



The Lanyon Society

Newsletter

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Welcome



Ten years ago this summer, the Lanyon Society was established to represent and recognise the growing number of graduates and friends who have made the ultimate gift, a charitable legacy, to Queen's. It embodies a group of visionaries who believe in the University's responsibility to understand the important traditions of the past, the challenges of the present and the possibilities of the future.

To date, the Development and Alumni Relations Office has received enquiries from over 900 individuals regarding information on leaving a legacy gift to Queen's and membership comprises 111 people who have confirmed a gift in their will to Queen's.

One-third of those who choose to share their planned wishes are supporting cancer research, while a quarter are providing for future generations of students through scholarships, hardship funds, equipment or resources.

Many individuals also choose to leave the allocation of their gift to the discretion of the University to direct to the areas of greatest need at the time, enabling

Queen's to fulfil its vision of addressing the largest challenges facing global society. These gifts help enhance academic quality, fund advances in healthcare and forge links with business.

Regardless of size, each and every gift is instrumental in the future of education and research in Northern Ireland and beyond. In the 10 months to June 2014, The Queen's Foundation has received £2.7m in legacies, ranging from £500 to £2,000,000.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for considering Queen's in your will and ask that if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

With warmest regards

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Campus News: Queen's In UK-Wide Effort To Improve Asthma Care

Queen's has been named as a partner in a national research centre focused on improving the lives of people with Asthma. The Asthma UK Centre for Applied Research is the UK's first integrated Centre for research into the illness, which affects 182,000 (one in ten) people in Northern Ireland - 146,000 adults and 36,000 children.

Researchers at the Centre for Infection and Immunity at Queen's School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences are among experts from academic and NHS organisations across the UK who will work together to share expertise and insights to find better treatments for Asthma and make them available faster than ever before. Queen's Professors Mike Shields and Liam

Heaney are two of Northern Ireland's leading experts on Asthma care. Professor Shields is responsible for a programme of research into childhood asthma and wheezing disorders, while Professor Heaney conducts world-class research into 'difficult to treat' Asthma. Professor Mike Shields, Assistant Director of Queen's Centre for Infection and Immunity said: "We are delighted to be a part of the Asthma UK Centre for Applied Research. The Centre will provide a platform for high quality research initiatives and will help foster new partnerships between experts across academia and health."

More than 5 million people in the UK are affected by Asthma. There were 1,242 deaths from Asthma in the UK in 2010 (21 of these

were children aged 14 and under), and the NHS spends around £1 billion a year treating and caring for people with the illness. Yet research into this life-threatening condition is chronically underfunded, taking an average of 17 years currently to develop a new treatment.



Cyber Expert Among UK's Top Engineers



A professor from Queen's who invented a high-speed silicon security chip used in more than 100 million TV set-top boxes, has received the prestigious 2014 Royal Academy of Engineering Silver Medal.

Professor Máire O'Neill is one of only five engineers who have received the medal in national recognition for their contribution to society. The former British Female Inventor of the Year is one of Europe's leading experts on digital security, and is currently Professor of Information Security at Queen's Centre for Secure Information Technologies.

Speaking about her award, Professor O'Neill said: "It is an honour to receive this recognition from the Royal Academy of Engineering. Cyber security presents huge challenges for the future. The development of resilient, secure information systems is crucial for everyone - from how we carry out our daily work, to the delivery of public services, to issues of national and international security. It is a hugely exciting and important field in which to work, and I am delighted that my research has been recognised for its impact on wider society."

The Changing Face Of Queen's

For many of you who studied at Queen's, you may well remember the beautiful Lynn Library, the gothic red brick building overlooking the front lawns. The library has been out of use for a number of years and a regeneration project has begun to bring it back to its former glory.

The Lynn project will create a new world-class centre for postgraduate students and is part of a larger masterplan for the main site which will transform facilities for students and staff. The first phase includes the redevelopment of the former Library Stack as a new home for the School of Law. This refurbished space will be linked to the Peter Froggatt Centre by a new three-

storey building, creating a single entity and providing a vibrant social space at the heart of the campus.

For further information on the Lynn project or the School of Law, and opportunities to support these by making a gift, please contact Jackie Trainor on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or email j.trainor@qub.ac.uk.



A front view of Lynn Library with the new link to the Peter Froggatt Centre



A view of the new School of Law building from University Square entrance

Legator In The Spotlight: Dr Harold McCauley



Harold McCauley to the University, in supporting the fields of vision and vascular research.

Harold's niece, Esther Emerson and her husband George were in attendance along with close family friend, Dr Alec Lyons. The University's Registrar and Chief Operating Officer, Mr James O'Kane, joined representatives from the Development and Alumni Relations Office and the Centre for Experimental Medicine to host the event.

Harold McCauley was not a Queen's graduate but the absence of a formal tertiary education did nothing to stem his appetite for intellectual pursuits and an exceptional contribution in the fields of education, health, commerce and agriculture in Northern Ireland.

A dedicated Omagh-man he played a huge role in the commercial and civic life of his county town. His determination in

each field he chose to tackle was without bounds, excelling in roles such as Director of Education for Tyrone, Chair of Omagh District Council, running Tyrone County Hospital, heading up the Omagh Combat Cancer Campaign, and setting up a residential home.

His philanthropic ambitions were no less impressive. During his lifetime, he chose to generously support areas of healthcare that closely reflected his personal health issues. In 1978, after successful coronary artery bypass surgery, he established the Harold McCauley Fund for Cardiovascular Research at Queen's and only 2 years later, when he had his vision restored through eye surgery, he established a fund to support research into the prevention and treatment of blindness. As a final act of faith, Harold included in his will a generous charitable gift to Queen's to continue to support those areas of research he had established during his lifetime.

An intimate thank-you lunch was held in the splendid surroundings of the Hamilton Room in Queen's Lanyon Building in April to celebrate the generosity of the late



L-R: Ms Norma Sinte, Professor Alan Stitt, Mrs Esther Emerson, Mrs Susan Wilson, Mr George Emerson, Ms Elaine Latimer, Dr Alec Lyons, Mr James O'Kane

Adopt A Bench In Memory Of A Loved One

The Adopt-A-Bench programme at Queen's offers the opportunity to have a personal and tangible place on the campus to commemorate someone dear to you or celebrate a special event. There are a number of benches available in the beautiful settings of the main Quadrangle at Queen's and The McClay Library plaza.

When you choose to participate in the Adopt-A-Bench programme, through your philanthropic contribution, you will also become a benefactor of our ongoing work to support the student experience. The donation is directed to The Queen's Scholarship Fund which supports students,

allowing them to turn dreams into reality, regardless of their financial circumstances.

A bench can be adopted for £1,000. In recognition, the University will install a plaque engraved with a personalised inscription on your chosen bench.

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QUEEN'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS
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Joining entitles you to a growing list of benefits, including access to the alumni network through national and regional alumni chapters and a calendar of social events.

It is always a pleasure to hear from our readers, so if you would like to be featured in a future edition of the Lanyon Society newsletter, or if you have any stories you would like to share about your time at Queen's, please contact Susan Wilson.

Queen's Joins Forces With Local Charities To Encourage Legacy Gifts



Susan Wilson and Jim Wells

Thirty-six of Northern Ireland's most respected charities – including Queen's Foundation – joined forces at Parliament Buildings, Stormont in March to raise awareness of the importance of legacy gifts.

'Will to Give' is a consortium of local charities whose aim is to encourage and promote gifts in wills to all charities across the country.

Mr Jim Wells, MLA, hosting the showcase event, stated: "I am delighted to support Will to Give. As a previous legacy officer and a current legacy pledger to Queen's, I fully appreciate the importance of gifts in wills and their power to support our most cherished charities here in Northern Ireland."

The event highlighted some recent research in legacy giving in Northern Ireland. It also emphasised the importance of the role of

local solicitors when drafting clients' wills, and informing individuals of the possibility of leaving a legacy gift to those charities they have supported throughout their lives.

Speaking about the latest initiative, Queen's Legacy Officer, Susan Wilson, said: "Queen's is delighted to be part of the consortium helping to raise awareness of the importance of local legacy giving. A legacy is a truly inspiring way to show you care, and – for the charity – can be hugely transformational.

"Legacy gifts to Queen's help ensure that the University remains an institution of global influence. They allow us to provide inspirational education and life-changing research by offering scholarships to exceptional students who might otherwise not be able to realise their full potential. And legacies also enable our academics to continue carrying out pioneering research into the major issues of the 21st century."

Legacy Gift Ignites Innovation through Dragons' Den



In September 2013, the Development and Alumni Relations Department received a very generous legacy gift of £10,000 from the late FH Gould, of Shipley. Mr Gould's wishes for his gift were that it should be used to "fund research into new sources of energy and power".

The School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EEECS) at Queen's has decided to award the legacy gift as a research grant through a Dragons' Den style process. Applications are open to all academic staff in EEECS with the successful application going to the best and most innovative pitch on research into new sources of energy and power.

We are extremely grateful for Mr Gould's foresight to allow this money to be used in such an innovative and impactful way.

Dates for your diary

Event: 1972 Law Reunion
Date: 5th September 2014
Venue: TBC

Event: 1964 Medical Reunion
Date: 12th – 14th September 2014
Venue: Various, including Ramada Hotel, Shaw's Bridge

Event: CEM Ophthalmology Information Evening
Date: 23rd September 2014
Venue: The Great Hall, Queen's

Event: 1974 Medical Reunion
Date: 3rd – 5th October 2014
Venue: Lough Erne Resort, Co Fermanagh

*For details of these, and other upcoming events, you can visit daro.qub.ac.uk/events.

Legacy gifts to Queen's are wholly exempt from UK Inheritance Tax. The Foundation has charitable status for all UK Tax purposes and its unique charity number is XR22432.

If you would like to come back to see around your old department, visit a new building, or speak to someone in confidence about leaving a gift in your will, please contact the University's Legacy Officer, Susan Wilson, on +44 (0)28 9097 3162 or email susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk

If you have any feedback about this newsletter which you would like to share, or suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in future editions, please contact Susan Wilson.

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