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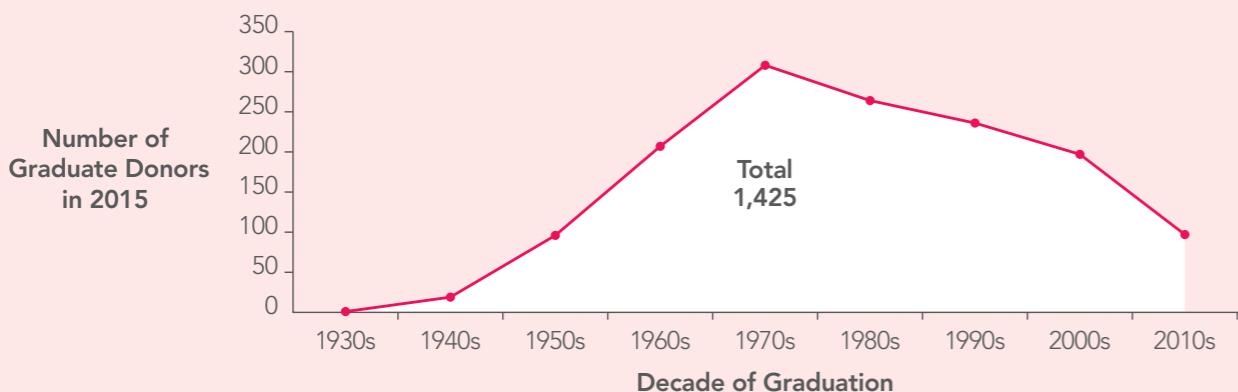
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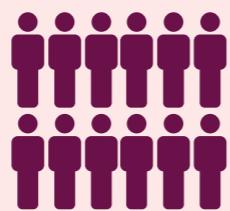
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# THANK YOU!

I am delighted to have this opportunity to thank you, our donor community, for your enduring generosity. Your support for Queen's is inspirational, not just because of the extraordinary impact it has on this University, but also because it demonstrates your belief in our vision for the future.



Impact like that made by the Flax Trust on young musicians who received £5,000 in bursaries and by Patrick Magee's gift on the life of Law student Jonathan Carmichael. Or the impact that donors to the Annual Fund make on thousands of students every year. There is also the huge personal impact of alumni volunteering from people like John Murtagh whose career mentoring helps students to excel, and Lim Si Boon's support for graduate activities in Malaysia. And finally there is the inestimable future impact that a significant gift from charitable trust, the Ulverscroft Foundation, will make on the eyesight of millions of people in China.

Every gift, regardless of its size or frequency and every hour volunteered here in Northern Ireland or elsewhere, is important to our success and is always appreciated. And I know, personally, that your donations of money and time are a great encouragement to all our students and staff.

Financial gifts enable us to offer the brightest students a life-changing opportunity to study at a global Top 200 university and to realise their full potential. And gifts of time allow those scholars to learn first-hand from alumni who share with them their experiences of life after graduation.

On behalf of all our students and staff, I thank you for making all this possible.

With my very best wishes.

**Professor Patrick G Johnston**  
President and Vice-Chancellor

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# FOUNDATION NEWS

News on gifts to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation in 2015

## Remembering loved ones, supporting the future

In autumn 2014 Queen's successfully launched an Adopt-A-Bench programme offering graduates and supporters the opportunity to leave their personal mark on the campus. Since then many have chosen to acknowledge or remember a loved one, or to preserve a family name in a place that is meaningful.

One such donor was Andrew Dougal (right), for whom the initiative was a chance to honour someone he didn't know was a relative when he was at Queen's in the 1970s.

"As an undergraduate I regularly walked past the War Memorial, totally unaware that the RJ Dougal who lost his life in the First World War was my great uncle! His sacrifice had not been mentioned in family circles," said Andrew.

"When I learned of the Adopt-A-Bench scheme I thought that this would be a very positive way of honouring the memory of this undergraduate and of supporting the current work of Queen's, one hundred years on from 1st July 1916 when Lt Dougal was killed in action."

"My brothers and sisters, when they heard this, suggested that we should adopt additional benches to commemorate our parents and in memory of an aunt and uncle who did not have children," he added.

In the last 12 months, 13 benches were adopted by people like Andrew and his siblings, raising more than £15,000 to support students through the University's Scholarship Fund.

Other benches are waiting to be adopted in the beautiful settings of The McClay Library plaza and at Riddel Hall. For details, contact Naomi King, Tel: +44 (0)28 9097 3101 or email [n.king@qub.ac.uk](mailto:n.king@qub.ac.uk)



Pictured (L-R) are: Professor Michael Alcorn; Fr Myles Kavanagh (Chairman, Flax Trust Belfast); Andrew Masterson; Sr Mary Turley and John Patterson (Trust Directors); William Curran; Rebecca Murphy; James McGinn and Dr Peter Smyth (Trust Directors) and Anselm McDonnell.

## Flax Trust hits right note

In August, the Flax Trust presented bursaries totalling £5,000 to four young musicians at Queen's.

Speaking about the latest bursary awards, the University's Head of the School of Creative Arts, Professor Michael Alcorn, said: "The Flax Trust Bursaries are doubly welcome this year as there are twice the number of awards at a time when there are so few for Music students."

"The Bursaries, now in their third year, are hugely important as they reward and support classical students and help them in their future career and performance opportunities."

The Flax Trust Bursaries assist and reward classical musicians in their final year at Queen's who achieve a high level of attainment and have identified an appropriate programme of activities beyond their degree.

The overall winner, William Curran (Clarinet), received the Flax Trust 'Children of Lir' Award. The Bursary will assist him to undertake a two-year MMus in Performance at the Royal Northern College of Music.

The remaining bursary winners were: Andrew Masterson (Performance, Voice); Rebecca Murphy (Soprano); and Anselm McDonnell (Guitarist and Composer).

## Homework Clubs

Students from Queen's, with support from the Santander Community Plus Fund, have been working with children and young people living in areas of educational underachievement to help improve their study skills, build confidence and raise aspirations about further and higher education.

Homework Clubs offer over 140 students a perfect opportunity to make positive change in the local community, while getting involved in something rewarding and gaining hands-on experience for their personal and professional development.

Catching up on their homework ahead of the launch of this year's initiative are (L-R): Naoimh Wilson (Trusts and Foundations Officer); Sarah Lynch, Santander University Relationship Personal Banker; and Lucia Kearney, Students' Union Volunteer Co-ordinator.





## Changing Times

Released in May, sales of the book **Changing Times** have raised over £5,500 to support breast cancer research at the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology at Queen's.

The brainchild of former principal, Mrs Anne Bell (2nd from left), the book traces 140 years of Coleraine High School, the second oldest girls' school in Northern Ireland. Also pictured are Rachel Ketola (right), Fundraising Manager (Medicine) at Queen's, and pupils Sarah Barr (left) and Sarah Morell (2nd from right).



## Dr Ian Brick, bridge-builder and philanthropist

Dr Ian Brick, one of Queen's most generous benefactors and distinguished graduates, died at his home in Nashville, Tennessee in July 2015, after a long battle with cancer.

Ian graduated twice from Queen's in the 1960s and served as President of the Students' Union in 1967. In 2002 he received an honorary DSc (Econ) from Queen's for services to the University and, in 2011, was appointed an officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to education.

Norma Sinte, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Queen's, who knew Ian Brick well said: "It was with great sadness that I learned of Ian's passing. His contribution to the University over many years was immense and his enthusiasm for student-related projects, and the Students' Union in particular, was second to none. Queen's – and indeed Northern Ireland – has lost a true friend."

Dr Brick was a founder member of the Board of The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, and a past President and Honorary Patron of the Friends of The Queen's University of Belfast (Inc.).

Born in Belfast in 1942, Ian was the son of an insurance salesman and grandson of an East Belfast joiner. When he was just 16 he came to Queen's, initially to study medicine but later transferring to physiology. He graduated with honours in 1965 and went on to earn a PhD in pharmacology in 1967.

It is as President of the Union that 'Brickie' is best remembered. His term in office marked an auspicious period, following the opening of the new Union Building in 1966 and immediately preceding the onset of the 'Troubles' in October 1968. It was during the late 60s that he met his future wife, Katherine McSorley from Omagh, when they were fundraising for RAG. In 2010 a bar in the Union, Brickie's Bar, was dedicated in his honour.

A successful businessman, Ian spent 10 years in England with ICI Pharmaceuticals before returning to Ireland as MD of Cullen & Davidson, a small company specialising in retail pharmaceuticals, best known for the cold remedy "Mrs Cullen's Powders".

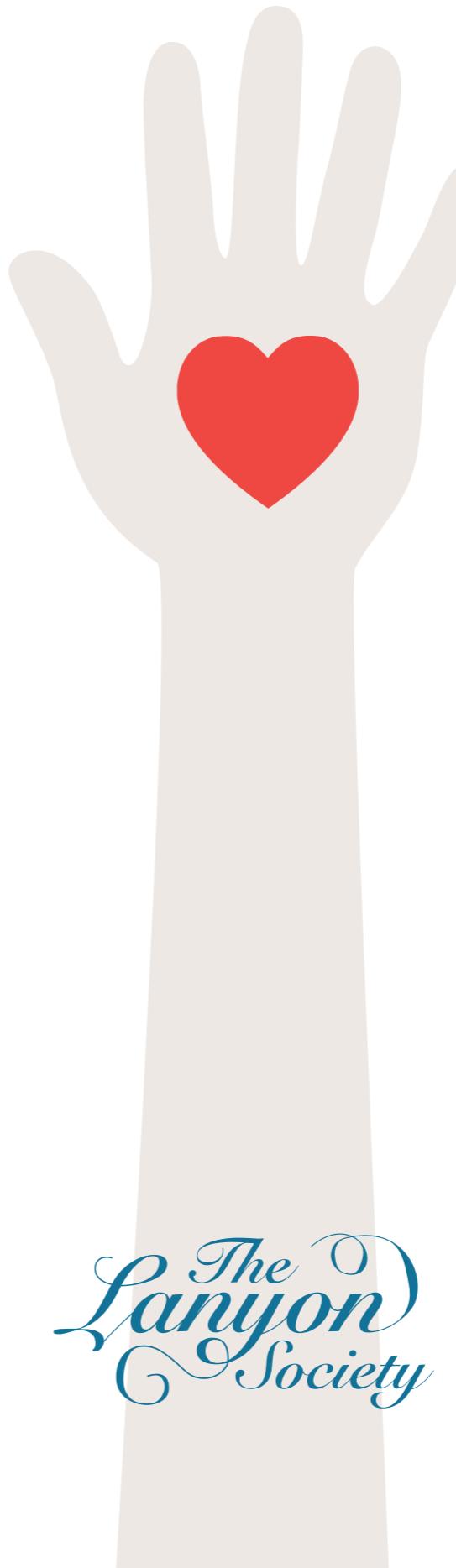
In 1980 he and two partners founded the Institute of Clinical Pharmacology in Dublin. The firm went public in 1984 on NASDAQ, necessitating the emigration of the Brick family to the USA. And in 1990 he set up Pharmaceutical Laboratory Services in Baltimore, Maryland, which was subsequently purchased by his major competitor in 1994.

Ian demonstrated a willingness to travel anywhere on behalf of Queen's, speaking to graduate associations and at alumni events, and ensuring that his business and professional connections were used to the full.

Predeceased by his wife Katherine in 2008, Ian is survived by his son Michael and daughters Karen and Claire, as well as eight grandchildren.

**His contribution to the University over many years was immense**

Norma Sinte  
(Director of Development)



*The Lanyon Society*

## Legacy update

According to research published this year, 43 per cent of people in the UK intend to leave money to a charitable cause in their wills. Seventy-three per cent of those polled also said they got a 'feel good' factor from giving time or money to charity. As Legacy Marketing Officer Susan Wilson reflects on the last 12 months, a legacy gift to Queen's is all about enriching the lives of future generations.

Legacy gifts are a vital source of funding for the University and 2015 proved no exception. Headline figures for the past year include:

- £552,000 received into The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation from legacy gifts
- £650,000 (approx.) pending from gifts currently in administration
- In excess of 100 additional people registering an interest in leaving a future legacy gift
- 14 additional individuals have pledged a gift in their will to the University

These figures are impressive and the legacies they represent make a huge difference to Queen's. They support our most gifted and talented students who may otherwise not be able to study here. And they enable our researchers to carry out world-leading research into major diseases and challenges of the 21st century.

Most importantly, behind these statistics are the stories of the individuals – graduates, former staff and friends – who have made this all possible, by leaving a charitable gift in their will to Queen's.

People like Mabel Bell from the Isle of Man. Mabel died in January 2015, aged 99. In her will she remembered Queen's through a cash gift of £30,000. Mabel's father studied for a Masters in Science at Queen's in 1932 and her wish was that the monies be used to set up a prize for the most outstanding Mechanical Engineering student of the year, in memory of her late parents, Sara Grace and Albert Edward Bell.

Mabel's gift will be awarded to a talented Engineering student in summer 2016, and every year after, in perpetuity. The name of Mabel Bell, and her parents, will be remembered and appreciated by students and their families in the years to come at Queen's.

Gifts can also be made anonymously and for those alumni and friends who have pledged a gift in their will, we would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks for your support.

If you would like to remember Queen's in your will and want to speak to our Legacy Marketing Officer about your wishes, please contact Susan Wilson on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or email [susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk](mailto:susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk)

# DONOR PROFILE

**Patrick Magee**  
LLB 1992

COO of British  
Business Bank



## SQUARING THE VIRTUOUS CIRCLE

"Being a donor to Queen's feels right. It is a combination of how I was brought up – where favours were always returned – a recognition of how fortunate I've been in my career and a deeply held passion for Northern Ireland."

The words are those of graduate Patrick Magee, LLB 1992 – COO of British Business Bank, member of Queen's University Association, London, regular attendee at University events and donor to Riddel Hall (2010), the City Scholarship Programme (since 2012) and, most recently the Magee Scholarship Programme (2015).

Patrick Magee grew up in Ardglass, Co Down, attended St Patrick's Grammar School in Downpatrick and enjoyed a happy childhood. The youngest of six (the others are all girls), his father was a builder and his mother was, what nowadays might be known as, a 'homemaker'.

When his two eldest sisters went into nursing and banking and the next three attended UU, Patrick realised that he too was on track for university.

Engineering was an early possibility but he opted instead for Law, which he thought was a better outlet. Queen's was a new world, the first step on a journey that would see him undertake an MBA at Georgetown University, spend 18 years at JP Morgan Cazenove in the City of London, enjoy a brief spell at The Shareholder Executive before, in 2014, moving to his current post in the British Business Bank.

"I enjoyed a good social life at Queen's, took part in debates, made great friends, expanded my horizons and networks and served as Vice President of the Law Society. I even organised a trip to Bushmills Distillery, which was a lot of fun!" said Patrick, recalling his fondest student memories.

"Looking back", he added, "the facilities at Queen's in the 1980s were not of the same quality as today, though the University did have a wonderful historical feel and a beautiful campus. However, it has been great to see the addition of superb facilities such as the McClay Library and Riddel Hall."

School holidays afforded him a chance to travel to London and the Isle of Man. The much longer vacations at Queen's however, meant Patrick could go to America in the summer to Boston and Atlantic City, in his first and third years.

### Giving back

Through Queen's he accessed the Ferris Foundation and although unsuccessful in his initial scholarship application for Georgetown University, the opportunity to study there opened up. With family support and a Georgetown studentship, he spent two years in Washington, DC, where a culture of philanthropy first made him consider giving back.

"Queen's gave me great confidence and an excellent degree. Getting the support to study at Georgetown, I began to think about offering opportunities to others to experience and enjoy the privileges I had."

Patrick was one of the first Queen's graduates to go to Georgetown and to move into corporate finance after earning his MBA.

A combination of legal skills acquired in Belfast and business acumen developed in Washington DC, were to be of major benefit when he joined JP Morgan.

"The City was not the typical destination for a local grad at the time," he recalls. "While I still use my Law

degree almost daily, Queen's showed me the doors and gave me the confidence to knock on them and to go through."

Involved in high profile dealings, Patrick advised on many M&A capital raising transactions. He worked with business leaders, corporate boards and bankers of international standing, defended NatWest against a hostile bid from RBS, and advised on the sale of British Energy and The AA. He was also engaged in several rescue rights issues during the financial crisis and was involved in the Glazers' purchase of Manchester United.

In 2012 his journey took a new turn when he became Executive Director at the Shareholder Executive, the UK Government's in-house Corporate Finance and Portfolio Management unit. Once again, his legal and business background stood him in good stead.

There he was responsible for advising government on the application of corporate finance skills and portfolio management practices.

He worked on developing Green Deal Finance and managed the Royal Mail shareholding post IPO. A key responsibility was overseeing the development of the British Business Bank, a new Government owned institution responsible for improving access to finance for smaller UK businesses.

"It was great being involved in setting up a national development bank, working with over 80 different delivery partners, supporting £2.4bn of finance for 40,000 smaller businesses – while generating a return for the tax payer – and seeing small companies succeed."

### The UK university funding model is changing, so it is important that those who can, give something back.

Five years ago, Patrick was asked by a member of Queen's Development Office staff to consider supporting his alma mater.

"I was very happy to step up. It certainly made sense to me to square the virtuous circle. Queen's, a world-class institution, was central to my development as a student and is essential to the future growth and prosperity of Northern Ireland. That said, the UK university funding model is changing, so it is important that those who can, give something back."

His philosophy is clear; he supports projects such as the City Scholarship programme and Riddel Hall so current students can benefit and, in time, give back to Queen's as well.

"Well-funded universities set their own agendas," he suggested. "I benefitted from a Georgetown scholarship and am keen to make a difference at my university. I have noticed that the giving culture in the UK has changed in recent years and that the University is changing too. Since the appointment of Professor Patrick Johnston, and having heard about Vision 2020 and what Queen's is trying to achieve, I am even keener to give back."

Patrick sees support for Queen's as support for Northern Ireland and his links with the University allow him to maintain vibrant local networks. He also works with charities such as Co-Operation Ireland and even cycled across Cuba raising £15,000 for their work.

Reflecting on his experiences Patrick offered this advice to Law student Jonathan Carmichael (pictured left), beneficiary of the Magee Scholarship whom he met for the first time in July.

### Stand out from the crowd

"There are two things I would suggest to him and his fellow students. Firstly, do things because you want to, not because someone expects it of you or because you can afford it. And secondly, start building your CV early; today's job market is incredibly competitive so make sure you stand out from the crowd and not just academically."

"Jonathan was a very strong candidate for the scholarship. I really hope he makes the most of the opportunity and that it helps shape his career."

Married to Regina whom Patrick met in London 20 years ago, the couple have one son, 11-year-old Killian, who is already thinking of following in his father's footsteps and coming to Queen's!

Patrick's world is a long way from his Ardglass childhood. Looking out across the sea from the local golf course, he couldn't have imagined then where his life journey was going to take him. A Queen's Law degree, combined with the inspiration acquired in Georgetown opened up many opportunities for him, opportunities he made sure to seize.

At 45, and with further still to travel, Patrick Magee is already acknowledging how fortunate he has been. Squaring the virtuous circle through his on-going support for Queen's will also ensure that his success will benefit many others in the years to come.

**For further information on supporting Law at Queen's, please contact Naomi King, Tel: +44 (0)28 9097 3101 or email [n.king@qub.ac.uk](mailto:n.king@qub.ac.uk)**

# MEDICAL CAMPAIGN

## James Family remembered



Dr Charlotte Addy has been appointed as The James Fellow in Clinical Trials in the Centre for Experimental Medicine. The Fellowship is generously funded by Queen's graduates Dr Richard James from Toronto and his sister Suzanne Martin, in memory of the James family – Edwin, Kathleen and Flora – all of whom were Queen's alumni.

Dr Addy attended medical school in Nottingham and completed her clinical training in the South-West of England. She is delighted to take up this exciting opportunity, which will provide her with the skills to pursue a career as a clinical academic while undertaking original research into respiratory diseases. The majority of this will be in cystic fibrosis with some associated bronchiectasis projects.

## Medical 'thank you' event



Supporters of the University's medical fundraising campaign gathered for the annual donor 'thank you' evening on 8 December, when they were hosted by Professor Stuart Elborn, Dean of the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences.

The event took place in the new Centre for Experimental Medicine at Queen's, which is spearheading the University's microvascular, vision, and respiratory disease research. It was the first opportunity for donors to visit the new facility.

The evening culminated in the dispersal of £7,000 from the Queen's Medical Fund to the Centre for Medical Education and Centre for Biomedical Sciences for summer studentships and the Hardship Fund.

## Darren Clarke students on course for PhDs

Darren Clarke OBE is supporting three PhD scholarships in the University's Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB). Pictured are Jekaterina Vohhodina (right) and Amy Templeman (left) who will complete their PhDs in 2016 and Rebecca Steele (centre) who will finish in 2017. All are focused on breast cancer research.

## Captains score for lung cancer

For the first time in the Club's history, the Captain and Lady Captain of Shandon Park Golf Club in Belfast joined forces in 2014-15 to raise money for the same charitable cause – lung cancer research at the Centre for Cancer Research & Cell Biology (CCRCB).

Through joint initiatives and donations from members on their respective Captain's Days, Gerry Power and Lorna McNamara raised almost £18,000 to fund research carried out by a group led by Dr Gerry Hanna in CCRCB. Dr Hanna and his team are working to explore resistance to radiotherapy. It is hoped that new treatments can be developed to improve the effectiveness of radiotherapy treatment.

Commenting on their achievement, Gerry Power, who is a member of Queen's Development and Alumni Relations Office staff, said: "Lung cancer is the most common cause of cancer death in the UK. Although most cases are related to smoking, 15 per cent of those with lung cancer have never smoked."

"One such cancer is mesothelioma, which occurs in people exposed to asbestos, such as those – like my late father-in-law, John – who worked in the Belfast shipyard, Harland and Wolff. John was my inspiration for supporting what is often an overlooked cancer cause."



Shandon Park Golf Club 2014/15 Captain, Gerry Power (2nd from right), with the Club's Lady Captain Lorna McNamara (right), Alice O'Rawe, Queen's Fundraising Manager (Medical), and Dr Gerry Hanna (CCRCB).



## Supporting prostate cancer research

The John McGirr Fund, set up in March 2010 to support the work of Professor Joe O'Sullivan and his prostate cancer team in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB), has so far contributed more than £65,000 to this vital area of research.

John McGirr was the well-known owner of Sally's Bar in Omagh. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2004 and underwent treatment for five years. He died in December 2009, aged 52, from complications of the disease.

With support from friends, John's wife, Oonagh and their five children, John, Catherine, Connor, James and Aoife, set up the Fund to celebrate his life and raise awareness of the need for further research into the disease. The Fund provided a welcome focus and the family felt that they were doing something worthwhile in John's memory.

Talking to **Donor News** Oonagh said: "John received excellent support from his consultant, Joe O'Sullivan, and the team in Belfast City Hospital. Unfortunately, John was not suitable to go on any of the clinical trials for new treatments and did not survive. Through supporting the ongoing research at Queen's in prostate cancer, we hope that more effective treatments will be developed that will ensure men with this cancer survive longer and that other families do not have to lose a much loved husband or father."

The Fund's first event in 2010 was a cycle ride from Mizen Head to Malin Head. It was a journey that John, a keen cyclist, had often talked about doing. Local cycling club, The Omagh Wheelers, helped to organise the event and continue to be involved in what is now the annual South West Cycle. It is a



Professor O'Sullivan (middle) with McGirr family members (L-R) John, Connor, Aoife and Oonagh.

roundtrip of 200 miles from Omagh to Sligo in two days. More than 120 cyclists took part in October 2015, raising almost £2,000.

Professor O'Sullivan, who regularly travels to Omagh to thank the fundraisers and tell them how monies raised are being used, said: "I first met Oonagh and John in 2005. John had a fantastic attitude to life and we hit it off very quickly. I really admired how he managed to remain positive and get on with his life. He and Oonagh faced John's illness as a team which was very inspirational to me."

"The money that the John McGirr Fund has contributed has been used to fund many aspects of my prostate cancer research programme. Over the past years this includes equipment to facilitate novel clinical trials of Radium-223 in advanced prostate cancer and gold seeds used in high tech precision radiotherapy. I would like to thank Oonagh and her family for their incredible fundraising effort; it has made a massive impact on my research."

**To support the John McGirr Fund, go to [www.sallysofomagh.com](http://www.sallysofomagh.com) or to find out more about the ongoing prostate cancer research at Queen's, contact Helen Surgenor, Head of Medical Fundraising, [h.barnes@qub.ac.uk](mailto:h.barnes@qub.ac.uk)**

## Reunion support for Medical Fund



The Class of 1965 Medical Reunion provided a welcome boost of £1,162 to the Queen's Medical Fund in September.

The Fund provides extra financial assistance for medical students encountering hardship during their studies. It also supports summer placements in one of Queen's research centres to encourage medics to consider taking an intercalated degree.

Head of Medical Fundraising, Helen Surgenor, updated the Class of 1965 on

the latest developments in the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences and accompanied them on a tour of the campus.

**To find out more about Queen's Medical Fund, contact Meaghan Lyons, [m.lyons@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.lyons@qub.ac.uk).**

**To include a talk at your reunion, get in touch with Helen Surgenor, [h.barnes@qub.ac.uk](mailto:h.barnes@qub.ac.uk).**

## The Gracey Scholar

Dr William Gracey and his wife Deirdre, who have set up a scholarship to support a PhD in prostate cancer at Queen's over the next three years, caught up with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Patrick Johnston on a visit to the University in October.



# ANNUAL FUND

## Supporting the student experience

In the last 12 months, over £40,000 was handed over to almost 40 student groups or initiatives as part of the yearly dispersal by Queen's Annual Fund (QAF). Sports clubs, cultural societies and well-being projects were among the diverse range of initiatives funded from unspecified gifts donated by graduates. As Annual Fund Supervisor Michéal Ó Fearraigh reports, the financial support provided by the Fund is becoming increasingly more critical.

Queen's Annual Fund supports wide-ranging projects that benefit students, the campus and the community. Over the years, gifts from loyal alumni have enabled the Fund to build distinctive programmes and innovative research initiatives both in and out of the classroom.

QAF disburses 25 per cent of its reserves to the University Scholarships Fund, an equal amount to a current campaign priority and the remaining half in the form of small grants to a range of projects for which applications are received.

This year, the Fund has been able to support 40 important projects. In addition to those highlighted in the coming pages, others like the Brian Friel Summer School held in August, helped enhance the reputation of the University while making a huge personal impact on the students and staff involved.

## Queen's Annual Fund helps set new world record!



A student project which received £5,000 from Queen's Annual Fund has set a new world record for a building made of Meccano!

The 100ft long footbridge made from 11,000 Meccano pieces was designed and built by third year Civil Engineering students and local school children.

Held together with 60,000 nuts, bolts and washers, the bridge went on show at Belfast's Clarendon Dock in September, when a representative from Guinness World Records was on hand to confirm – officially – that the project had earned a World Record for the largest ever Meccano construction.

One of the first people to cross the bridge was Head of School Professor Trevor Whittaker (pictured) who said: "Increasing the number of Civil Engineering graduates is key to securing a prosperous economic future for Northern Ireland. STEM subjects open doors to some of the world's most exciting careers, and our graduates leave Queen's with skills that set them apart in a very competitive job market."

"Our alumni are making a difference in industry and academia worldwide, and with the global construction market set to grow by 70 per cent by 2025, our graduates will continue to make a visible, lasting impact on the world."

The year-long Big Bridge Build was the brainchild of Professor Daniel McPolin, colleagues and students from the School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering. It was part of the University's outreach programme to encourage more children to think about careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

## Three 'first place' finishes for Queen's rowers

While equipment isn't everything, it definitely makes a difference," or so says Jason Armstrong, Captain of the University's Boat Club. The £2,500 received by the Club this year from Queen's Annual Fund has enabled the purchase of a new set of 10 Concept2 Sweep Rowing Oars.

"For us, moving from old blades which were really suffering from a lot of use, to these new oars was incredible!" said Jason.

Over time, with constant day-to-day use, oars lose their shape and efficiency suffers. In a race having the best



equipment won't necessarily mean you will win, but better equipment and a lighter, more efficient boat, can result in seconds of extra speed.

"At the Irish National Rowing Championships, Queen's walked away with three 1st places. The races took

place over a gruelling 2,000 metre regatta course, with two of the victories by just a few seconds. I can confidently say that the new oars funded by QAF helped our rowers to their outstanding success at this year's Championships," added Jason.



## Oculus Rift – experiencing virtual reality

Members of Queen's Computing Society, which has strong links to the School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University, have experienced the future, thanks to an award of £1,000 from Queen's Annual Fund.

In the past year the Society, often seen simply as a social network, has been forging closer links with industry, reaching out to local and international IT companies. Representatives from Microsoft and other sector leaders have visited Queen's to give talks to students



## Pushing the boat out for Paddle Club students

The purchase of new kayaks was the top of the wish list for Queen's Paddlesports. A grant of £1,800 from QAF enabled the Club to do just that, and the new boats were something that all members benefitted from during the year.

Additional Club members were also able to participate in a wide number of Canoe Association of Northern Ireland

competitions and in the Irish Intervarsity Championships where the team was placed 10th out of 16 universities.

At a personal level Club member Cara Lee (right), who represents Wales in the slalom, gained two podium positions this year – thanks in no small way to the generous support of the Queen's Annual Fund.

## Striking a chord!



£1,500 from the Annual Fund enabled the Queen's University Symphony Orchestra (QUSO) to join forces with the University College Dublin Symphony Orchestra (UCDSO) in a Valentine's Day concert in Dublin.

The two orchestras have collaborated before, with UCDSO travelling to Belfast in 2014. This year, Queen's returned the compliment with over 50 members taking part in the concert in UCD's Astra Hall.

Good for north-south relations, the weekend proved to be an excellent opportunity for Queen's students to get to know each other. QUSO consists of students from a range of degree pathways as well as members taking PhDs and musicians from St Mary's Teacher Training College.

All of this wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Queen's Annual Fund.

## Asian Games – a first for Queen's

In October, Queen's sent a novice GAA squad of international female students to Shanghai for the 20th Fexco Asian Games to battle it out with teams from 23 clubs, representing 13 countries across the continent.

The first time a side from Northern Ireland had taken part, the Queen's team of 12 players and two back-up staff (organisers Karl Oakes and Aidan O'Rourke) received funding from Queen's Sport, Motiv8, Queen's International Office and Invest NI, plus £3,000 from Queen's Annual Fund.

Defeated in the semi-finals by eventual winners Japan, the Queen's team was made up of nationals from seven countries – China, Malaysia, Thailand, USA, Portugal, Iran and Germany. All the players took up the sport this year and only started training in April.

In partnership with Queen's International Recruitment, the team also carried out ambassadorial duties for the University during visits to local schools and colleges.

For the University, the Games represented an important opportunity to market Queen's to an Asian audience. Speaking ahead of the trip, Director of Queen's Marketing, Communications and Internationalisation, Isabel Jennings, said: "The visit is aligned with Queen's ongoing commitment to internationalisation and the key aim of increasing student mobility. Events and initiatives such as the Asian Games provide opportunities for our students to unlock their full potential in a global context."



## Cultural Shock 2015

Thanks to £500 from Queen's Annual Fund, the South Asian Students Society was able to stage a cultural awareness exhibition highlighting traditions, fashions and food associated with the various Asian cultures represented in the student body. Over 300 people attended the event and thoroughly enjoyed drama, dance, music – and food!

## Underwater Hockey Club

A student club which didn't exist at Queen's 15 months ago, has achieved a credible 11th place in its first ever UK championships!

Thanks to £1,000 from the Annual Fund, Queen's Underwater Hockey Club was able to enter a team in the UK Student Nationals in Coventry in February. A fast and furious sport played with a puck at the bottom of a swimming pool, underwater hockey is ideal for confident swimmers wanting to take part in a team sport. Now played worldwide, there are regular national and international club competitions as well as European and World Championships.

With an entry of 20 teams from across the UK, the competition presented an excellent opportunity for Queen's not just to gain further competitive experience but also to measure the exceptional progress in ability members have achieved within 15 months of establishing the sport at Queen's.

With increased financial pressures being faced by students and universities in Northern Ireland, the role and importance of Queen's Annual Fund – and the support provided by our generous graduates – should not be underestimated.

University is about much more than books and exams. It is about giving our students a positive experience, one that helps them develop as individuals. One that best equips them to be future leaders not just here in Northern Ireland but right around the world.

Supporting the student experience through the Queen's Annual Fund is one sure way of making a real difference.



For more on supporting the work of Queen's Annual Fund go to [www.daro.qub.ac.uk/annualfund](http://www.daro.qub.ac.uk/annualfund) or contact Meaghan Lyons, Tel: +44 (0)28 9097 3928 or email [m.lyons@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.lyons@qub.ac.uk)

# BUILDING THE FUTURE AT QUEEN'S

**Professor Sally Wheeler,**  
Head of the School of Law



## A new home for Law

With work progressing on a new home for Law at Queen's, Head of School Professor Sally Wheeler reflects on the impact philanthropy is having on the School in 2015.

"The new School of Law building is an integral part of the University's Vision 2020. The former library stack is being totally transformed and will allow us to attract many more ambitious students, from Northern Ireland and across the globe," said Professor Wheeler.

One of the last Russell Group universities to get a footprint Law building, the new School will allow for an expansion of home-grown and international student numbers. The building will be completed in time for the School to move in September 2016.

"Students and staff will get a genuinely international experience, partly through mixing with overseas students and through the plans we have to deliver courses jointly with other institutions around the world," she added.



**Image:** Artist's impression of the new School of Law, which is due to open in 2016.

The new building has given the School an opportunity to reconnect with Law alumni and, in turn, has given graduates a chance to connect with each other. As a result, there has been a scaling-up of donations to the School to support students.

"For a long time we've had the Edgar Graham Scholarship set up by his family in memory of the former member of staff killed in 1983. The scholarship enables a student from Queen's to study away from Northern Ireland, usually for a masters degree."

"And the James MacQuitty Law Scholarship, the largest we have in the School, is designed to assist our graduates to undertake a Masters degree at Queen's in a law or law-related subject."

This year's MacQuitty Law Scholar is Andrew Godden. Talking to **Donor News** he said: "Through the generosity of the MacQuitty family, I've been able to follow my LLB studies by enrolling on the LLM in Law and Governance at Queen's. This has allowed me to take my academic skills to a whole new level, so much so that I was given a job as a Research Assistant on an educational project here at the School," said Andrew.

And it didn't stop there; Andrew was also offered a place at the University of Oxford in 2016, but having benefitted so much from his masters studies, he decided to stay at Queen's to pursue a PhD.

"None of these achievements would have been possible without the support I received through the James MacQuitty Law Scholarship," he added.

### Increased Expectations

Changes in both the range of careers which law graduates can go into, and in the legal practice itself, means that Queen's Law alumni go all over the world in pursuit of rewards. Only 20-30 per cent go into conventional practice as a solicitor or barrister. Many now become legal professionals in large companies, while others go into financial services or internet-based industries, NGOs or the Civil Service.

These changes have also brought new and increased expectations from current students and differing needs for the School itself, which are increasingly being met by Law alumni.

Some graduates of 1980, 1983, 1984 and 1985 are coming together to raise philanthropic 'class gifts' in support of the School and its students. Groups choose to direct funds either to name a room after their year, or to fund scholarships for talented and deserving

students, or to further research within the School.

Others such as Viv Harty and Ernie Telford (pictured below), senior partners in McCartan Turkington Breen in Belfast, have set up travel bursaries (of £1,000 each) to support two Year 3 placements abroad.

"As a result of the building campaign, new opportunities have come on stream, like the Magee scholarship for a third year student from Queen's to travel abroad. Whether they go to China, the USA or Australia they come back transformed," said Professor Wheeler.

"Support such as this is massively generous and results in a life-changing experience for that student. The Magee, Graham and MacQuitty scholarships are purely philanthropic, from people who are giving back to celebrate and recognise their success or that of someone they are remembering."

"I am amazed by how much goodwill there is out there and by how much is starting to flow from individuals to the School. That said, we could always do with more!"

"I am hoping the culture of philanthropy created by the Campaign for Law is going to imbue in our students an interest in pro bono activities for the rest of their careers, in terms of giving back to their alma mater," she added.

Professor Wheeler is hoping to encourage gifts to cover fees and maintenance for those who would otherwise be unable to come to Queen's. Support for Law students from non-traditional paths, first generation university goers or those from the secondary school sector, is a priority.

Encouraging Law graduates – or indeed graduates from any discipline – to support their former School or department is, however, not easy.

"The story begins by looking at what our students have achieved," suggested Professor Wheeler. "I would urge alumni to look at what Queen's is offering and to consider supporting us as we strive to deliver a world-class education."

"It's also about what we'd like to do, what we could be offering students and what we need to be able to do that."

Clearly, alumni support for Law in 2015 is about more than helping set someone up as a solicitor or barrister. It could enable a bright individual to work with a large corporate or an NGO, and is just as likely to see them end up in the US or Australia as the UK or Ireland.

With many entrants now being attracted to Law because of interests in global justice and world affairs, a Queen's degree which allows them to influence those areas, is seen as an added attraction.

To meet increased expectations, the School has revised its course offerings. Currently ranked 12th in the UK by the **Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016** it was the first Law School in Europe to offer a taught doctorate – a Juris Doctor – which has proved popular with overseas students. It's all part of marketing Northern Ireland as a centre for legal services, with Queen's playing a leading role in providing those from home and abroad with a world-class legal education.

### Heart of the University

"Things have changed, partly because we wanted them to, partly because they've had to. The structure of the profession has transformed completely and legal professionals are now much more mobile."

"The opening of the new School will showcase Law at Queen's. It will change the experience of students, whether at PhD or undergraduate level. Legal education will be transformed by the building and with increased organic exchanges between students and staff, we'll be a community focused on Law," said Professor Wheeler.

"Located next door to the new Graduate School, and just 60 yards from the McClay Library, the School will be at the very heart of the University. It's all hugely exciting and couldn't be better!"



Viv Harty and Ernie Telford

# VOLUNTEERING

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## THE GIFT OF TIME

**The philanthropic culture at Queen's is both rich and diverse. The University can boast a thriving community where people give, not just financially but also of their time. Thousands of hours have been gifted to Queen's by an army of volunteers in the last 12 months, all of whom have volunteered with passion and commitment and in so doing have brought great strength to the University.**

**The gifts of time and skill call into being the richest marketplace in the world**

Maeve Binchy, DLit 1998 (Queen's)

### The joy of giving



Alumni Volunteer of the Year  
John Murtagh has been supporting Queen's – financially and in a voluntary capacity – for over 12 years. A member of the Queen's University Association, London (QUAL) since 2003, he is currently engaged in student career mentoring.

Head of Operations and Technology at FQS Capital in London, John spoke to Alumni Relations Officer, Laura Doran, about what motivates him to volunteer for Queen's.

#### LD: Why do you give back to Queen's?

JM: I give back because there is a joy in giving and because I believe in doing so. I received so much in both formal and informal education at Queen's that I would like others to experience the same opportunities I did.

Education is a never-ending process. We continue to learn after graduation and this is no more apparent than when we give back to our alma mater. We get a sense of knowing that we are furthering the aims of the institution that did so much to educate us. And it helps increase the stature of Queen's as it enhances its position as one of the top 1% of universities in the world.

#### LD: Why alumni career mentoring scheme?

JM: The career mentoring scheme has been most rewarding and I have met such a diverse range of students who have all done extraordinary well, yet who are only just beginning their respective careers. It is rewarding to see how the mentoring programme has helped guide them through the many challenges they encounter in a globally competitive market.

#### LD: Do you think volunteering is an important part of philanthropy?

JM: I recently attended the Volunteering Excellency Awards in the Sir William Whitla Hall. The evening recognised the efforts of students who have given their time to help others and the presentations they made about their charitable work were inspirational.

We sometimes forget that time volunteered is as valuable as any donation we might make. Human capital is just as beneficial to the sustained vitality of a university and just as important, if not more so, than purely financial support. I would encourage all alumni to help where they can as universities such as Queen's rely on volunteers to provide both.

John Murtagh obtained a BSc Honours in Computer Science from Queen's in 1995 and a postgraduate award in Investment Management from the London Business School in 1998.

Queen's Alumni Career Mentoring Scheme is a one-to-one opportunity between outstanding graduates and ambitious students with a strong interest in pursuing a specific career path.

### A passion for education



Dato' Lim Si Boon is a dedicated volunteer. A former President of the Queen's University Alumni Association, Malaysia (QUAAM), he has stayed true to QUAAM's mission – to create a sense of community amongst graduates of Queen's, to provide strong links between Queen's and Malaysia, and to allow members to play a part in the University's development.

Over many years, Dato' Lim Si Boon and his predecessors, including his late uncle Dr Lim Keng Yaik, have successfully created an active community of Queen's alumni in Malaysia through regular events, meetings and lively communication.

From hosting over 60 alumni at an evening dinner in Kuala Lumpur earlier this year, to offering cultural advice to international students, and from airport pickups to introducing senior University representatives to key education and research figures in Malaysia, Dato' Lim has a hands-on approach to volunteering for Queen's.

He has been instrumental in supporting placements by offering students from Stranmillis University College and St Mary's University College opportunities to gain experience in classrooms in

Malaysia. And he continues to help the University recruit international students to study in Belfast.

Professionally, Dato' Lim Si Boon is dedicated to education. Owner and Director of Tenby Schools Group, Dato' Lim has continued his father Dato' KK Lim's philanthropic vision for the provision of a positive experience for children growing up, playing, and studying together in a harmonious school environment that shapes them into open-minded adults. The Group's vision is of a "united world at peace – through education", dedicated to bringing together students from different cultures and nationalities and educating them to become the global citizens of the future.

A committed philanthropist, he is one of the University's leading volunteers. Dato' Lim's passion for education and his love of Queen's has resulted in a successful and long-lasting partnership and an engaged community of Malaysian alumni, loyal to the University.

*Dato' Lim Si Boon graduated from Queen's in 1989 with a BEng in Manufacturing Engineering and from Imperial College London with an MBA in 1995.*

### Getting down to business

In March, Brewin Dolphin, leading provider of personalised, discretionary wealth management services, hosted a half-day workshop in its Belfast offices for students and staff from Queen's Management School.

The session was led by Andrew Burns (BSc, Econ 2002) and Emily Waterworth (an Edinburgh graduate) both of whom are investment managers at Brewin. Students, all members of Queen's University Trading and Investment Club (QUTIC), looked at real-time financial figures and got an opportunity to share personal views on the investment potential of several businesses.

"We were delighted to support the Queen's students who attended our offices and indeed were astonished to find them bright-eyed and eager to learn at 7:45 in the morning, and delighted that their enthusiasm continued unabated throughout the session," said Andrew.

"We began with an in-depth look at the accounts of two FTSE 100 companies reporting that morning and progressed to discussions regarding multi-asset investing and the construction of portfolios. The breadth of talent on show proved once again the rich pickings available to local businesses and highlighted the importance of supporting institutions like Queen's." Final year actuary student and SMF CEO Mark Russell said of the Brewer Dolphin workshop: "I found the visit very informative and interesting. I took a lot away which I hope to apply to the SMF, including hearing what a professional investor looks for when valuing and rating stocks."

Later in March, the Student Managed Fund (SMF) – an integral part of QUTIC – welcomed Andrew back to Queen's to give a masterclass. Following presentations from members, Andrew provided valuable insights into the energy, healthcare and pharmaceutical industries.



Andrew Burns (centre) with members of QUTIC

Queen's relies on its graduates to keep us in the loop, so as volunteering opportunities arise, we can get in touch.

If you are happy to offer advice and talk about your chosen career path, please contact Laura Doran, Alumni Relations Officer, Tel: +44 (0)28 9097 3135, or email [l.doran@qub.ac.uk](mailto:l.doran@qub.ac.uk), with your professional and personal contact details, so we can match you with our aspiring students.

# TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS



## Programming employability Gateway to the future



Artist's impression of the new Computer Science centre

Every year, Queen's receives valuable support from a range of charitable trusts and foundations. Usually funding specific projects, these grant-making bodies often pledge a gift over a number of years, allowing Queen's to plan with confidence for the future.

In 2015, Queen's was awarded an exceptional grant of £500,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation towards the creation of the new home for Computer Science. With the demand for local ICT jobs growing annually and the new centre due to open next year, Gail McMullan, Queen's Fundraising Manager (Trusts and Foundations) looks at the role of trusts and foundations in delivering a skilled workforce for Northern Ireland.

The Garfield Weston Foundation is a family-founded, grant-making trust which has been supporting charities across the UK for over 50 years. With a commitment to making a positive impact on the communities in which those organisations work, the Foundation shares with them a desire to achieve excellence. And it is a long-standing supporter of the University, previously funding the McClay Library and the Postgraduate and Executive Education Centre at Riddell Hall.

The growth of Computer Science is an important priority for the University and Northern Ireland. Information and communications technology (ICT) is the driving force behind a successful global economy, underpinning innovation, competitiveness and long-term prosperity. The ICT sector is vital to the local and national economy and its continued growth (jobs in the industry grew by six per cent here in 2014) is a strategic priority for the NI Executive.

The School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EEECS) at Queen's is helping to meet the predicted growth in the ICT sector. EEECS works closely with employers to deliver market-relevant education, and produces highly skilled 'job ready' graduates, 85 per cent of whom secure employment within six months of graduation.

With a significant upturn in demand for places on Computer Science courses at Queen's, student intake has doubled from 250 to 500 since 2012. The scale and capacity of the current accommodation is no longer adequate to support this growth, nor address the skills deficit predicted by employers.

The creation of a bespoke Computer Science centre at Queen's, which is being supported by the Department for Employment and Learning, the University and the Garfield Weston Foundation, will double the size of the existing building, accommodate an increase in student numbers and provide the facilities needed to deliver a sustained supply of highly skilled graduates for the ICT sector.

In supporting the new facility the Trustees of the Foundation – the Weston Family – acknowledged the role Queen's plays in the local community and the importance of Computer Science in creating sustainable skills and employment for the future. With Northern Ireland now a major growing digital cluster, and Belfast the fastest-growing knowledge economy in the UK, this latest grant will help to deliver innovative teaching, enhance collaboration with industry and deliver inspirational outreach activities to engage future generations.

## Improving children's educational prospects

### Queen's gives the gift of sight



Figures indicate that there are an estimated 39 million blind people in the world, with some 90 per cent of those living in low and middle-income countries. Many have lost their sight due to a handful of common conditions that are readily treatable or preventable.

An Ulverscroft Foundation gift of over £800,000 to create the Ulverscroft Chair of Global Eye Health and to establish the Translational Research for Equitable Eyecare (TREE) Programme at the University in 2015, is funding vital work to solve problems in the area of eye disease.

Professor Nathan Congdon was appointed to the Ulverscroft Chair of Global Eye Health at Queen's to establish and lead the TREE Programme. The initiative seeks to drastically reduce the burden of needless blindness in areas of low resource and to transform local eye health challenges into innovative, collaborative and sustainable global solutions. Professor Congdon focuses on solving eye conditions in such areas by fostering partnerships between NGOs and the academic world.

Conditions such as glaucoma and diabetic eye disease are becoming increasingly common due to lifestyle changes and an ageing global population. In China, for instance, the prevalence of diabetes has risen 10 fold in the last 30 years, affecting one in eight people over the age of 40. Age-related cataracts – the world's leading cause of blindness – is responsible for nearly half of all vision loss (18 million people).

The disease is treatable only by surgery, and good results can be achieved in over 90 per cent of patients, but due to ageing populations there is now an increasing backlog of un-operated cases.

And finally, there's uncorrected refractive error – the failure of light to focus on the retina – which, though a major problem among children, can be safely and inexpensively treated with glasses. Sadly, as many as five out of six of those needing spectacles don't actually have them in developing areas. Some 90 per cent of poor vision among children world-wide is due to this condition and 50 per cent of those live in China, where near-sightedness is extremely common. Clinical trials show that failure to provide glasses has a significant negative impact on educational performance.

The Ulverscroft Foundation – formed by the directors of Ulverscroft Large Print Books, which re-publishes standard books in large print for sale to public libraries around the world – generously supports ground-breaking research into eye diseases, enabling millions of adults and children to have their conditions diagnosed and treated. The Foundation also funds UK ophthalmologists to help developing countries by practising alongside local medical staff and demonstrating new techniques in the diagnosis and treatment of eye disease and eye surgery.

This latest Ulverscroft Foundation support will enable TREE to impact on millions of people in China and will have considerable potential as a model for replication around the world.

Professor Nathan Congdon



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Scholarships – Investments in futures

It is widely acknowledged that education and success go hand-in-hand. For many, however, that success would be impossible without a scholarship.

Scholarships change lives. They are an investment in a young person's future, enabling talented and deserving students to gain the lifelong benefits of a Queen's education. They are an investment in Northern Ireland's future, because at Queen's our students acquire the knowledge, abilities and values required of tomorrow's leaders.

And scholarships are also an important investment in the University, helping us to keep Queen's affordable for future generations.

The scholarships below are a snapshot of some of those currently available to Queen's students.

## Joseph Magill remembered

Last February, Mrs Joyce Magill donated \$50,000 in memory of her late husband Joseph, a three times graduate of Queen's in the 1950s and 1990. A PhD studentship was established to develop a piece of high quality research in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

The recipient of the three-year Joseph Magill Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Research Scholarship is Federica Pessagno. Born in Genoa, Italy, Ms Pessagno (pictured left) studied Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology at Pavia University and came to Queen's on an Erasmus scholarship.

Here, she carried out research under supervisor Dr Panagiotis Manesiotis (right) on the synthesis of molecular imprinting polymers for analysis of antidiabetic drugs.

Following publication of her results, Ms Pessagno was offered a PhD at Queen's. She started work on the development of sensors for the detection of food toxins in November 2015.



## ICAEW Foundation – Shaping the future

Queen's is delighted to partner with The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to offer The ICAEW Foundation Bursary. The award is aimed at talented disadvantaged students who wish to study in the field of finance and accounting.

The first time the Award has been made in Northern Ireland, the successful applicant was Chloe Maye from Irvinestown, Co Tyrone.

Commenting on her Award, Chloe said: "It's wonderful to be the first recipient of an ICAEW Bursary in Northern Ireland."

I am very grateful to the Institute for this generous funding; ICAEW support will certainly take a lot of financial pressure off me during the three years of my course."



(L-R) Caroline Kearns (ICAEW), Chloe Maye and Martin Kelly, Queen's Management School

## Santander sends Clare to Brazil

Thanks to a Santander Scholarship, Clare Scullion visited Physics departments in UNICAMP (Campinas, São Paulo) and UFSC (Florianopolis, Santa Catarina) in Brazil.

There, she engaged with students and staff, giving a presentation to over 50 students about life in Queen's, and providing information on scholarships available to travel to Belfast.

"This trip allowed me to exchange ideas and opinions with students and researchers from different backgrounds on two very important topics – gender balance and innovation in physics," said Clare, adding that "Visiting the labs gave me an insight into how research is conducted in Brazil and a chance to observe the opportunities that arise from different ways of working."



(L-R) Clare with Professor Mônica A Cotta and Nathalia Dayrell Andrade, UNICAMP

## Professor John Glover Memorial Scholarship



Dr Paul McCusker with Anne Glover

A postdoc scholarship was set up in 2011 by the Glover family in recognition of the role Queen's played in the education of Physical Chemistry MSc graduate John Glover in the 1940s.

Speaking to Queen's **Donor News** Anne Glover, John's daughter, said: "My father loved his time at Queen's and was fortunate to get a Musgrave Scholarship after he graduated. He also received Leverhulme and Commonwealth fellowships when he moved to England."

The current Professor John Glover Memorial Scholarship holder is Dr Paul McCusker, who undertook a PhD in Molecular Parasitology and is currently doing his Postdoc research, all of which have been funded by the Glover family.

Paul is helping to develop liver fluke drug targets in an area where there have been no new drugs since 1980. In a unique coincidence, his research recently took him to St Louis in Washington where John Glover spent a year on a fellowship in the 1950s.



Over 120 Queen's donors and legacy pledgers returned to campus on a beautiful Saturday in June for the annual Donor 'Thank You' Day.

The occasion recognises the University's generous donors and provides an opportunity to hear first-hand where philanthropic gifts have had an impact.

Over afternoon tea guests heard from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Patrick Johnston, from Professor Cathy Craig, Head of the School of Psychology at Queen's, who showcased some of the leading edge research being conducted at the University and from graduate Alan McKelvey, who delighted everyone with his recollections of life at the University in the 1960s.

A specially commissioned video featuring messages of thanks from those who have benefitted most directly from donor philanthropy in the past year was also screened.

The afternoon concluded with a tour of the recently opened Graduate School in the refurbished Lynn Library.



# My legacy

## Caroline Jamison

Helping drive ground-breaking research into treatments for MS



Caroline Jamison was diagnosed with MS in 2013. Shortly after her father passed away the following year, she decided to reserve her late parents' collection of rare and valuable motorbikes as a legacy gift to support ground-breaking MS research at Queen's.

“ My late mother had MS and I understand first-hand the devastating impact it can have on family life. My aim is to help raise awareness of the pioneering MS research at Queen's. I want to do what I can to support this work, in memory of my late parents, to ensure that research continues until a cure is found. I hope that through my actions I can offer a beacon of hope to other families with MS. I also take confidence from the fact that 100 per cent of money raised will be spent on MS research here in Northern Ireland.”

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