

# THE 2018/19 GRADUATE

The magazine for  
graduates and friends of  
Queen's University Belfast.

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Graduate of the Year

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# WELCOME TO THE 2018/19 EDITION OF THE GRADUATE



The passing of our Chancellor Dr Tom Moran in August, came as a shock to the University family.

Tom embraced the role with passion, giving steadfast support to Queen's since his appointment in 2015. He particularly enjoyed engaging with students during graduation, for him the highpoint of the year.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Tom's wife Joan and to the wider family circle.

Tom made an immense impact as Chancellor – a theme that runs throughout this issue of The Graduate. The impact of our research on people in Northern Ireland and beyond (pp4-7); the impact of donors on the lives of students (pp12-17) and that made by individuals and companies on Pathway to Opportunity undergraduates who recently took up places at Queen's (pp32-34), are highlighted.

Someone already making a big impression is our new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Greer who took up post in August. We welcome Ian to Queen's and wish him well as he starts to 'transform lives through education, research, and social responsibility.'

Also celebrated in this issue is the impact of volunteering on current students (pp28-29), and we reflect on the importance of the Lynn Building over the last 150 years (pp48-50), and the Students' Union over half a century (pp46-47).

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which came into force in May, have impacted on how we communicate with you. If you have not yet 'opted in' to receiving emails from Queen's, you can find out how to do so on pp26-27.

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](mailto:editor@qub.ac.uk)) and tell us what you think.

Best wishes.

**Norma Sinte, BA Hons Modern Languages**

Director of Development and Alumni Relations

PS - If you are reading **The Graduate** for the first time, welcome to our worldwide family of 190,000+ alumni.

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## Huge global productivity boost in sight

Research led by Nathan Congdon, Ulverscroft Chair in Global Eye Health at Queen's, has shown that the provision of glasses substantially improves productivity.

The research trial observed groups of Indian tea pickers and showed that the provision of glasses improved their productivity by 21.7 per cent – and for those aged over 50 the increase was 31.6 per cent.

The findings represent the largest ever recorded productivity increase from any health intervention. Spectacles not only improve workers' output but could also reduce poverty to achieve a huge global productivity boost. If the improvement was replicated across India's crop industry it would mean an extra \$20 billion in growth from productivity gains alone.

The research was sponsored by Clearly, a global campaign to bring clear vision to the 2.5 billion people. It was carried out in collaboration with VisionSpring, a social

enterprise dedicated to providing affordable glasses across the world, and Orbis, a global organisation fighting avoidable blindness.

Professor Congdon, who is also Director of Research at Orbis International, 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% 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.”

Professor Nathan Congdon was appointed to the Ulverscroft Chair of Global Eye Health at Queen's in 2015, following a gift of £800,000 from the UK visual-impairment charity, The Ulverscroft Foundation.

Photo credit: © Sarah Day Photography / Clearly



## University opens £7.5m facility

Queen's has opened a new £7.5 million state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing technology facility, supporting its mission to enable more competitive supply chains with increased productivity.

The collaborative investment is one of the biggest in manufacturing by Queen's, the UK Government and Northern Ireland industry partners. It has been supported by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Innovate UK and the Aerospace Technology Institute.



## Mother and baby homes - major review

Academics from Queen's and Ulster University are leading a new research project examining the history of mother and baby homes – including the notorious Magdalene laundries – in Northern Ireland.

This project has been commissioned by the Department of Health after the Executive acknowledged that there was limited knowledge about their operation in Northern Ireland.

The new facility in the University's Northern Ireland Technology Centre will offer an open door to industry partners, currently including RLC Global Point, Moyola Precision Engineering, JW Kane Precision Engineering Ltd, Travan Precision Engineering and Retec Engineering Solutions.

Expressing his delight at the opening of the facility, which is part of the pioneering Centre for Intelligent Autonomous Manufacturing Systems (i-AMS) at Queen's, Professor Mark Price, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, said: "The facility will provide key support to our new pioneer research programme, i-AMS.

"Both i-AMS and the new facility are open for business and are already making a difference to the advanced manufacturing community in Northern Ireland and the UK. This is a great example of industry, government and academia working in partnership to move Northern Ireland forward."

(L-R) Claire McAlinden, Director of Operations in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences; Adrian Murphy, Professor of Aeronautical Engineering; Professor Seán McLoone, Director of i-AMS and Colm Higgins, Head of the NITC.

Researchers will examine archive records held by the state, churches and relevant voluntary organisations with the primary task of preparing a detailed report on the day-to-day operation and practices of the homes.

The research project will also have an oral history element and the team is appealing for those who experienced life as a resident of a mother and baby home and/or a Magdalene laundry – or those who worked in these homes – to come forward and share their stories.

To contact the research team, please email: [MBHML@qub.ac.uk](mailto:MBHML@qub.ac.uk), call +44 (0) 28 9097 3153 or write to: Professor Sean O'Connell, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast, 25 University Square, Belfast, BT7 1NN.

Photo credit: Finnegan, F: Do Penance or Perish. A Study of Magdalen Asylums in Ireland. Congrave Press, Ireland, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny (2001).

## Queen's climbs world rankings

The latest QS University World Rankings (issued in June) have placed Queen's at No 180 – a climb of 22 places and a return to the prestigious Top 200 of worldwide universities for 2019.

In a University communication in which he thanked staff for the role they played in the achievement, Queen's Acting President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor James C McElroy, stated: "Rankings are important for our reputation as a university and are particularly significant for student recruitment, especially in our international markets, with many funding agencies only supporting student study at a top 200 institution."

“ Our new position is therefore very welcome news as we continue to deliver our strategic priorities.”

Regarded as one of the most prestigious international listings and widely read around the world, the rankings system assesses over 4,000 institutions, from 88 different countries and ranks the world's top 1,000.

The rankings are based on the expert opinions of more than 80,000 academics and 43,000 employers, as well as an analysis of 13m research papers and 67m citations to measure the impact of the research produced by those universities ranked.

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## Alcohol and cancer

A new study, led by Dr Andrew Kunzmann from the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences at Queen's, has found the combined risk of death and developing a number of cancers is lowest in light drinkers consuming less than one drink per day. The rates increase with each additional drink per week.

The findings were published in June in the prestigious journal PLOS Medicine and were conducted in partnership with the National Cancer Institute and National Institutes of Health in the US.

The study analysed whether combined risk of cancer or death from any cause differed in individuals with different alcohol intakes across their entire lifetime. The research team used data from 99,654 individuals who were followed for an average of 8.9 years around the US participating in the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial.

The study found 9,559 deaths and 12,763 primary cancers occurred among the participants, of which lifetime light alcohol drinkers had the lowest combined risk of mortality or developing cancer.

In comparison, lifetime never drinkers and infrequent drinkers, as well as heavy and very heavy drinkers, had increased combined risk of mortality or developing cancer.

Dr Kunzmann explained: "These results provide further insight into the complex relationship between alcohol consumption, cancer incidence, and mortality and may help inform public health guidelines."

“ Alcohol misuse is a major public health concern that affects every level of society. This study helps to provide robust evidence about the health impacts of various levels of alcohol consumption so that individuals can make informed, healthy decisions.”



## Renowned veterinary surgeons appointed to IGFS

Queen's has appointed Dr Simon Doherty and Professor Eric Morgan to the new roles of Senior Lecturer in Animal Health and Professor of Veterinary Parasitology at the University's Institute for Global Food Security (IGFS).

The IGFS plays a major role in delivering safe, sustainable and authentic food to the world's population, and has become globally recognised for its excellence in research.

The latest appointments reflect the University's commitment to further grow the Institute by continuing to recruit high-impact researchers and multi-disciplinary scientists who will help expand the portfolio of world-

class undergraduate and postgraduate courses offered by Queen's.

Commenting on the appointments, IGFS Director, Professor Nigel Scollan said: "Both Simon and Eric have an international reputation of academic excellence and have both held major strategic and leadership roles in the field of veterinary science."

"I know that their track records of extraordinary academic and research expertise mean they will be inspirational leaders for Queen's in the area of food security and will strengthen our already global reputation in delivering safe, sustainable and authentic food to the world's population."

(L-R): Dr Simon Doherty, Professor Eric Morgan and Professor Nigel Scollan

## London cyber innovation centre opens

A new cyber innovation centre, which will be partly delivered by the Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) at Queen's, was officially opened by Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in June.

The London Office for Rapid Cybersecurity Advancement (LORCA) will be run by Plexal in the East London Innovation Centre, which is located on the fast-growing Here East digital and creative campus developed and owned by Delancey's DV4 fund.

The government-funded centre, which is being delivered in partnership with Deloitte's cyber team and CSIT will help position the UK as a global leader in the growing field of cyber security.

Louise Cushnahan, Innovation Programme Manager at CSIT, said: "CSIT is delighted to be a partner in LORCA. We will replicate our unique innovation model to assist the start-up community within the new centre."

“ This will be achieved through our dedicated engineering support and academic engagement.”



## LIGHTS, ACTION, CAMERA!

After a brief summer intermission Northern Ireland's favourite independent cinema – Queen's Film Theatre (QFT) – has returned with new seats, new sound, new lights, new toilets and a great range of films!

The £350,000 refurbishment of Screen 1 is the start of an exciting year for the QFT as it celebrates its golden anniversary.

"October marks the Theatre's 50th anniversary," said Joan Parsons, Head of QFT. "QFT has been a cultural hub in Northern Ireland since 1968 and we are currently in the middle of an exciting programme to mark its 50th."

As part of the celebrations a specially curated programme of QFT 50 screenings and events is underway and a digital archive of QFT brochures from the past 50 years has been created. An exhibition is ongoing at QFT showcasing the brochures, and the exhibition will soon tour across Northern Ireland.

The QFT 50 celebrations have been supported by National Lottery funding awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and The British Film Institute.

Angela Lavin, Senior Grants Officer, Heritage Lottery Fund Northern Ireland (pictured left



with Joan Parsons), said: "We are delighted to fund this fascinating new project which will draw out the stories of the QFT and its 50 year history."

"The project will bring this collected heritage to a wide range of audiences and provide opportunities for learning, enjoyment and skills development."

"The QFT is an important part of Belfast's cultural heritage and it is thanks to National Lottery players that we can invest in initiatives such as this one."

**If you would like to support Queen's Film Theatre Adopt-A-Seat programme please contact Meaghan Lyons, Regular Giving Manager, email [m.lyons@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.lyons@qub.ac.uk) or visit the Development and Alumni Relations Office website at <https://dar.qub.ac.uk/adoptaseatatqft>**

## PROFILE



## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Reflecting on the importance of stronger partnerships with academic, civic, business and alumni communities and on the potential for greater impact through wider collaboration, Professor Ian Greer, Queen's recently appointed Vice-Chancellor, talks to Keith Baker.

For Professor Ian Greer, the new President and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's, partnership is the key to the future.

As an example, he is talking to The Graduate just a day after announcing a collaboration with UU aimed at invigorating the local economy through the Belfast Region City Deal, involving projects in the digital sector, creative industries, advanced manufacturing and health.

## New Head of School of Law

**Queen's has appointed Professor Robin Hickey as the new Head of the School of Law in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.**

Robin Hickey earned his PhD at Queen's in 2009 and has held a number of academic posts at the University and at the Durham Law School.

Looking forward to his new role, Professor Hickey said: "The main task for me in the years ahead is to enable this wonderful community of scholars to do its best work, as we strive to make a difference to communities in Northern Ireland and beyond."

The Law School at Queen's is currently ranked in the top 20 in the UK, according to The Complete University Guide 2018.

**"I am genuinely excited about the prospects and opportunities ahead."**



**“I want to see partnership across our academic and professional services, partnership with the City Council, with government and industry, and with our colleagues in Ulster University, because I believe that’s the way we can make a real difference.”**

He says: “Our two universities are charged with delivering innovation so this is a transformational opportunity for us to work together for the benefit of the city region.”

And there is more. The following day he is chairing a meeting, organised with InvestNI, to bring the Northern Ireland life sciences sector together – industry, Queen’s, UU, the NHS – for the beginning of a discussion about establishing a health innovation system.

“We have the potential to offer access to the whole of the innovation pipeline, all the way from a thought in your mind to a new product in the NHS, but we’ve never put it all together. Few areas in the world have achieved this but where they’ve succeeded they’ve made a substantial impact on their regional economic growth and improved health care outcomes. We’ve got all the assets to create something fantastic here in NI.”

Professor Greer took up his post at the beginning of August, moving from the University of Manchester. A Scot whose grandfather came from Ballymoney, he says it was easy settling in.

“Queen’s is a great place – the estate, the people – Belfast is a great city, and Northern Ireland is a great place to live. My leisure time is limited but I enjoy the theatre, the cinema and music. I especially enjoyed the Proms on the Titanic slipway – what an event. In Belfast you can pursue all of these easily. And the restaurant scene is extraordinary – better than most cities in GB!”

But he is only too aware that despite the Belfast buzz there are challenges ahead, made more difficult by the absence of an Executive at Stormont. “We’re the only part of the British Isles which is a net exporter of students. Around 30 per cent of school leavers seek a university education somewhere else, usually GB. In the south, the figure’s around six per cent.

“Of course we should support students who want to go elsewhere, but it’s also disappointing to see those who want to study here not being able to get in. I would like to see the cap on student numbers increased to allow students who want to study in NI to stay here and to drive the economy through their employment. We are turning students away not because we cannot accommodate them, not because they don’t have the grades, but because our numbers for local students are capped.

“With the increase in the growth of the economy such as with the City Deal, we need well qualified people – our graduates – to fill the new jobs we create in high value sectors. So we need a sustainable funding model for higher education that meets the needs of our population. We really need the Executive in place to have a debate on these issues to find the right solution for Northern Ireland.”

Then there is the enormous uncertainty of Brexit. “The impact on Queen’s could be the potential loss of European research funding, difficulty in moving staff to and from Europe and a change in how we’re viewed internationally.

“We’ve been seen as a very warm and welcoming place for international students and staff but we’re seeing a shift away from the UK, such as students from India going to Australia where they perceive there’s a better offering, not just in terms of studies but, perhaps more importantly, in post-study work visas.

“We have to work with other universities across the UK to develop a narrative and a solution to take to government in order to address this issue. However, as an individual University it’s incumbent on us to build strong relationships with key partners or key countries and to demonstrate the importance we attribute to international students and international partnerships.”

Over the past months, Professor Greer has been carrying the message to the US, Dubai and Jordan, with China also scheduled. And he also believes that alumni across the world have a part to play.

**“I hope our alumni will fly the flag as I know they can, to help us to network and emphasise the high quality experience you get here in Belfast.”**

“They are an enormous diaspora. I’ve found on my travels that people hold Queen’s in very high regard. I hope our alumni will fly the flag, as I know they can, to help us to network and emphasise the high quality experience you get here in Belfast, not just through the University but from life in the city.

“We don’t know what’s ahead. But things will change rapidly so we have to be agile and responsive. We’ve still got to build strong relationships within the UK and international partnerships. The form these take may differ, according to how Brexit develops, but the fact that we should have them is unchanged.

“We are an innovative University and innovation is one of the ways we transform people’s lives. Working with our partners we can make this city and the whole of Northern Ireland wealthier, healthier and an even better place in which to live.”

## CURRICULUM VITAE

- 1958** Born Ian Andrew Greer on 16 April; attended Allan Glen’s School in Glasgow
- 1980** Graduated in Medicine from the University of Glasgow
- 1982** Appointed Research Fellow at the Department of Medicine, University of Glasgow
- 1987** Moved to University of Edinburgh to take up lectureship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- 1991** Joined University of Glasgow as Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
  - Became Regius Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (2001)
  - Muirhead Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (until 2000)
  - Appointed Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Medicine (2003)
- 2007** Appointed Dean of the Hull York Medical School
- 2010** Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences at the University of Liverpool
  - Provost for Research (2013)
- 2013** Inaugural Chair of the Northern Health Science Alliance (until 2018)
- 2015** Moved to University of Manchester as Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health
  - Director of the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre
- 2018** Appointed 13th Vice-Chancellor of Queen’s University Belfast (January)
  - Took up post of Vice-Chancellor on 1 August



## SUPPORTING QUEEN'S CHANGING LIVES, FOR GOOD

**Individuals, companies and charitable foundations provide essential support for current students and staff at the University.**

Without the generosity of others, many gifted individuals would not be able to fulfil their potential. Without vital funding, important research would be impossible or at least would take a lot longer. Without philanthropic support, progress may not be possible.

Find out below how philanthropy changes lives. For good.

### Leaning in

Queen's Electrical and Electronic Engineering graduate, Rachel Stanford (MEng 2008) was inspired to 'give back' to her alma mater after reading *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*, by Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, on a holiday two years ago.

Now living in Houston, Texas, Rachel is originally from Comber in County Down. She flew back to Belfast in March to launch the scholarship which carries her name and to 'give something back' to Queen's and to Northern Ireland.

Pictured (right) with Rebecca Russell, the inaugural recipient of The Rachel Stanford Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Engineering & Computer Science, Rachel is keen to encourage young women into the engineering profession. Working for Schlumberger, a leading provider of drilling technology for the oil and gas industry, she wants to motivate those women with leadership aspirations to consider STEM related careers.

"Rachel is an inspirational female engineer and role model," said MEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering student Rebecca, who is currently on her industry placement.

**"I feel very privileged to be the inaugural recipient of the scholarship that Rachel set up, particularly as there are not many in engineering specifically for women."**

"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."

## AESSEAL – encouraging females in engineering

A leading manufacturer of mechanical seals – AESSEAL – and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), made a significant donation of £50,000 to Queen's to benefit female students, postdoctoral researchers and academics in engineering.

The gift will fund a number of areas – leadership development, postgraduate scholarships, conference support and a mentor outreach programme – in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

The announcement was made on 8 March – International Women's Day – and aims to encourage more women to study and work in STEM areas and, more specifically, in engineering, where there is an acute skills shortage.



Pictured (L-R) at the announcement are: (from the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering) Dr Joe Butterfield (Senior Lecturer); Professor Brian Falzon (Head of School) and Dr Dani Soban (Lecturer), along with Carolyn Griffiths (President, IMechE); Stephen Shaw (Group Engineering Director, AESSEAL) and Norma Sinte (Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Queen's)

## Dr RWM Strain Masonic Charitable Trust

**The Dr RWM Strain Masonic Charitable Trust was established by the late Dr Bill Strain, a Queen's graduate – BSc (1927), MB, BCh, BAO (1930) – and long serving physician at the Ulster Hospital.**

The Trust supports members of the Masonic Lodge of Ireland – and their relatives – in advancing their education and employability skills through the rewarding of bursaries.

This year, the Trust launched a series of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Bursaries in conjunction with the Graduate School at Queen's to 'support and motivate postgraduate students' and help in the development of innovation and entrepreneurial skills. Bursaries of £1,000 per annum per student will be awarded to up to five students and will be named in honour of Dr Strain.

## Chalking up £3,000 for Parkinson's Research

The annual fundraiser at Malone Bowling Club on 27 June raised over £3,000 for Parkinson's Research at Queen's.

Now in its eleventh year, 24 teams competed in a tightly contested event for the Harvey Townsend Charity Trophy.

Dr Matthew Rodger, a lecturer in Queen's School of Psychology said: "We are extremely grateful to all involved with the Malone

Bowling Club event for raising such vital funds for the Movement Innovation Lab."

**"Your support will help us to research how people with Parkinson's disease can move better and therefore achieve a better quality of life."**

Around 3,600 people are living with Parkinson's disease in Northern Ireland.

Congratulations to the winning team – May Bowlin led by David Nelson – and a huge thanks to all competitors.





## Doing more, better – Carson McDowell

High-achieving Law students at Queen's will now have the chance to secure prestigious scholarships as part of a multi-year arrangement with law firm Carson McDowell.

Details of the scholarships were announced in April by Gerard Armstrong (pictured right), a partner in Carson McDowell's corporate practice and Professor Robin Hickey (left), Head of the School of Law at Queen's.

The Carson McDowell LLP Foundation Scholarship will be awarded to the student who achieves the highest overall average mark in Stage 1 of the LLB undergraduate programme.

The student who achieves the highest overall average mark in Stage 2 of the programme, will receive the Carson McDowell LLP Scholarship.

Each scholarship will include a substantial monetary award, work experience in the firm's office in Belfast and career mentoring from some of Carson McDowell's most experienced partners.

The inaugural recipients of the Carson McDowell scholarships will be announced at the School of Law prize-giving in autumn 2018.



## Thinking ahead of the curve

The Bob Kerr Scholarship has been set up by the Kerr family in memory of Bob Kerr whose career spanned over 50 years. The inaugural recipient is Orla Lewsley (pictured left) with Bronagh Heaney from Kerr Henderson.

Bob Kerr was Northern Ireland's first independent financial adviser and a pioneer in the financial advice field. His interest in defined benefit pension schemes led to him setting up Kerr Henderson (Consultants and Actuaries) Ltd in 1998.

His interest in the field was such that he bypassed retirement and continued to be involved in the industry until his death in December in 2016, at the age of 83.

With a value of £1,500, the Bob Kerr Scholarship is designed to support, motivate and reward students in Level 1 of BSc Actuarial Science and Risk Management at Queen's.



## Patient families support medical research

**A growing number of local patients and their friends and families are now supporting many areas of medical research at Queen's. Some are graduates but many have no connection to the University.**

In most cases, individuals approach their doctor to find out how they might support research in the disease that is impacting their lives. Doctors, who often have a research interest, then refer people directly to the Queen's Health Fundraising team to provide advice and direction for their fundraising efforts.

Vital funds have helped to drive forward research in several disease areas through providing seed funding for innovative projects and supporting medical students to undertake summer placements and research focused intercalated Master's degrees.

Generous individuals have funded a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in cardiovascular disease and a three-year clinical research fellowship in radiotherapy.

Philanthropy is speeding up the process of taking laboratory discoveries through to

the patient's bedside and enabling Queen's scientists to continue their work in many of the diseases facing us today.



In 2017/18, 83 families and friends donated over £463k to support research in cancer, multiple sclerosis, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, eye disease, antibiotic resistance,

Parkinson's disease, dementia and various lung conditions.

**To find out more or to support medical research at Queen's, please contact Rachel Ketola, Development Manager, Health (tel: +44 (0)28 9097 5073, email [r.ketola@qub.ac.uk](mailto:r.ketola@qub.ac.uk))**

## Lavinia Boyce Scholarship

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

The Scholarship supports a Masters or PhD Student researching Neurology, Medical Genetics or Immunology in the Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine at Queen's.





# YOUR SUPPORT IS CHANGING LIVES

Over 90 applications for support were considered in the last 12 months. Thanks to gifts made from graduates to the Queen's Annual Fund (QAF), £75,000 was dispersed to 52 projects. These included:



**£2.2m**  
pledged from 5,000  
alumni and friends



## QUB Sports

To subsidise the Queen's 3k and 5k Races, held as part of the QUB Active Campus campaign



## QUB Chess Club

To host an intervarsity competition for Queen's and other Irish universities



## Queen's Archery Club

To purchase safety and accessibility equipment for members with visual impairments



## Snooker, Billiards and Pool Club

To purchase embroidered club kit for use at intervarsity tournaments



## The Faculty of Engineering & Queen's Engineering Society

To establish a Queen's University Rocket Competition, with the vision of launching a rocket into space

## Mind Your Mood

To offer more services to students through the TAKE 5 Steps to Wellbeing mode

## LGBT+ Society

To launch the "Don't Fear The Queer" Campaign, a student led, campus wide initiative which aims to widen participation between the LGBT+ Community within Queen's and non-LGBT+ Students



## Success Dragon & Lions Dance Society

To organise a public Chinese New Year and cultural diversity celebration

If you would like further information on the Queen's Annual Fund, please get in touch with Meaghan Lyons, Regular Giving Manager, at [m.lyons@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.lyons@qub.ac.uk)  
Find out more about projects supported at [www.queensfoundation.com/AnnualFund](http://www.queensfoundation.com/AnnualFund)



## MEET TV'S FAVOURITE 'DERRY GIRL'

**The 2018 winner of the First Trust Bank Queen's Graduate of the Year needs little introduction. Elizabeth (Lisa) McGee – the toast of the comedy world after her award-winning television comedy smash *Derry Girls* – will be presented at this year's Gala Charter Day Dinner on Friday 23 November.**

This latest accolade comes hot on the heels of the Gala Award for Writer in Comedy or Soap, at the 2018 Irish Film and Television Academy Awards held in May, at which the Channel 4 show also took home the Gala Award for Comedy.

Born in Derry, Lisa attended Thornhill College before coming to Queen's to read Drama. Early in her student days she realised that acting was not for her so she concentrated on writing instead. It was while Lisa was at university that she scripted her first plays – *Girls and Dolls* (which won the Stewart Parker Award (2007) and the Blackburn Prize) and *How to Get to Heaven from Belfast*, which was staged as a student production in The Parlour Bar on Elmwood Avenue.

"I am beyond thrilled to be receiving this Award," Lisa told *The Graduate*. "It really is such a huge honour.

"Queen's holds a very special place in my heart and I cherish the time I spent as a student there. It's where I wrote my earliest plays and where I made some lifelong friends, in fact several members of our cast and crew on *Derry Girls* were old Queen's classmates of mine.

"It was a wonderfully supportive environment to grow as a creative. I found my voice as a writer there and for that I will be eternally grateful."

After graduation in 2002, Lisa and three of her friends set up Sneaky Productions which premiered a co-written piece *Jump!* – later a film – which played to enthusiastic audiences in the Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival in 2003.

Her impressive back catalogue lists *The Heights*, *Nineteen Ninety Two*, *The Opportunists*, *A Little Pink Light* and *The Young Man with the Cream Tarts* among her many successes, while television credits include *Totally Frank* (Endemol, Channel 4) and *The Things I Haven't Told You* for BBC 3.

Lisa also created RTÉ's restaurant drama *Raw*, before working on the Bafta-nominated *Being Human* (BBC) and on *Indian Summers* (Channel 4).

Now in its 20th year, the Graduate of the Year is presented by the Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA), with support from First Trust Bank. Speaking about the 2018 winner, QGA President Fergal McFerran, said: "This Award recognises exceptional talent and there is no doubt that Lisa McGee is an incredibly worthy recipient.

"A prodigious writer, she has been duly recognised by the Irish film and television industry – now it's time for her alma mater to do likewise.

"*Derry Girls* certainly took the UK and Ireland by storm earlier this year and I for one am looking forward to the second series. Lisa highlights the exceptional quality of a Queen's education and, at a time when women writers are hugely underrepresented in TV and film credits, she is undoubtedly a massive inspiration to many current students.

"It will be a real honour to welcome her as guest of honour at this year's Charter Day Dinner," added Fergal.

Set in 1994, *Derry Girls* is based partly on Lisa's teenage years growing up in the North West and attending a Catholic convent school. It takes a caustic and nostalgic look at life in the city, primarily through the eyes of a group of local female teenagers living out what they see as ordinary lives.

Over 2.5 million viewers tuned in to watch the first instalment of *Derry Girls*, making it Channel 4's highest-rated comedy launch in the last five years. A second series was commissioned almost immediately, though when it will air has not yet been confirmed, as Lisa explains: "In terms of series two – I am currently writing the scripts and we start shooting in Belfast and Derry in October.

**"I can't wait to get going again but I've no idea when it will transmit, that's for Channel 4 to decide."**

Already there is palpable anticipation for what might await Erin, Michelle, Clare and Orla – not to mention the hapless James – so let's hope the second series of *Derry Girls* is scheduled sooner rather than later.

**The 'black tie' Charter Day Dinner on 23 November 2018, is organised by the Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA). Tickets are available to QGA members via [darq.qub.ac.uk/](http://darq.qub.ac.uk/) BookForCharter; those wishing to join the QGA should visit [www.darq.qub.ac.uk/qga](http://www.darq.qub.ac.uk/qga)**







## Meet the Student of the Year

A County Down student who set up an award-winning robotics society, and spent a month in Nepal helping to build homes for earthquake victims, has picked up the 2018 First Trust Bank Queen's Student of the Year Award.

Fionnbharr Brady from Newry, who graduated with a MEng in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering in July, received the winner's trophy and a cheque for £500 from Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor James McElroy.

In the past year, Fionnbharr helped the Robotics Society secure substantial funding from external companies and organised the first ever Northern Ireland Robotics

League – with Professor Noel Sharkey of BBC's Robot Wars as a guest judge – which helped the robotics group win Best Academic Society in the Students' Union Awards.

Fionnbharr represented Queen's at the British Junior Rowing Championships, volunteered with IAESTE – the international student exchange organisation – to rebuild homes for earthquake victims in Laprak Village in Nepal, and served as a student ambassador at events for prospective engineering students.

(L-R): Joanne Earley, Business Acquisitions Manager, First Trust Bank; Fergal McFerran, QGA President; Fionnbharr Brady; Professor James McElroy, Acting Vice-Chancellor; Natasha Sharma, Alumni Relations Officer

## Investing in future leaders

Five students from Queen's have taken part in the prestigious Washington Ireland Program (WIP) 2018, building the next generation of leaders across Northern Ireland and Ireland.

Courtney Allison and Robyn Dodds from Banbridge; Billie-Jo McDowell from Lurgan; Donnchadh Tierney from Fermanagh; and Lisa-Claire Whitten from Belfast were among thirty students selected from hundreds of applicants for the two month leadership programme. This year, the students completed summer placements in Washington DC and, for the first time, in New York.



Photo ©Patricia Lake - (L-R) Pictured at Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. are: Lisa Claire Whitten, Courtney Allison, Donnchadh Tierney, Billie-Jo McDowell, and Robyn Dodds.

WIP offers extensive opportunities for cultural exchange and personal development, including living with host families, working closely with their American peers and gaining real life exposure to the US democratic process.

## Canadian cancer connections

Ballymena medic Kirsty Taylor (MB 2011), is the first Queen's graduate to undertake a Clinical Fellowship Programme in Precision Cancer Medicine, funded and operated jointly by The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto and Queen's.

The three year programme – two of which Kirsty will spend in Toronto and the other in CCRCB, (Queen's Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology) – will result in a PhD from Queen's.

The Princess Margaret Cancer Centre is one of the largest cancer centres in the world. Academic links between the Centre and Belfast were initially set up by Professors Mark Lawler and David Waugh of CCRCB.

Speaking about the Fellowship Kirsty said:

“Working in a much bigger cancer centre that treats a larger and more diverse population and with a broader spectrum of cancer types, is the opportunity of a lifetime for me.”

“Liaising with patients, drug companies and industry, participating in teleconferences and learning to be a clinical triallist are all skills that I will take back home with me to improve cancer care in Northern Ireland.”

After just six months the joint international Fellowship, which marries scientific research and clinical aspects, is making a huge impact on Kirsty.

“Time has just flown by but I feel well embedded in the group looking after clinical trials,” she said. “It has certainly been a steep learning curve but I can see that I am already gaining valuable experience and knowledge.

“Being able to undertake a Clinical Fellowship as part of postgraduate research – and ultimately to make an impact on the lives of those with cancer – is one of the reasons I went into medicine in the first place.”

A big rugby fan, Kirsty has been flying the flag for Queen's and Northern Ireland since she moved to Canada in February. Over the next 18 months she expects to add to her skillset by learning more about grant application writing which will help fund the processing of the clinical samples she has already accrued.

## International Ambassadors

Ensuring that international students from over 85 countries settle into life at Queen's, is now a major part of the University's recruitment strategy.

The International Ambassador Programme is an initiative that recruits current Queen's students from around the world to serve as ambassadors for the University. At present, ambassadors from 30 different countries have signed up to help the University with overseas recruitment and to smooth the transition for first-time students to Northern Ireland.

Duties on the prestigious programme include assisting with campus tours, providing student testimonials, and helping out at recruitment events and careers fairs.

Successful applicants receive training in communication and presentation skills to build their knowledge and skillset and to prepare them for the role.

As well as networking opportunities, ambassadors can expect to attend honorary occasions such as dinners and awards and there is the potential for international travel.

Ambassadors have recently helped raise the profile of the University, supporting recruitment events and outreach activities. Some have been busy attending in-market student recruitment fairs, departure briefings and meetings with University partners. Others have been providing important marketing backup by writing blogs, features and content for use online and in marketing materials, research, testimonials, photography and filming.





## Union farewell

Queen's graduates joined University staff and students over the summer to say farewell to the Students' Union building which has served generations over the last 50 years. The site on the corner of University Road and Elmwood Avenue is to be levelled in the coming months to make way for a new world-class Student Centre.

Activities organised to mark the closure of the famous building included an all ticket reunion on Thursday 14 June, incorporating an exhibition of Union archive material and memorabilia. Shine, the student nightclub located in the Mandela Hall / McMordie Hall in the basement area of the Union, also enjoyed a final 'fond farewell' in July before the building closed.

A special video highlighting the importance of the Union over half a century was commissioned

and can now be accessed via the Development and Alumni Relations Office website.

A new Student Centre, which is expected to be completed by September 2021, will consolidate a range of services under one roof, alongside a vibrant new Students' Union facility. It will support enhanced student wellbeing, learning, development, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities, as well as being the social 'heartbeat' for student life on campus.

Until then, student services and facilities have been relocated to other nearby parts of the campus in readiness for the new academic year.

To find out more about the new Student Centre go to [www.studentcentre.qub.ac.uk/](http://www.studentcentre.qub.ac.uk/) or contact **Natasha Sharma**, +44 (0)28 9097 3135, email [natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk)

## £50,000 for entrepreneurship festival

Enterprise SU and The Graduate School at Queen's have secured £50,000 from Santander Universities, to facilitate the delivery of a range of projects across campus – including a Festival of Entrepreneurship – in the 2018/19 academic year.

The University was one of just 15 UK institutions to receive a grant from the Santander Universities Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Fund, launched to celebrate Santander Universities' 10th anniversary in the UK.

The Festival of Entrepreneurship will feature inspirational speakers and activities designed to help students generate new business ideas.



Back L-R: Graeme Elliott, University Relationship Manager, Santander & Joanne Graham, Postgraduate Employability & Enterprise Manager, The Graduate School; (front): Norma Sinte, Director of Development & Alumni Relations; Kat Maguire, Enterprise & Development Officer, Students' Union & Claire Harris, Postgrad Enterprise & Community Officer.

The grant will also help support a schools' programme, with University staff and students providing mentoring for primary and secondary pupils to encourage their entrepreneurial ambitions.



## SIMULATION BASED EDUCATION: BEYOND THE MANIKIN

Simulation based education has been an integral part of life for Queen's medical, nursing and midwifery, dental and pharmacy students for many years. Simulation provides valuable learning opportunities for health professionals of the future to develop their skills for practice.

The use of simulation has been around for decades, if not centuries, and will be familiar to most in the aviation and automobile industries. Even in medicine, the use of lifelike devices and actors can be traced back over 50 years. Resusci Annie, a manikin, was introduced in 1960 to teach mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and is still the model upon which many learn basic life support techniques such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Fundamentally, simulation based education provides learners with an invaluable opportunity to 'rehearse' and advance their

expertise before transferring them into clinical practice. It also creates learning opportunities that may not be readily available, or frequently occurring, in clinical practice.

“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.”

(L-R) Jonathan Callaghan and Gwen Ditedu (both 3rd year Medical students) with Professor Gerry Gormley



Simulation is entering its golden era, and is being used increasingly to provide learning experiences for students and practitioners to help them face many of the complex realities that they will encounter in clinical practice.

Working in partnership with colleagues across the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences (FMHLS), Queen's graduate Gerry Gormley, Professor of Simulation and Clinical Skills, is establishing a new state-of-the-art Simulation Centre at Queen's.

"The Centre will be one of the few in the UK to truly champion simulation based education in an inter-professional environment. Teamwork and collaborative practice is known to improve quality of care and outcomes for patients," said Professor Gormley.

"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."

"By taking students to the edge of their clinical competency in a safe and forgiving environment, they are able to gain greater insights into their actions."

There are many external drivers for the initiative including two recent General Medical Council reports – Outcomes for graduates (2018) and Promoting Excellence: standards for medical education and training (2016). Each highlighted the need for more training in 'non-technical areas' such as dealing with uncertainty and working in teams.

While Queen's has developed considerable expertise in simulation based education, existing facilities are spread over several sites and are operating at near capacity. Furthermore, they are primarily discipline specific.

Based in the Medical Biology Centre on the Lisburn Road, Queen's new Simulation Centre

will be multi-disciplinary and used not only by the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, but also by all Schools across the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences, including Nursing and Midwifery and Pharmacy.

The spaces within the new Centre 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; hospital wards; an acute care/resuscitation room; consultation rooms and a dispensing pharmacy.

Students and healthcare professionals will be trained in 'care pathways', following

the patient's journey from arrival at an Emergency Department, through to being admitted to a ward and later discharged into the community.

The Centre will be equipped with the latest state-of-the-art manikins, which can be programmed for almost every medical scenario imaginable.

"More than manikins, we will work with living people to recreate potential clinical situations. Interacting with a human being, rather than a complex piece of technical equipment, is much more realistic and allows students to deal first hand with complex and challenging situations."

**“Such a partnership will make the Simulation Centre at Queen's unique and enable the University to be at the forefront of simulation based education and scholarship.”**

"We are very fortunate to have over 100 people who act as simulated patients, but we'll require many more such individuals – especially younger people – in the future. We are working directly with the University's Drama Department and patients. This is an exciting development which will enhance the realism and diversity of clinical scenarios that we will use to help develop our health professionals of the future and provide patient centred care.

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All of this comes with a price tag of over £3m. Fundraising for the project is being spearheaded by the Queen's Foundation.

Philanthropic support will increase the Centre's capacity to train students to be the best healthcare professionals of the future, thereby enhancing patient safety and care. There will be opportunities within the Centre to name teaching spaces and high specification equipment.

Development of the Centre will start in May 2019, with a view to opening in January 2020.

**To find out more about supporting Queen's Simulation Centre please contact Teresa Sloan, Head of Health Fundraising (Individual Giving), on +44 (0)28 9097 5394 or email [t.sloan@qub.ac.uk](mailto:t.sloan@qub.ac.uk)**

## Professor Gerry Gormley

Gerry Gormley graduated from Queen's with an MB BCh BAO in 1995 and with a Doctorate in Medicine (MD) in 2003. He also holds a Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners (2012) and of the Higher Education Academy (2005).

In 2005, Gerry was appointed a Clinical Teaching Fellow at Queen's and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2007. A visiting Professor at the Wilson Centre, Toronto, Canada, he is currently a Clinical Professor (Education) in the Centre for Medical Education (CME) at Queen's.

Widely published in medical journals, Gerry has been Sub Editor of the Ulster Medical Journal since 2013 and earlier this year became Associate Editor of Perspectives on Medical Education. He has won several awards for his teaching and educational research.

Working part-time in a busy general practice in Carryduff, Dr Gormley chose to become an academic GP because it allowed him to synergise the clinical, research and educational aspects of his job towards the competent and compassionate care of patients.

He was appointed as Professor of Simulation and Clinical Skills earlier this year.

One of his main research streams is the exploration of simulation in healthcare education. Using dramaturgical and psychological techniques Professor Gormley aims to create a wide range of explicit and implicit cues that allow for a more embodied and immersive simulated learning experience and ultimately, new methods of assessment for medical students.





## JUST SAY 'YES'

Last year, Gerry Power explained how the planned General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) due to come into force on 25 May this year would affect you. Now he outlines what impact they have had at Queen's and how you can reconnect with us if you have been left out.

The key element for GDPR is 'consent'. Individuals should give organisations holding their personal data, explicit permission to send them emails and contact them by telephone.

Personal data will be held more securely, and individuals will receive only those communications that they authorise. So in the months leading up to 'GDPR Day', your email inboxes will have been full of messages from organisations like Queen's notifying you of updated privacy settings and new privacy policies and asking you to sign-up and consent to the use of your data.

Now, almost 4 months later what, if anything, has changed? The world hasn't ground to a halt. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) – the UK data protection regulator – has remained silent. No million £/€ fines have been issued and that is despite some organisations showing that, unfortunately, they still don't take adequate care of third party personal data in their control.

### Consequences

#### For Queen's

Queen's carried out a year-long campaign to alert you that we wanted your consent. Many emails and social media messages were circulated, so thank you if you responded!

Although it is advisable for organisations to have consent, it isn't always required. 'Legitimate interest' is also justification to continue contacting people. The ICO explains 'legitimate interest' to be when the organisation "uses people's data in ways that the individual would reasonably expect and which have a minimal privacy impact" and allows the organisation to determine what is reasonable.

Many universities have declared that they have a legitimate interest to contact all of their alumni for evermore. Queen's has taken a more respectful approach and ceased electronic communications with those alumni who have not demonstrated interest in our communications.

The combined effect of the GDPR legislation is to reduce the DARO email circulation list by 20,000 alumni.

### What is GDPR?

**GDPR is now in force and even though it is a piece of EU legislation it will remain in force after Brexit through the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018).**

GDPR is an umbrella term for a number of different digital privacy regulation rules and laws that all came into focus at the same time. The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018) for example, both sit alongside the GDPR, giving people specific

### Consequences

#### For you

Many of the missing 20,000 graduates who are no longer receiving regular electronic messages from Queen's, may be happy to hear from us and may not have realised that they have now been 'cut off' from alumni communications.

##### Are you one of them?

If you are not receiving emails, you will be missing out on:

- Your copy of the eGraduate newsletter sent on the first Tuesday of each month to share all the latest news from Queen's with you
- Invitations to events throughout the world that are relevant to you based on where you have told us you live
- Notifications of class reunions
- Opportunities to give back your time or money to help current students
- E-communications specific to your course or your known employment.

privacy rights in relation to electronic communications.

Taken together, the new laws give you greater protection from unsolicited emails, marketing calls (if you have a phone number registered with the Telephone Preference Service), texts and faxes from businesses and organisations. Those not complying with the new laws could face hefty sanctions.

Queen's new 'Data Protection Promise' can be found online <https://daro.qub.ac.uk/Dataprotection>

### What to do

All is not lost. If you are no longer receiving emails from Queen's you can opt back in at any time. By indicating exactly what type of contact you want – or don't want – from Queen's in future, you now have a lot more control over how your data is processed. For example, you can select to hear about interesting events and nothing more if that is your preference. And you can change those preferences whenever you want!

If you have already signed up to Queen's Alumni Online (QAO) you can update your personal contact details there – including your communication consent options. QAO is the University's online graduate portal which is currently being expanded with exclusive content. Those not registered with QAO who wish to find out more can do so by visiting <http://daro.qub.ac.uk/OnlineSignUp>.

Or you can complete and return the mailing sheet which accompanied this issue of The Graduate to opt in to email contact by ticking the box.

Let's think positive! It's your chance to say 'yes!'

**To opt in today go to <http://daro.qub.ac.uk/OnlineSignUp>, sign up and let us know what type of email contact you want to receive.**





## A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME A LIFE-LONG IMPACT!

(L-R) Vishal Bedi (graduate),  
Natasha Sharma (Alumni Relations  
Officer), Dr Shirley-Ann Hazlett  
(Management School) and  
Georgia Hamill (student)

Wherever you live, you can volunteer to add value to the strategic priorities of the University. And becoming a volunteer can be rewarding on many levels. You can:

- re-engage with Queen's
- catch up with old friends
- network with fellow graduates, professionally and socially!

Alumni volunteers help run successful activities such as class reunions, career networking sessions and graduate association social events, while many also provide an invaluable service as career mentors to final year students.

In May 2018, Queen's held the first Made@AHSS reception and dinner in The Great Hall. The event enabled 60 alumni from the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) to network with current students from the Faculty and to share stories about their career journey since leaving the University.

Conversations were always varied, often deep and invariably meaningful, as alumni and students from matching subject areas were seated together – not easy given the range of subjects taught across the Faculty. Alumni from Management and Finance were also on hand to give advice to current students who have already set up their first business ventures. And fascinating conversations continued on the Philosophy table long after the formal proceedings had concluded.

"For me," said Vishal Bedi, BA Economics and Philosophy 2002, "it was a great opportunity to return to Queen's and share some of

my work experiences of the last sixteen years. I was also interested to hear about the challenges being faced by current students in the Faculty, for example, finding out how the political climate is impacting on student career choices, especially the UK-EU Brexit situation."

Guests heard from volunteer speakers Mark Simpson (BA History 1989), Senior Broadcast Journalist with the BBC and Clare Gault, Casting Director with the Lyric Theatre Belfast (BA English, 2000), and Brian Kennedy.

**"I felt totally privileged to be there – it really made a big impression on me."**

Speaking about the evening, Queen's Alumni Relations Officer, Natasha Sharma, said: "The power of our graduates amazes me. The wealth of knowledge in the room that night was phenomenal, and alumni coaching students on their potential, is what being part of the Queen's family is all about."

The last word on Made@AHSS falls to Georgia Hamill, a current 3rd year Business Management student in the Faculty. "What an evening! The graduates at our table were so enthusiastic about the impact their Queen's degree had made on their careers and so open in sharing their personal insights on the road ahead for the likes of myself.

"I felt totally privileged to be there – it really made a big impression on me."

## Alumni Volunteer of the Year Eoin McMullan ACA, BSc Accounting (2013)

Eoin is a Chartered Accountant with Hill Vellacott and a member of Chartered Accountants Ireland. He volunteers for Marie Curie, Queen's SWOT fashion show and is Honorary Treasurer of the Queen's Graduates' Association. He is also the youngest ever Chair of Convocation and a member of Queen's Senate.

My experience at Queen's was special. I wouldn't be where I am today without the opportunities I was offered as a student. Queen's is part of me, I still have strong emotional ties to this institution. I know the benefits Queen's gave me, and I see the benefits the University offers today so giving back comes naturally and I enjoy it.

### Top tips for volunteering

1. Identify a project you cherish
2. Find out how you can support it
3. Get involved
4. Enjoy making a difference
5. Tell others about your experience

Volunteering offers me valuable experience. I lead interesting projects as an equal to senior colleagues whom I wouldn't normally connect with at this stage in my career. Consequently, I have developed an amazing network that might otherwise have taken me a lifetime to build.

Yes, a work/life balance is crucial and finding time can be a challenge. But volunteering is unique. It is work, but you are doing something you enjoy. And seeing the impact I have had on a project keeps me motivated. I therefore prioritise roles where I can make the biggest difference for projects that really matter.



Past students are the largest stakeholder group at Queen's (over 190,000 people) and Convocation gives past students a voice on Senate, the University's governing body. Queen's Graduate's Association (QGA) run events for local graduates and support the University with annual projects such as the Welcome Breakfasts for international students. I am lucky to be involved in both networks and hope that the impact I am creating will be felt when I have moved on and new volunteers take over.

As a volunteer, I continue to benefit from my connection with my University and I am motivated by the volunteers I work alongside and now call 'friends'. We are all very different people but we share common values and experiences as Queen's alumni.

My aim is to connect alumni and focus their goodwill towards Queen's. I want to 'light a fire' and inspire them to get involved. It's fun, it's meaningful and it makes a difference to the lives of others!

**Would you like to give back and help Queen's? To find out more about the activities available through volunteering visit <http://daro.qub.ac.uk/volunteer> or contact Queen's Alumni Relations Officer, Natasha Sharma on +44 (0)28 9097 3135.**

## 'THE THIRD DEGREE' THREE GRADUATES, THREE LEGACY PLEDGERS.

Legacy Manager, Susan Wilson, discusses how three very different Queen's graduates – one undergraduate, one postgraduate and one mature student in three diverse disciplines – share a common charitable aspiration.

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 feel free to contact our Legacy Manager on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or email [susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk](mailto:susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk)



**Alumna:** Dr Kathleen Herron  
**Qualification:** MSc Medicine, 1940  
**Beneficiary:** Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA)  
**Impact:** Supporting the work of the QGA to keep Queen's graduates connected

Dr Kathleen Herron graduated from Queen's with a Medical degree in 1940. A life member of the Queen's University Association – subsequently renamed Queen's Graduates' Association (QGA) – Kathleen had a successful career as a General Practitioner in East Belfast.

In her will, she chose to support family and friends as well as many charities (24 in total) which were close to her heart. The QGA was another grateful beneficiary. Kathleen's legacy gift will help support the work of the Association in keeping the Queen's family connected after their time at the University.

The QGA organises a varied programme of activities including talks and visits and University-focused events. The highlight of the year for graduates and their guests is the annual 'black tie' Charter Day Dinner which will be held this year on Friday, 23 November.

QGA President, Fergal McFerran (pictured above) said of the donation: "Kathleen's gift means so much to the graduates and friends of Queen's. It reflects her connection to the University and what that meant to her during her lifetime. Through her gift, she is empowering us, the Queen's Graduates' Association, to ensure we can enable future generations of Queen's graduates to reap the benefits of friendship and a shared connection, long after their time on campus."



**Alumna:** Mrs Ellayne Newell  
**Qualification:** BA French, 1977  
**Beneficiary:** The McClay Library  
**Impact:** Supporting students' academic development

Ellayne Newell (formerly Eileen), graduated from Queen's in French as a mature student in 1977 and died in January 2018 aged 91, leaving the University £1,000 to buy books for the library.

Born in County Down to English parents (her father was a tax inspector in Newry at the time), she was brought up in Sunbury-on-Thames in the 1930s and 1940s. In 1945 she moved to Belfast aged 19, when she married Ulsterman, John Newell.

Almost thirty years later, Ellayne achieved a long-held ambition of gaining entry to Queen's and studied under Professor Henri Godin, whom she found inspirational.

Ellayne later moved back to England and gained a degree in psychology at Preston Polytechnic, now the University of Central Lancashire. She maintained her interest in French and France throughout her life and was a member of the French Literary Society of Liverpool until shortly before her death.

Ellayne's kind gift is gratefully received by the University and has a real impact on our students. Thanks to this thoughtful legacy future generations of Queen's students will be able to follow in Ellayne's footsteps and fulfil their academic potential.

 **Queen's received**  
**£268k**  
 in legacy donations (2017-18)



**Alumna:** Ms Menda Lambrinudi  
**Qualification:** Certificate in Psychiatry, 1960  
**Beneficiary:** School of Social Sciences, Social Education & Social Work  
**Impact:** Research and clinical facility to support mental health for students, children and communities.

Born in 1930 in Bayswater to a Greek father and English mother, and one of three siblings, Menda Lambrinudi (pictured with her mother and older sister) studied English at Girton College, Cambridge.

After graduating in 1950 she worked at an interior design magazine before, in 1958, deciding on a career change to support her interest in the human mind.

Menda studied for a Diploma in Social Science and Administration at The London School of Economics and subsequently came to Belfast to complete a Certificate in Psychiatric Studies.

Her Queen's qualification enabled her to fulfil her ambition to be a social worker, counsellor and psychiatrist, finding employment initially at St George's Hospital and later St Guy's Hospital, London.

Menda was also a talented artist until sudden onset of blindness forced her to give up her passion. In her will, she supported 13 charities, including those educational institutions that had helped her in her career. A generous legacy gift to Queen's will be instrumental in tackling the increasingly important global issue of mental health, something which affects approximately a sixth of the UK population (aged 16 to 64) at any one time (NHS Digital).



## LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD

Widening access to higher education is a major priority for universities right across the higher education sector. Queen's is committed to improving access to education, to ensure that everyone is given the right support to enter and succeed at third level.

The impact is already evident, with the first cohort of Pathway Opportunity Programme (POP) undergraduates now starting life at Queen's. Examining some of the widening participation (WP) provisions at the University, Gerry Power looks at these important game changers for many in Northern Ireland.

In recent years, the University has been working even more closely with local schools and colleges in a range of ways, to smooth the route to a top degree for those less likely to apply. To create pathways and opportunities. To level the playing field. To change lives.

The Widening Participation Unit at Queen's launched POP in 2016. Designed to raise the ambitions of talented young people from Northern Ireland, the programme is aimed at those who, because of their family background, may think that a Russell Group university education is not within their reach.

**“ Meeting the mentors and lecturers I feel I've made best friends for the whole way through uni with the Programme.”**

**Caoilfhionn, Belfast (Law)**

In the summer of 2017, 60 local students spent a week at Queen's finding out what it was like to come to university. For many, the thought of progressing even as far as 6th form would once have been just a dream,

but so successful was the residential that most of the group left the camp full of enthusiasm for a third level education.

Of these students, 15 commenced studies at Queen's this autumn taking up courses in Computer Science, Food, Microbiology and Environment, and Law.

**“ I didn't know what to expect and have been blown away in every aspect.”**

**James, Ballymena (Computing)**

A second group of Year 13 and 14 students completed a summer residential this July and will be hoping their exam results in 2019 will enable them to take up places at Queen's.

From next October, the expanded course range will also include Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Business and Civil Engineering.

Those who successfully complete Queen's Pathway Opportunity Programme will be eligible for:

- A guaranteed conditional offer for a place on their chosen POP course
- An offer reduced by up to two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard Queen's entry offer
- A support bursary on entry to 1st year

In addition to the specialist advice and guidance available to help with the application process, the transition into undergraduate study at Queen's is made easier through a reduced grades entry requirement for POP students and the provision of bursary support once the University place has been taken up.

Generous donations from alumni and supporters have ensured that the first cohort of POP students will also receive a bursary in their second year of study.

The Pathway Bursary Fund continues to be a fundraising priority area, with the aim of supporting POP students throughout their time at Queen's.

## Corporate support for WP

Corporate support for widening access to a third level education has been widespread and generous over the last decade. From travel bursaries to work experience, backing from local and national companies helps to encourage a wider demographic of students to apply to Queen's.

## WHSmith

'Reading Together' is a joint project between Queen's and the South Eastern Trust which aims to raise the literacy standards of children in care by providing one-to-one support from a student at Queen's.

The scheme also has the backing of WH Smith CEO and Queen's alumnus, Stephen Clarke (BEng 1989). He is generously supporting this WP scheme, to which WH Smith has also donated books and other resources to enhance the experience of its participants.





# CONVOCATION

## YOUR VOICE ON QUEEN'S CAMPUS

**As a Queen's graduate, in addition to receiving all the communications and support offered by the Development and Alumni Relations Office, you are automatically enrolled as a member of Queen's Convocation as soon as you graduate from the University.**

Convocation allows Queen's graduates all over the world to have a say in the life of the University. As outlined in our statutes, Convocation has the right to 'discuss and pronounce' on any matter relating to the University.

And Convocation also has a seat on Senate, the University's governing body, so you can make your opinions known at the highest level, simply by raising them through Convocation.

At the Annual Meeting of Convocation – which this year takes place in the Council Chamber, Lanyon Building on Thursday 15 November – members can put forward motions for discussion. If they are agreed by the popular vote such motions are brought forward to

Senate by the Chair of Convocation who represents you at Senate meetings.

The Chair is supported by a Deputy and by Convocation's full Standing Committee. Last year's well attended Annual Meeting of Convocation elected a new Chair and Deputy Chair. These meetings provide an important opportunity for members to discuss issues relating to the University, to network informally and to listen to The Annual Convocation Lecture.

### AGM 2018 | 15 November

This year at the AGM you can vote to select the Ordinary Members of Standing Committee and hear from the world renowned Keith A Lippert, Vice President and Deputy CISO, Allstate.

In today's world, cyber threats impact all of us. In a talk entitled "Building skills for the future. A look at the change in insurance and cybersecurity", Keith will take us on his personal journey and show how we need to change the way we do business and build the skills required to meet these challenges.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The word Convocation comes from the Latin *convocare* meaning 'calling together'

**To find out more about Convocation and this year's Annual Meeting, to submit a motion or to download a nomination form to join the committee, visit the Convocation website: [www.daro.qub.ac.uk/convocation](http://www.daro.qub.ac.uk/convocation)**

## Linklaters

**The London-based law firm Linklaters has committed £60,000 to support 20 students accessing Law through the Pathway Programme. Each successful student will be offered an annual scholarship worth £1,000.**

Linklaters will also provide work-experience and placement opportunities to these students as well as workshops to deliver business skills such as networking.

POP is just one of a series of WP initiatives aimed at giving those 'most able but less likely' a chance to continue to Higher Education. Tailored workshops, lectures and seminars – across a range of student age groups – all help to level the playing field for those wishing to go on to University.

Other Widening Participation projects have also received support from individuals and companies, including:

- Junior Academy – raising awareness of University from the earliest age
- Senior Academy – activities designed to prepare for University
- Care Experienced Young People – ensuring the learning experience is open to all
- Mature Students – access programmes for anyone aged 21 or over at the start of their studies

*Pictured at the launch of the Linklaters Scholarships at the 2018 POP summer residential are (L-R): Vuyo Kwitshana, Linklaters Global & Diversity Graduate Recruitment Advisor; Eimear Weir; Queen's graduate Jason Heron, Linklaters; Lee Bradley; Sebastian Krzyzak, Queen's graduate and recent Linklater recruit; Amy Powell and Felix Hebblethwaite, Global Head of Recruitment and Resourcing.*

With the support of these and other companies and organisations including principal donor Kilwaughter Holdings, the prospect of a brighter future through education can now be offered to those who might not otherwise have considered going on to university.

The playing field certainly has been levelled for many future Queen's students.

Game on!

**If you would like to support Widening Access at Queen's University Belfast, please contact: Naomi King, Development Manager (tel: +44 (0)28 9097 3101, or email [n.king@qub.ac.uk](mailto:n.king@qub.ac.uk))**



*Members of Standing Committee of Convocation (L-R): Stephen McCrystall, Jonathan Hill (Deputy Chair), Murray Power, Erin Early, Eoin McMullan (Chair), Carolyn Forster, Fergus McCauley, Fergal McFerran and David McKillen*



# 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 <https://daro.qub.ac.uk/QUBClassNotes>

## 2010s



Photo credit: Business First Online

### **Sarah Mulholland, LLB (2016)**

Swept the board with four exam awards, on top of her distinction from the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS), which she picked up this summer. Sarah is a trainee solicitor at the Belfast offices of UK law firm TLT, where she was recently appointed to a permanent role in the planning and environment team.

### **Mark Ferguson, BMus (2012)**

The UK-based wildlife sound recordist/audio specialist and electroacoustic composer and multi-award-winning alumnus, has just launched a new project – Ashland – which includes a recording from Drumnaph Nature Reserve, in County Londonderry.

Ashland features the first of a series of topographically-focused 'stormscapes': single, immersive stereo recordings exploring notions of space, place and landscape representation.

In 2016, and with the permission of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Mark carried out a sound recording project around one of the UK's most important wetland reserves – WWT Slimbridge. Throughout the year, he spent 350 hours in search of hidden sounds and experiences at the Gloucestershire reserve.

Full details of these and all Mark's projects can be found at: [www.markfergusonaudio.com](http://www.markfergusonaudio.com)

### **Adam McGibbon, MA History and Politics (2009), MA Politics (2010)**

Campaign Manager and Campaign Training Consultant, Adam is currently working on climate change campaigns at the Nobel Prize-nominated NGO Global Witness. After Queen's he managed Green Party MP Caroline Lucas' successful re-election campaign. He currently lives in London.



## 2000s

### **Vianna Boring Renaud, DipEd Counselling (2006), Person-Centred Counselling (2009)**

The former Counselling student has co-authored a chapter, Building Students' Emotional Resilience through Placement Coaching and Mentoring, in new Palgrave Macmillan book 'Enhancing Employability in Higher Education through Work Based Learning'.



### **Christopher Murray, BEng Computer Science (2008)**

Since graduating, Chris has travelled around Europe with Kainos Software, who are headquartered just beside Queen's.

He is currently working as a Health Solution Architect and has relocated to Santa Barbara California to help a TeleHealth company implement a software solution to speed the care of stroke patients.

Chris can be contacted at [c.murray@kainos.com](mailto:c.murray@kainos.com) and on Twitter at @mrchrismurray

### **Fiona Ross, LLM (2008)**

Fiona has been appointed Chair of Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ), the state owned corporation responsible for public transport in Ireland. Ms Ross, who until recently was Director/CEO of the National Library in Dublin having served two terms, has over 25 years in international financial services and communications in Ireland, the UK, Eastern Europe, Asia and the United States.

She has worked with leading companies including Goodbody Stockbrokers, Bank of Ireland, Hill & Knowlton and the Industrial Bank of Japan.

### **Mark Pengelly, BA Politics (2006)**

Since leaving Queen's, Mark has worked at Incisive Media for 10 years, including as US Editor of Risk Magazine in New York and Editor of Energy Risk magazine in London. In October last year, he joined S&P Global Platts as Digital Content Leader in London.



Living in Woking with his wife Tatiana and son Matthew aged 3, Mark was elected as a borough councillor in May last year. At the same time he was named a Member of the Executive of Woking Borough Council, with responsibility for Leisure and Cultural Services.

### **Aislinn Clarke, BA Film Studies (2004)**

Aislinn has just finished her debut feature film *The Devil's Doorway*, the first to be written and directed by a woman in Northern Ireland. The film, which has been picked up for international distribution later this year, had its UK premiere in London at the end of August.



Set in 1960 at one of Ireland's infamous Magdalene Laundries, the film follows two priests who are sent to verify and investigate reports of religious statues seen to be crying blood around the laundry.

Aislinn, who is an award-winning scriptwriter, film-maker and director, works in the Seamus Heaney Centre at Queen's. Her film work has been screened and showcased at film festivals, events, and markets all over the world, including BAFTA, Cannes, and Berlinale.

### **Anne Fitzgerald, MA English Creative Writing (2002)**

Anne's fourth poetry collection *Vacant Possession* published by Salmon Poetry is

now available. Raised in Sandycove in County Dublin, Anne was educated at Loreto Abbey Dalkey, Trinity College, Dublin and Queen's. Widely published, Anne is a recipient of the Ireland Fund of Monaco Writer-in-Residence bursary at The Princess Grace Irish Library, Monaco. She teaches Creative Writing in Ireland and North America. Anne lives in Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin.

## 1990s

### **Ryan Moynagh, LLB (1999)**

Ryan is Vice President – Finance and CFO at Great Bear Petroleum LLC, a private oil company on the North Slope of Alaska, which he co-founded. He is also a co-founder of Snooth ([www.snooth.com](http://www.snooth.com)), the web's most extensive collection of wines and recipes, which currently boasts 2 million subscribers. A former Investment Banker in Merrill Lynch's Energy & Power Group, Ryan is founder of Equatorial Partners, providing financial and strategic advice to oil and gas entities and has been a strategic advisor to a number of Asian governments.

### **Aidan Fadden, MA Modern Literary Studies (1998)**

Aidan, who writes under the name Aidan Conway, signed a two book deal with Harper Collins 'Killer Reads' earlier this year.

Aidan's first novel – *A Known Evil* – was launched at John Cabot University in Rome in April 2018. A literary crime-thriller set in contemporary Rome, the follow-up in the series – *A Cold Flame* – was released in paperback in September.



### **Dr Ciara Kennedy (née Ryan), Master of Medical Science (1995), PhD Biology (1998)**

Ciara was appointed President and CEO of Amplex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in December 2016 having been its Chief Operating Officer (COO) since October 2015. Prior to joining Amplex, Dr Kennedy served as COO at Lumena Pharmaceuticals until the company was acquired by Shire Pharmaceuticals in June 2014.

**Sharon Noonan,  
BA Hons French  
& Business  
Administration (1995)**

Sharon and Liam Neeson (Honorary Doctorate 2009), pictured at a fundraiser hosted by the Ballymena man in New York in aid of the Irish Arts

Centre. Sharon, who presents a weekly food programme on West Limerick 102FM, is also originally from Ballymena.

**Gareth Stewart,  
BA Scholastic  
Philosophy (1995)**

Gareth has graduated with the degree of Doctor of Ministry from Bangor University, Wales.



**Declan McBennett,  
BA History and Politics (1994)**

Declan has recently taken up the role of RTÉ Head of Sport. The County Monaghan born graduate now has responsibility for the national public service broadcaster's entire sporting output and a team of 55.



Declan, who has 19 years of experience across RTÉ both in news and sport, started his career in Northern Sound Radio in County Monaghan. After joining RTÉ in 1999 he spent seven years in the Belfast Office feeding into programmes such as Morning Ireland and News at One.

**Anthony Patrick Davey, BA Politics and  
English (1993)**

Anthony was appointed CEO of Farrow & Ball – the world-famous paint and wallpaper maker based in Dorset – and took up his new role at the end of April.

Born and raised in Belfast, Anthony married fellow Queen's graduate Alana Jackman (BMedSci) who



graduated the same year. He has lived and worked in the US, Europe and Asia and holds US and European citizenship.

From 1995–2014 he worked for Proctor & Gamble, holding a variety of posts, including Vice President and General Manager (2011–14), before taking over as CEO of GHD (Good Hair Day), manufacturer of hair straightening products.

## 1980s

**Barry Corkey, BDS Dentistry (1986):**

Barry has been awarded the honour of 'Dentist of the Year' by the Scottish Government.

Working as a Senior Lecturer and Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry in Fife and Edinburgh, he was recognised for his work with children with a range of disabilities and with severe dental anxiety. He has developed innovative services for vulnerable children and has been involved in teaching dentists for many years. The award was presented by the Chief Dental Officer and the Minister for Health.



**Jim Harra, LLB Law (1984)**

Jim joined the Inland Revenue in 1984 as an inspector of taxes. He then moved to HMRC, where he has served in various roles including Director of Corporation Tax and VAT (2009), Director of Personal Tax Customer Operations (March 2011) and Director Personal Tax Operations (October 2011).

In 2012, he became Director General Business Tax, before moving on to Tax Assurance Commissioner and Director General Customer Strategy and Design, in 2016. Finally, in November 2017, it was announced that he was to become Second Permanent Secretary of HMRC.



Photo credit: Wikipedia

Jim, who is listed in the top 30 on the Accountancy Age Financial Power List 2018, was appointed as a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) in the 2015 New Year Honours.

**Dermot Breen, BSc Civil Engineering (1983)**

The long distance walker and writer (aka *The Man with the Camino Tattoo*), has embarked on his third 1,000 kilometre trek in memory of his late wife, Jacqui, to raise £7,500 for Cancer Research UK.

This time Dermot is tackling the rugged Ireland Way, which was only launched late last year and stretches from Castletownbere on the Beara Peninsula in County Cork, to Ballycastle on the North Antrim coast, a journey that will take him five to six weeks to complete by covering up to 20 miles each day.

In 2015, he covered the entire Ulster Way around Northern Ireland and the following year he walked the Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. In 2017, he took a break from long distance walking to concentrate on writing and has since published two books charting his physical and emotional journeys since he lost his beloved wife of 28 years to ovarian cancer in January 2015. He set off on the Ireland Way on 20 June.

Dermot's latest book, *The Man with the Camino Tattoo*, covering his experiences during his Spanish Camino de Santiago venture, has just been printed by the Belfast based publisher, Shanway Press.

People can support Dermot by donating at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/1000k4j> or by purchasing one of his books from Shanway Press at <http://shanway.com/product/the-man-with-the-camino-tattoo/> or via Amazon, as he also donates all sales revenue to the charity.

Follow Dermot's progress on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/1000k4j/>

**Domenico Camplisson, BA Modern History (1982)**

Domenico was selected to be General Education Department Chairman and elected to be the Faculty Senate Chairman at Coleman

University in San Diego California. He can be reached at [Dcamplisson@Coleman.edu](mailto:Dcamplisson@Coleman.edu)

**David Dunlop, BSc Zoology (1980)**

David is Senior Conservation Officer for Policy and Advocacy at The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, where he has been since 1992. He previously worked for Ulster Wildlife and then the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust.

Married with one teenage daughter, David may be contacted at [DunlopD195@gmail.com](mailto:DunlopD195@gmail.com) (personal); [ddunlop@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:ddunlop@lancswt.org.uk) (professional) and tweets for work on @LancsWT\_d.

## 1970s

**John Fox, BSc Biochemistry (1977), PhD (1983)**

After eight years in Dublin, John has moved back to Somerset and home is now in Bath. He is working with a number of universities to facilitate commercialisation of medical research, but spending more time running, cycling or hiking.

John (pictured with his son) can be contacted at [johnsfox@aol.com](mailto:johnsfox@aol.com) or via LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/in/john-fox-90365213>).



**Dr Gabriel Scally, MB BCH BAO (1978)**

Dr Scally was appointed in May to conduct a preliminary Scoping Inquiry into the cervical cancer controversy arising out of the CervicalCheck programme, which rocked Ireland's health system in 2017/18.

Dr Scally has already published two interim reports; his final report was expected to be completed by September (after *The Graduate* went to print).

Born and raised in Belfast, Gabriel specialised in general practice and subsequently public health while at Queen's. He was a prominent member of the Students' Union and an



advocate for the development of public health services in campaigns organised by the Union of Students of Ireland.

**Dari Dadgar, BSc Chemistry (1976), MSc Analytical Chemistry (1977), PhD Analytical Chemistry (1980)**

Currently serves as President and Scientific Director at KCAS, LLC, having been Vice President of Bioanalytical Operations at ZeeCRO Inc. (AAI Pharma Inc). Dr Dadgar's career includes spells at universities in Ireland and a number of clinical research organisations in the United States and Canada.

**Professor Ken Grattan, OBE, BSc Physics (1974), PhD (1979), DSc**

Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chair at City, University of London, Ken was awarded an OBE in the recent Queen's Birthday honours list for services to the science of measurement.

Professor Grattan has provided outstanding service to City, University of London, for nearly 35 years as a leading researcher. Holder of a Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chair, the George Daniels Chair and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Ken is one of City's most cited academics. He is the author of 700 peer-reviewed journal papers, author or editor of 18 books and the recipient of more than 100 competitive research grants.

Ken's research is of great practical value to the UK economy. He led the creation of a spin-off company Sengen Ltd, which has traded successfully for 10 years, to provide consultancy and support services on innovative fibre optic sensors and novel instrumentation, particularly for structural engineering.

For the past five years, he has been the first Dean of City's Graduate School, championing the cause of postgraduate students at City. Ken has also supervised 60 PhD students to completion.

Currently President of the International Measurement Confederation [IMEKO], Ken is

a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and a past President of the Institute of Measurement and Control.

His work has a strong international dimension: he holds four visiting chairs at Chinese Universities and leads collaborations with them, including one with the Shandong Academy of Sciences.

Ken also has a long history of service on government committees, including 7 years membership with the UK's Department of Trade and Industry panel of experts on standards, quality and measurement. Most recently, Ken was appointed to serve on the Defence Scientific Advisory Council expert panel.



**Jonathan Scott, BSc Zoology (1972)**

Wildlife photographer, zoologist and host of BBC's Big Cat Diary, Jonathan's new television series *Big Cat Legacy* for Animal Planet – a follow-up to the 1999 series – is due to be aired across five 48 minute programmes at the end of October.



**Ron Nicol, BA Arts (1971)**

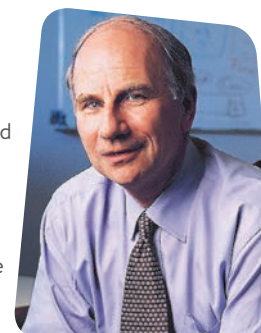
Ron attended Queen's in the 1960s, left early to enter the professional theatre, and completed his degree in 1971. He's now an established playwright published in the UK, the USA, and the Netherlands. His plays have been performed

world-wide. Ron can be contacted at [ron.nicol@live.co.uk](mailto:ron.nicol@live.co.uk)

## 1960s

**Alan Winter, BSc (1969)**

Alan was appointed British Columbia's first Innovation Commissioner on 5 February 2018. He has the mandate to represent the BC tech sector in Ottawa and abroad, and to encourage investment in British Columbia nationally and internationally. Alan has wide experience in technology and innovation in Canada, including the federal Communications Research Centre, Telesat Canada, MPR Teltech Ltd in Vancouver, ComDev in Cambridge.

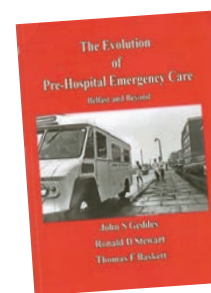


Appointed the President and CEO of Genome British Columbia in 2001, he stepped down from the company in 2016 when he and his wife Carolyn, BA, BEd MEd, MA, moved to Victoria to be closer to their son Kyle BSc, MSc, MD, his wife Brianne and their daughter Quinn, where Kyle is a physician in the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

**John S Geddes, BMedSc Medicine (1963), MD (1966); Thomas F Baskett, MB BCh BAO Medicine (1964):**

Tom Baskett, an internationally recognised medical historian has written and recently published a book with cardiologist John Geddes, now retired in Florida.

The 2 authors, along with Ronald D Stewart, traced the evolution of the cardiac ambulance from its 'invention' in Belfast at Royal Victoria Hospital in the days of Frank Pantridge, to the sophisticated EMS system now established throughout North America.



John did most of the ground-work in the development of the Belfast cardiac ambulance and worked for many years in cardiac electro-physiology in Winnipeg.

**John Green, BSc Chemistry (1962), PhD (1965)**

Following his PhD in 1965, two post-doctoral appointments in the Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, and Newcastle upon Tyne followed.

John then returned to the USA and joined Martin Marietta Labs (later Lockheed Martin Labs) and stayed for 29 years, being Director for the last 12. He became Vice President of the Aluminium Association, the trade association for the industry in the USA, following which John took early retirement and established his own consulting operations. This involved work both in USA, Europe and Australia.

He is married to Joan Salay and they have two children and 5 grandchildren. Derek has retired to Ellicott City in Maryland and can be contacted at [jsgreen3712@verizon.net](mailto:jsgreen3712@verizon.net)

## 1950s

**Derek McNally, MSc Physics (1957)**

After graduating, Derek did a PhD at Royal Holloway College under the guidance of Professor Sir William McCrea. He was then appointed an assistant lecturer at the University of London Observatory and ended his working career there as Director. On retirement from UCL/ULO, Derek joined the University of Hertfordshire in an unpaid capacity and is continuing a certain amount of astronomical research.

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

It is with sadness that we include obituaries and appreciations of some of those graduates and former members of staff who are no longer with us.



## Dr Thomas J Moran

CHANCELLOR, PHILANTHROPIST,  
HUMANITARIAN

The death of Queen's Chancellor Dr Thomas J Moran in New York on Saturday 11 August, was announced by the University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Greer.

"We are grateful for Tom's unwavering support and commitment to the University since he was appointed Chancellor in May 2015," said Professor Greer.

"Tom considered it a privilege to be our Chancellor and embraced the role with passion and excitement, commenting how special it was for him to be part of the Queen's family.

"He particularly enjoyed engaging with students during the Graduation Ceremonies and, for him, Graduation was the highlight of the year.

"We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Joan and the wider family circle."

An Honorary Queen's graduate (DSc Econ, 2006), Thomas J Moran, became the 10th Chancellor of the University on 2 July, 2015. At his installation the Vice-Chancellor, the late Professor Patrick Johnston, referred to him as "someone who shares our passion for education" who "recognises the transformative effect it has on the world around us."

Born in 1952, Tom grew up in Staten Island, one of three children of an Irish-Italian-American mother and an Irish-American father, with roots in Cavan, Fermanagh and Tipperary.

His first job at 14 was as a school janitor. Later, while at college, he drove a New York cab during the night shift.

A year after a BSc in Mathematics at Manhattan College (1974), Tom joined Mutual of America Life Insurance Company as a pension underwriter. There he met his future wife Joan in 1976; they were married in 1983.

In 1994, Tom became the first President and Chief Executive Officer of Mutual appointed from within the firm. He was listed in the top 100 Irish-American business people in the USA.

Chairman of Concern Worldwide (US), Tom contributed to many humanitarian and community causes. Throughout the 1990s he also acted as an unofficial peace envoy to Northern Ireland.

He served on the American Cancer Society Foundation, Channel Thirteen WNET, and the National Committee on US Foreign Policy.

### Career and achievements

- 2015 Presented Distinguished Service Award by President Michael D Higgins
- 2012 Inducted into Irish America Hall of Fame
- 2011 Richard J. Caron Award of Excellence for corporate and humanitarian leadership
- 2010 Honorary degree from College of Mount Saint Vincent, New York
- 2008 Irish America's Irish American of the Year 2006 Appointed to Board of Aer Lingus Group plc
- 2004 Honorary degree, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee
- 2002 Honorary LLD from NUI Concern Worldwide Humanitarian Award
- 1996 Ellis Island Medal of Honor
- 1994 CEO, Mutual of America
- 1992 President, Mutual of America

Among other graduates and current or former members of staff who have passed away, are:

## Gerrard Kennedy – 27.04.17

LECTURER

*Extract from obituary provided by Dr Fiona McLane (née Kennedy), Queen's Medical graduate (1979)*

**Gerrard Michael Kennedy, BAgr 1948, died on 27 April 2017 aged 93.**

He met his future wife Rosa at Queen's; they married in 1952 and had three children.

Gerry initially worked in the Ministry of Agriculture – travelling around Northern Ireland where he made lifelong friends in the farming community.

He took up a lectureship in Greenmount Agricultural College in Antrim in 1965, later becoming Vice Principal. It was at Greenmount he found his true calling in teaching young people.

Gerry shared a lifelong passion for gardening with Rosa. After retirement they derived enormous pleasure from their wonderful garden in Antrim. Rosa died in 2004 after a short illness.

A fluent Irish speaker, Gerry was also an entertainer, a bon viveur, and a kind man who was interested in and loved people, and was much loved in return.

He is survived by his three children and four grandchildren.

## Professor WE Glover – 29.08.17

DOCTOR

*Extract from UNSW (The University of New South Wales) website*

**Former Dean of UNSW Medicine, Walter Ernest (Darty) Glover AO, died in August 2017, aged 85.**

Darty completed his MB BCh BAO at Queen's in 1955. After graduation he worked in

Queen's Department of Physiology (1956-67), obtaining an MD (1960), before becoming a Senior Lecturer and a Consultant Physiologist to the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority. In 1983, Queen's awarded him a DSc.

In the mid-60s, Darty spent a year in Australia, including a period at the University of Adelaide. He returned to Australia to the University of New South Wales in 1968/69 and was appointed Professor of Physiology and later Head of the School of Physiology and Pharmacology. He relinquished the role in 1985 when he became Dean of Medicine in Sydney, a post he held until 1998.

In collaboration with colleagues in Belfast, he carried out the first human studies of beta-blocker drugs (on himself), for which he was awarded an Order of Australia in 1993.

Darty Glover was married to Lillian who predeceased him in December 2014. They had two children – Gary (Catriona) and Jane (Simon) – and five grandchildren – Thomas, Kathryn, Emily, Helen and Fiona.

## Dr Andrew Dixon – 28.09.17

DOCTOR

*Extract taken from Belfast Telegraph*

**Andrew Dixon, MDS BDS BSc, 1949, died on 28 September 2017, aged 92.**

A former pupil of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution, he met his wife Mary Elizabeth at Queen's. The couple set up a dental practice in Bangor, then moved to England before settling in the US in the 1960s, where he became Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Los Angeles.

Married for 68 years, they had three daughters – Mindy, Alison and Jane (now deceased), four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In retirement Andrew qualified as a master gardener and enjoyed painting Ulster landscapes.



## Professor Emeritus Carson Stewart – 30.12.17

### ACADEMIC

*Extract from obituary provided by Tara Brooks (daughter), Lecturer in Construction Project Management at Queen's University and the family of Carson Stewart*

**James Alexander Carson Stewart, BSc 1958, PhD Electrical Engineering 1962, died in December 2017, aged 80.**

Born in Greenisland County Antrim, Carson attended Belfast Royal Academy where he was a keen scout. In 1953, he was chosen as one of two boys to represent Northern Ireland at the Coronation.

He gained a 1st in Physics at Queen's, before opting to do a PhD in Electrical Engineering. During this period, he spent time at the Navy Research Establishment in Hertfordshire.

After working in Short Brothers and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Queen's in Ontario (1964), he returned to Belfast, joining the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department at Queen's from 1964 until retirement in 2002.

Carson would go on to lead the only department in the University to obtain the top grade in Teaching and Research in the 1996 Research Assessment Exercise.

He is survived by his wife Carole, three children and six grandchildren.

## Professor E M Meehan – 06.01.18

### QUEEN'S STAFF MEMBER 1991-2005

**Professor Elizabeth M Meehan completed an undergraduate degree at Sussex University and a postgraduate at Oxford before working at Bath and at Manchester universities.**

Appointed to a chair in Politics at Queen's in 1991 (which she held until 2001), she also became a Jean Monnet Professor.

From 2001 until retirement in 2005, Professor Meehan was Director of the Institute of Governance, Public Policy and Social Research at the University.

During the 1990s, she was the first woman to chair the UK Political Studies Association and subsequently became Honorary Vice-President.

The Association gave her a Lifetime Achievement award in 2005 and, in 2006, the academic association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) marked her contribution to European Studies in Ireland.

A portrait of Professor Meehan by John Kindness hangs in the Great Hall at Queen's.

## Dr John Robb – 13.02.18

### SURGEON

**John David Alexander Robb, MB BCh BAO 1957, died in February 2018, aged 85.**

Educated at Rockport School in Holywood, Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh and at Queen's, John was a notable surgeon.

From a liberal Presbyterian tradition, throughout his life he wrote extensively on political and social reconciliation on the island of Ireland.

In 1982 he set up the New Ireland Group – the same year he was appointed to Seanad Éireann by Taoiseach Charles Haughey.

A Senator for seven years, he remains one of a few Ulster Protestants to have been a member of the upper house of the Irish parliament.

Dr Robb also served on the Senate (Queen's governing body) and on Convocation (the graduate body), bringing his characteristic sharpness and wit to debates.

## Robin Cavan – 13.02.18

### TEACHER

*Extract from Carrick Times, February 21, 2018*

**Robert Ferguson (Robin) Cavan BA, 1954, died in February, aged 86.**

After graduating from Queen's, Robin qualified at Stranmillis College before becoming a teacher, first at Abbots Cross public elementary (1955) and then at Carrick College (1959), where he taught for 33 years, retiring in 1992.

Married to Dorothy – also a teacher – in 1962, they lived in Whitehead. A keen gardener, Robin liked DIY, was involved in his local church and played golf. He also took part in the Whitehead Community Association and ran a youth club in the Parochial Hall.

He is survived by Dorothy and their son Graeme.

## Rt Hon. Sir Donald Murray – 20.02.18

### JUDGE

*Obituary kindly provided by Sir Donald's daughter, Rosalind*

**Donald Bruce Murray studied law at Queen's in the 1940s and was called to the English Bar in 1945. He served as a legislative draftsman at Stormont and as an assistant law lecturer at Queen's before being called to the Northern Ireland Bar in 1953.**

Moved to the High Court in 1975 and knighted in 1988, he was appointed to the Court of Appeal and made a member of the Privy Council in 1989.

In 1996, Sir Donald was awarded an honorary degree by Queen's for distinction in law and services to the University.

He is survived by his son, Adrian, daughter, Rosalind, granddaughter, Olivia, and sister, Moyna, herself a graduate of Queen's.

**Additional obituaries and appreciations can be found on the Development and Alumni Relations website: <http://dar.qub.ac.uk/obits>**

We have also been notified of the following deaths:

**Dr Khoo Chong Yew**  
MB BCh BAO 1965  
16.11.17

**Dr Patrick J. Thompson**  
MB BCh BAO 1957  
23.11.17

**Dr Maurice Hayes**  
BA English Literature 1948, PhD  
23.12.17

**James Norman C Walsh**  
MBE BAg  
07.01.18

**Dr Gordon Lawson**  
PhD 1965  
10.01.18

**Dr Edward W Knox**  
MB BCh BAO 1947, MD 1961  
13.01.18

**Professor Brian William Hogg**  
PhD, DSc Queen's staff 1966-2001  
14.01.18

**Dr Fiachra Mac Gabhann**  
MA 1994, PhD 2005  
18.01.18

**Professor Ken Seddon OBE**  
Queen's staff 1993-2018  
21.01.18

**Hume Logan**  
MB BCh BAO 1955, MCh 1966  
05.03.18

**Professor Peter Broome**  
Former Professor of French (Queen's)  
18.03.18

**Dr James Kirkpatrick**  
BSc 1975, PhD 1982  
05.04.18

**Dr Michael E Scott**  
BSc 1960, MB BCh BAO 1963, MD 1967  
Former President of QGA  
22.07.18

**Dr Khim Nian Sin Fai Lam**  
MB BCh BAO 1974  
29.04.18

# MY TIME AT QUEEN'S MEMORIES OF THE STUDENTS' UNION



As the Students' Union on University Road closes to make way for a brand new Student Centre, we asked Queen's graduates for their recollections of the building which has served as a hub for student activities for over 50 years. We are grateful for the many anecdotal memories that were sent to us in recent months, some of which are reproduced (right), and to **Brian Gilliland** (BSc Botany, 1985) who provided a longer reminiscence piece, below.

## Beech Room teas, video games and Nelson Mandela

**We all hang on to certain, particular things from our student days. They are icons, memories above other memories, things that marked out the experience and make it explicitly, personally, ours. That's where Queen's Students' Union building sits. Whatever it was for you, it was something different for me. My memories are mine, unique.**

My affair with the Union began, not unusually, with the Freshers' Ball. Crowded into what was then called the McMordie Hall, I heard an incredible guy with a guitar, who apparently was also a student. His name was Kieran Goss, and I promised myself never to forget it. I haven't. My brother trumps this by saying he

went to the McMordie and heard this bunch of kids from Dublin who turned out to be U2.

The Union loomed large in my view of life as a Fresher, not least because I lived bang opposite it, in the Church of Ireland Centre. Beech Room Teas were legendary. They were apparently a step up from the fayre on offer at Queen's Elms, and a lifeline for those in dodgy bedsits near the University. I doubt that contemporary students would believe just how bad rented accommodation was back then.

**The Union was nothing more than an all-weather sprint up Elmwood Avenue, and so, I was a regular visitor.**

I recall it as being mostly, well, dark. The corridors were dark, the bars were dark, not that this Methodist from Portadown had learnt to drink yet, and it was always crowded. I recall David, an old friend from school, working as a barman, fumbling beer glasses as he washed them, shattering far too many. "They're not made to last," he said. Today, he manages Borough Market in London.

On the second floor there was an ice-hockey videogame. This was long before you could have such things at home. Computers were big things with basic capabilities, and mobile phones didn't exist. There was a regular group of guys who would play the ice hockey game. The odd thing is that I never got to know any of them by name; just by the look askance, the "Are you up for a game," or the even more abrupt, "You," and a muttered "Well done" or "Hard luck" at the end of a match.

I was just about still a student when the McMordie became the Mandela Hall, in 1986. I recall never quite understanding the change. I got it that people greatly admired Nelson Mandela, but he was nothing to do with Belfast or the University. It seemed like a meaningless gesture. Apparently McMordie was in some way reprehensible, and a unionist to boot. Or so they said. I never knew who McMordie was, I just knew the place, and I guess in my mind, it's still the McMordie Hall.

In recent years, back in Belfast, I've had occasion to eat in the sparkly new café at the front of the Union. What a transformation, how very different to how it was back then. Cleaner, brighter, more upmarket, serving a seemingly more affluent class of student.

Now, I learn that even that's not up to contemporary standards. Times change, we progress. That's fine; my experiences live in my memory, as the experiences of today's students will in theirs.

**Brian Gilliland is Business Development Director at Westlinks in Hull. He spent 25 years in the non-profit sector, 20 of those running his own fundraising consultancy.**

**If you would like to support the new Student Centre at Queen's, please contact Natasha Sharma ([natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.sharma@qub.ac.uk)) on tel: +44 (0)28 9097 3135.**



**EMcK**

Open Day disco, everyone getting down in school uniform c1987



**DMcC-F**

Snogging an old boyfriend in the SnackBar Disco as Nina Simone sang, "My baby just cares for me"...  
[#goodtimes](#)



**TG**

It took a referendum before the bar started selling spirits, and another to allow for the installation of condom machines in the toilets! Lots of referenda in those days!



**EC**

50p admission to the Wednesday night disco! I remember spirits being sold in the bar for the first time in 1976/7



**LD**

Meeting my husband in the Mandela Hall, 23 years ago  
[#loveonthedancefloor](#)



**LHG**

Ringo's chip van outside, and how he would know where you'd left your earrings the night before. I remember everyone crowded around the world's first (honest!) video juke box, watching Siouxsie playing "Spellbound". Oh and Peter Powell (or was it Gary Davies?) during a Radio 1 thing, and me having to stick a sticker...somewhere



**SD**

The party in the Mandela Hall the night he walked out of prison



**PC**

Met my husband there in '95. Seen The Pogues, Something Happens, The Specials and loads more. Great Comedy nights too with Paddy Kiely



# THE LYNN BUILDING 150 YEARS ON

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Lynn Building as part of Queen's College Belfast. Originally designed as a library, extensive renovation and restoration work in recent years led to its re-opening in 2015 as Queen's Graduate School.

As Gerry Power reports, the warmly familiar red bricked churchlike building, which has hosted generations of students over 15 decades, is now inspiring the University's postgraduate population as they become the thinkers, communicators, innovators and leaders of tomorrow.

Several years after Queen's College opened its doors to staff and students in 1849, a government grant of £4,600 was awarded to fund the construction of a library. In the intervening period, the College's examination hall (today's Great Hall) doubled up as a library, but this was found to be too damp to house books and publications, and too small to cope with the rapidly growing student numbers. So a decision was taken to construct a new, purpose-built library.

Designed by Irish born architect William Henry Lynn (1829-1915) in a neo-gothic style, the original single storey building owed much to the influence of John Ruskin (1819-1900), the leading English art critic of the Victorian era, who wrote widely on subjects as varied as geology, architecture and education. In fact, it is arguably the best example of Ruskinian Victorian gothic architecture on these islands, and as such is a building of huge importance and profile on the main Queen's site.

**The Lynn Building opened in 1868 providing a library space, room for study and for student examinations.**

A red tower or cupola (pronounced Q-pola and meaning a small structure, usually domed, on the top of a roof), which can be seen at the back of the building, was added in 1911 with William Lynn overseeing the project, 43 years after his original plans were created.

The building was further extended westwards between 1912 and 1914 as the need for additional space grew. Once again Lynn, who had worked with Charles Lanyon on the main University building back in the mid-1840s and who won an anonymous competition to extend the library, undertook the work.



The Lynn Building was a treasured and popular building, quaint perhaps by today's standards. Up to the Second World War for instance, the reading room was heated by a large fire which burned during the winter in an open grate beneath the Great West Window.

The poet and novelist Philip Larkin, one-time Sub-Librarian at Queen's (1950-55), described the building as a 'large church designed by an ecclesiastical architect'. Alterations carried out during Larkin's time, including the addition of a dividing floor in 1952 which created carrels – smaller dedicated study areas reserved for honours students, under the roof – in essence doubled the floor space of the structure.

With the addition next door of a new library stack in 1967 – recently transformed into the Main Site Tower and home to the School of Law – the Lynn Building fell into general neglect, being used only occasionally and then just as an examination space.

A repurposing of the Lynn Building in the 1980s saw the addition of a mezzanine floor – in this case a floating glass box along the length of the building – installed to house the University's growing number of rare books and special collections. The opening of a cataloguing area on the ground floor and the addition of a glass bridge linking the Lynn and the 'stack' in the late 1980s, were among the final significant alterations to the much-loved old building.

The Lynn closed in 2009 when the contents of the main stack moved to the new McClay Library. Another enforced period of disuse was in store until, following significant refurbishment, the building was reborn as The Graduate School.



## The Graduate School

Retaining many of the original features of the Lynn Building including the vaulted ceiling with masonry gothic arches, and aisles to each side, the brick and polychrome stonework, banded tiles, ornamental tracery, gables and gargoyles, The Graduate School enjoys a real sense of architectural awe.

The building is now a vibrant hub for the postgraduate community at Queen's to work and socialise. It offers a variety of training and development courses in a modern space comprising group study rooms, teaching areas and training locations.

**“This is a truly impressive environment within which to study, relax and socialise.”**

**Professor Margaret Topping,  
Dean of The Graduate School.**

“The School – which is leading and hosting many of the Lynn 150th celebrations – creates a community built on excellence, intellectual challenge and inclusiveness which will transform lives and inspire futures. Nurturing the next generation of leaders and thinkers is very much in keeping with a building that has been a cornerstone of the Queen's campus for 150 years.

“The exciting programme which has been created to mark the building's sesquicentenary is certainly a fitting tribute to a beautiful space,” added Professor Topping. It also offers a social space and a dedicated hi-tech silent study area that can accommodate up to 65 students, comprising workstations and space for laptop use, a reprographics room complete with printers, scanning facilities and a self-binding station.

The Graduate School combines disciplinary excellence with transdisciplinary collaboration, through unique partnerships between the University's academic schools and research institutes to develop a generation of what it refers to as ‘what's next thinkers’. It's an exciting whole-person postgraduate experience that will enable Queen's students to stand out in an increasingly competitive global job market.



## Celebrating the Lynn Building

Over recent months, graduates and former staff have been invited to share their memories and photographs of the Lynn Building. A dedicated website was created to highlight the building's significant – and evolving – role in the history of the University.

Plans are well advanced for celebrations in November with a special exhibition, a programme of talks and guest lectures, and other events.

**If you would like to find out more about The Graduate School or about the Lynn Building 150 years celebrations, visit [www.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school](http://www.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school) or email [graduateschool@qub.ac.uk](mailto:graduateschool@qub.ac.uk)**

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