

# UNIVERSITY NEWS



## Maynooth University to lead €21 million SHAPES Health Research

SHAPES aims to help Europe's ageing population to live actively and independently at home in their communities with the support of assisted living technology



(l-r) Dr Michael Cooke, Assistant Prof in Applied Psychology; Dr Deirdre Desmond, Associate Prof in the Department of Psychology and Co-Director of ALL Institute; Dr Rudi Villing, Assistant Prof in the Department of Electronic Engineering and Prof Mac MacLachlan, Co-Director of the ALL Institute, with PAL TIAGo robot funded with the support of Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)

Funded by the European Commission under Horizon 2020, the research project has a value of €21 million and consists of a consortium of 36 partners across 14 European countries, and will run for four years. Led by the ALL (Assisting Living & Learning) Institute at Maynooth University, it is the largest European Commission funded health research grant to ever be led by an Irish university.

## Launch of Kathleen Lonsdale Institute

The Kathleen Lonsdale Institute for Human Health Research takes a uniquely integrated approach to address some of the major health problems of today

The institute's primary objective is to study key determinants of human health from childhood to adulthood, through to old age. Researchers at the institute will explore how environmental, psychological, behavioural and biological factors affect health.

The new institute will comprise approximately 40 groups featuring over 100 researchers from disciplines such as Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, and Computer Science as well researchers from other Maynooth University departments. While most of the groups will focus on the biology of diseases and treatment, researchers will also examine the various factors across the life course that determine health.



Prof Paul Moynagh, Director of the Kathleen Lonsdale Institute for Human Health Research; Dr Fiona Walsh, Assistant Professor of Biology; Stephen Lonsdale, son of Kathleen Lonsdale

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## €21 million SHAPES Health Research *(continued)*

The SHAPES acronym stands for Smart and Healthy Ageing through People Engaging in supportive Systems, and Irish partners include UCC and Access Earth Ltd (a Maynooth Campus Company); along with the University of Ulster and the Northern Health and Social Services Trust, in Northern Ireland.

Citizens in a rapidly ageing European population are at greater risk of cognitive impairment, frailty and multiple chronic health conditions with considerable negative consequences for their independence, quality of life and for the sustainability of health and care systems. The SHAPES research project aims to foster the large-scale deployment of integrated digital solutions which will bring greater independence and improved quality of life to citizens while demonstrating significant efficiency gains in health and care delivery across Europe.

Mac MacLachlan, Professor of Psychology and Social Inclusion at Maynooth's Department of Psychology, and Co-Director of the Assisting Living and Learning (ALL) Institute, who is co-leading the SHAPES project commented: "The emphasis of the SHAPES research is on providing quality community and living experiences which will lead to maintaining people in their homes. As of now, we have a lot of different technologies available to older people and people with disabilities. Someone might have a hearing aid, a wheelchair, home sensors and perhaps a 'smart' pillbox - but they don't necessarily all work together. Working with our European colleagues, we want to bring assistive technologies together with connected health."

Dr Michael Cooke, Assistant Professor in Applied Psychology and co-lead of the SHAPES research project commented: "The SHAPES research project is highly interdisciplinary and will look at the interactions between people and technology because, all too often, technology developers and innovators can come up with new devices that don't meet the needs of ordinary people in their own contexts. Therefore, our focus is on usability so that older people can focus on what they can achieve with the technology, rather than worrying about how it is supposed to work."

### FROM THE EDITOR

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## Record Number of Ceremonies at Maynooth University



Pictured (l-r); Graduating in September with Honours Degrees of Bachelor of Arts (Media Studies) was Aisling Meaney, Rosa Cahn, Mary Doyle and Bronagh Healy, with Prof Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University

**2,248 students were conferred, including 40 PhD graduates at 14 Ceremonies over five days in September, while another 700 were conferred over two days in October**

The September ceremonies included the first graduating class of students from the new Bachelor of Arts (Media Technology); Bachelor of Engineering (Single Major); the first postgraduate diplomas in

Global Legal Studies and in Comparative Criminology, and the new Diploma in Leadership, Defence and Contemporary Security and the Higher Diploma in Social Policy.

## Korec Ireland sponsors Geography Dept Drone



Helen Gilmarin from Korec Ireland and Dr Conor Cahalane, Department of Geography at the presentation of a senseFly eBee RTK to teaching staff on the MSc in GIS and Remote Sensing. Geography students now have an opportunity to get experience 'in the field' – planning an aerial survey, seeing the best drone technology in flight and then working with that data. The senseFly eBee RTK will play a key role in both teaching and research and is a great addition to the MSc GIS/RS programme – already fully accredited by the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

## MU Offers Highest-Ever Number of Places to CAO Applicants

Maynooth University welcomed more than 3,220 new first year students this year. This is the largest ever intake and represents an increase of 3% from last year.

More than 4,200 students chose Maynooth University as their first preference, an increase of 7% from the previous year.

As a result of this strong demand, the entry points have risen for a number of degree courses such as the BA Psychology (from 473 to 495 points), the BSc in Biological and Biomedical Sciences (from 445 to 462), and the BSc Science with Education (from 434 points to 451).

## Launch of Kathleen Lonsdale Institute *(continued)*

Born in 1903 in Newbridge in Kildare, Kathleen Lonsdale was a pioneer in using X-rays to study crystals, a technique that can be used across disciplines to discover novel drug targets. As a female scientist in the field of chemistry and physics, she was ahead of her time and having made seminal findings in these areas at the start of her career, she later applied this expertise to the study of medical issues.



## Maynooth University's MSc Climate Change Wins Postgraduate Course of the Year in Science

Maynooth University's MSc Climate Change wins Postgraduate Course of the Year in Science at the gradireland Higher Education Awards 2020

The prize, sponsored by Novartis was presented at gradireland Higher Education Awards 2020 on Friday 22nd November.

Maynooth University is delighted that two of its programmes had been shortlisted for the gradireland Higher Education Awards – the MA in Mediation and Conflict Resolution was also shortlisted for Postgraduate Course of the Year in Arts, Humanities & Social Science.

Prof Maria Pramaggiore, Dean of Graduate Studies, welcomed news of the shortlisting, ahead of the Awards ceremony, which this year will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry. She said: "Gradireland's recognition of these two flagship master's programmes testifies to Maynooth's strengths in emerging research areas that have a global impact."



Pictured (l-r): Tristanne Silva, gradireland; Dr Lisa Orme, Dept of Geography; Mairead Lyons, Group Lead, Novartis

## MU Welcomes Ascent in THE World University Rankings



Maynooth University is delighted with its elevation in THE global university rankings for 2020, achieving its highest ever position in this ranking

Maynooth is now positioned in the top 350 universities in THE rankings, which include almost 1,400 universities from 92 countries.

The evaluation is based on performance indicators designed to capture the full range of university activities, including teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

Prof Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University, said: "This is a welcome endorsement of the performance and ambition of Maynooth University and shows that our research, teaching and innovative curriculum are excellent by international standards, and recognised as such by our peers.

"While rankings are an imperfect and incomplete measure of an institution's quality, it is nonetheless gratifying that this year's result represents the highest position ever achieved by Maynooth University in this ranking.

"We are particularly proud that THE rankings reflect objective strengths in our research metrics, including our citations, a sign of the premier quality of the research conducted by Maynooth's academics, as well as our international outlook.

Earlier this year, Maynooth University was named in the THE's Top 50 Young Universities ranking, a list of the top universities around the world under 50 years old.

## InSPIREurope at MU Supports Scholars at Risk of Persecution

InSPIREurope, a new EU-funded initiative to support researchers at risk was launched in October by ten European partners at Maynooth University.

Funded under the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, the launch of InSPIREurope, is recognition of a shared commitment to excellence in research and to the principles of freedom of inquiry and academic freedom that are essential for world-class research.

Maynooth University is a founding member of Scholars at Risk (Ireland) and will host the European office of the global Scholars at Risk network.

From September 2018 to the end August 2019, more than 580 scholars and researchers sought the assistance of Scholars at Risk. The organisation successfully placed 115 scholars at universities globally. The highest rate of applications came from Turkey, Syria, Iran and Yemen.

InSPIREurope brings together a diverse set of partners in a concerted effort to expand support for researchers at risk. InSPIREurope begins from the view that excellence in research depends upon open scientific debate, and is driven by a multiplicity of ideas, people and perspectives. When researchers are at risk, and excluded from participating in the global research circuit, whether due to discrimination, persecution, suffering or violence, not only are individual lives and careers at risk; the quality, and the very future of research is also at stake.



Pictured (l-r): Robert Quinn, Founding Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network; Sinead O'Gorman, Director, SAR Europe; Prof Linda Connolly, Director, Maynooth University Social Sciences Maynooth University; Prof Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University



# MU Law Dept Celebrates 10th Anniversary

## The Department of Law celebrated its 10th Anniversary in November with guest speakers and a gala reception

The Department marked this milestone by hosting a panel discussion entitled 'Reflections on a Decade in Law'. Ms Justice Mary Laffoy, President of the Law Reform Commission and Adjunct Professor at Maynooth University addressed the event, along with Senator Michael McDowell, Senior Counsel and former Minister for Justice; and Dr Carol Coulter, former Legal Affairs Editor of the Irish Times and Director of the Child Care Law Reporting Project.

Prof Michael Doherty, Head of the Law Department, moderated a lively discussion, during which the speakers reflected on developments in court reporting the impact of social media on court proceedings, the place of the child in family law proceedings, and the role of the victim in the criminal law



Ms Justice Mary Laffoy, Senator Michael McDowell, Prof Michael Doherty, Dr Carol Coulter and Prof Philip Nolan cut the cake

process. The event was attended by Maynooth alumni from the past decade, current students, and friends and colleagues from Maynooth and beyond.

## MU among Six Research Projects Awarded €25m through SFI Programme



Pictured are Prof Tim McCarthy, Maynooth University with Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys TD, and Dr Ciarán Seoighe, SFI Deputy Director General

### The MU project is led by Dr Tim McCarthy to support autonomous technologies

Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys, today announced a €25m Government investment through the Science Foundation Ireland Research Infrastructure Programme as part of Future Jobs Ireland. The funding is distributed among six research infrastructure projects and will enhance high quality research activities and innovation in areas of strategic priority across a variety of disciplines.

Dr Timothy McCarthy's National Autonomous Technologies Data Platform (NATDaP) will provide valuable open Autonomous Technology data (including driverless vehicles, AI, robotics and drones) from collaborating Higher Education Institutes across Ireland, which can be accessed by a much wider community, including researchers and industry collaborators.

Dr Timothy McCarthy commented: "Autonomous technologies offer huge societal and economic opportunities to Ireland. We are only beginning to see the practical applications this technology can provide. This investment will mean that not only can we create very real national capacity in this field but that we can ensure the opportunities have a much broader impact."

## European Honours for MU Geographer

Pictured is Prof Rob Kitchin, MUSSI and Dept of Geography, was recently elected to the Academia Europaea in the Research Area of Human Geography. Prof Kitchin is one of 324 international scholars invited to accept membership in the four classes of humanities, social and related sciences, exact sciences, and life sciences, following a rigorous peer review process. The Academia Europaea (formed in 1988) is the pan-European academy of science, humanities and letters, with a membership of over 3,800 eminent scholars, drawn from all countries of Europe, and all disciplines, nationalities and geographical locations.



## MU Hosts Summer School on Curriculum Studies



Pictured at the EuroACS (European Association of Curriculum Studies) and EERA (European Educational Research Association) Summer School in June are the Keynote speakers and EuroACS committee (l-r); Dr Stavroula Philippou, University of Cyprus; Dr Majella Dempsey, MU Dept of Education; Mira Dobutowitsch, MU Dept of Education; Professor Ninni Wahlström, Linnaeus University; Professor Patrick Slattery, Texas A&M University; Professor Elizabeth Rata, University of Auckland; Professor Mark Priestley, University of Stirling; Professor Susan Robertson, University of Bristol; Dr Dominik Dvořák, Charles University; Dr Nienke Nieveen, University of Twente; Dr Daniel Alvunger, Linnaeus University. The summer school on curriculum studies for post-graduate and early career researchers was hosted in the School of Education by Dr Majella Dempsey.

## Entrance Scholarship Ceremony



Pictured at the Maynooth University Entrance Scholarship Ceremony, are (l-r); Hannah Delaney, First year BEd Primary Teaching in the Froebel Department and Hannah Divney, First year BBS Business and Management. Almost 50 students were recognised at the ceremony on 23 October for their academic achievements in their Leaving Certificate exams, as well as scholarships for the Bachelor of Music and Equine Business degrees.



## Maynooth University Research Week 2019

Maynooth University hosted for a variety of world-class talks, spectacular exhibitions and concerts for Research Week (21-25 October)

Research Week 2019 showcased exhibitions, music, and lectures spanning global politics, the search for new planets, as well as fun events, competitions and concerts.

Award-winning Turkish writer and author of the acclaimed book *'How to Lose a Country – The 7 Steps from Democracy to Dictatorship'* delivered the annual Dean's Lecture. She was welcomed by Prof Colin Graham, Dean of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy, who paid tribute to her work.

Prof Maria Pramaggiore in her Inaugural Lecture *'Princess President? Gender, Power and the Meme-ing of Ivanka Trump'* discussed the world-wide impact of viral social memes that followed Ivanka Trump's interaction with global leaders at the G20 summit.

Dr Paul Ryan shared his research on the growth of digital intimacy in Ireland in his talk *'From Instagram to OnlyFans: The Creation of Digital Intimacy in the Lives of Migrant Male Sex Workers.'*

Fans of the next frontier of space exploration heard astrophysicist Dr Emma Whelan's lecture on the search for planets outside our solar system in her talk, *'Planet Hunters: How Maynooth University Astronomers are Searching for*

*New Worlds.'* An exhibition of astronomical images taken by MU students in the Observatoire de Haute Provence, titled *'Maynooth's Eye on the Universe'* ran throughout the week.

The Dr Iain McCurdy of the Department of Music outlined the results of a sonic survey of Maynooth University's bats in his captivating talk *'Encountering Maynooth's Bats.'*

A blend of music and technology also inspired an interactive *'Virtual Chapel'* recreating the acoustics and reverberant quality of St Patrick's College Chapel.

Prof Sinéad McGilloway and Dr Catriona O'Toole discussed the latest research on child wellbeing in schools, while Dr Tatiana Andreeva from the School of Business hosted an interactive workshop on shaping a future healthcare system.

A host of fun events took place including 'Ignite' researchers' quick-fire presentations of their work, a fast-moving 3 Minute Thesis competition, and 'Dr Mindflip's' immersive physics learning experience in a custom-designed vintage caravan.

## Prof Maria Pramaggiore Inaugural Lecture



Prof Maria Pramaggiore, Dept of Media Studies and Dean of Graduate Studies

*Princess President? Gender, Power and the Meme-ing of Ivanka Trump*, the Inaugural Lecture of Professor Maria Pramaggiore, Maynooth University Department of Media Studies took place on Thursday, 24 October.

This lecture examined the cultural significance of Ivanka Trump, both within the virulently partisan landscape of contemporary America and in the context of anti-democratic politics emerging globally. Tracing the origins of the Trump political dynasty to reality TV celebrity, Professor Pramaggiore analyses the way discourses of gender, race, social class and inheritance inform social media and popular culture understandings of the US president's daughter and heiress apparent.

## Dean's Lecture: Ece Temelkuran



Turkish writer Ece Temelkuran and Prof Colin Graham, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy

Award-winning Turkish writer and political thinker, Ece Temelkuran, delivered the Dean's Lecture as part of Research Week at Maynooth University. The author of the acclaimed book; *How to Lose a Country – The 7 Steps from Democracy to Dictatorship* was welcomed by Prof Colin Graham, Dean of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy, who paid tribute to her work.

Described as "essential" reading by Booker Prize-winning author Margaret Atwood, *How to Lose a Country* outlines how authoritarianism and populism have taken hold of politics in Turkey and elsewhere in the contemporary world.

## Awards Reception

Vice-President for Research Prof Ray O'Neill hosted the and Prof Philip Nolan, President, presented awards to the winners of the best posters, SPUR (undergraduates); Winners of the 3-minute thesis (postgraduate); winners of Ignite competition, and the 2019 IRC Scholarship awardees and 2019 IRC Postdoctoral Fellowship awardees.



Winners of the 3-minute thesis – Postgraduate (l-r); Sarah Jane Larragy, Department of Biology; Hazel Dunbar, Department of Biology and Chelsey Collins, Department of Early Irish



IRC Government of Ireland Scholars Christopher Phillips and Shirley Howe, PhD students at the Dept of Geography with Dr Conor Murphy, Department of Geography and ICARUS



Joanne Cusack and Laoise Maria Ní Chlerigh, winners of Postgraduate Student Awards with Prof Maria Pramaggiore, Dean of Graduate Studies



## The Niamh Bhreathnach Digital Archive Project



Niamh Bhreathnach visits a local school

A fascinating insight into the public and private life of former Labour Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach, has been captured through a digital archive project carried out by the Library in June 2019. A collection of 59 photographs from Bhreathnach's personal collection was scanned by the Library. This collection addresses a range of different subjects, including Bhreathnach's childhood years in Blackrock, social life as a young woman, marriage and family life, introduction to politics, and the journey to becoming Labour's first Minister for Education. For further information please contact: library.specialcollections@mu.ie

## Library Hosts Open Publishing Day

As part of Research Week and Open Access Week 2019, the Library hosted a Research and Open Publishing Day on Tuesday, 22 November. Cathal McCauley provided an overview of the scholarly publishing landscape. Ellen Breen spoke about the establishment of an open access press at DCU. Speakers from across MU campus discussed various aspects of open publishing and the initiatives of Maynooth Academic Publishing in this regard. Dr Ian Speller of the History Department spoke on the planned publication of the open access *Journal of Military History and Defence Studies*, while Professor Peter Coles spoke on the *Open Journal of Astrophysics*, which he edits and is published on the Scholastica platform with the support of MU Library. Dr Brandt Dainow gave a detailed overview of the open journal system while Dr Gloria Kirwan spoke about the peer review process. Ciarán Quinn, Research Support Librarian closed the day's events with a talk on open access versus traditional models of publishing. The Library also hosted two information stands in the Library foyer on our institutional repository MURAL and on our Makerspace and 3D printing services.

## Ken Saro-Wiwa Seminar and Poetry Competition



Sister Majella McCarron (OLA), Herajean Vergara, Mrs Vergara and poet Jessica Traynor, who awarded Harajean, a Maynooth Education Campus Transition Year student with first prizes for the poem *Humans' Greatest Sin*

Approximately 60 people attended the Ken Saro-Wiwa seminar on Thursday, 14 November. Speakers included Sociology PhD student Samuel Udogbo, who gave an update on the current situation in Ogoni. Marian Higgins, Kildare County Librarian and President of the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) spoke of public library initiatives to bring social justice issues into the public realm through the Ken Saro-Wiwa Archive. This included a diversity initiative with Annemarie Ní Churraín, Writer in Residence at Maynooth University in partnership with Kildare County Council Arts and Library Services, Philomena Obasi, Adult Educator and Helen Fallon, Deputy Librarian, to use writing about conflict to address issues such as race, gender and land rights.



Writer-in-residence Annemarie Ní Churraín reads from her latest poetry collection *Bloodroot* at the Ken Saro-Wiwa Seminar

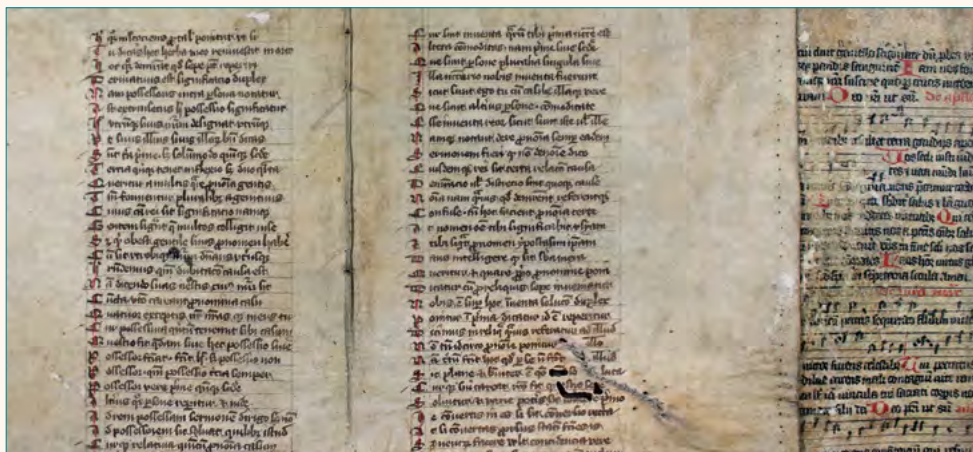


Elizabeth Akinwande a sixth year student in Donabate Community College was highly commended for her prose piece *The Bight of Biafra* with poet Jessica Traynor

## MU Library Contributes to Medieval Manuscript Symposium

Special Collections Librarian Barbara McCormack spoke on the medieval manuscript fragments in the Library at a UCD symposium on 17 October. MU Library holds an important collection of parchment fragments which survived within the bindings of early printed books. Examples include a fragment with musical notation from the binding of a text printed in Strasbourg in 1491 and a fifteenth century citation given at Lambeth which was removed from a volume in the St Canice's Cathedral Library Collection during rebinding in the early twentieth century.

Medieval manuscript fragments held within the binding of a fifteenth century printed text from the Russell Library.





## MU Engineering College Nominated in the National Project Awards

Maynooth International Engineering College (MIEC) has been shortlisted for the 2019 National Project Awards, organised by the Ireland Chapter of Project Management Institute, in the 'Public Sector Project of the Year' category

The National Project Awards honour projects and project teams that have shone within the project management discipline. More than 400 projects were submitted to the competition this year. The MIEC nomination recognized the ability of the MIEC team and its partners to successfully follow a project management process for a highly intense period of time in a challenging and complex project.



Pictured (l-r); Pat Lucey, President Ireland Chapter PMI; Des Noonan, Dept of Computer Science; Ashley Ryan, Jana Hetenyiova, MU International Office, and Keiran Barbalich, Director PwC Ireland

## MIEC at Fuzhou University Welcomes First Intake of Students



Dr Seamus McLoone, Dept of Electronic Engineering, with students at MIEC

Some 300 first year students were welcomed by Maynooth University staff at Maynooth International Engineering College on the Fuzhou University (FZU) campus in southern China

The newly founded MIEC offers four Maynooth University undergraduate programmes in the areas of electronic engineering, software engineering, robotics, and multimedia programming.

Vice-President Academic and Registrar of Maynooth University, Professor Aidan Mulkeen, participated in an opening ceremony to mark the start of the first academic year in MIEC and welcome the first official students at the Maynooth outpost in China.

The launch of the programmes is major step forward in Maynooth's internationalisation strategy, and in sustaining a strong partnership that benefits MU and FZU in both teaching and research.

## Maynooth Student Receives Prestigious Eda Sagarra Medal of Excellence



Shirley Howe, PhD Student

PhD student Shirley Howe has won the Eda Sagarra Medal of Excellence at the annual Irish Research Council Researcher of the Year awards

Shirley received the medal for her project *'Of land and ocean: culture and climate on Ireland's Islands.'* Proposing a cross-disciplinary approach that draws on geography and anthropology, the research considers if and how cultural processes influence climate change perspectives and responses today.

Fieldwork for the research will be undertaken on Inishbofin Island off County Galway and Valentia Island off the southwest coast at County Kerry to reveal models of the human-environment relationship and how they intertwine with current climate conversations.

Shirley was also declared the regional winner of the Global Undergraduate Awards in the 'Social Sciences: Anthropology and Cultural Studies' category for her essay titled, 'Inishbofin Island: A Changing Environment, A Changing Community.'

Shirley is jointly supervised by Dr Conor Murphy (ICARUS Climate Research Centre and Department of Geography, Maynooth University) and Dr Chandana Mathur (Department of Anthropology, Maynooth University).

## Dr Delia Ferri Awarded Prestigious ERC Grant

Dr Delia Ferri of Maynooth University Department of Law has been awarded a prominent European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator grant of €2 million

Dr Ferri's research will examine the extent to which EU Law protects the rights of persons with disabilities to fully participate in cultural endeavours through, the project entitled 'Protecting the Right to Culture of Persons with Disabilities and Enhancing Cultural Diversity through European Union Law: Exploring New Paths'. The team will also include dancers, choreographers and a filmmaker to develop the artistic elements of the project.

On the whole the research addresses the right of persons with disabilities to take part in cultural life as an essential aspect of enhancing cultural diversity. In doing so, it will bridge, in an unprecedented way, the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.



Dr Delia Ferri

## Oíche na Scéalta Ceolmhara ar Champas Mhá Nuad



Eithne Ní Chatháin nó INNI-K i mbun amhránaíochta ag Oíche na Scéalta Ceolmhara.

Sa chomhpháirtíocht leanúnach atá ag Ollscoil Mhá Nuad le Féile Léitheoirí Chill Dara ([www.kildarereadersfestival.ie](http://www.kildarereadersfestival.ie)), eagraíodh oíche dhraíochtúil i mBlia, oíche Shathairn 5 Deireadh Fómhair le haitheantas a thabhairt do Elizabeth (Bess) Cronin, duine de na daoine is tábhachtaí ó thaobh stair an cheoil thraidisiúnta in Éirinn.

Bhí mórtionchar ag a hamhráin agus a stíl amhránaíochta ar na glúnta d'amhránaithe Éireannacha agus Gaelacha. Bíodh agus gur chaith sí a saol go léir sa Ghaeltacht i mBaile Bhúirne ar theorainn Chorcaí agus Chiarraí, scaip a cáil go forleathan ó na 1940í ar aghaidh nuair a rinneadh taifeadadh ar a cuid amhrán ag Séamus Ennis, agus Alan Lomax, agus iad le cloisteáil ar an BBC. Thug an

craoltóir cáiliúil Donal Dineen tríd a saol agus a hoidhreacht muid i gcomhlúadar a garíníonacha, na hamhránaithe clúiteacha Eilish & Seosaimhín Ní Thuama, anuas ar aoi speisialta, iarscoláire de chuid na hOllscoile, amhránaí sean-nóis ó Chill Dara, Eithne Ní Chatháin, a bhfuil cáil dhomhanda anois uirthi faoin ainm stáitse, INNI-K.

Oíche spleodrach, ealaíonta, dhátheangach a bronnadh orainn i bpáirt leis an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh, duine de léachtóirí na Gaeilge in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, agus leis an Dr Brian Mac Maghnúis ó Oifig na Gaeilge ar champas.

## Ulysses as Gaeilge ag IMRAM



Emma Ní Chearúil, iarmhac léinn Gaeilge agus Cumarsáide, Má Nuad agus Eoin P Ó Murchú, mac léinn dochtúireachta in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ag an ócáid IMRAM.

Bhí an-tóir ar léiriú de shleachta as aistriúchán Gaeilge Ulysses a d'eagraigh mac léinn ó Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge i Mí Dheireadh Fómhair. Tá Eoin P Ó Murchú i mbun aistriúchán Shéamais Uí Innéirge agus a mheithle a chaighdeánú agus a chur in eagar agus é ag dul do dhochtúireacht faoi stiúir an Ollaimh Fionntán de Brún. Ghlac na haisteoirí Hilary Bowen-Walsh, Eoin Ó Dubhghaill agus Sean T. Ó Meallaigh roil éagsúla sa léiriú, a bhí mar chuid

den Fhéile Litríochta Gaeilge IMRAM, ina raibh blaiseadh de na radhairc is cáiliúla ón leabhar.

Chas Noel O'Grady amhráin ó ré Ulysses mar chuid den léiriú agus taispeánadh sraith íomhánna de Bhaile Átha Cliath ag tús an chéid seo caite, a chuir an físealaíontóir, Margaret Lonergan, i dtoll a chéile.

Eagraíodh an léiriú sa mhúsaem nua MoLI (Músaem Litríochta na hÉireann) ar Fhaiche Stiabhna. Músaem dátheangach breá nua é a chuireann scríbhneoireacht agus scríbhneoirí na hÉireann i láthair go snasta. "Díoladh ticéid uile an léirithe agus bhí an lucht féachana an-dearfach faoi" arsa Eoin. Dóibh sin a chaill an deis a fheiceáil táthar ag súil len é a chur ar ardán arís an bhliain seo chugainn.

## Céim Bronnta ar Ghaeilgeoir Campais Aitheanta



Bronnadh céim sa tSocheolaíocht agus sa Pholasaí Sóisialta ar iarUachtarán Chuallacht Cholmille agus cainteoir dúchais Gaeilge as Leitir Móir i nGaeltacht Chonamara Róisín Ní Mhaoláin le déanaí. Mar chuid dena tionscadail chéime, scríobh sí ar conas mar a úsáidtear agus a thuigtear Seomra na Gaeilge i measc mhuintir an champais agus ar pholasaithe Gaeilge i bPoblacht agus i dTuaisceart na hÉireann. Is ag obair mar Fheidhmeannach Cumarsáide le Conradh na Gaeilge atá Róisín anois ach d'fhill sí ar champas Mhá Nuad i Mí Dheireadh Fómhair dá bronnadh céime, mar a fheictear sa phictiúr.

## 100 Bliain den Ghaeilge i nDáil Éireann



Cormac Ó hEadhra, Fionnbarra Ó Brolcháin, Catherine Connolly TD, Vivian Uíbh Eabhach, Verona Ní Bhroinn agus an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh i ndiaidh an phléphainéil.

I gcomhpháirt le RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta agus Coiste Dheich mBlia na gCuimhneachán in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, eagraíodh ócáid bhríomhar Dé Luain 25 Samhain, le céad bliain den Ghaeilge sa Dáil a cheiliúradh, ó bhunú Rannóg an Aistriúcháin, chuig an dul chun cinn atá déanta le linn na tréimhse sin ó thaobh stádás na Gaeilge mar theanga i gcroílár shochar agus shaol poiblí na hÉireann.

Bhí an imeacht seo ina chlabhsúr ar aitheantas na hOllscoile don bhliain 1919, cuid thábhachtach do dheich mBlia na gCuimhneachán. Is i bhfoirm pléphainéil a bhí imeachtaí na hócáide le Vivian Uíbh Eachach, Príomhaistritheoir, Rannóg an Aistriúcháin, Catherine Connolly TD, Cathaoirleach Choiste na Gaeilge sa Dáil, Verona Ní Bhroinn, Príomhphreasoifigeach Dáil Éireann agus iarscoláire Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, agus an tOllamh Fionnbarra Ó Brolcháin, Ceann bunaidh ar FIONTAR, Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, agus iarOllamh le Gnó in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, ar an láthair.

Bhí an craoltóir aitheanta Cormac Ó hEadhra ina chathaoirleach ar an díospóireacht. Craolfar clár speisialta den phainéal ar an 4 Eanáir 2020 ar RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta. Réitíodh an ócáid ag an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh, agus an Dr Brian Mac Maghnúis, beirt bhall de Choiste Dheich mBlia na gCuimhneachán.

## Maoiniú Fógartha do Scrúduithe TEG

Ag ócáid in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad an tseachtain seo, d'fhógair Seán Kyne, Aire Stáit na Gaeltachta, maoiniú de €532,000 do Lárionad na Gaeilge, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, le scrúduithe Theastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) a reáchtáil as seo go ceann trí bliana. Cuireann TEG sraith scrúduithe agus cáilíochtaí ar fáil do dhaoine fásta atá ag foghlaim na Gaeilge. Ina theannta sin, tá na scrúduithe á n-úsáid ag coláistí oideachais mar chuid den phróiseas iontrála atá acu ar an Máistir Gairmiúil san Oideachas, agus ag eagraíochtaí san earnáil phoiblí le dearbhú neamhspleách a fháil ar chumas teanga ball foirne.

Ag labhairt di ag an ócáid, dúirt Siuán Ní Mhaonaigh, Stiúrthóir TEG, go bhfuil foireann an Lárionaid fíorbhuíoch den Aire agus den Roinn Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta as an tacaíocht leanúnach atá tugtha acu don tionscadal. "Cuirfidh an maoiniú seo ar ár gcumas tógáil ar an obair atá déanta againn go dtí seo agus a chinntiú go mbeimid ábalta freastal ar fhoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge i gcéin agus i gcóngar, chomh maith le múinteoirí agus fostóirí. Is cuma cén leibhéal atá ag duine sa Ghaeilge, gheobhaidh sé nó sí treoir shoiléir agus acmhainní luachmhara foghlama mar chuid den chóras seo."

Ag an ócáid chéanna, bhronn an tAire Kyne teastais de chuid TEG ar fhoghlaimeoirí ar éirigh leo an cháilíocht sin a bhaint amach le déanaí. Ina measc siúd, bhí baill foirne ó Ollscoil Mhá Nuad agus mic léinn as coláistí éagsúla tríú leibhéal.



An tAire Kyne ar champas Mhá Nuad in éineacht le foghlaimeoirí a bhain cáilíocht de chuid TEG amach le déanaí.



## Athbheochan Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad faoi lánseol!



An Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh, eagarthóir Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad.

Ag seoladh *Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad* 2018, ainmníodh an Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh ina heagarthóir ar an iris agus d'fhógair sí gur theastaigh uaithe go bhfillfeadh an tIrisleabhar ar a chuid fréamhacha—go mbeadh rian na mac léinn le feiceáil ar an ábhar a chuirfí i gcló ann ach go mbeadh a rian, leis, ar réiteach an téacs don chló. Tá réadú na físe sin in eagrán na bliana seo, a seoladh in Institiúid na nDaonnachtaí agus na nEalaíon ar an gcampas thuaidh, ar an 14 Samhain i ndiaidh léacht iontach leis an Ollamh Ailbhe Ó Corráin.

Tá mic léinn i measc na n-údar a chuir ábhar ar fáil, ach tá cúigear mac léinn eile luaite mar fho-eagarthóirí an eagráin seo: Clara Coll, Helen Ní Cheallaigh, Miriam Nic Shíomóin, Clíodhna Ní Dhufaiigh agus Katie Ní Fhaoláin. Is mar chuid de mhodúl MA a rinne siad an obair eagarthóireachta agus iarradh orthu, chomh maith, aiste a scríobh ar stair *Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad* chun a chinntiú go dtuigfidís a oidhreacht shábhair—go dtuigfidís gur cuireadh an síol siar sa bhliain 1898 nuair a bunaíodh Cuallacht Cholmáille, gurbh iad mic léinn an choláiste a bhunaigh an tIrisleabhar agus gur leo i gcónaí é. Gura fada buan é!

## Seoladh COMHARTaighde 5



An tOllamh Máirín Nic Eoin agus an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh, eagarthóirí *COMHARTaighde*, in éineacht leis an Ollamh Gearóid Denvir agus leis an Ollamh Alan Titley.

Ba é an tOllamh Alan Titley a sheol an cúigiú heagrán de *COMHARTaighde* ([www.comhartaighde.ie](http://www.comhartaighde.ie)) Déardaoin 29 Samhain: an chéad ríomhíris phiarmheasta i léann na Gaeilge. Tá Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ar cheann de thrí institiúid tríú-leibhéal atá tar éis a bheith rannpháirteach in eagar agus foilsíú na hiris i bpáirt leis an teach foilsitheoireachta Gaelach, COMHAR. Téann an iris ó neart go neart le saothar cúig alt agus cúig léirmheas in 2019, agus iad ar fad innéacsaithe sa DOAJ, agus ar fáil don phobal i rochtain fhoinsé-oscailte ar scáileán. Tá Ollscoil Mhá Nuad páirteach in *COMHARTaighde* ón tús, agus an tOllamh Ruairí Ó hUiginn, agus an tOllamh Fionntán de Brún ar an mbord comhairleach eagarthóireachta, agus ailt ó bhaill foirne ar aon dul le Tadhg Ó Dúshláine, Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh agus Caitlín Nic Íomhair in eagrán éagsúla agus Liam Mac Amhlaigh ina chomheagarthóir bunaidh ar an gcéad chúig eagrán. Tá an ghairm ar ailt amuigh anois d'eagrán 6/7 le sprioc den chéad lá Feabhra 2020.

## Rath ar Mhuintir Ráth Chairn



Bhí rath agus bláth ar Ráth Chairn ag Bronnadh Duaiseanna Ollscoil na hÉireann le déanaí óir bronnadh duaiseanna ar bheirt scoláirí óga éirimiúla as Gaeltacht Ghlas na Mí atá i mbun staidéir in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad faoi láthair. Déanann muintir Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge comhghairdeas ó chroí le hEilís Richardovna Everard ar bronnadh Duais Theach an Ard mhéara uirthi agus le Máire Ní Churraoin a fuair an 3ú háit i nDuaiseanna H.H. Stewart don Ghaeilge. Sa phictiúr le hEilís agus le Máire ag searmanas bliantúil Ollscoil na hÉireann ar 26 Samhain 2019 san Aviva tá an tOllamh Fionntán de Brún, Ceann Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge anseo ar champas.

## Ceolchoirm na Nollag 2019



Seo Cór an Dóchais ag casadh leo le linn Ceolchoirm na Nollag 2019 i Scoil an Oideachais ar champas am lóin ar 12 Nollaig. Cuireadh an cór le chéile agus an ceolchoirm ar siúl ar mhaithe le spiorad na Nollag a scaipeadh i measc na mac léinn agus na foirne agus ar mhaithe le hairgead a bhailiú do Pháirtneireacht Froebel agus HOPE um Oiliúint Múinteoirí. Is lonnaithe sa Roinn Froebel atá an carthanas seo a oibríonn go dícheallach chun bunoidreachas ar ard-chaighdeán a chur ar fáil do pháistí faoi mhíbhuntáiste i Kolkata na hIndia.

## MU Sociologist Chairs Seminar at Áras



Pictured (l-r); Dr Mary Murphy, Dept of Sociology; Professor Ian Gough, London School of Economics (LSE); President Michael D. Higgins, and Professor Mariana Mazzucato, LSE at a seminar, 'Rethinking the Role of the State in fostering a Sustainable and Inclusive Economy', hosted by President Higgins in Áras an Uachtaráin on 12 November. Dr Murphy who chaired the seminar heard contributions from President Michael D. Higgins, Professor Mariana Mazzucato and Professor Ian Gough. The seminar discussed the new "ecological-social paradigm" of which the President has been speaking, with a view to reversing social and environmental damage, reducing inequality and lessening the risks to social cohesion.

## Hamilton Walk 2019



Pictured are the 200 participants on the annual Hamilton Walk

### More than 200 people took part in the annual Hamilton Walk on Wednesday, 16 October

Staff and students from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, other third level institutions, second-level schools and members of the general public walked along the banks of the Royal Canal to commemorate a famous event in the history of mathematics and science. It was on this day in 1843 that Ireland's greatest mathematician, William Rowan Hamilton, had a Eureka moment.

In a flash of inspiration, while walking along the canal, Hamilton created a seemingly strange new number system called Quaternions. These new numbers changed the world of mathematics forever. The walk retraces Hamilton's steps from Dunsink Observatory to Broombridge in Cabra, where he had his Eureka moment. There is a plaque on the bridge where he scratched his famous Quaternion formula.



## Maynooth Alumni Annual Reunion



Marian O'Sullivan, Caoimhe O'Brien and Emer Donohoe

One of the high points of the Maynooth alumni events calendar, the annual reunion took place on Saturday, 14 September

Returning to campus, the Classes of 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014 celebrated in fine fettle. Galvanised by Senior Lecturer Emeritus, Proinnsias Breathnach, a strong turnout of the first geography graduates (and lecturers from that first graduating year, Paddy Duffy and Willie Smyth) ensured a memorable night for all. The after-dinner speech was given by Deputy Head of the Geography Department and Maynooth alumnus, Dr Adrian Kavanagh. A collaboration with the Party Mirror Photo Booth brought a fun element to the evening with proceeds from photos taken going to MU Access Bursaries.

## Development and Alumni Office Hosts a Conversation with Des Traynor

DARO hosted an event for alumni and students during Science Week at Maynooth University

Des Traynor, Co-Founder and Chief Strategist at Intercom, returned to campus to share his reflections on a post-Maynooth journey to Silicon Valley. The innovative customer messaging platform achieved unicorn status in becoming one of the only 200 start-ups valued at more than \$1billion. Andrew Parish, self-confessed entrepreneur, ably delved into Des's journey, posing perceptive questions which held a capacity audience in the Eolas foyer engaged for a casual, but highly informative evening.

Andrew Parish (BSc 1991) and Des Traynor (BSc 2003)



## Maynooth University Annual Accountancy Showcase

The Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting's annual Accountancy Showcase took place on Monday, 8 October

All the leading professional accounting firms including PWC, E&Y, KPMG, Deloitte, Grant Thornton, Mazars, BDO, RBK, Crowe, IFAC, and Smith & Williamson were present on the night, along with representatives from Glanbia, the Office of the Auditor & Comptroller General, Revenue, ACCA, CIMA, Chartered Accountants Ireland and IFS Statestreet.

The accounting academic prizes were presented to both undergraduate and postgraduate students by representatives of the awarding firms in a ceremony at the event.

The prize winners with Dr Fabrice Rousseau, Head of the Department of Economics, Finance & Accounting



## MU Conference on Remembering 1919

Maynooth University's Decade of Commemorations Committee, in association with the History Department, held a conference, *Remembering 1919: war, politics and sport in revolutionary Ireland*



Pictured (l-r); Frances Farrell, Aogán Ó Fearghail and Professor Terence Dooley

The conference, held on 28 September was co-organised by Prof Terence Dooley and Prof Marian Lyons. Papers were delivered by Dr Tom Nelson on the subject of Kildare in 1919; Prof Terence Dooley on the 1919 All-Ireland Final; and Dr Ciarán Reilly on James 'Ginger Moran', full-back on the Kildare team but also IRA leader in the War of Independence. Aogán Ó Fearghail, former President of the GAA, spoke on Gaelic Sunday 1918 and its consequences; Donal MacAnallen on the GAA and revolution in Ulster; Liz Gillis on the Soloheadbeg ambush in 1919 as the spark for the War of Independence; Brian Hughes on local government and rate collection; and Ailbhe Rogers on revolutionary women in 1919.

The event was generously supported by Maynooth University as part of the Commemoration Committee's 2019-20 programme of events.



# Human Resource Notes

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the following staff have been appointed to Permanent Posts in the University.

School/Departments	Appointees	School/Departments	Appointees
Academic Council	Ms Aoife O'Brien, Administrative Officer I	IT Services	Ms Dearbhla O'Reilly, Head of IT Operations
Access Office	Ms Samantha Morrissey, Executive Assistant		Mr Stephen Green, Systems Administrator
Anthropology	Professor Hana Cervinkova, Professor and Head of Department	Law	Dr Louise Kennefick, Associate Professor
Biology	Ms Sara Jane Quinn, Technical Officer		Dr Lynsey Black, Lecturer / Assistant Professor
Campus & Commercial Services	Mr Stephen Seaman, Grounds Supervisor		Dr Sinead Ring, Lecturer
	Mr John O'Sullivan, Boilerperson		Dr Karen Lynch Shally, Lecturer
	Mr Jack O'Connell, General Operative		Dr Oisín Suttle, Assistant Professor
Celtic Studies	Dr Deborah Hayden, Lecturer	Library	Dr Catherine Ferris, Assistant Librarian
	Dr Caitlin Nic Iomhair, Lecturer	Media Studies	Dr Javad Khajavi, Assistant Professor
Chemistry	Dr Eithne Dempsey, Lecturer / Assistant Professor	Office of the Dean of Teaching & Learning	Ms Gillian Sheehy, Executive Assistant
Counselling Service	Mrs Mairead White, Student Counsellor	Office of the Dean of Social Sciences	Ms Anastasia Campbell, Executive Assistant
Design Innovation	Dr Iain Macdonald, Associate Professor and Head of Department	Psychology	Dr Joanna McHugh Power, Lecturer
	Dr Mary Galvin, Lecturer	Quality Office	Dr Teresa Lee, Director of Quality
Economics, Finance and Accounting	Dr Kate Cullen, Lecturer	Registry	Dr Adrienne Kendlin, Curriculum Officer
	Ms Mary Shilling, Assistant Lecturer	Research Development Office	Ms Siobhan Kelly, Research Accountant
Education	Dr Jolanta Burke, Assistant Professor	School of Business	Dr Ali Nazapour, Assistant Professor
	Ms Brenda Carroll, Senior Executive Assistant	Sociology	Ms Patricia Connerty, Senior Executive Assistant
	Ms Grace Holmes, Executive Assistant	Student Support	Ms Kathryn Troy, Nurse
Geography	Dr Patrick Bresnihan, Lecturer	Timetabling Office	Ms Linda Dunne, Administrative Officer
Human Resources	Ms Claire Egan, Human Resources Manager	VP Research & Innovation	Ms Siobhan Keogh, Regional Skills Forum Manager
	Mr Derek Hoey, Learning & Development Officer		

*Our best wishes to all concerned.*

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

The Employee Assistance Programme is a support programme provided by the University for staff members. The Programme provides a confidential counselling service, designed to assist staff members in dealing with any issue that adversely affects their health, wellbeing, personal or professional life.

**If you have a problem that is troubling you, then you can get help and support.**

You can avail of the service by calling the following free phone number:

**1800 201 346**

Details of the enhanced on-line Employee Assistance Programme can be accessed through the Staff Well-being link on the Human Resources webpage:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/staff-development/employee-assistance-programme>

## Campus Achieves Fáilte Ireland's Welcome Standard

Pictured at the award ceremony are Katja Nolan, Maynooth Campus Conference and Accommodation; and Jean Smyth of Fáilte Ireland, where the University's North and South Campuses accommodation has achieved Fáilte Ireland's official welcome standard quality assurance award. Following a comprehensive assessment programme by Fáilte Ireland, over 8,000 campus accommodation bedrooms across Ireland's seven universities, have been successfully accredited as 'approved tourist accommodation' marking a significant development for the university sector which markets campus accommodation during the summer months for visitors staying in Ireland.

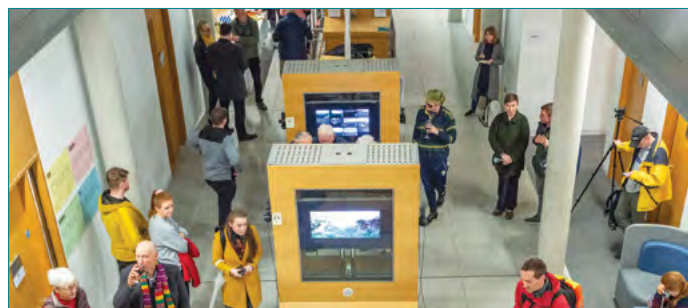


## Maynooth Campus Win 2019 Green Flag Award



Dr Joe Larragy, Chair of Maynooth Green Campus at the 2019 Green Flag Awards event, hosted on campus in July. Maynooth University campus and St Patrick's College, Maynooth, were awarded the prestigious 2019 Green Flag Awards for Parks and Green Spaces following the recent expansion of the international excellence accreditation to university campuses and historic cemeteries. Maynooth is the first university campus in the Republic of Ireland to receive the award.

## Exhibition of the Art of Citizen-Science: Monitoring a Climate Crisis



Art of Science Exhibition at Illuminations Gallery (photo cr – Brian Cregan)

## As part of an extended international celebration of Science and GeoWeek 2019 in November a symposium and exhibition was held on campus

The Weather Observation Network in Kildare, which is seven individuals who collect daily data for Met Éireann from privately installed Rainfall Stations, participated in a project with artist Martina O'Brien over the past two years. O'Brien's seven-channel video artwork Quotidian looks at the volunteers' systematic recordkeeping as a personal rhythm tied to the body and considers their long-term role in the face of computational technologies and eventual automation.

The symposium and exhibition launch included talks by Dr Catherine O'Connell, Chief Executive of the Irish Peatlands Conservation Council, artist Martina O'Brien, Dr Lisa Orme, Co-Director MSc Climate Change, MU Dept of Geography and ICARUS; Lucina Russell, Arts Officer, Kildare County Council Arts Service, and Professor Karen Till, MU Dept of Geography and Director of the MA in Spatial Justice.

The exhibition Quotidian runs from 28 November 2019 – 29 January 2020 at the Illuminations Gallery in Iontas and is open to the public.

These events were supported by: the Irish Research Council, Creative Ireland, Kildare County Council Arts Service, MU Illuminations Gallery, Department of Geography, and the Geographical Society of Ireland.

## ‘Water, Come to Me!’ launched at MU



Pictured are staff and students of the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education at the launch of ‘Water, Come to Me!’ The development education resource was written by Dr Triona Stokes, Froebel Department, in partnership with humanitarian aid agency, GOAL. Dance and drama are used to explore the theme of female agency through a little girl’s daily journey for water in Burkina Faso. Through the cross-curricular approach adopted, critical questions about water use and access in Ireland are raised. Following the artistic exploration, a follow-up lesson offers an age-appropriate examination of the related Sustainable Development Goals in moving towards a call to action.

## Maynooth Students Raise €30,000 for Barretstown



Pictured are the Maynooth student representatives visited the Barretstown campus to present them with a cheque that will help children living with serious illness to have some serious fun; Donna Barrett (Barretstown), Leon Diop (MSU), Paul Kenny (MSU) Jane Leavy (Barretstown) and Kim Lockyer (MSU). Every year Maynooth Students’ Union and Maynooth University Clubs & Societies nominate a charity and fundraise on their behalf for the whole college year. The total raised for the 2018-19 academic year was €30,190! A large range of events including, games tournaments, bake sales, bounceathons, tough-mudder races, black-tie events and finally, Charity Week 2019 were held to raise the funds.

## MU-Community Engagement: Intel Pride of Place Award 2019



Pictured is Professor Sinéad McGilloway, Director of the Centre for Mental Health and Community Research, (CMHCR), Dept of Psychology, with Mary Jennings, Maynooth Tidy Towns, Mary Molloy, Maynooth Tidy Towns, and Lisa Harlow, Intel. The CMHCR in collaboration with Maynooth Tidy Towns received an Intel Pride of Place 2019 award at a ceremony earlier in the year. The *Maynooth Time Bank Project* involves developing and promoting a new community-based network/initiative which allows participants to exchange services, skills and products in return for volunteering time credits rather than money, and in so doing, help to, amongst other things, build community spirit. CMHCR members, Maria Gialama and Penny Quinn, are part of the MU time bank team.

## Annual Lt Gen Dermot Earley Lecture on Leadership



Pictured are Jim Gavin, former Dublin GAA football manager, who delivered the 2019 Annual Lt Gen Dermot Earley DSM lecture and Dr Michael Cooke, Edward M Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention. As well as being a successful GAA Manager, Jim Gavin played for the Dublin senior football team who won the All-Ireland football final in 1995, he was a military pilot on the Irish government jet. He went on to be appointed as the chief flying instructor in the Irish Aer Corps in his early 30s, and now works as an assistant director in the safety and regulation division of the Irish Aviation Authority.

## The Scribble Sculpture Launched in School of Education



Pictured at the official launch of the Scribble sculpture on 19 September in the School of Education are (l-r); Dr Alison FitzGerald, Department of History; Baroness Nuala O’Loan; Rhona Byrne, artist; and Prof Philip Nolan, President. The site-specific art work explores the complexities of learning processes and pathways. It expresses the energy and motion of neural networks, discovery, making connections, getting into knots and having breakthroughs. The artwork was formally launched by Baroness Nuala O’Loan, former Chair of Maynooth University’s Governing Authority.