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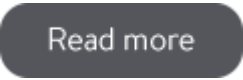
SCHOOL NEWS



'Last hurrah' for SU building!

Graduates across the years will have a chance to say farewell to the Queen's Students' Union building in its current form. The building, which has served generations of students, is to make way for a new world-class Centre due to open in 2021.

A number of events and activities have been organised to mark the 'final hurrah', including an 'all ticket' reunion on Thursday 14 June. Anyone wishing to attend or willing to contribute/lend artefacts, stories or photographs for the farewell exhibition can contact [Faisal Kadiri](#) for further details.



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'Opt in' deadline is 25 May!

With the 25 May deadline looming, Queen's Development and Alumni Relations Office is calling on its graduates to 'opt in' to continue receiving regular email updates about alumni events and reunions, their fellow graduates, the latest University research and ongoing fundraising from their alma mater.

If you haven't yet done so, please 'opt in' to ensure you don't miss out on all the latest from your alma mater. And feel free to encourage your graduate friends to do likewise! Thank you.

Find out more by visiting our [website](#) or you can 'opt in' today using the link below.





QGA recognises top PhD students

Two exceptional students have been awarded postgraduate scholarships by the QGA (Queen's Graduates' Association) at the QGA's annual President's Drinks Reception.

Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences PhD students Erin Magee (from Bangor) and Nathan Clarke (from Belfast), received scholarships of £2,500 to support their exciting and potentially far-reaching research projects.

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International summit to tackle food integrity

Over 700 food-security experts from all over the world will be gathering in Belfast from 28-31 May 2018 – for a major summit on how to feed a growing global population.

The Institute for Global Food Security at Queen's will host the Belfast Summit on Global Food Integrity which will address huge challenges such as climate change, Brexit, labyrinthine food-supply chains, and food fraud on a global scale.

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CSIT in partnership to deliver £13.5m cyber centre

CSIT, the Centre for Secure Information Technologies at Queen's, has been selected to partner with Plexal and Deloitte to deliver a £13.5 million cyber innovation centre in London.

The Cyber Innovation Centre will act as a convening force in the UK cyber security community, working closely with existing national cyber security innovation hubs and international centres of excellence to help position the UK as a world leader in cyber security solutions.

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Queen's and Dibrugarh University host major conference

East and west came together when Queen's University, in collaboration with Dibrugarh University in the northeast Indian state of Assam, hosted an international conference entitled 'Network and Games', at Queen's Management School.

Held last month (27-29 April), the conference was the part of UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI), jointly funded by the British Council and University Grants Commission.

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IGAS newsletter

Queen's graduates living in Singapore can keep up with the activities of the Irish Graduates Association of Singapore (IGAS) through the group's regular eNewsletter.

Containing details of events, activities and profiles of alumni from colleges around the island of Ireland – including Queen's – it's a great way to keep in touch.

Current IGAS officers include Vice-President, Tan Wee Jin (QUB 2000) and Dr Lee Sze Min (QUB 1994), Honorary Treasurer.

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Student bridge builders

A group of engineers from Northern Ireland – including two civil engineering students from Queen's – are on their way to Rwanda to help build a bridge.

Providing a safe crossing over the Giwsi River, the 45 metre suspension bridge which will make a major impact on the lives of over 6,000 rural people in the East Africa country.

And you can support the initiative – click below for more details.

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RESEARCH NEWS



Mental disorder during pregnancy

Almost one fifth of women reported a history of mental disorder during pregnancy, according to one of the largest studies ever undertaken by researchers at Queen's.

Psychiatry researchers and health care professionals looked at data from 142,000 maternities from 2010 to 2015 and found that up to one fifth of women reported a mental health problem such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression.

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Fewer people moving house

A decade-on-decade decrease in people moving home is likely to have implications for social and labour market mobility, according to the latest research from the School of Natural and Built Environment at Queen's.

A million fewer people moved house in the 2000s than in the 1970s – mostly due to an ageing population, changes in the housing market and altered attitudes – says Dr Ian Shuttleworth.

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Keysight research lab opens

A new research lab has been opened at Queen's School of Electronics, Computer Science and Information Technology (ECIT), by US electronics firm Keysight Technologies, Inc., which will enable hundreds of scientists to look at subjects such as 5G and mobile phone technology.

The partnership provides Queen's with unprecedented measurement and instrumentation capabilities and will have a major impact on our digital society.

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IGFS to explore 'wonder technology'

Queen's Institute for Global Food Security (IGFS) is to establish a new research facility to investigate plasmas, which could be key in the fight against anti-microbial resistance (AMR).

With a latest cutting-edge technology, the Centre for Plasma in Agri-Food (AgriPlas) will be the first of its kind in Europe and will have the potential to reduce harmful chemicals and antibiotics in the food chain.

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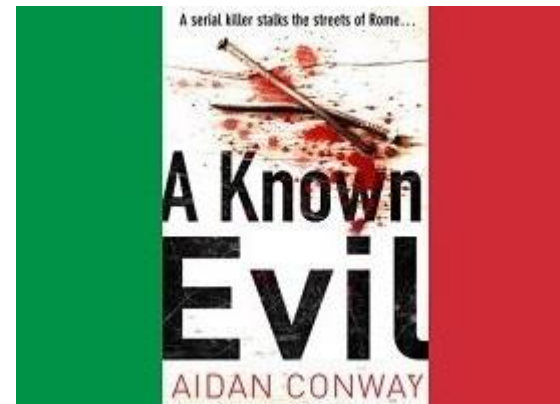
GRADUATE NEWS



Alumna is new Chair of CIÉ

The Irish Government has appointed Fiona Ross, a 2008 Queen's LLM graduate, as the Chair of Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ), the body responsible for public transport in Ireland.

With over 25 years' experience in international financial services and communications in Europe and around the world, Ms Ross has served on 17 boards over the past six years



Thriller book deal for graduate

MA in Modern Literary Studies graduate Aidan Conway has signed a two book deal with Harper Collins, having just published his first crime-thriller paperback, with the second in the series due later in the year.

Described by one critic as '...a brilliantly dark crime debut, dripping with menace and atmosphere', A Known Evil is set in modern-

and is currently on the Board of the Seamus Heaney Estate.

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day Rome, riddled with bureaucracy, corruption and corporate paranoia.

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Wiles Lectures 2018

Arranged by the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy & Politics, the 2018 Wiles Lectures will be delivered by Professor Alison Bashford, Research Professor of History at the University of New South Wales, Australia, on the topic: 'Trustees of Evolution: The Huxleys from Empire to World, c.1850-1950'.

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Association Wine Tasting

The ever-popular QGA (Queen's Graduates' Association) wine tasting evening - hosted this year in partnership with Woodford Bourne - will showcase the Torre Wine selections.

Tapas dishes prepared by Queen's University's own Head Chef will be served to compliment the wines.

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London Golf Day

The annual Queen's University Association London golf event on Friday 18 May, will start with coffee and a bacon butty before tee off at 10am.

For more information or to book your place contact [John Kelly](#) before this Friday (11 May).

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Pancreatic Cancer Fundraiser

Hello Georgie, Goodbye Best is a reimagining of a turbulent weekend in 1971 involving footballing legend George Best and actress Sinead Cusack, in London.

A donation of all ticket sales on the opening night will be made to Pancreatic Cancer research at Queen's.

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Singapore Quiz Night

The ever-popular annual Geek Quiz is back and is once again co-organised with Mensa Singapore.

This year's Quiz Master is SPH Kiss92 Radio DJ Shan Wee, originally from Bushmills, County Antrim, and past-pupil of Coleraine Inst. Shan's dad is Dr Wee Sian Chong, Queen's graduate and St Andrew's School Singapore Alumnus.

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Food Summit in Belfast

Food-security experts from all over the world will be gathering in Belfast later this month for a major summit on how to feed a growing global population - to be hosted by the Institute for Global Food Security at Queen's.

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New York Reception - hold the date

Antony Phillipson (Her Majesty's Consul General in New York and Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America), will host a special reception at his official residence (351 East 51st Street, New York) next month to celebrate Queen's University Belfast.

At the event author and scriptwriter, Professor Glenn Patterson, Director of the Seamus Heaney Centre at Queen's, will read from a selection of his work.

For further information please contact [Natasha Sharma](#).

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Discussion Groups

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