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## SCHOOL NEWS



### New President and Vice-Chancellor

The University's 13th President and Vice-Chancellor will be Professor Ian Greer, currently Vice President of The University of Manchester. A graduate of the University of Glasgow, he has also held senior positions in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hull and Liverpool universities.

Born and educated in Scotland, he succeeds the late Professor Patrick Johnston, who died last June. Professor Greer will take up post on 1 August 2018.

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### Meet Lisa McGee

The creative force behind the current Channel 4 television hit – *Derry Girls* – is Queen’s 2002 BA Drama graduate, Lisa McGee, who based the programme on her childhood growing up in pre-ceasefire Derry.

Full of dark humour, it takes a caustic and nostalgic look at life in the city in the 90s, primarily through the eyes of a group of local female teenagers, living out their daily lives.

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### **Alumna named President of US College**

Queen's languages graduate, Dr Lorraine Sterritt, is set to become the 17th President of Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.

Dr Sterritt, who formerly held senior positions in both Harvard and Princeton, has an MA in French (1986) and a BA in French and English (1983) from Queen's University, and will be the first woman to serve as President in the College's 114 year history.

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### Inspiring future astronauts

Jenny Lister, a 2006 Queen's Arts graduate (Stranmillis), is celebrating winning a prestigious award from the Royal Astronomical Society for her work inspiring primary school children in STEM subjects.

A primary school teacher in London, Jenny was awarded the RAS Patrick Moore Medal for her work with young people in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and for inspiring in them a love of space.

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### Remembering Dr Maurice Hayes

Few individuals have made such a wide-ranging contribution to local government, health, politics (in both Northern Ireland and the Republic), sport, culture and Queen's governance, as alumnus Dr Maurice Hayes, who died on 23 December 2017.

A former member of the University's Senate, he was awarded an LLD in 1971 and was President of the Queen's University Association, now the Queen's Graduates' Association, in 1999.

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## UNIVERSITY NEWS



### Seamus Heaney Fellows announced

The Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry at Queen's has announced the appointment of its inaugural three Fellows – Jo Baker, Doireann Ní Ghríofa, and Peter Wilson, better known as Duke Special.

The new Fellows take up their posts with immediate effect. They will contribute annually to the activities of the Centre and to the wider literary community.



### Celebrating UNESCO in NI

A special reception has been held to mark the ties between Northern Ireland and UNESCO – and to acknowledge the opening of the 5th UK UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Network Colloquium at Queen's.

Representatives from UNESCO university projects across the UK heard about the region's UNESCO connections which includes a Chair in Shared Education at Queen's.

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## RESEARCH NEWS



### Is your cat left or right-handed?

Domestic cats have a preference for which paw they put forward first, according to the latest from Queen's School of Psychology. Findings show females are much more likely to use their right paw than males. The cats – 24 male and 20 females – were studied by Dr Louise



### NI asylum seekers need more support

A research study by Queen's suggests Northern Ireland would benefit from a single umbrella body - like a refugee council - to support the integration of asylum seekers and refugees into society here. Carried out by the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security



McDowell, Dr Deborah Wells and Professor Peter Hepper as the moggies went about their everyday business.

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and Justice, the project is in support of the development of a refugee integration strategy.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

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### Alumni Reception, Dubai

Graduates and friends of Queen's living and working in Dubai are invited to an Alumni Reception on Wednesday 7 February (6pm - 9pm) in Vida Hotel (Stage 2), in Downtown Dubai. For full details or to book your place please RSVP to [Niamh Jordan](#) (BEd 1995).

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### Eaton Lecture 2018

Ulster-born, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Canada, is to deliver the 2018 Eaton Lecture on Friday 16 February. Hosted by the Queen's Centre of Sustainability and Environmental Governance and the Centre of

Canadian Studies at the University, it is entitled *Sustainability and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*.

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### **CCRCB Open Day**

Celebrating a decade of advances in cancer research in Belfast, the CCRCB Open Day on Saturday 17 February (10am–2.30pm) will include talks from researchers who are translating science into clinical practice. To meet leading researchers or to book your place on a tour of the labs click the link below. For further details contact the Centre for Cancer Research & Cell Biology ([CCRCB](#)), tel: +44 (0)28 9097 2760.

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### **QUAS Annual Dinner**

Bookings are still being taken for the annual Queen's University Association, Scotland (QUAS) Dinner on Friday 02 March 2018 in the Apex Hotel in Edinburgh, when the Guest Speaker will be Eamon Mallie, the eminent award-winning Northern Ireland journalist and political commentator.

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### MS Research Open Evening

The Fitzgerald Research group invite you to an evening of information and laboratory demonstrations, on Monday 5 March at 5.30pm, with guest speakers from the UK and the US. Taking place in the Wellcome Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine (97 Lisburn Road), please contact [Jill.Moffat@qub.ac.uk](mailto:Jill.Moffat@qub.ac.uk) ASAP if you would like to attend.

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### **Volunteering**

The Graduate School is looking for volunteers with a postgraduate background to talk to current postgraduate students on Tuesday, 20 February 2018. Whether your current employment is directly related to the subject you studied or not, our students will be interested in your story!

The format will be a panel of four speakers from the worlds of work and academia, with each speaker talking for about ten minutes. The session will conclude with a Q&A. Volunteers can sign up for a morning (9.45am-11.45am) or afternoon (1pm-3pm) session, or both, if you are available!

Contact Joan Connolly ([j.connolly@qub.ac.uk](mailto:j.connolly@qub.ac.uk)) Postgraduate

Employability and Careers Officer in the Graduate School, to sign up or for further details.

Click on the link below to get in touch with Alumni Officer Natasha Sharma to find out about other volunteering opportunities available at Queen's.

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