



# The Lanyon Society

## Newsletter

The Legacy Newsletter from The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation.  
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## Welcome



### Timing and Ties...

A year on from the launch of the Queen's 'Beyond' fundraising campaign, legacy gifts continue to be a key feature of financial support to our University. The main differences, however, between lifetime gifts and legacy gifts to the University are timing and ties.

The campaign projects, including the Institute of Health Sciences, the Institute of Global Food Security and Green Chemistry are 'current needs'. Legacies are most often

'future' requirements. They are visionary in nature, as they are often written decades in advance of the realisation of the gift. They are personal to the individuals, representing those causes closest to their hearts.

However, sometimes visionary and current causes converge and two stories align. Like those of Katherine and Jack, both alumni of Queen's.

When Jack gifted £5,000 in his will in the latter decades of the 20th century, his legacy was unrestricted. In other words, the gift could be used to support that area of the University in greatest need of financial support at the time. He was not to know that in 2013/14, a talented student would benefit from a scholarship fund, thanks to his generosity.

And Katharine's gift, received in April, will support a student studying for a Masters in Advanced Food Safety, a course in the new Institute of Global Food Security. This year the student will research global food safety issues such as how to ensure the quality and safety of food supply chains, thanks to Katharine's act of including a charitable gift

in her will decades before.

Over £300,000 has been received by The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation in charitable legacy gifts in the last financial year, helping to improve student lives, University facilities and research projects.

I would like to thank our 'living legators', our future 'Katherines' and 'Jacks'. This year alone, over 120 donors, alumni and friends have chosen to consider a future gift to Queen's. Their decisions, today or tomorrow, will help students who haven't yet been born, research that hasn't been conceived of, buildings yet to be designed. It is a leap of faith that makes a real difference to Queen's and Northern Ireland tomorrow. Thank you.

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## Queen's announces new President and Vice-Chancellor

Professor Patrick Johnston has been appointed as the University's 12th President and Vice-Chancellor and will take up post on 1 March 2014.

Professor Johnston, a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, is an outstanding academic with a distinguished record of achievement. Throughout his career, he has led transformational projects, and combines vision with a determination and passion to deliver change which will benefit society as a whole.

Professor Johnston graduated with distinction in medicine from University College Dublin in 1982. He continued his medical training at the Mater and St James's University Teaching Hospitals in Dublin, prior to securing a Fellowship at the National Cancer Institute,

USA, in 1987. He was appointed as Professor and Head of the Department of Oncology at Queen's and Belfast City Hospital in 1996. In that capacity, he led the modernisation of cancer services in Northern Ireland, developing the new Northern Ireland Clinical Cancer Centre. This was followed by the creation of the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, culminating in the University being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Prize in 2012 for its leadership of the Northern Ireland Comprehensive Cancer Services programme.

Speaking about his appointment, Professor Johnston commented: "This is a proud day for both me and my family and I thank Queen's University for choosing me to be its next President and Vice-Chancellor. I very much look forward to leading this

distinguished institution and working alongside its exceptional staff and students. It is an honour and privilege to be given this opportunity to further develop and enhance the reputation and standing of Queen's."





Professor Danny McAuley

## New £4m centre enables more patients to take part in clinical trials in Northern Ireland

A new £4m clinical research hub which opened in Belfast in October will enable more patients than ever before to take part in clinical trials in Northern Ireland. The Wellcome Trust-Wolfson Foundation Northern Ireland Clinical Research Facility (NICRF) will concentrate on four main research themes - cancer, nutrition and metabolism, eye disease and lung disease.

The facility will also benefit those with rare conditions who, until now, have had to travel to England to participate in trials. Professor Danny McAuley from Queen's Centre for Infection and Immunity, and Acting Director of NICRF, said:

"Researchers throughout Northern Ireland are making some of the most important scientific discoveries in the world today. Until the establishment of the NICRF there was no dedicated area with such an array of specialist equipment to support clinical research here. Now, we will be able to translate laboratory discoveries into advances in patient care. We are tremendously grateful to the Wellcome Trust, the Wolfson Foundation and Health and Social Care Research and Development within the Public Health Agency (PHA) for their vision and support in funding the facility which is already bringing real benefit to patients."

This is a joint venture between Queen's, The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, The University of Ulster and Health and Social Care Research and Development (HSC R&D), a division of the PHA.

Researchers hope that hundreds of patients will be offered the chance to take part in clinical trials each year, leading to a major increase in numbers previously enrolled in research studies in Northern Ireland.



Riddel Hall Campus, established through a gift to Queen's in 1913 from sisters Eliza and Isabella Riddel.

## November - A month to remember...

November is traditionally a month associated with remembrance and thanksgiving. Many people choose to take two minutes out of their busy schedules to remember those who have lost their lives in conflict. And over time, this has led to a more widespread remembrance of loved ones and an opportunity to give thanks for people who have shaped our lives in a positive way.

Throughout all areas of the University, the act of remembering a loved one through a gift is abundant. From bookplates inside a 'favourite' library book in The McClay Library, to student prizes and scholarship funds, the names of family members and generous friends of the University help memories to endure.

The names of generous donors themselves can be found all over campus.

In 1913, sisters Eliza and Isabella Riddel

donated £25,000 to establish a women's residence at Queen's. Riddel Hall still stands in all its grandeur off the Stranmillis Road. It is now home to Queen's University Management School, the William J Clinton Leadership Institute, the Institute of Directors (IOD) and the Northern Ireland Centre for Pharmacy, Learning and Development (NICPLD). The Riddel sisters' gift remains a permanent reminder of their generosity and desire to enrich the lives of future generations.

Many alumni and friends of Queen's find it easier to plan a charitable gift in memory of a loved one in their wills. Legacy gifts to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation support the pursuit of world-class education and life-changing research, helping our institution maintain its impact, locally and internationally. Charitable legacy gifts may also help reduce the amount due in tax on your estate.

For further information on legacy giving, contact Susan Wilson by email [susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk](mailto:susan.wilson@qub.ac.uk) or phone 028 9097 3162.

### Did you know?

- Riddel Hall was home to over 1,000 young women between 1915 and 1975
- Residents received a shovel of coal which had to last them for one week
- Riddel Hall is supported by the Founders' Club, a group of Northern Ireland businesses, who donated more than £1.5m to its redevelopment
- Riddel Hall retains many original features including fireplaces, wood panelling, bannisters, iron work, a desktop complete with graffiti and a coal chute built to facilitate the multiple floors

## Legacy Numbers – At a Glance

- In the UK, 16% of wills in probate include a gift to charity
- 7% of individuals die with a gift to charity in their will
- The legacy market is worth £1.85 billion in the UK
- The top ten charities account for 32% of the market
- Approximately 700 wills in Northern Ireland contain a legacy gift
- Over 100 individuals have confirmed a gift in their wills to Queen's
- 800 others have requested information on legacy giving to Queen's
- 93% of legacy gifts are from alumni of the University
- Impact – future gifts will benefit sports, scholarships, cancer research, green chemistry, languages and music



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# QUEEN'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS GET CONNECTED

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.

# A big thank you.

Benefactors' Lunch –  
Saturday, 22 June 2013

Over 100 donors and current legators attended the annual Benefactors' Lunch in June. The event, held in the magnificently refurbished Riddel Hall, was hosted by Professor Sir Peter Gregson, President and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's and Leslie and Hilary Morrison, Patrons of the Lanyon Society. A reception was followed by lunch at which the attendees heard from Dr Pedro Lacerda, the Michael West Fellow at Queen's, about the far-reaching impact of philanthropy on his own research.



Lorna Paul, Esther Emerson, Anne Patton



Angela McCullough, Lavinia Boyce,  
Linda Dawson, Rosemary Rainey



Jonathan Hill, Ian Moore, Niall McShane



Una Eady, Mandy McCrum,  
Carmel Francis



Class of 2013

## Dates for your diary

**Event:** QUAS Annual Dinner  
**Date:** February  
**Venue:** TBC

**Event:** Peter Rice Exhibition and Opening  
**Date:** February 2014  
**Venue:** Naughton Gallery, Queen's University Belfast

**Event:** GAA 2014 Festival  
**Date:** Feb/March 2014  
**Venue:** PEC, QUB

**Event:** 1964 Medical Reunion  
**Date:** 12-14th September 2014  
**Venue:** Ramada Hotel

For details of these, and other upcoming events, you can visit [darq.qub.ac.uk/events](http://darq.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](mailto: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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