

NEWS HEADLINES

QUEEN'S IN WORLD'S FIRST TRIAL OF NEW TREATMENT FOR PROSTATE CANCER



Queen's University, in partnership with the Belfast Trust, is leading the world's first ever trial of a new combination of cancer therapies for patients with advanced prostate cancer, with the hope of extending their lives.

The ADRRAD trial, which recently started at the Northern Ireland Cancer Centre, is funded and supported by Friends of the Cancer Centre and Bayer Pharmaceuticals.

Thirty patients will participate in the trial over the next 18 months. It is aimed at men with advanced prostate cancer, where the cancer has spread to the bones at the time of diagnosis. This accounts for around 10 per cent of prostate cancer patients.

Professor Joe O'Sullivan from Queen's who is leading the trial said: "This is the first trial of its kind anywhere in the world. It is hoped that combining two forms of radiotherapy will be more effective than existing hormone treatment in targeting prostate cancer cells at multiple sites and extend the life expectancy of men whose treatment options are otherwise limited. We expect results from the initial trial within two years, with the view to then embarking on a larger trial with a greater number of patients."

QUEEN'S AUTISM EXPERT CALLS FOR IMPROVED SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

A world-leading autism expert is calling on the Northern Ireland government to take action to improve the support and services available to people with autism and their families, in line with international standards.

Professor Karola Dillenburger from Queen's School of Education is the author of a new report on autism in Northern Ireland, funded by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

The report, entitled 'Helping the most vulnerable out of the poverty trap and reducing inequality' is an examination of the impact of autism in Northern Ireland and includes key recommendations for the transformation of existing autism policy and practice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event: Donor and Legacy Pledger Thank You Event
Date: 11 June 2016
Venue: The Great Hall
Details: The annual event to thank our supporters.

Event: 1991 Physics Reunion
Date: 16 July 2016
Venue: TBC

Event: 1966 Medical Reunion
Date: 21 September 2016
Venue: The Great Hall

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



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

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ARE YOU THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE?

If you have pledged a charitable gift in your will, you are among only 7% of individuals in the UK and 3% of people in Northern Ireland who have done so.

You are exceptional, thank you.

To say that supporting charities through a legacy gift can be life-changing is not an overstatement. Gifts to The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation, while costing nothing in the donor's lifetime, enable our researchers to develop new ways to prevent and treat disease. Legacies can also offer a financial lifeline to gifted students who otherwise may not be able to study at Queen's. These are opportunities that are enabling change for the better.

You can read a selection of recent case studies outlining how gifts from legacy donors have supported students and research at the University - examples of Queen's global impact.

I would also like to highlight a date for your diary – Saturday 11 June – our annual Donor Thank-you event.



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Taking place on campus in the Great Hall, it is chance for us to thank our donors and legacy pledgers for their continued support.

I hope you can make it!

Warmest regards,
Susan Wilson



DID YOU KNOW?

The Queen's University of Belfast Foundation is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NIC102044.

JEAN CRAWFORD COCHRANE CHAMPIONING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

27 June 1914 – 23 March 2013

A stalwart attendee at regular University events (usually in the front row and easily recognizable in her trademark tweed suit!), Jean was a familiar face around campus, attending Queen's Women Graduates' events and Charter Day Dinners. Her passionate dedication to education, coupled with the ability to articulate her views well, earned Jean an eminent reputation and a place in the heart of the Queen's family.



▲ Mary, Frances and Jean

Jean's story at Queen's, however, represented only a small part of an otherwise varied and colourful career and life, which I was delighted to hear about from Frances Carpenter (née Grant), who knew her affectionately as 'Granny Cochrane'.

Born in Lifford, County Donegal, Jean studied at Ashleigh House School in Belfast (later to become Hunter House), and graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 1938. She continued her hunger for education through a teacher training course at Ambleside in England. Quickly she gained employment in various teaching roles including a spell in Australia where she was on the staff of the Presbyterian Ladies School Melbourne.



▲ 'Lady Muck'

Jean returned to Trinity in 1946 to complete her Masters, whilst continuing to be an advocate of women's education, joining the graduate associations at both Dublin University and Queen's. Her ability to communicate her cause enabled her to be a key contributor to such publications as 'A Danger to Men? A History of Women in Trinity College Dublin 1904 – 2004.'

In the 1960s, Ms Cochrane became Principal of the Parents' National Education Union School London, a role that allowed her to travel extensively to areas such as Bangkok, Bogota, Trinidad, the West Indies and Hong Kong. 1966 saw Jean return to home shores and to her alma mater, as Headmistress of Ashleigh House School, where she served for just under a decade.

Retiring in 1975, Jean pursued a host of activities, including honorary membership of the Linenhall Library and participant of Belfast Naturalists' Field Club, where, in 1979, she was given the honorary and affectionate title of 'Lady Muck' from the Ulster Trust for Conservation. She also took the opportunity to expand on her previous travels, taking part in educational exchange trips to the USA, Hong Kong and China during the 1980s.

▲ Jean at Queen's event



Jean was a dedicated member of the Church of Ireland and, in her retirement, became a lay reader at St John's Malone in 1985, as well as taking occasional services at Musgrave Park Hospital. In recognition of her contribution to the Church, Jean was made a Royal Maundy recipient by Her Majesty the Queen in 2008.

Jean Cochrane was a formidable lady with passion and drive. Her legacy to Queen's University – The Jean Crawford Cochrane Scholarship – will offer the opportunity for future generations of women in Ireland to shine as she did.



LEGACY IMPACT - UPDATE



John Smith deceased 1 Nov 2014
Legacy: Research, Diabetes

John wasn't an alumnus of Queen's but in his will he left a quarter of his estate to support medical research into diabetes. Diabetes is progressive and incurable. It can lead to major complications such as kidney failure, heart attacks and strokes, and eye disease. Thanks to gifts from supporters like John, we are assembling a team of gifted international academics at our new Institute of Health Sciences. They are tackling the challenge head-on, establishing a reputation as leaders in the field of research into this destructive disease and how to deal with it.



Murray Tyrrell 16 Jun 1945 – 10 Jan 2015
Legacy: Education, The Dr & Mrs Tyrrell Prize for Conflict Transformation and Social Justice

In my role as Legacy Officer, I met Murray in 2014 in the beautiful surroundings of the Scottish Malt Whiskey Society rooms in Edinburgh. I was there to discuss his wishes on how he might offer future generations of Queen's students the same opportunities he had enjoyed during his time in Belfast in the 1970s. Throughout the course of the next year, he decided on a prize in memory of his late parents, as they had enabled his own opportunities at Queen's.

Murray had studied here during a time of civil unrest in Northern Ireland and this experience had sparked an interest in the dynamics of conflicting societies. Consequently, whilst working in the Scottish Parliament, he met with the ambassador of Rwanda who had spoken at length about how some degree of peace had been brought about in the middle of their country's terrible genocide. It was for these reasons that his aspiration was to continue to support education into the globally impactful area of peace and reconciliation.

A typical warm-hearted Scot, with a love of life, language and music, Murray was a generous man with passion and drive. His legacy gift will support a postgraduate student in one of our new Global Research Institutes – the Institute of Global Peace, Security and Justice. Thank you, Murray.

Aileen Hamilton 19 Dec 1946 – 4 Jan 2015
Legacy: Research, School of Pharmacy

An unassuming, hard-working and charitable lady, Aileen studied Chemistry at Queen's, graduating in 1969. She went on to pursue a career in the School of Pharmacy, assisting the team in marking student papers and helping to write grant applications for financial support for their global research. It came as a surprise to staff last year when they learned that she had left 30 per cent of her estate to support their research programmes.



Professor David Woolfson, Head of the School of Pharmacy said:

"We are immensely grateful for Aileen's gift. It will be transformational in its impact – enabling our researchers to continue to lead the field as we focus on drugs to prevent, alleviate or cure diseases."

The School of Pharmacy at Queen's is ranked as the No.1 Pharmacy School in the UK by the 2016 *Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide*, for the second successive year. Some recent headlines for researchers in the School include:

- Development of a new treatment to stop one of the UK's biggest killers – Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)
- Professor Ryan Donnelly, winner of the 2013 BBSRC 'Innovator of the Year' award for his research on transdermal drug delivery using microneedles
- Ground-breaking research to develop a new anti-cancer drug.

LEGACY PLANNING TIPS

DEED OF VARIATION

If a loved one has died and you would like to make a charitable gift in their memory, you can use money or other assets you have inherited to support a charity.

If the gift is made through a 'deed of variation' within 2 years of the death, it is treated for IHT purposes as having been made by the deceased. If IHT was paid on the estate, a refund of tax will be due (based on the size of the charitable gift) and if the gift satisfies the 10% test, a further tax refund may be claimed on the basis that the remainder of the estate qualifies for the reduced tax rate of 36%. Any gift you make will be exempt from IHT, from your own perspective.

Finally, we encourage you to seek the advice of an experienced solicitor to draft your will and recommend that you discuss your intentions with family members.



'A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in'.

Greek Proverb