to The Ulverscroft Chair in Global Eye Health in 2015. He said: "We thought it was crucial to demonstrate that performance even of tasks

which may not seem obviously visual can be boosted so impressively by glasses.

"Nearly 90 per cent of workers were still wearing their glasses by the end of the study and virtually all were willing to pay to replace them if needed – people knew they were benefitting from better vision."

The Ulverscroft Foundation generously supports a wide range of initiatives from cutting-edge research to practical support for individuals such as Professor Congdon. Foundation Chair, Robert Gent, said: "Professor Congdon's research is particularly exciting because it demonstrates how a simple and inexpensive intervention can bring about measurable improvements to people's lives.

"We hope the proven economic impact will engage government and business leaders and help ensure the sustainability of the programme."

Take a seat at QFT

In the year that Queen's Film Theatre (QFT) celebrated its 50th birthday – when the university looked back on the achievements of Northern Ireland's top independent cinema during a month-long celebration of exclusive film previews and events – alumni were given the opportunity to leave their mark on the QFT by adopting a seat in one of its two auditoriums.

A leading light in the university's commitment to the arts and culture, QFT has provided a unique venue for freedom of cinematic expression for generations of film enthusiasts in Belfast. The 'QFT 50' celebrations were supported by National Lottery funding awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the British Film Institute.

The Adopt a Seat campaign raised £2,500 during 2018 from donors, which will go some way to allowing the QFT to deliver a rich programme of thought-provoking, ground-breaking films and to secure its legacy for the next 50 years.



Lord Kenneth Branagh (front row, centre) with pupils from Aquinas Grammar School



(L-R) Students Roger Dawson (in car) and Rachel MacNeill, along with Darren McVicker from Vickerstock

Vickerstock supports Formula Student

The specialist Engineering and Technical Recruitment Agency Vickerstock has announced a three-year partnership with Queen's Formula Student Project.

Formula Student is Europe's most established educational motorsport competition. Backed by industry engineers, it aims to develop enterprising and innovative student engineers and encourage more young people to take up a career in engineering.

Vickerstock will provide financial support to Queen's Formula Student which will help to cover team-wear, travel and accommodation expenses.

The format of the competition provides an ideal opportunity for the students to test, demonstrate and improve their capabilities to deliver a complex and integrated product – a formula racing car – in the demanding environment of a motorsport competition.

Competing against other universities from across the world, a team of over 40 students design, construct and operate their own car across two academic semesters.

This culminates in the racing of the vehicle in the Institute of Mechanical Engineers Formula Student Competition at the Silverstone Racing Circuit, near Milton Keynes.

Irish American Partnership visits Queen's

Board members of the Irish American Partnership, which supports educational initiatives on the island of Ireland, were in Belfast in September visiting some of the projects they are funding.

The Partnership made a gift to Queen's in the name of the University's late Chancellor, Dr Tom Moran, who died in August. The Dr Thomas J Moran Scholarships were set up to assist with travel abroad relating to study or work experience.

Travel Scholarships were awarded this year for the first time to two undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

One of the recipients, Marta Ziminska, joined Partnership members during their visit to the Queen's campus.



Members of the Irish American Partnership with Marta Ziminska (5th from left) and Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Greer (right)

(L-R): Conor Kilkenny, Linet Kurian, Helena Park and Martin McDonnell



Rice fingerprinting

Thanks to a \$500,000 gift from the Agilent Technologies Foundation, researchers at Queen's Institute for Global Food Security are working to develop, pilot and implement a rapid, low-cost and easy-to-use 'food fingerprinting' system.

Once developed, the system will be used across the entire food supply chain to determine rice authenticity.

Rice is the most important staple for more than half of the world's population, but due to the global economics of rice, it is a prime target for food fraud. Recently, Asian rice producers have come under fire for selling quality brands that are essentially 'fake' – either old rice reworked to look fresh, or an inferior product being passed off as premium.

The proliferation of fraud is economically and reputationally devastating for growers and suppliers, and for the food industry, which relies on locally-sourced rice.

This global collaboration is being led by Queen's, with partners in China, India, Vietnam and Ghana. The project is helping to safeguard the integrity of the global rice supply system and enhance food safety by reducing the risks that fraud can have on human health.

Consortium members are pictured below with Mary McBride (back, centre) and John Lee (4th from right) from Agilent at a recent symposium in Belfast.



HSF internships

During summer 2018 Herbert Smith Freehills LLP (HSF) in Belfast welcomed four interns – Linet Kurian, Helena Park and Martin McDonnell from Queen's and Conor Kilkenny from UCD in Dublin.

The students spent four weeks working on fee earning matters in HSF's disputes team and a similar period in a practice area of their choice.

In addition to receiving an exclusive insight into the work of HSF, the interns were also encouraged to engage with all aspects of life in the office. This included dedicating one day a week to a pro bono project, receiving personal development training from the Learning and Development team, as well as joining committees and attending the firm's social events.

Once they had completed the programme, the interns had this to say:

"Few vocation schemes or internships at law firms are over a month and you can't really learn about what commercial law involves in such a short space of time, whereas this gave an in-depth look at the work that HSF Belfast does."
- Helena Park

"Exceeded my expectations." - Martin McDonnell

"I worked alongside a team of other legal analysts and solicitors, doing real legal work. I was treated as an integral part of the team and was supported every step of the way."
- Conor Kilkenny

"Inclusivity is at the heart of HSF. It was refreshing working in an environment where you feel valued and everyone is so friendly and approachable." - Linet Kurian

Queen's partnership with Herbert Smith Freehills was announced in 2016. The firm sponsors the Student Hub in the University's Main Site Tower and supports a number of student-facing initiatives.

Dale Farm boost for elite sport

Dale Farm is set to support Queen's University's Elite Athlete Programme and its leading GAA teams, as part of a new sponsorship package.

The company will supply GAA squads and athletes with Dale Farm Protein Milk, which aids recovery after training and competition.

The Elite Athlete Programme was established in 2013 to create a world-class environment to support top athletes in pursuit of their academic and sporting goals.

The deal also includes a partnership with Queen's GAA – Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football – two of the University's leading performance teams who compete in national competitions.

Making the announcement, Caroline Martin, Head of Corporate Marketing at Dale Farm, said: "As the largest UK farmer-owned dairy co-operative, we have always placed a strong emphasis on supporting sport and have continued to invest in our protein-based nutrition dairy products."

As part of its sponsorship the company will also become the Official Dairy Supplier to Queen's Sport with Dale Farm Protein Milk now a firm fixture on the nutritional programme for athletes.

"It's not just about the training session, the match or the competition," added Caroline. "So many of these exceptional student athletes represent their University, club, county and country throughout the year while also in full-time education.

"We passionately believe the healthier the person, the better they can perform in all aspects of their life."

(L-R): Student and GAA player James McMahon; Helen Surgenor, Assistant Director (Fundraising) Queen's Development and Alumni Relations Office; Caroline Martin, Dale Farm; Liz McLaughlin, Head of Queen's Sport, and Student and GAA player Niamh Coleman.

Carson McDowell scholarships

Launched last spring, the first Carson McDowell scholarships have been awarded to two high-achieving law students at Queen's. The prestigious scholarships, which are part of a multi-year arrangement with the leading local law firm, recognise students who achieved top marks in Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the LLB undergraduate programme.

Pictured are (L-R): Ms Aislinn Fanning, winner of the Carson McDowell LLP Foundation Scholarship (Stage 1); Gerard Armstrong and Mary-Kim Doherty, Partners at Carson McDowell, and Ms Aoife Weir, winner of the Carson McDowell LLP Scholarship (Stage 2).



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(L-R) Dr Karen Rafferty, Head of School, School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Naomi King, Development Manager; Rebecca Russell; Rachel Stanford and Professor Yvonne Galligan, Director, Queen's Gender Initiative

RACHEL STANFORD – LEANING IN

In 2016 while on holiday in Mexico, a Queen's graduate read the closing pages of a book which would lead her to do something inspirational to encourage young women into engineering in her native Northern Ireland.

Two years later, Rachel Stanford (MEng 2008) launched a scholarship programme which carries her name for female engineers at her alma mater.

"I was thinking about STEM outreach and the recruitment process that I am involved in at Schlumberger in the US. The talent pool is so small and there is always fierce competition and I realised that we needed to inspire more young women to try engineering," Rachel told *Donor News*.

"I also thought I should give something back to Northern Ireland and to Queen's to encourage younger women here to enter the profession."

When Rachel Stanford signed up for her Engineering Master's

course at Queen's in 2003, no more than 20 per cent of the students were female. Many women dropped out along the way, perhaps due to feelings of alienation. "Ultimately I want to target A-level students to let them know what's available at Queen's in terms of scholarships. While there are wonderful initiatives like Grit and Grace which helps young women feel more confident as leaders and which sits alongside the degree course, there are not many scholarships in engineering for women," added Rachel.

Most recently based in Houston, Texas, Rachel grew up in Comber in County Down. She attended Strathearn School in East Belfast before coming up to university and residing in Queen's Elms Halls of Residence in her first year before moving into a student house, where one of her most vivid memories was the "whirring of laptops as we tried to build software".

Funded through student loans and parental support, she enjoyed life as a student, working hard, holding down a part-time job and attending a number of local IET (Institute of Engineering and Technology) events.

As part of her course Rachel spent a year out at First Derivatives, the Newry firm founded by fellow Queen's graduate Brian Conlon (BSc 1987).

As a Financial Software Engineer Intern she flew back and forth to London, where she was placed with the Dutch bank ABN AMRO. In 2007, she also spent two months in Hong Kong on the IAESTE programme as an Electrical Engineering Intern at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, by which point she had well and truly caught the travel bug.

Joining Schlumberger – the world's largest oilfield services company – shortly after she graduated in 2008, Rachel has worked in the UK and Malaysia (spending 18 months living on oil rigs) before moving to America in March 2013, where until recently she was an Engineering Project Manager in Houston, Texas, and where she met Princeton mechanical engineering alumnus – and her now husband – Zeshan Javed.

Reflecting on how university equipped her for her career, Rachel is contemplative. "Though Queen's did help set me up for the world of work – it certainly gave me the technical knowledge for sure – what really prepared me were the placements and internships I undertook while at University," she said.

"They were so invaluable; I would definitely encourage current students to go on as many as they can. They really do show you what jobs you like and dislike doing!"

It was while she was relaxing by her hotel swimming pool in Mexico on a rare holiday in 2016 that Rachel read *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*, by Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook. In the last few paragraphs of the book, Ms Sandberg urged successful women to consider 'giving back' to encourage others to follow in their footsteps, particularly into STEM careers.

That was to prove the catalyst for the Rachel Stanford Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Engineering and Computer Science, set up to encourage and support women studying Engineering at Queen's. Though not directly involved in deciding the recipient of the award, Rachel did have major input into the scholarship selection criteria.

"It is specifically for females," said Rachel.

“We need to do a lot more to encourage young women into engineering and to promote STEM.”

"My scholarship does recognise academic achievement but it also looks at the leadership skills and volunteering history of applicants."

Rachel works in a predominantly male environment. In her latest role she manages a team of 60 personnel across all of Europe in which there is only one other female! Not surprisingly, she is adamant that encouraging women into the engineering sector makes sense, and for more than the obvious reason.

"Clearly gender balance at work is hugely important, but companies don't practise equality simply because it is required of them. Women bring many different opinions, perspectives and temperaments to the work place, so it also makes business sense to employ and promote women."

Keen also to mentor, Rachel is hopeful that an informal network will be set up to support individual winners of the Scholarship during their early careers and to encourage the recipients to work more collaboratively to overcome possible obstacles.

“Making it in the engineering world is certainly achievable if you have the drive and ambition and are prepared to work extra hard.”

Rachel has undoubtedly made a huge impact on the inaugural recipient of the Stanford Scholarship – MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering student (and successful Grit and Grace student), Rebecca Russell from Ballymena in County Antrim, who came to Queen's in October 2016. Rebecca is currently on her industry year out but has already served as a Student Ambassador and Student Tour Guide at Queen's and spent time in China.

"Rachel is a really inspirational female engineer and role model. I feel very privileged to be the inaugural recipient of the scholarship that she set up, as there are not many scholarships like this in engineering specifically for women," she said.

"The scholarship will enable me to widen my horizons in the areas of leadership and research and, hopefully, will set me up for a career in an area I really love."

Perhaps considered by some as very young to be giving back to Queen's – maybe living in America exposed her to ideas of philanthropy – Rachel is surprised at just how few recent graduates have considered it.

"We all need to do a lot more to encourage and inspire our friends and former classmates to support the University.

"And it doesn't have to be financial – alumni can also get involved in mentoring and volunteering if they'd prefer to give back that way," she added.

Rachel's achievements at Schlumberger have been impressive. Numerous promotions, completing the company graduate programme, progressing to a senior level in a male-dominated business – and as she points out "working off shore with 115 men and surviving that" – all single her out as an imposing exemplar for generations of women engineering graduates.

Her latest promotion to Europe Maintenance Manager brings Rachel back to the UK – this time to Aberdeen – and is an example of the wide variety of careers available within Schlumberger and the oil and gas industry as a whole. It keeps her career interesting and with the company running operations in 80 different countries around the world, it satisfies her wanderlust.

It also means Rachel is now closer to her family in Northern Ireland and to those emerging leaders at Queen's that she is supporting and mentoring.

To fund a scholarship at Queen's please contact Helen Carrick, Head of Major Gifts on T: +44 (0)28 9097 3403 or E: h.carrick@qub.ac.uk

IT'S A TEAM GAME

Alumni volunteering is undertaken for a variety of reasons and across a wide range of activities at Queen's. Some graduates simply want to 'give something back', while others wish to share their experience or to gain skills necessary to pursue certain careers or even just to enhance their CVs.

There's no doubt that giving back certainly makes you feel good. It also goes a long way to impressing potential employers. And when the volunteering is for a sports club, it can combine a physically healthy lifestyle with an altruistic sense of wellbeing.

As Alumni Relations Officer Natasha Sharma explains, numerous Queen's graduates are now volunteering – coaching, managing and fundraising – helping current students achieve success in their chosen sport.

At any given time several hundred Queen's graduates are donating their time to volunteer across many different aspects of student activity. As speakers, event organisers or mentors, their personal experiences of life at university – and since graduating – help inform current students about career choices.



Kathryn Brown

Among the Queen's extensive network of sports clubs graduates can access a variety of roles including officiating, sports development and administration, usually within the same clubs where they were once members.

Alumni sports volunteers make a huge difference to the students and to the clubs they are working with. PhD student Kathryn Brown, in her fourth year with the Ladies' Hockey Club and currently co-captain of the 3rd XI, explains: "The Ladies Hockey Club would fail to run without a backbone of volunteer coaches and umpires.

"I can honestly say their motivation, expertise and support are invaluable. Knowing that they, along with team mates, are always there to offer support and guidance takes the pressure off, especially in the important matches! Volunteer commitment to the club is second to none; we wouldn't be a successful club without them."

“A huge thank you from the Ladies Hockey Club to all our alumni volunteers past and present who have helped us be where we are today!”

Always passionate, alumni volunteers often dedicate a lifetime to sport and to the continued success of the University, and of course to the lives of its current and future students.

No one illustrates this better than Denis Clarke, who has served in a variety of key roles at Queen's University Association Football Club over many years. 2018 will go down in the annals of the club, marking as it did the end of a 108-year drought for the students' football team and the ultimate reward for Denis after a lifetime of dedication to the club.

"I just love volunteering!" said Denis. "I was a student at Queen's myself and played football for the University for many years. I am currently Chairman of Queen's Football Club, having volunteered for the club as both coach and administrator for 50 years.

"Every single moment has been worth it, especially on 8 May 2018 when we picked up our first major silverware outside university football, when Queen's won the Irish FA Intermediate Cup at Windsor Park after a wait of more than a century!



Denis Clarke

"That feeling of elation, especially as a volunteer, was just unreal. The presence of so many of our former players at the final helped make it a very special occasion. I will never forget how proud I was of our boys."

Volunteering for a sports club at Queen's can entail as little as a few occasional hours now and then, to a more regular, often weekly commitment. David Storrs is a stalwart of Queen's Rowing Club. At one time more heavily involved in coaching, these days he mentors club captains and works on the alumni committee. The club held its Annual Dinner at the end of November, when over 150 students, alumni and volunteers filled the University's Riddel Hall on the Stranmillis Road, all sharing a passion for rowing.



“Queen's clubs and societies are fundamental to the quality of a student's experience at university. The more volunteers can do to support students, the better their overall experience at Queen's.”



"To hear the Ladies' and Men's Club Captains personally name and thank life-long volunteer coaches and former Queen's rowers – such as Jason Greenwood, Christine Stewart, Paddy Doherty and Andy Wells – goes to the very core of why we volunteer," said David.

"Jason and Christine volunteer because they got so much out of rowing when they were at Queen's. The experience of success and failure together, life skills, a set of values, life-long friendships, camaraderie, fun...the list goes on."

In his 20 years as a volunteer David's roles and commitment levels have varied enormously. In 2014, he helped serve breakfast just once a term between training sessions at 8am on a Saturday morning. But back in 2008 he volunteered up to 12 hours a week for several months leading a team of volunteers collaborating with the University's Development and Alumni Relations Office, Queen's Sport and the Rowing Club to raise the funds to bring in a professional coach.

"Queen's clubs and societies are fundamental to the quality of a student's experience at University," added David. "The more volunteers can do to support students, the better their overall experience at Queen's."

Volunteering for a Queen's sports club will, of course, depend on many factors. Family and career commitments will dictate the amount of time a volunteer has available. Where the graduate lives – how far away from Queen's – may, on the face of it, make it appear impossible for individuals to maintain a regular level of input.

Those factors aside, volunteers can decide to get involved at any stage in their lives for as long as they wish and wherever they are. Simply being available to offer sound advice at the other end of a phone or email could make all the difference.

Whatever the level of commitment, Queen's students on the receiving end of volunteer input will be forever grateful. And who knows, that input from a graduate sports volunteer could make all the difference between success and failure.

For more go to <https://dar0.qub.ac.uk/qubvolunteer> or call Natasha Sharma on +44 (0)28 9097 3135 or email natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Make a positive impact on life at Queen's
- Develop your skillset: communication, leadership and teamwork
- Become more employable by bolstering your CV
- Develop your network by meeting like-minded students and fellow graduates
- Give something back

QUEEN'S ANNUAL FUND



The Queen's Annual Fund (QAF) enables the University to fund extraordinary opportunities for learning and discovery, to offer support to student clubs and societies, and to meet emerging needs and challenges.

The QAF is supported by thousands of graduates who make one-off, annual, quarterly or monthly recurring gifts.

The QAF was launched in 1999. Since then, over £2.6m has been donated by our graduates, made up of over 37,000 gifts from more than 6,000 donors.

Gifts in support of the QAF are acquired through postal, online and telephone fundraising campaigns. Telephone calling is our most powerful tool to connect with our alumni and each year the success of these campaigns is dependent on a dedicated team of student callers.

For up to 14 weeks during the academic year, they reach out to graduates to seek their engagement and support for the University.

In the past year (2017-18), £149,000 was raised for the Queen's Annual Fund; to date £57,000 has been dispersed to support 50 clubs, societies and projects to help them make the Queen's student experience the best it can be.

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PROJECTS BEING SUPPORTED BY THE QUEEN'S ANNUAL FUND IN 2018-19



Nightline

To fund training costs for this student-led mental health and wellbeing support service.

QUB Boxing

To purchase basic but essential modern training equipment for the Queen's boxing gym.

Queen's University Symphony Orchestra

To produce two celebratory concerts to mark the 10th anniversary of the QUSO.

Literific

To send teams to intervarsity competitions around Ireland throughout the year, building on Queen's presence on the Irish circuit.

Queen's Triathlon Club

To fund the Couch-to-Tri programme, a new initiative supported by the Queen's Sport Active Campus programme.

Queen's University Rugby Football Club – Men's and Ladies'

To improve female students' mental, physical and emotional wellbeing while providing an opportunity to play at a competitive level of rugby, and to fund production and staging costs for a 150th anniversary gala dinner.

Find out more. Visit www.queensfoundation.com/AnnualFund

JOHN PB MAXWELL SCHOLARSHIPS CELEBRATE 10 YEARS

On 22 November 2018 John and Valerie Maxwell hosted an exclusive dinner at the Merchant Hotel in Belfast to celebrate a landmark occasion. As Development Manager Naomi King reports, the 10th anniversary of the John PB Maxwell scholarships represented not just a decade of support for young lawyers but also a milestone in donor giving.

Those invited, all of whom had been involved with the scholarships scheme since its inception, read like a 'who's who' of the Northern Ireland legal profession. The attendance was an undoubted testimony to the significance of the Maxwell scholarships and a measure of the regard in which John is held.

Also present were current and former members of staff of the Development and Alumni Relations Office at Queen's who have worked with John on the scholarships and, most significantly, former Maxwell Scholars, with at least one from each of the last 10 years in attendance.

The scholarships were established in 2008 to recognise young barristers who 'distinguish themselves in the course of their postgraduate training at IPLS', the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at Queen's.

"I went to see Anne Fenton (then Director at IPLS) in 2008 to advise her that I was thinking of giving a prize to be awarded that year by the Institute to the top students," explained John when addressing guests at the celebration dinner.

"When she heard the value of the awards I had in mind I thought she was going to fall out of her chair!"

"John Maxwell's substantial involvement with these annual legal scholarships is highly commendable."

"To set the awards up a small group met to decide what form the prizes would take and what they would be called. High Court Judge the Honourable Mr Justice (now Sir) Anthony Hart, Anne Fenton, Kerry Bryson (former Head of Alumni Relations at Queen's) and John Wilson QC (then Under-treasurer) and myself discussed and agreed the detail on the scholarships as they are today."

Paying tribute to the awards founder, Barbara Jemphrey told Donor News: "The John PB Maxwell scholarships come at a crucial time for young barristers setting out on their careers when they may face financial pressures as they start at the Bar."

"John's support over many years for the IPLS and our trainees – many of whom will become the future leaders of the legal profession – is immensely important."

Each year the scholarships are awarded to the four Bar students who achieve the highest aggregate marks in the IPLS. The hugely prestigious scholarships, which vary from £1,000 up to £5,000, are awarded on merit, with the student achieving the highest aggregate marks taking the first and so on to the fourth.

To date, 44 individual scholarships have been awarded, with almost 30 of the recipients present at the dinner to acknowledge and thank John and Valerie Maxwell for their generous philanthropic support over the last 10 years.

Speaking at the presentation of the first four Maxwell Scholars in 2008 – Margaret Carson, Cathy Fitzsimmons, Roisin Downey and Gerarda Morton (née Campbell) – in the Inn of Court, the then Lord Chief Justice Lord Kerr said: "The sheer scale of John's generosity in this endowment has been, quite simply, staggering. This unprecedented benefaction serves as a shining example of unrivalled altruism in a profession too often criticised for its selfishness."

Addressing guests at the anniversary dinner, Lord Kerr spoke warmly of John's generosity and his ongoing support for young trainee barristers at Queen's Institute of Professional Legal Studies. He highlighted John's dedication to the initiative, adding that the impact of the scholarships would be felt – and remembered – well after most people in the room were long gone.

While a number of the scholarship recipients are no longer engaged in practice at the Bar, several of those are still in the legal sector, one is in the USA and one at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

It goes without saying that John Maxwell's substantial involvement with these annual legal scholarships is highly commendable. More than that, his commitment is hugely passionate. He takes a genuine personal interest in the success and career of each Scholar. And he keeps in regular contact with the Maxwell alumni throughout the year and, most notably, at his famous Christmas lunches.

To round off what was a wonderful evening, John took everyone by surprise when he concluded his remarks by adding: "I would like to announce that this year I have decided that the Scholars need more support, so I am doubling the value of the scholarships!"

An important incentive for some, perhaps, or a substantial reward for exam success for others, there's no doubt that the John PB Maxwell scholarships have made a huge impact on young lawyers over the last decade and are set to make an even bigger impression in the years to come.

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JOHN MAXWELL

John Philip Barklie Maxwell was born on 25 May 1942, the only son of William Barklie Maxwell and Henrietta Jane Maxwell (née O'Reilly).

Educated at Brackenbar House School in Belfast, Mourne Grange School in Kilkeel and later Cheltenham College in Gloucestershire, John entered Trinity College Dublin in 1960, graduating with a BA in General Studies in 1964. He stayed on at Trinity to read law, graduating again in 1968 with an LLB.

Returning to Northern Ireland after graduating, John was admitted as student of the Honourable Society of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland, and in 1969 joined the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

He was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland by Sir Robert Lowry, in the Michaelmas term 1971. In 1973 he was appointed Registrar to Lord Justice Jones for the duration of the Spring Assizes, the last before the creation of the Diplock Courts. In 1974 he became a lecturer in law at the Hotel and Catering College in Portrush, a post he held until 1981. In 1976, he was invited to become Secretary of the Bar Council, a position he occupied for five years. He also served as a member of the Bar Council for two terms and became a member of the Magistrate's Court Rules Committee in 1985, retiring in 2010. He was Under-treasurer of the Inn of Court from 2009-13.

John became a teaching assistant at the IPLS when it was founded in 1977, where he taught criminal procedure and advocacy skills.

John and Valerie have been married for over 34 years.



(L-R) Amy Kinney, John Maxwell and Roisin Downey

SIMULATION BASED LEARNING – PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Students in Queen's Faculty of Medicine, Health and Biomedical Sciences are to benefit from a new state-of-the-art Simulation Centre, on schedule to open in autumn 2020.

With construction due to begin in summer 2019, Queen's Foundation is currently working in partnership with the University to secure the funding of £3m required to establish the Centre. A lead donor has already pledged £1m and this requires matched funding to realise the gift, so the Foundation is aiming to raise a total of £2m for the project by June 2019.

Based in the Medical Biology Centre on the Lisburn Road, the multi-disciplinary Centre will be used not only by the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, but by other Schools, including Nursing and Midwifery and Pharmacy.

It will be one of the few centres in the UK to champion simulation based education in an interprofessional environment.



Professor Gerry Gormley

The project is being driven by Gerry Gormley, Professor of Simulation and Clinical Skills at Queen's, who said: "The Centre will equip graduates with the necessary skills and experience to lead future interprofessional teams and provide excellence in patient care, while enabling the University to become a leader in this area."

Once completed, it will provide a range of learning environments including an augmented-reality Sim suite where students can experience a wide range of scenarios displayed on a surround screen. There will also be hospital wards, acute care and resuscitation rooms and a dispensing pharmacy, giving the Centre a real-world look and feel.

Philanthropic support will increase the Centre's capacity to train Queen's students to be the best healthcare professionals, ultimately enhancing patient safety and care.

To support the Simulation Centre through the naming of teaching spaces and high specification equipment, please contact Teresa Sloan, Head of Health Fundraising, on T: +44 (0)28 9097 5394 or E: t.sloan@qub.ac.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

1 Teeing up for research

Lynette McKendry, has raised over £40,000 for BRCA breast cancer research at CCRCB – the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology – at Queen's.

In 2017 she organised a ball which raised £37,183 and in the last 12 months, thanks to support from Elaine Arthurs, Lady Captain of Whitehead GC, who raised £2,531.25 as part of a charity golf day, and to Whitehead Line Dancing Club, who raised £2,000, Lynette's efforts have surpassed the £40,000 mark.

BRCA is one of two genes, which, when not working, has an impact on a person's chances of developing breast cancer.

Linda Wilson from Helen's Bay Golf Club nominated Ovarian Cancer Research at Queen's as the beneficiary of her Lady Captain's Charity Luncheon in October. Dr Eileen Parkes and Dr Nuala McCabe from Queen's attended to speak about the work at the University in treatments after their diagnosis. Proceeds amounted to £1,900 and with further events scheduled the total is expected to climb.

And Royal Belfast GC Captain Angus Creed chose Pancreatic Cancer Research at Queen's as his chosen charity in memory of his brother-in-law, John Martin, who was also a member of the Club. A casual Friday night foursomes raised over £2,500.

2 Hospital Saturday Fund

The Hospital Saturday Fund visited Queen's School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences (MDBS), to present cheques to students undertaking medical electives over the summer.

Pictured with the successful recipients are: (from left) Ian Walsh, MDBS; Norma Sinte, Development and Alumni Relations Office; Anne McGuinness, MDBS (5th from right); and Dave Thomas, Vice-Chair of the Fund (4th from right).

The Fund, which supports medically associated charities across the UK and Ireland, awarded £10,000 to Queen's Foundation to provide 10 awards of £1,000 each.

3 Wedding celebrations

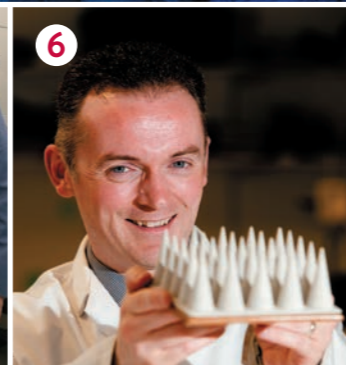
Three couples who 'took the plunge' during 2018 celebrated their wedding day by donating to cancer research at Queen's.

Wedding donor Shirley McCausland Drury said: "We decided to donate to Queen's rather than have wedding favours, as the research they carry out is outstanding. One area in particular – ovarian cancer – is very close to our hearts, as my wonderful Mummy died from this in September 2012.

"Every penny donated goes to research and it is such a fantastic charity, that I am very proud to support."

For an alternative to wedding favours, the Health Fundraising Team can provide cards for bridal parties to leave on tables.

To support the latest cancer research at Queen's University on your wedding day, please get in touch with Rachel Ketola, Development Manager (Health) on T: +44 (0)28 9097 5073 or E: r.ketola@qub.ac.uk



4 Supporting MS

Lyn Cree held a coffee morning and car wash at Trinity Church Greyabbey which raised £860 for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The event was attended by the Mayor of North Ards and North Down and by Professor Denise Fitzgerald from Queen's. Lyn has now raised over £7,000 for MS Research.

Also supporting MS Research are members of The Perennials RFC, who held a hospitality race day at Down Royal attended by Queen's Professor Chris Scott and Dr Richard Turkington and raising £10,000 – £5,000 for MS Research and £5,000 for pancreatic cancer research at Queen's.

5 One million steps!

Leah Williams (10), from Upper Ballinderry near Lisburn, came to Queen's to hand over £2,150 to cancer researcher Dr Kienan Savage.

The proceeds came from the 'One Million Steps Closer to Life without Cancer' challenge, set up by Dr Gwyneth Hinds to raise funds for the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology at Queen's. Leah, who started her challenge in April, managed 10,000 steps a day, for 100 days!

6 Pharmacy

A gift of £3,000 has been received to support the work of Professor Ryan Donnelly in the School of Pharmacy.

Researchers there are developing a new type of skin patch (microarray patch) that administers drugs directly into the bloodstream through thousands of 'microneedles' which are being tested as a possible answer to the antibiotic resistance crisis.

7 Boyce scholarship

Dr Lavinia Boyce BEM (PhD 2010, MSc 1992) has set up the Dr Lavinia Boyce Postgraduate Research Scholarship in memory of her parents, Annie Elizabeth and Thomas Henry.

The £1,500-a-year scholarship supports a Master's or PhD student researching Neurology, Medical Genetics or Immunology in the Wellcome Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine at Queen's.

8 Breast cancer

Father and daughter Stephen Cooper and Kirsty Burrell took part in a 5km swim in Lough Erne and raised over £4,000 to support the work of Dr Stuart McIntosh in breast cancer research in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology.

Also supporting BRCA breast cancer research at Queen's were the Daniel family, who raised £20,000 at an event at the Larchfield Estate who kindly waived venue hire costs.

The fundraising was in memory of Michelle Daniel, who passed away in 2017 with breast cancer.

To support health research at Queen's, please contact Teresa Sloan, Head of Health Fundraising, on T: +44 (0)28 9097 5394 or E: t.sloan@qub.ac.uk

WIDENING PARTICIPATION

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATHWAY

The Pathway Opportunity Programme is one of a series of Widening Participation measures being undertaken at Queen's University to ensure that those 'most able but less likely' get the chance to continue to higher education.

As Gerry Power reports, it's a programme that is already making an impact on individual students and making possible what might once have appeared impossible to so many in Northern Ireland.

Of the 60 young people who took part in the pilot version of the Pathway Opportunity Programme (POP) in 2017, 12 are now enrolled at the University. Six are studying Computer Science subjects, four are taking Law degrees and two have signed up for Food Quality and Biological Sciences-related courses. A further three Pathway students from the pilot class of 2017 will join the University in September.

Just a few months after enrolling and with the POP pioneers still settling in – and thanks in no small way to the support of numerous graduates and organisations – new horizons and futures are already opening up for this group of students.

Backing for the POP programme has come from many individual alumni and friends of the University and from companies like Kilwaughter Minerals Ltd in County Antrim, who have made a generous contribution to the initiative. The level of support and the opportunities it opens up have not gone unnoticed by the Pathway students.

Andrew Barber from Kilkeel is enrolled on an MEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering course, though he originally was considering a Computer Science degree and was unsure if he might miss out on the bursary having changed his mind.



Andrew Barber

"Although the bursary was not the main reason I decided to come to study at Queen's, it does now influence the options I have in the future," Andrew told the University.

"I can now consider options for more up-to-date equipment and resources to better understand the course. It has also allowed me to consider more opportunities regarding my placement as many more companies in other countries are now a possibility. This bursary gives me the opportunity to get more out of studying here at Queen's, which I greatly appreciate. Thank you for your generosity."



Patrick Hamill



Hannah Lyttle

Hannah Lyttle from Strabane is one of four Pathway students now taking a Law degree at Queen's. She first heard of the Programme from a teacher at a school assembly and decided to apply. Through participating in the Law Pathway – which included a workshop at Herbert Smith Freehills where Hannah got to experience at first hand the environment of a busy law firm – her mind was made up.

"Knowing I was receiving the bursary certainly influenced my decision to come to Queen's. It provided me with an opportunity to push myself to apply and to earn a world-class education," said Hannah.

"Without this assistance, I would have had trouble paying for accommodation and so this bursary is truly helping me enjoy not only my degree but also living and experiencing life in Belfast."

To date, approximately £150,000 has been raised to support the Pathway Opportunity Programme, including £60,000 from direct mail postal appeals.

"We've been overwhelmed by the generosity of our graduates in response to the POP mailing appeal," said Meaghan Lyons, the University's Regular Giving Manager.

"Widening Participation is of course very important to the University but it's even more important to the students who get the opportunity to study in higher education thanks to this Programme and the philanthropic gifts which fund it.

"Already, POP is making a huge impact on the lives of those who have recently taken up places at Queen's," she added.

Patrick Hamill, who is studying for a BSc in Computer Science, is hugely grateful to those who have funded his POP bursary. "I would like to thank you – whoever you are – for your generosity in providing me and the other participants in the Pathway Opportunity Programme with the bursaries of £1,000.

"This extra finance was very beneficial as it meant that I no longer needed to worry when it came to money. I was able to afford new equipment for my studies, particularly a laptop, which is essential to completing my degree.

"I am now considering taking part in programmes to study abroad for a semester or longer, and since receiving this bursary, it has become much more of a reality, especially for Study USA, which I hope to apply for in my second year.

"I would just like to thank you again for your amazing generosity and the opportunities that have arisen for me since receiving this bursary."

First intake of Pathway students supported by Kilwaughter Minerals Ltd with Norma Sínte (3rd from left, front), Chris McDowell, Kilwaughter, (centre) and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Greer (3rd from right)



Professor Ian Greer, who joined Queen's University as its President and Vice-Chancellor in August – and who is a huge supporter of Widening Participation – met with the 2018 intake of POP students, to formally welcome them to the University.

At present, there are almost 100 students on the current and expanded Programme, which is offering pathways in Law, Business, Computer Science, Food Microbiology and Environment, Civil Engineering, and in Archaeology and Palaeoecology. It is expected that around 50 of these will take up courses at the University in 2019.

Thanks to the success of the Programme, many more students like Andrew, Hannah and Patrick will be able to take up places at Queen's – reducing the stress associated with financial worries – to enjoy studying at a world-class institution and to fully immerse themselves in university life.

Reading Together

Reading Together is a joint project between the South Eastern Trust and Queen's Widening Participation Unit which aims to raise the literacy standards of 'looked after' children (children in care), by providing one-to-one support from a student at the University.

By reading and enjoying a range of books and other resources together it is hoped that the children's self-confidence will improve as well as their reading skills. The students also form a bond with the children and report an increase in their own confidence and awareness of the needs of others as a result.

If you would like to support the Widening Participation programme at Queen's please contact:

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The project started as a pilot in 2017/18 and, thanks to the generosity of Queen's alumnus and WHSmith CEO Stephen Clarke and The Caterpillar Foundation, is set to continue for several years to come.

Perhaps the last word should go to one of the children, who said: "I love reading now ... love it ... I want to see what happens at the end of the story."

Belfast Charitable Society

Over 260 years old, and based in Clifton House on North Queen Street in Belfast, the history of the Belfast Charitable Society (BCS) is intertwined with that of the city. Founded by a group of leading businessmen in 1752 to build a Poor House and Infirmary for the city's most vulnerable citizens, today the Society remains an important influence.

Also managed by the Society is the Barbour Fund, established in March 2014 by the Hilden District Nursing Society and the BCS.

In 2018, the Belfast Charitable Society agreed not only to back the Pathway Opportunity Programme at Queen's by making a generous gift to the POP bursary fund, but also to support students from a widening participation background through a new bursary in the name of The Barbour Fund.

Marking the recent gift are: David Watters, the Society's Chairperson; Paula Moran, Outreach and Learning Development Manager at Queen's; and Alan Moneypenny, Board member of the Belfast Charitable Society.



MOTIVATIONS FOR SUPPORTING QUEEN'S

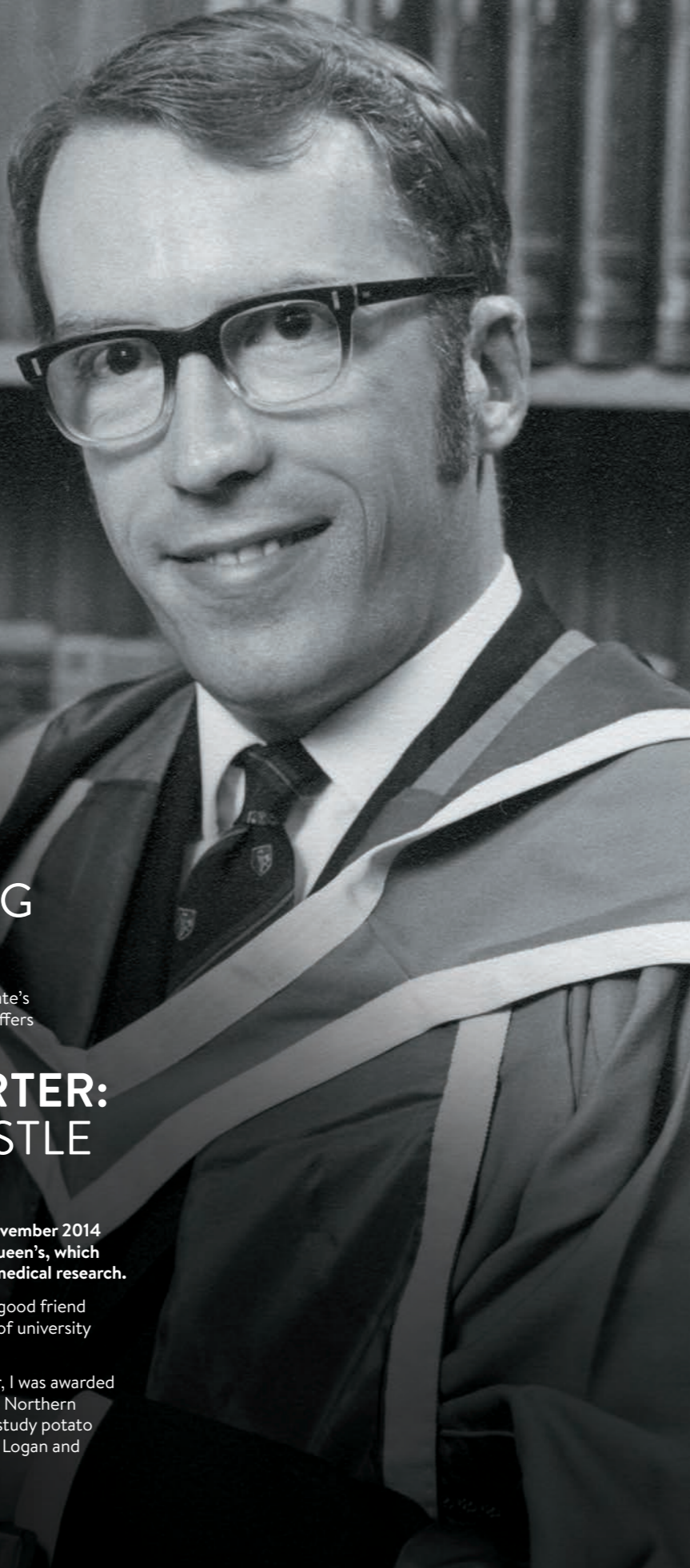
Legacy Manager, Susan Wilson, shares one graduate's motivations for leaving a legacy to Queen's and offers some tips on Inheritance Tax.

ALUMNI SUPPORTER: ANDREW ENTWISTLE PHD 1970

As Queen's Legacy Manager, I met Andrew in November 2014 to discuss his thoughts around a legacy gift to Queen's, which led to a visit to campus to learn more about our medical research.

Andrew has since become a generous donor and good friend to the University. Here he explains his memories of university and his motivation for supporting Queen's.

"Following a first degree in Botany at Manchester, I was awarded a scholarship from the Potato Marketing Board in Northern Ireland in 1968. I was based at Newforge Lane to study potato gangrene under Professor McKee and Dr Charles Logan and acquired my PhD in 1970."



What did you gain from Queen's?

"Queen's helped me develop the skills and knowledge to work on soil-borne diseases, which contributed to my subsequent application to a research post at the National Vegetable Research Station, Wellesbourne, now part of the University of Warwick.

"This role took me to places like Egypt and Mexico and provided the opportunity for me to organise conferences and mix with fellow scientists from around the world, including Germany, Spain and Mexico. Ultimately, Queen's helped me get my 'dream job!'"

What are your best memories of your time at Queen's?

"I remember many amusing stories from my time at Queen's, when I was trying to decode the Belfast colloquialisms. One that stays with me is an occasion when the Head of Newforge Lane Research Station asked me, 'How's the form?' My English roots understood form to be something I sat on - but actually it was my health I was being asked about!

"Outside of work, I walked the Mourne Mountain circuit and many pleasant days were spent visiting the wonderful gardens at Queen's and Rowallane. I attended the Film Theatre, Belfast Art Festivals (I still have two original prints), and went to concerts to see big names such as Paul Tortelier and Oscar Peterson.

"And the food - even after 40 years I still remember with fondness the local delights prepared for me by a very special landlady - especially the butter-melting soda bread!"

What motivated you to give back to your alma mater?

"In my early teens, my parents emphasised the key life values of 'health, education and travel' - values which have stayed with me and shaped my choices and subsequent pathways in life.

"Looking back, it becomes obvious just what a big influence Queen's has had on both my professional and my personal life. In recognition of this, I am a donor to Queen's, funding current generations of postgraduate and postdoctoral students, and supporting and maintaining the standards and traditions which help make Queen's exceptional."

Find out more about Andrew's motivations online at www.queensfoundation.com/legacygifts

"This award has, and will continue to have, a lasting effect on my career, so from both an academic and personal point of view I am truly grateful to Andrew for this. I will continue to acknowledge the contribution your donation has made to my cancer research work".

- Dr Philip Dunne (PhD) Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology and recipient of the Entwistle Travel Scholarship.

Like Andrew, the causes closest to your heart are often personal in origin, which is why you can choose to fund the area of research or education at Queen's that means the most to you.

TAX TIPS FOR LEGACY DONORS

A gift in your will to a registered charity is a tax-effective and unique way for you to support those causes that you are passionate about, without affecting your finances in your lifetime.

Legacy gifts to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, both big and small, are instrumental in pushing boundaries for solutions to global challenges in areas such as medical research, cyber-security, global food security and conflict resolution.

And with the number of estates on which Inheritance Tax (IHT) is payable increasing from 10,000 in 2010 to 40,000 in 2017, it is worth planning ahead to limit your exposure to IHT.

What you need to know to reduce your exposure to IHT:

- Estates of a deceased person are subject to IHT at a rate of 40% on the amount over the 'nil rate band' (NRB) of £325,000
- Assets which are passed to a spouse or civil partner benefit from a 100% exemption
- NRBs are transferable between spouses, meaning a surviving spouse would have an exemption of £650,000 on their own death
- There is also a 'residence nil rate band' to relieve IHT on a residence if it passes outright to children or descendants, which could mean overall allowances for a married couple of £850,000
- If you choose to leave a gift in your will of 10% of your net estate to support a charity that you are passionate about, the IHT rate will be reduced from 40% to 36%
- You can gift up to £3,000 per annum free from IHT or carry it forward by a year to £6,000
- Gifts made to a couple as a wedding gift may be exempt from IHT - up to £5,000 for parents of the bride or groom, £2,500 from grandparents and up to £1,000 for other individuals
- Finally, if you have life assurance, you can have the policies written in trust to ensure that death benefits are exempt from your estate when it comes to IHT calculations.

If you are considering a legacy gift to support the work of the University in your will please get in touch.

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BENEFACTORS' LUNCH 2018

"The annual Benefactors' Lunch is our chance to say 'thank you' to our key donors and volunteers who so generously support the work of the Foundation.

Your gifts of time and money are making a huge impact not only on our students, our research and our campus but ultimately on the lives of so many individuals here in Northern Ireland and around the world."

"This year's lunch was the biggest ever! Thank you so much to all our donors for making this past year such a special one for Queen's.

Your gifts matter."



Dr Suneil Jain and Mrs Annita Jain; Ms Helen Carrick



Ms Norma Sinte; Mrs Catherine and Mr John Martin; Dr Brian Cheung; Mrs Helen Surgenor

Thank You!

- Norma Sinte, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Queen's University Belfast.



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