

# UNIVERSITY NEWS



## Maynooth University Launches its Strategic Plan 2018-2022

The Maynooth University Strategic Plan 2018-22 which prioritises research and postgraduate studies, was launched on 17 October by Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD



Leon Diop, Maynooth Students' Union President; Prof Maria Pramaggiore, Dean of Graduate Studies; Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD, Minister of State for Higher Education; Professor Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University

Maynooth University unveiled plans to grow research to address global and societal challenges, and expand total postgraduate enrolments by more than 60% over the next five years. Maynooth University also announced a joint International College of Engineering at one of China's leading universities that will see 1,200 Chinese students graduate with Maynooth University degrees in computer science and electronic engineering over the next four years.

Under the new Strategic Plan, a €300 million capital investment will transform the Maynooth University campus experience. Construction on a new state-of-the-art academic centre will begin in early 2019. In addition to a range of innovation, sports and recreation amenities, a new Student Centre and on-campus student bed accommodation for an extra 1,000 students form part of a sustainable Campus Masterplan.

Maynooth University President, Professor Philip Nolan, said the institution now aims to grow its doctoral community to 600 and increase the number of master's students at the University to 1,600.

## Launch of International College of Engineering

Maynooth University established a new International College of Engineering at Fuzhou University

The new joint Maynooth International College of Engineering, Fuzhou University, will support academic and cultural exchange, and will pave the way for future research and innovation partnerships, particularly in the fields of computer science and artificial intelligence.

Minister of State for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development, John Halligan, TD launched the International College at the inauguration ceremony held at Fuzhou University on 23 October in the Fujian Province. The event was also attended by representatives of the Fujian Provincial Government; the Irish Ambassador to China, Eoin O'Leary; the President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan; and Niall O'Donnellan, Head of ICT, International Services and Client Management Development at Enterprise Ireland.



Prof Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University and Fu Xianzhi, President of Fuzhou University

*in this issue*

## Maynooth Physicists Listed on Planck Team Awarded Cosmology Prize



Prof J Anthony Murphy

Prof J Anthony Murphy is a member of the European Space Agency Planck Satellite Team that was recently awarded the 2018 Gruber Cosmology Prize at the International Astronomical Union (IUA) General Assembly in Vienna

Prof Murphy from the Department of Experimental Physics was a co-investigator on the development of the high frequency instrument (HFI) on board the satellite. Dr Vladimir Yurchenko, who was a visiting research fellow in Maynooth working on the development of Planck Surveyor for a number of years, also was listed as a member of the Planck Team.

The Planck Principal Investigators were Dr Nazzareno Mandolesi and Dr Jean-Loup Puget, who led the work that made definitive measurements of the properties of our expanding universe.

The Planck Team of more than 350 names is listed by the Gruber Foundation, recognising that this work is an ongoing collaborative effort. A number of graduate students and post docs also worked on Planck at Maynooth.

The Gruber Cosmology Prize is awarded annually to honour a leading cosmologist, astronomer, astrophysicist or scientific philosopher for theoretical, analytical, conceptual or observational discoveries leading to fundamental advances in our understanding of the universe.

The \$500,000 cash award was split between the Planck Team and Dr Mandolesi and Dr Puget.

It is the second major prize for the Planck team this year, as they were also honoured by the Royal Astronomical Society in January.

## Award-Winning Journalist Robert Fisk Delivers Lt Gen Dermot Earley Lecture



(L-R) Chief of Staff Vice Admiral Mark Mellett DSM; President of Maynooth University, Prof Philip Nolan; Middle East Correspondent, Robert Fisk; and Brigadier General Joe Mulligan, General Officer Commanding DFTC

Renowned Middle East correspondent Robert Fisk presented the 2018 Lieutenant General Dermot Earley Lecture on Wednesday, 28 November at Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin

'The Middle East: Who built those bloody frontiers and why?' was the topic this year. A partnership of the Irish Defence Forces and the Edward M Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at Maynooth University, the event provides a forum for inclusive discussion of the challenges of public leadership and governance in a decade of profound crisis and change.

Based in Beirut, Fisk has lived in the Arab world for 40 years, covering the wars in Syria and Lebanon, the

Iran-Iraq war, and the 2011 Arab revolutions among others.

The lecture is held in memory of the late Lieutenant General Dermot Earley, who made outstanding contributions to Irish and international public life through his work in the Irish Defence Forces.

The event was also addressed by the President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan.

## Sounding the Feminists Symposium

Dr Laura Watson, Lecturer in Music, and Education Officer for Sounding the Feminists Working Group was one of the organisers of a symposium entitled; "Women in Popular and Traditional Music in Ireland"

The Symposium was hosted by the Department of Creative Arts, Media & Music at Dundalk Institute of Technology on Friday 23 November, in association with Sounding the Feminists and the Centre for Creative Arts Research.

Organised during the week that marked the centenary of women's suffrage in Ireland, the symposium brought together scholars and community activists striving to address gender imbalance in the music industry and academia. The keynote address was by from Dr Aileen Dillane from the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in the University of Limerick.



Dr Laura Watson, Department of Music

## Maynooth University Moves into Top 400 in World University Rankings

Maynooth University has entered the top 400 universities in the 2019 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings

Maynooth University is the fastest growing university with more than 12,500 students, including almost 1,600 taught postgraduate and professional students and a growing cohort of over 400 research students.

Maynooth University this year marks 21 years since its foundation as an independent institution, and is recognised as one of the leading new universities in the world when the Times Higher Education ranked it #80 in its 2018 Young University Rankings."

### FROM THE EDITOR

University News is published three times a year by the Maynooth University Communications and Marketing Office. For questions, or to submit stories and ideas any time of the year, contact [communications@mu.ie](mailto:communications@mu.ie)



## Jean Monnet Chair for Academic

Maynooth University academic, Professor John O'Brennan has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair by the European Commission

The award covers the period 2018 to 2021 and will support teaching, research and public engagement on the European Union, with activity located within the Maynooth Centre for European and Eurasian Studies, the Department of Sociology and the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI).



Professor John O'Brennan

The award of €50,000 will allow for the expansion in EU-related content within the teaching programme at Maynooth University and support a one week field trip to Brussels for students taking modules in European integration. It will also enable Maynooth University to host seminars and public events focused on the European Union as well as more specialized research-oriented colloquia on EU Enlargement policy and rule of law issues.

This award builds on earlier successful EU funding applications by the Maynooth Centre for European and Eurasian Studies, including a Jean Monnet Chair (2015-18) awarded to Professor O'Brennan and a Jean Monnet Summer School on EU External Relations (2017-2019), co-hosted with the Maynooth University Department of Law.

## Dr Karen English Awarded IRC Early-Career Researcher of the Year

Maynooth University is delighted to congratulate Dr Karen English on winning the Irish Research Council Early-Career Researcher of the Year Award

Dr English was presented with the 2018 IRC Award in recognition of her research on developing 'calming' cells in therapies for inflammatory conditions such as asthma, and for immune system disorders, such as organ transplant rejection.

Dr English is a Principal Investigator at Maynooth University's Dept of Biology and head of the Cellular Immunology Lab.

Professor Ray O'Neill, Vice-President for Research and Innovation, congratulated



Dr Karen English

Dr English on her award. "Karen English is an outstanding scientist, and Maynooth University is extremely proud of all her achievements to date – now recognised through this national award by the Irish Research Council. Basic biomedical research is essential for improving human health, and it is a priority for the University to build on our strengths in this area, in order to contribute further to the scientific understanding and potential treatments for inflammatory disorders, such as asthma. The Irish Research Council, through its support for frontier research across all fields, plays a crucial role in developing superb science in Ireland, and that science base will be essential for Ireland's future prosperity," he said.

## Major Awards for Maynooth Academic

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) presented a President's Award, one of its highest honours, to Maynooth University academic Dr Chandana Mathur for her "leadership in uniting global anthropology under the World Anthropological Union"

Dr Mathur is one of five anthropologists from around the world to receive a President's Award this year from AAA President Professor Alex W. Barker at a recent annual Awards Luncheon held in San Jose.

The award was made in recognition of her contribution to the unification in November 2017 of the IUAES and the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) as two chambers of a single global organisation: the World Anthropological Union (WAU).

Referring to the Distinguished Service Award, Dr Mathur commented: "I had the exceptional privilege of serving as WCAA Chair during the process of the unification of the IUAES and the WCAA, and I am very grateful for this acknowledgement of my efforts to facilitate this historic outcome for the sake of our discipline."

President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan, said: "We extend our congratulations to Dr Mathur for her well-deserved award. Her work in

helping bring together these organisations to create a unified entity is very much representative of the type of forward-thinking, collaborative approach to study that we at Maynooth University espouse."

Dr Mathur served as the Chair of the WCAA from 2016, and her two-year term ended with the WCAA biennial meeting that directly preceded the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) World Congress. Her contribution has also been acknowledged previously, in July 2018, in the form of a Distinguished Service Award from the IUAES.



Dr Chandana Mathur

## Launch of International College *(continued)*

Professor Philip Nolan said: "The bold initiative by Maynooth University, as well as being an important partnership in undergraduate education, will foster future research and postgraduate collaboration through scholarships, joint workshops and academic cooperation. We hope this partnership will prove to be a powerful model of third-level internationalisation, one in which we engage fully with and learn from the local culture and local academic environment, and strive together for world-class development by exchanging knowledge and collaborating on research in a deeper and more sustainable way.

The joint College will offer four undergraduate programmes: BSc in Computer Science & Software Engineering, BE in Electronic Engineering, BSc in Robotics and Intelligent Devices and a BSc in Mobile Multimedia and Web Programming. Maynooth University is currently recruiting a team of 13 lecturers plus administrative support for the venture as part of a commitment to developing a world-class education partnership.

# President of Chartered Accountants Ireland Visits Maynooth University



Pictured are accounting faculty staff at the Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting as Feargal McCormack (FCA), President of Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI) visited Maynooth University on Thursday, 27 September (l-r): Clifford Mongwe; Mary Shilling; Aodh  n Casey; Hilary Qualter; Feargal McCormack, CAI; Dr Michael Hayden; Fionnuala Doris; AnnMarie Bennett; Dr Bridget McNally and Ron  n O'Loughlin, CAI. As well as meeting Dr Fabrice Rousseau, Head of the Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting and the accounting lecturers, who are also fellow Chartered Accountants, the CAI President delivered a speech to postgraduate and final year undergraduate accounting students during his visit.

## Entrance Scholarships Awards Ceremony 2018



Pictured at the Maynooth University Entrance Scholarship Ceremony, are (l-r); Dearbhla McDermott, former student of Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny and Eamonn Walsh studying Music and former student at CBS Secondary School, Mitchelstown. Maynooth University recognised the achievements of some of Ireland's brightest and most promising first-year students at a celebration on campus Wednesday, 24 October, awarding 35 Entrance Scholarships, a Music Scholarship and four Equine Business Scholarships.

## HELLIN Conference on Lifelong Learning



Pictured at the Higher Education Lifelong Learning in Ireland Network (HELLIN) conference on campus on Friday, 7 December are (l-r); Prof John Holford, University of Nottingham and keynote speaker; Senator Lynn Ruane, who facilitated a workshop and Dr Derek Barter, Chair of HELLIN and Dept of Adult & Community Education. This year's conference challenged the whole landscape of the formal education system, and considered how things might be better achieved as we move through the 21st century.

## The Summer Programme for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) 2018

### The Summer Programme for Undergraduate Research is held for six weeks during the summer

It is an active research based and paid experiential learning programme for undergraduate students who wish to learn more about the postgraduate experience and possibly pursue a career in research.

The programme culminates in the Undergraduate Research Symposium, which presents a forum for SPUR students from all faculties to showcase their research project posters and to discuss cutting edge research topics with their peers, and the wider University community. The Office of the Dean of Teaching and Learning funds the programme. SPUR 2019 will reopen for faculty staff applications in early January. For further details on SPUR and the additional programmes, please contact the Experiential Learning Office.

Faculty winners for 2018, who will have the opportunity to represent MU at the All-Ireland Undergraduate Research Conference next April are as follows:



Pictured are faculty mentors and students with Dr Alison Hood and Dr Aisling Flynn, Office of the Dean of Teaching and Learning

Joseph Fahy from the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy; Alicia Kevin and Karolina Wojtczak, joint winners from the Faculty of Science and Engineering, and Shane Gough from the Faculty of Social Sciences.

## Arts and Humanities Institute Early Career Research Scheme 2018



Pictured are successful applicants for the Early Career Research Scheme (ECRS) 2018-2019 are (l-r); Dr John Paul Newman, Dr Susan Gottlobler, Dr Mirna Vohnsen, Dr James Fraser, Dr Bernhard Bauer and Director of the Research Institute, Prof Thomas O'Connor. As part of The Institute's commitment to the promotion of scholarship within the faculty, applications were invited in September for the *Early Career Researcher Scheme 2018 - 2019*. The awards are designed to provide seed funding to develop ideas and, in time, lead to applications for external funding.



## Research Week 2018

Maynooth University Research Week (8-12 October) showcased world-class public lectures, workshops, music and a host of dynamic events. The public were invited to high-profile keynote speakers and dynamic events on topics ranging from Ireland's treatment of women past and present, to Brexit, a history of medieval medicine, and the future of democracy

### HIGHLIGHTS OF RESEARCH WEEK

**IGNITE Competition** – The fast-paced, fun session that saw academics deliver 5-minute presentations in which slides auto-advance every 15 seconds - keeping presenters on their toes! Captivating topics ranged from the Robot apocalypse to memories of cinemagoing in 50s-60s Ireland, from Bitcoin energy consumption to human milk banks and molecular computing.

**'Soft Power: Building and Maintaining Effective Collaborations'** – Head of the MU School of Business, Prof Peter McNamara, presented his latest research on how social ventures can successfully mobilize resources and gain wider support, based on a study of 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

**'Myth, Poetry and Medicine in Medieval Ireland'** – Dr Deborah Hayden, an IRC Laureate based in Maynooth's Department of Early Irish (Sean-Ghaeilge), talked about her ground-breaking research into Medieval Irish Language medical manuscripts.

### OTHERS INCLUDED

- » '3 Minute Thesis' Competition
- » Undergraduate Research Symposium (SPUR)
- » 'Mammal: Motherhood and the Arts and Humanities'
- » Lecture and launch of MU's Sexualities and Gender Research Network (MU SexGen)
- » Argentine Film Festival
- » GIS Workshop: 'Data for Decisions'
- » Lecture by Prof Jim Walsh and Prof Mary Gilmartin: 'Visions and Plans for Regional Development in Ireland since the 1960s'
- » 'Fantastic DNA' Primary School Roadshow

## Prof Linda Connolly Inaugural Lecture



A keynote speech by Prof Linda Connolly, Director of the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute titled, 'Ireland: No country for women?' posed questions on the state's treatment of women; the referendum to repeal the 8th Amendment; and the forthcoming referendum on women in the home – all set against this year's centenary of the vote for women. This timely lecture explores critical questions about gender issues, equal citizenship and the kind of society Ireland is and has become in 2018.

Prof Linda Connolly

## '#Against the Odds' - A World Mental Health Day Special

PhD scholar in the Department of Psychology Christine Mulligan told her personal story about reaching university against the odds. Christine, along with Prof Sinead McGilloway and other colleagues, discussed their paths into the 'world' of mental health research. The event was hosted by the MU Centre for Mental Health, and its 'PRIMERA' research programme is playing an important role increasing awareness among mental health professionals on the impact of parental mental health on children.

## Dean's Lecture: Prof AC Grayling, 'The Meaning of Brexit and the Future of Democracy'



Prof Victor Lazzarini, Dean of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy and Prof AC Grayling

Renowned philosopher and cultural commentator Prof AC Grayling delivered the Dean's Lecture on the political implications of Brexit. In his lecture, Prof Grayling addressed the topic 'The Meaning of Brexit for the Westminster Model and the Future of Democracy.'

## Closing Reception - Student/Postdoctorate Awards and Prize Giving

Professor Philip Nolan, President and Prof Ray O'Neill, Vice President for Research and Innovation presented awards to the Maynooth University 2018 for Irish Research Council recipients, winners of 3-minute thesis (postgraduate), best posters – SPUR (undergraduate), and the top 3 places in the IGNITE competition among others.

Pictured (l-r); Dr John Paul Newman, Dept of History; Sven Milekić, Irish Research Council, Government of Ireland Scholar award recipient; and Professor Philip Nolan, President. Sven's research is on 'Defenders of the Homeland: How Croatian 1990s Veterans kept the dominant war narrative alive.'



## Erasmus Mundus DESEM Summer School



Participants at the Erasmus Mundus DESEM Summer School on campus

### The Department of Computer Science, hosted the 6th Erasmus Mundus DESEM (Dependable Software Systems) Summer School from 2-6 July

Hosted with their Consortium Partners in the University of St Andrews, Scotland and the Université de Lorraine in France, the Summer School was co-ordinated by Professor Adam Winstanley. It gathered together the students, lecturers, scholars and industries involved in DESEM, and provided a framework for interaction through talks, presentations, field-trips and social activities. Students attended presentations by invited speakers on both technical and non-technical issues, presented their own project work and collaborated with other Erasmus Mundus students on shared tasks.

Guest Lectures included: Dr Juliana Bowles, Dr Marco Caminati, Juan Jose Mendoza Santana and Fahrurrozi Rahman, University of St Andrews; Professor Ricardo M. Czekster, University of Santa Cruz do Sul; Khadija Musayeva, Université de Lorraine; Yulia Samoylova; BT; Gabriel H R Santos, University of Oxford; Professor Song Y Yan, Wuhan University.

## Annual Hamilton Walk

A group of 200 people, including staff and students from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, other third level institutions, second-level schools, and members of the general public took part in the Hamilton Walk on 16 October

The walk passed 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 there is a plaque on the bridge on which he scratched his famous Quaternion formula. Quaternions now have many important applications including space navigation, computer animation and special effects in movies.



Hamilton walk participants outside Dunsink Observatory

## RIA's Hamilton Prize to MU Student



Pictured is Nathan Keenan, third year student of Mathematics and Theoretical Physics; and Professor Stephen Buckley, Maynooth University Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Nathan has been awarded the Hamilton prize in mathematics for 2018, and is one of nine students from across Ireland who have been awarded this honour.

## Maynooth University Annual Accountancy Showcase

### The Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting's annual Maynooth University 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, EisnerAmper and Smith & Williamson were present on the night, along with representatives from Kerry Group, the Office of the Auditor & Comptroller General, Revenue, Central Bank, CIMA, Chartered Accountants Ireland and IFS Statestreet.

The 15 accounting academic prizes were presented by representatives of the awarding firms in a ceremony at the event. In first year, the KPMG 1st year Accounting & Finance prize was presented to Joe Sheerin.

The Leinster Society, Chartered Accountants Ireland, 1st year Law & Accounting prize was presented to Daniel Curley. The RBK 1st year Accounting through Arts prize was presented to Linda Bolger, while the BDO 1st year Business & Accounting prize was presented to Diarmid Brown.

In 2nd year there were five prizes awarded: the IFAC prize for top 2nd year accounting student in Business & Accounting was presented to Patrick Robilliard, while Megan Diamond was awarded an impressive four prizes - the EY prize for top accounting student on the BA A&F, the Grant Thornton Prize for taxation, the CIMA prize for top management accounting student, and the Mazars prize for financial accounting.



Daniel Curley, Diarmid Brown, Joe Sheerin, Linda Bolger, Joanie Conroy, Kerrie Dreehan, Megan Diamond, David Moylan, Lewis Wood, Riza Ul Haq Mohammed.

There were two prizes in 3rd year: Lewis Wood won the PWC prize for the top accounting student on the BA Accounting & Finance, while Joanie Conroy was presented with the Leinster Society, Chartered Accountant's prize for Ethics.

In addition, a number of prizes were presented at postgraduate level: Kerrie Dreehan was presented with both the KPMG prize for 1st place on the MA in Accounting, and the IFS prize for best thesis on the MA in Accounting, while David Moylan won the PWC prize for first place in financial accounting on the MA in Accounting. Riza Ul Haq Mohammed won the Deloitte prize for the top student in year 1 of the MA in Accounting.



# Maynooth Hosts Quark Confinement and Hadron Spectrum Conference

More than 300 scientists from all over the world met in Maynooth for the XIIIth Quark Confinement, and the Hadron Spectrum conference

It was the largest physics conference to be held in Ireland for over 10 years, and attracted scientists from 100 universities and laboratories around the world including Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Tokyo, Shanghai, Adelaide, Mumbai, Sao Paulo, Russia's Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Cambridge, and CERN research facility in Switzerland. It was organised by the Department of Theoretical Physics in conjunction with colleagues at TCD, UCD and Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies.

The focus of the conference was the strong interaction, which holds together the protons and neutrons in the atomic nuclei, but it also included sessions on machine learning, dark matter and the physics of novel materials.

A public lecture by Prof Manjit Dosanjh from CERN on "Ions for Cancer Therapy" explored the impact that particle physics has had on healthcare and in particular on cancer treatment.



Delegates at the conference

## Geographers Conference on "A Century of Elections: Past, Place and Politics"

The newly established Electoral Geography Group (EGG), Maynooth University, hosted a conference entitled 'A Century of Elections: Past, Place and Politics'



Dr Martin O'Donoghue and Dr Adrian Kavanagh, University of Limerick

Held on 3 October, the conference celebrated the Centenary of the historic 1918 election, featuring papers which have a strong focus on the importance of place, or places, throughout the past century of elections on the island of Ireland.

Session One: 'The 1918 Westminster Election' provided a comprehensive insight and background into the 1918 election itself and why it was so important. Speakers included Dr Regina Donlon, Carlow College; Dr Martin O'Donoghue, University of Limerick; as well as Dr Peter Murray, Department of Sociology, Maynooth University.

Session Two: 'Electoral Change: Changing Times and Changing Places' examined the more recent changes in Irish politics from the period following the 1918 Westminster Election, to the current day. Speakers included Dr Adrian Kavanagh, William Durkan, IRC postgraduate scholar; Claire McGing, Athena SWAN Project Officer; Caoilfhionn D'Arcy, postgraduate researcher in electoral geography and Johnny Fallon, political analyst with Carr Communications.

The conference was part funded by the Commemorations Committee.

## Maynooth University Academics Win Maths Week Award

Maynooth University mathematicians Prof Anthony O'Farrell and Dr Fiacre Ó Cairbre have been honoured as this year's recipients of the Maths Week Ireland Award for their contribution to raising public awareness of maths

The annual award is presented during Maths Week Ireland, the world's largest festival of maths and numeracy. Prof O'Farrell founded the annual Hamilton walk in 1990 and Dr Ó Cairbre has now run it for many years.

Prof O'Farrell was appointed professor of mathematics at Maynooth in 1975, where he spent most of his career. He contributed widely to the mathematical profession in Ireland and was elected to the Royal Irish Academy in 1980. He worked at the Irish Meteorological Service from 1964 to 1968, and for most of that time he was a student of mathematical science at UCD.

Fiacre Ó Cairbre is a senior lecturer at the Department of Mathematics. After completing his degree and masters studies in mathematics at Maynooth, he completed a PhD at University of California Berkeley, and took a position as a visiting assistant professor at the University of California in 1988. In 1990, he returned to his alma mater and has worked at Maynooth University for the past 28 years.



Dr Fiacre Ó Cairbre and Prof Anthony O'Farrell.  
Photo by John Ohle Photography

## Applied Social Studies Student Launch Pavee Mothers Report



Applied Social Studies PhD candidate, Lynsey Kavanagh 's report entitled "Pavee Mothers: Maternal Health Resources for Traveller Mothers" was launched on 27 September

In launching Pavee Mothers, Professor Peter Boylan, Chairman of the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and former Master of the National Maternity Hospital welcomed the resources as a much-needed intervention. "This project shows the importance of health services working with minority groups to improve service

provision. It also helps raise awareness on the health issues facing minority groups," he said.

The need for this resource was identified by Lynsey's PhD research, which is funded through the IRC Post graduate Programme, and Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre.

Pavee Mothers is the first Traveller health initiative to blend traditional, online and mobile mediums to communicate key health messages.

At a national level, workshops took place to generate feedback and inform each dimension of the resource. Clinical information was developed in consultation with maternity service providers from the three maternity hospitals in Dublin.

Lynsey Kavanagh, Dept of Applied Social Studies  
PhD student (photo cr – Derek Spiers)

## Scéim Chónaithe Mhá Nuad Faoi Bhláth



Muintir Scéim Chónaithe Ollscoil Mhá Nuad 2018 – 2019 ag Teach le Chéile na Scéimeanna sa Choláiste Ollscoile, BÁC in éineacht le hOifigeach na Gaeilge Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, Brian MacMaghnuis

Tá tríocha mac léinn ina gcónaí mar phobal lán-Ghaelach arís i mbliana mar chuid de Scéim Chónaithe Ollscoil Mhá Nuad. Go dtí seo sa téarma, is léir go bhfuil muintir na Scéime Chónaithe ag dul i bhfeidhm ar shaol na hollscoile ar bhealach thar a bheith dearfach. Toghadh seisear díobh ar phríomhchoiste Chuallacht Cholmcille agus is údar dóchais don todhchaí é gur sa chéad bhliain atá siad ar fad seachas duine amháin. Ghlac formhór mhuintir na Scéime páirt i gCeolchoirm na Nollag 2018 ag canadh sa chóir nó ag bailiú airgid agus ag scaipeadh na soláistí le linn na hócáide. Tá sé deimhnithe ag Oifig na Gaeilge dóibh go mbeidh deireadh seachtaine acu le chéile sa cheantar Gaeltachta is gaire don ollscoil, Ráth Chairn, san athbhliain agus is é príomhchuspóir an turais ná na nascanna seanbhunaithe idir na háiteanna a cheiliúradh agus a dhaingniú. Ag Teach le Chéile na Scéimeanna sa Choláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath i mí Dheireadh Fómhair, chuaigh muintir Scéim Mhá Nuad i mbun díospóireachta go headrom-chroíoch faoin ollscoil ina bhfuil an Scéim is fearr lonnaithe. Agus an cheist chonspóideach seo á freagairt acu, sheasadar an fód do Scéim Chónaithe Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, ar ndóigh.

## Cuallacht Cholmcille 120 Bliain ar an bhFód

Bhí sé go hiomlán foirfe gur cheiliúraigh príomhchoiste Chuallacht Cholmcille breithlá an chumainn i gConradh na Gaeilge agus deireadh seachtaine traenála do na cumainn Ghaelacha ar an tríú léibhéal ar bun acu. Ní raibh ann ach comhtharlúint ach ní fhéadfaidís bheith in áit níos oiriúnaí mar bunaíodh an Chuallacht ar an 13 Deireadh Fómhair sa bhliain 1898 chun gluaiseacht na hAthbheochana a neartú ar champas Choláiste Phádraig agus leanadar eiseamláir Chonradh na Gaeilge go dlúth. Ní fheadar céard a cheapadh na sagairt a bhunaigh í tráth dá raibh de roinnt de na himeachtaí a cuireadh ar siúl ar champas Mhá Nuad go dtí seo i mbliana. Is é an cur chuige atá ag Róisín Ní Mhaoláin, Uachtarán na Cuallachta faoi láthair, agus a príomhchoiste ná traidisiún agus nuálaíocht a mheascadh go rialta. Bíonn ceardlanna athchúrsála, seisiúin aireachais agus oícheanta piotsa ar siúl chomh maith le comhráit le cúpan tae, céilithe agus díospóireachtaí cultúrtha. Tá Cuallacht Cholmcille fásta agus forbartha as cuimse thar na blianta ach tá sí fós tiomanta do chur chun cinn na Gaeilge agus is cosúil nach n-athróidh sé sin go deo.



Príomhchoiste Chuallacht Cholmcille don bhliain acadúil 2018 – 2019 ag Cruinniú Chinn Bliana na Cuallachta i mí Dheireadh Fómhair

## Tuarascáil Ghaeltachta AIRO Seolta ag an Oireachtas

Seoladh tuarascáil nua leis an Ionad Breathnaithe um Thaighde Uile-Éireann (AIRO) de chuid Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ag Oireachtas na Samhna ar an 2 Mí na Samhna ag an Seanadóir Pádraig Ó Céidigh. Is iad príomhchuspóirí na tuarascála ná tacaíocht a thabhairt chun ceantair Ghaeltachta a fhorbairt agus saolta na ndaoine ina gcónaí sna ceantair seo a fheabhsú. Bhí an tuarascáil den teideal “Próifíl Shocheacnamaíoch de na seacht gCeantar Gaeltachta in Éirinn” cómhaoinithe ag an gComhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn agus ag Oifig an tSeanadóir Uí Chéidigh. Rinne an Stiúrthóir ar an Ionad Breathnaithe um Thaighde Uile-Éireann (AIRO) de chuid Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, Justin Gleeson, cur síos ar an tuarascáil mar “thionscadal thar a bheith luachmhar dúinn go léir ar an bhfoireann AIRO. Le blianta beaga anuas tá tionscadail fhianaise bhonnúla á bhforbairt againn chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do phríomhpholasaithe náisiúnta agus réigiúnacha mar aon leis an gCreat Náisiúnta Pleanála agus leis na Straitéisí Spásúlachta agus Eacnamaíochta Réigiúnacha. Ag obair i gcomhar leis an Seanadóir Ó Céidigh, táimid tar éis tarraingt ar ár saineolas ar réimse leathan d’ábhair chun an tuarascáil seo a fhorbairt. Tá dóchas i mo chroí agam go gcabhróidh sí go mór amach anseo le pleanáil agus ceapadh beartais do na ceantair Ghaeltachta in Éirinn.”



Justin Gleeson, Stiúrthóir AIRO, Peter Brown, Stiúrthóir ar an gComhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn, an Seanadóir Pádraig Ó Céidigh, Linda Connolly, Stiúrthóir MUSSI agus Eoghan McCarthy de chuid AIRO ag seoladh na tuarascála le linn Oireachtas na Samhna

## Buaic-Ghradam Cumarsáide Bronnta ar Phádhraic Ó Ciardha

Bronnadh an Buaic-Ghradam Cumarsáide ar chéimí de chuid Ollscoil Mhá Nuad agus léachtóir reatha ar na meáin chumarsáide le Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge Pádhraic Ó Ciardha ag Oireachtas na Samhna ar 31 Deireadh Fómhair mar thoradh ar a cheannródaíocht in earnáil na meán cumarsáide Gaeilge thar thréimhse fada blianta. Tugann Buaic-Ghradam Cumarsáide an Oireachtais aitheantas do shaothar saoil in earnáil na meán cumarsáide Gaeilge. “Bhí Pádhraic Ó Ciardha ar thús na cadhnaíochta i gcónaí i dtaca leis na mór-fhorbairtí in earnáil na cumarsáide Gaeilge”, a dúirt Liam Ó Maolaotha, Stiúrthóir an Oireachtais, “agus tá rian a chur chuige fuinniúil, nuálach, cruthaitheach le feiceáil go soiléir ar stíl, éiteas agus luachanna TG4.” As Na hAille, Cois Fharraige i nGaeltacht na Gaillimhe ó dhúchas, dúirt Pádhraic go raibh idir bhród agus iontas air an Buaic-Ghradam seo a fháil agus go raibh an t-ádh air ó thús a thréimhse mar chraoltóir go raibh sé timpeallaithe ag daoine stuama, gairmiúla a thug cúnamh agus comhairle go fial dó agus a chinntigh gur baineadh amach na spriocanna uaimhianacha a bhí acu. “Cuireadh allas, cinnte”, ar sé, “ach rinneadh go leor gáire freisin.”



Pádhraic Ó Ciardha ar stáitse ag Gradaim Cumarsáide an Oireachtais tar éis dá Bhuaic-Ghradam Cumarsáide bheith bronnta air



## Eagarthóir Nua ag Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad

Bord eatramhach eagarthóireachta a bhí ag plé le réiteach Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad ó cailleadh an Moinsíneoir Pádraig Ó Fiannachta i mí Iúil 2016, ach tá sé beartaithe anois go mbeidh cúram an eagarthóra ar an Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh, léachtóir le Nua-Ghaeilge in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, agus Déan Comhlach Dhámh na nEalaíon, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus na Fealsúnachta. Sheol Pádraic Ó Ciardha *Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad 2018*, a céad eagrán mar eagarthóir, in Institiúid Ealaíon agus Daonnachtaí Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, i bhfoirgneamh IONTAS ar an 15 Samhain. Tá sé beartaithe ag Tracey foilsíú an Irisleabhair a cheangal le staidéar iarchéime ar an Nua-Ghaeilge san ollscoil, agus tá coiste fo-eagarthóireachta bunaithe i measc na mac léinn aici. Ina theannta sin, tá painéal piarmheasúnóirí curtha le chéile chun stádas acadúil na hirise a neartú. Tá sí den tuairim gur cheart go mbeadh Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad i gcónaí ag éabhlóidiú i dtiúin le tosca na linne agus ag féachaint le ceannródaíocht a thabhairt i réimsí a raibh faillí á ndéanamh orthu. Tá idir nua agus sean san eagrán seo, agus ábhar ó mhic léinn reatha na hOllscoile mar aon le hábhar ó mhic léinn a bhí i Maigh Nuad blianta fada ó shin. Ní amháin sin ach is eagrán ceiliúrtha é seo ar Chuallacht Cholmcille a bhunaigh an Irisleabhar agus a bhí 120 bliain ar an bhfód i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2018.



Dúlra Ní Áinle ó phríomhchoiste Chuallacht Cholmcille, Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh, eagarthóir Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad, agus Tom O'Connor, Stiúrthóir ar Institiúid Ealaíon agus Daonnachtaí Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ag seoladh Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad 2018

## Scoláireacht Bronnta ar Ghaeilgeoir Mhá Nuad



An Dr Maurice Manning, Seansailéar Ollscoil na hÉireann, faighteoir na scoláireachta Miriam Fitzsimons, an tOllamh Fionntán de Brún, Ceann Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, agus an Dr Attracta Halpin, Clárathóir Ollscoil na hÉireann

Bronnadh Scoláireacht Chiste Theach an Ardmhéara ar Miriam Fitzsimons ag Searmanas Bronnta Duaiseanna Ollscoil na hÉireann 2018 i dTeach an Ardmhéara ar an 13 Samhain. Tugtar Scoláireacht agus Duais Chiste Theach an Ardmhéara sa Ghaeilge do mhic léinn a phléann leis an nGaeilge i gcomh-ollscoileanna OÉ bunaithe ar a gcuid torthaí scrúdaithe deireanacha. As Leitir Ceanainn i gContae Dhún na nGall ó dhúchas, chríochnaigh Miriam a bunchéim i Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge i rith an tsamhraidh agus is i lár Máistreachta sa Nua-Ghaeilge leis an roinn chéanna atá sí anois. Ag labhairt ar lá an bhronnta, dúirt Miriam gur údar mór bróid di gur bronnadh an scoláireacht seo uirthi agus go bhfuil sí faoi chomaoín go mór ag muintir Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad. Bhí Ceann na Roinne, an tOllamh Fionntán de Brún, i láthair ag an searmanas i dTeach an Ardmhéara agus ghabh sé comhghairdeas ó chroí le Miriam.

## Ceolchoirm na Nollag do Charthanas Campais

Bailíodh breis agus €400 ag Ceolchoirm na Nollag 2018 ar 5 Mí na Nollag do charthanas na bliana seo, Páirtnéireacht Froebel agus HOPE um Oiliúint Múinteoirí. Lonnaithe ar champas Ollscoil Mhá Nuad agus deich mbliana d'aois sa bhliain 2019, bíonn an Pháirtnéireacht ag obair gan stad gan staonadh chun oideachas ar ard-chaighdeán a sholáthar do pháistí faoi mhíbhuntáiste Kolkata na hIndia. Bhí an-áthas ar Oifig na Gaeilge, a chuireann an ceolchoirm ar siúl sa leabharlann chuile bhliain, tacaíocht a thabhairt do mhuintir na Roinne Froebel leis an togra fíor-fíúntach seo. Mar is gnách, ghlac idir mhic léinn agus baill foirne páirt sa cheolchoirm agus cuireadh meascán bríomhar de cheol traidisiúnta, d'amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós agus de charúil Nollag ós comhair



Cór Cholmcille, á stiúradh ag Dúlra Ní Áinle, faoi lán seoil i rith Cheolchoirm na Nollag 2018 le tionlacan ceoil ó Lucy Nally, Liam Óg hOistín agus James Grealay.



Róisín Gallagher, Fergal Quinn agus Dáinne Gallagher ó Scéim Chónaithe Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ag bailiú airdid do Pháirtnéireacht Froebel agus HOPE um Oiliúint Múinteoirí ag Ceolchoirm na Nollag 2018

an tslua. I measc na mbuaicphointí, chas an t-amhránaí ar an sean-nós aitheanta Sailí Ní Dhoighneáin ó Lárionad na Gaeilge “Siar is Aniar” agus “Le Coinnle na n-Aingeal” ar théama na Nollag, sheinn ceoltóirí ó Tradsoc na hollscoile roinnt seiteanna go fíor-mhaith agus thug Cór Cholmcille, bunaithe díreach don ócáid seo ag an stiúrthóir cóir Dúlra Ní Áinle, Ceolchoirm na Nollag 2018 chun críche le carúil a chuirfeadh deora i do shúile ar nós “Oíche Chiúin” agus a chuirfeadh aoibh ar d’aghaidh ar nós “Bualadh Bos”.



## Publications Festival



Lorna Dodd, Head of Academic Services, Library; President Philip Nolan; Dr Gemma Irvine, Head of Policy & Strategic Planning at the Higher Education Authority

The annual Library Publications Festival was held in October, as part of the University's Research Week. This year the festival celebrated research and its publications outputs across all three faculties, with a particular focus on *Open Science and its implications for academic publishing*. The Festival was launched by Professor Nolan on Tuesday, 9 October and featured talks by Professor Peter Coles, Department of Physics and Dr Gemma Irvine, Head of Policy & Strategic Planning at the Higher Education Authority.

The launch of the Publications Festival also marked the launch of the University's first open access publishing venture. In collaboration with Professor Peter Coles, MU Library is proud to publish *The Open Journal of Astrophysics*.

## Pearse Hutchinson Exhibition at Catalan Festival

The Library was delighted to participate in the 2018 Creative Connexions festival, in Sitges, Barcelona. This festival explores the fusion of Irish and Catalan culture. The Library had a travelling exhibition on display, highlighting the life and work of the poet Pearse Hutchinson, who lived for many years in Barcelona.



Jon Berkley, artist

In addition to the exhibition, poet and broadcaster Vincent Woods read excerpts of Hutchinson's work, set to music by renowned traditional musician, Martin Tourish.

The highlight of the exhibition was the launch of a new visual work from the artist Jon Berkley, like Hutchinson an Irishman in Cataluña. Jon's portrait has brought a fresh perspective on the poet, which the Library is honoured to add to its collections.

Maynooth University Library looks forward to collaborating further with universities and other cultural institutions to highlight the work of Pearse Hutchinson and the Hutchinson Archive, which is held in our Special Collections department.

## The Country House and the Great War Exhibition



Prof Marian Lyons at the launch of the Country House and the Great War Exhibition

An exhibition exploring the impact of the First World War on the Irish Country House, curated by Professor Terence Dooley, Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates, Maynooth University, and Nicola Kelly, Archivist, OPW-Maynooth University Archive & Research, was launched in the University Library on Thursday, 4 October. This exhibition, to mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice, presented a perspective of the Great War from inside the Irish Country House. This exhibition utilises material from more than 10 aristocratic families and displays material from the estate archives of Ballindoolin House and Airfield, Dundrum. The launch was preceded by a talk by historian, Dr Ian d'Alton, 'The

Unreasonable Adventure: How the Great War Took the Irish Gentry Prisoner'. The exhibition was part-funded by the Commemorations Committee.

## Trócaire Hosts Ken Saro-Wiwa Exhibition



Banners from the Maynooth University Ken Saro-Wiwa Archive were exhibited alongside material from Trócaire in both Trócaire's Maynooth Office and the Cathedral St, Dublin Office. The archive, which relates to the campaign to save the lives of the Ogoni Nine was viewed by more than 350 visitors.

Annette Honan, Eamon Meehan and Caoimhe De Barra from Trócaire (photo credit Garry Walsh/Trócaire)

## Heritage Week at MU Library

Maynooth University Library hosted 180 visitors during Heritage Week 2018 to view two exhibitions on display; 'On Active Service' exploring army chaplaincy recruitment and resistance to conscription in Ireland during the First World War and 'The Country House and the Great War' presenting a perspective of the Great War from inside the Irish Country House.

## Library Acquires Unique Collection on 'The Troubles'

The Library has acquired a remarkable and unique collection of literature relating to 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland. Ranging from ephemera, posters, pamphlets through periodicals and books, this collection which began in the early 1970s offers a broad picture of this turbulent period, showing all sides of the story. Work will begin shortly in preparing it for use by our community.

## Visit of Portuguese Ambassador

Dr Miguel de Almeida e Sousa, Ambassador of Portugal to Ireland, visited the Russell Library on Thursday, 13 September. The Ambassador Almeida e Sousa was given a guided tour of the reading room during the visit, which was arranged in conjunction with the Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies.

## Maynooth University Research Archive Library – MURAL

Maynooth University Library recently ran a competition for staff and students to rename the Maynooth University Library ePrints institutional repository. More than 100 entries were received. The winning name MURAL (Maynooth University Research Archive Library) was announced and the joint winners, Sean O'Riagain and Paddy Reilly, received their Kindle prizes from the University President at the closing ceremony of Research Week 2018



Paddy Reilly and Sean O'Riagain with Prof Philip Nolan, President

## Death of Dr Thomas Kabdebo

Dr Kabdebo, University Librarian from 1983 to 1991, died on the 23 May this year. In September, the Library displayed some of his many publications and a selection of photographs relating to his time as University Librarian.



Dr Thomas Kabdebo



# Human Resource Notes

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the following staff have joined the University or have been appointed to a new post internally:

School/Departments	Appointees
Access Office	Mr Gerard Gallagher – Disability Advisor
Alumni Office	Ms Niamh Smollen – Alumni Events and Digital Media Officer
Anthropology	Professor David Prendergast – Professor
Applied Social Studies	Dr Gloria Kirwan – Lecturer
Communications & Marketing	Ms Lorraine Whelan – Digital Communications Officer
Counselling	Mrs Caroline Kingston – Executive Assistant
Critical Skills	Dr Brian McKensie – Lecturer Dr Donncha O Cathasaigh – Critical Skills Tutor Mr Jonathan Brown – Critical Skills Tutor Dr Maire Ni Mhordha – Critical Skills Tutor Ms Margaret Keane, Teaching & Learning Development Officer (Contract Post) Dr Susan Giblin – Critical Skills Tutor Dr Linzi Ryan – Lecturer
Design Innovation	
Economics, Finance & Accounting	Ms Crea Lambert – Executive Assistant
Education	Dr Elaine Martin – Administrative Officer Ms Fiona Casey – Placement Officer
Electronic Engineering	Dr Arman Farhang – Lecturer
Examinations & Timetabling	Ms Gillian Sheehy – Executive Assistant
Finance	Ms Lynn Conlon – Senior Executive Assistant Mr Conor Gillespie – Budget Accountant
Financial Planning	Ms Rachel O Connell – Head of Financial Reporting
Froebel Education	Dr Suzanne O Keefe – Lecturer
Geography	Dr Conor Cahalane – Lecturer
Graduate Studies	Mr Paul Clear – Post Graduate Admissions Officer Dr Niamh Ni Shadhail – Director of Post Graduate Academic Programmes
Hamilton Institute	Professor Damien Woods – Professor Professor Vicenc Torra – Professor Professor Subhrakanti Dey – Professor
International Office	Ms Claire Doran – Director of Internationalisation Ms Jodi Killackey – Administrative Officer Ms Patricia Hayden – Senior Executive Assistant
IT Services	Ms Charlene McGoochan – ICT Project Manager
Law	Dr Amina Adanan – Lecturer Dr Claire Hamilton – Professor Dr Oliver Bartlett – Lecturer Ms Patricia Tutty – Executive Assistant Dr Aisling McMahon – Lecturer
Library	Ms Edel King – Library Assistant Ms Ivona Coghlan – Library Assistant Ms Saoirse De Paor – Library Assistant
Mathematics & Statistics	Dr Rafael De Andrade Moral – Lecturer
Modern Languages, Literature	Ms Anna Laribal – Abante – University Tutor Dr Ana De Prada Pérez – Lecturer
Office of the Bursar	Ms Eilish McNamara – Administrative Officer
Office Dean of Teaching and Learning	Ms Laura Gallagher – Executive Assistant
Psychology	Dr Philip Hyland – Senior Lecturer Dr Michael Daly – Senior Lecturer
Research Development Office	Dr Edward Holden – Research Accountant/Research Administrator
School of Business	Ms Nuala Downes – Senior Executive Assistant Ms Fiona Lyons – Executive Assistant
Sociology	Dr Eoin Flaherty, Lecturer
Student Services Office	Ms Emma McDermott – Senior Executive Assistant
Theoretical Physics	Ms Suzanne Duffy – Executive Assistant

*Our best wishes to all concerned.*

## Presidential Lunch

On Tuesday, 13 November, Professor Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University and Rev. Professor Michael Mullaney, President, St Patrick's College Maynooth, hosted a Presidential Lunch in Renehan Hall to mark the retirement of staff from the University/College in 2017 and 2018, and also, to celebrate colleagues reaching 25 years of service in the University in 2017 and 2018.



### STAFF WITH 25 YEARS' SERVICE

**Front Row** (l-r): Dr Steve Coleman; Ms Vivienne Murray; Dr Ann O'Shea; Ms Anne Dooley; Ms Rosemary Hunt; Ms Mary Kelly; Ms Marie Breen and Mr Austin Power.  
**Back Row** (l-r): Dr Martin O'Leary; Mr Michael Kenny; Professor Stephen Buckley; Mr Finbarr Horrigan; Dr Diarmuid O'Donoghue; Mr Derek Walsh; Professor Philip Nolan; Professor Arnd Witte; Mr Paul Davis; Dr Tom Kenny; Mr Peter Boran; Dr Jeff Morrison and Mr John Behan.



### RETIRED STAFF 2017/2018

**Front Row** (l-r): Ms Mary Lynch; Ms Regina Whelan Richardson; Ms Olive Morrin; Ms Linda O'Connell; Ms Anne Fortune; Ms Brenda Carruthers; Ms Breege Lynch and Ms Olive Clynn.  
**Back Row** (l-r): Mr Joe Brady; Dr David Redmond; Ms Breda Gibney; Professor Anne Ryan; Mr Séamus Carthy; Dr Paul Gibson; Mr Oliver Durack; Rev. Professor Michael Mullaney; Mr John Hayes; Professor Philip Nolan; Mr Roderick Walsh; Ms Saranne Magennis; Ms Bríd Keenan; Mr Edward Fitzpatrick and Ms Marie Breen.

## 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>

## Strategic Plan 2018-2022 (continued)

"Last year Maynooth University marked its 20th anniversary as an independent institution, and its achievements in that time have been remarkable. We are recognised for our world-class research which drives the excellent teaching at the University. Our new undergraduate curriculum, rooted in the tradition of a

liberal education, has brought unparalleled choice to students and is better preparing them to adapt to the careers of the future. It is now timely to focus on the postgraduate and research aspects of our mission to drive us forward over the next five to 10 years," said Professor Philip Nolan.

## Maynooth Alumni Return to Campus for the 2018 Reunion

The highlight of the Maynooth Alumni calendar, the Alumni Annual Reunion took place on campus on Saturday, 15 September

Celebrating anniversary years for the Classes of 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013, more than 130 alumni and friends enjoyed a sociable, fun-filled evening. With harmonious melodies by Lemoncello (Laura Quirke and Claire Kinsella, two Maynooth graduates who met while studying at the University), the evening began with a prosecco and canapé reception followed by dinner in the Phoenix Restaurant. Former Student Union President and Chair of the Maynooth Alumni Advisory Board (MAAB), Peter Finnegan (Class of 1976), regaled guests with an after-dinner speech containing humorous memories of Maynooth student days while encouraging alumni to connect with the University to support philanthropic and career mentoring initiatives. Guests travelled far and wide to attend the evening, including one alumnus who travelled from Lusaka!



Guests enjoying the night

## Maynooth Anthropologist Launches Book on IKEA



Dr Pauline Garvey and Prof Daniel Miller

Dr Pauline Garvey, Department of Anthropology, launched her book 'Unpacking IKEA: Swedish Design for the Purchasing Masses' in October

Dr Garvey's book represents the first anthropological ethnography of IKEA consumption and goes to

the heart of understanding the unique and at times frantic popularity of this iconic transnational store.

Based on a year of participant observation in Stockholm's Kungens Kurva store, which is the largest in the world, 'Unpacking IKEA' places the retailer squarely within the realm of the home-building efforts of individuals in Stockholm and also in Dublin.

In 'Unpacking IKEA', Garvey follows the furniture's route from the IKEA store and explores what people actually take home with them.

The launch event, held in the National College of Art and Design, was addressed by Professor Daniel Miller of University College London, who reflected on the impact of IKEA on design and material culture.

## Professor Receives Award for Promoting Equality of Opportunity



Prof Malcolm MacLachlan

The British Psychology Society presented Prof MacLachlan the 2018 Award for Promoting Equality of Opportunity

The Award recognises the work of a psychologist that has made an exceptional and sustained contribution to challenging social inequalities in relation to gender, race, ethnic origin, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability or age.

Professor of Psychology and Social Inclusion and Director of the Assisting Living and Learning Institute (ALL) at Maynooth University. He has worked as an academic, clinician, organisational consultant and policy advisor in Europe, Asia,

Africa and South America; with government, civil society, corporates and United Nations agencies.

Professor MacLachlan is currently the Research & Innovation Lead for the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Global Collaboration on Assistive Technology programme, which aims to promote access to quality, affordable assistive products in all countries, especially in low-income contexts. He is also the Knowledge Management Lead for the United Nations' Partnership for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD), which seeks to implement the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

## Froebel/ VSI Mid-Term Activity Camp in Mosney Direct Provision Centre

The Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education has partnered with Voluntary Service International (VSI) for the last two years to establish activity camps in Mosney

During the mid-term break in October 2018, Froebel students facilitated a range of sport, music, art and science activities at the Direct Provision Centre. The students also ran workshops for primary age children, with human rights, and education for sustainable development themes.

Mosney is the largest Direct Provision Centre in Ireland, with approximately 650 asylum seekers as well as 200 refugees currently resident there. Due to many child protection concerns, the system of Direct Provision is regularly criticized as an 'unsafe' and 'unsuitable' environment for children (Special Rapporteur on Children's Rights 2014). As part of development and intercultural education modules (DICE), Froebel students looked into actions they could take to support



Some of the students who volunteered at the mid-term activity camp

children living within this system. The students designed the activity camps, upon hearing parents of school-age children complain that they found it difficult to keep children occupied during school holidays due to budgetary constraints and isolation.



# New Research Centre for Public Education Announced at Maynooth Education Forum

This year’s Maynooth Education Forum, the sixth in the series, on 15 October addressed public education across all sectors

The Forum explored issues such as whether it is important to keep education as a public responsibility; who benefits from public education; and why so many countries have moved to privatise education and what has been their lived experience.

Maynooth University took the opportunity to reaffirm its position as the country’s foremost provider of education studies with the announcement of a new Research Centre for Public Education and Pedagogy and the first BSc in Mathematics and Computer Science for future teachers.



Prof Gert Biesta, Brunel University London; Prof Philip Nolan and Prof Deborah Britzman, York University Toronto

The first BSc in Mathematics and Computer Science (with Education) course at Maynooth University will start in September 2019, and the first qualified graduates are expected to be ready to enter the teaching world in June 2024. Keynote speakers this year include internationally renowned Professor of Education at Brunel University London, Gert Biesta and distinguished Research Professor at York University, Toronto, Deborah P. Britzman. Also addressing the Forum were Prof Kathleen Lynch, UCD and new Professor of Education in Maynooth University, Aislinn O’Donnell, who has developed creative research and teaching projects that seek to introduce philosophy to settings such as prisons, probation and drug projects.

# Maynooth University Wins Irish Research Council Funding

Maynooth University has received Irish Research Council (IRC) funding for early Career Researchers



Mary Broe and Prof Gerry Kearns

More than €22 million was awarded in funding under the IRC’s Government of Ireland Programme.

The Maynooth awardees are:

## IRC funded Postgraduate Scholars (Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme)

Dean Frawley	Biology
John Ó Laoidh	Sociology
Joshua Moody	Sociology
Kevin Flanagan	Anthropology
Mary Broe	Geography
Sarah Larragy	Biology
Sharon Healy	Centre for Digital Humanities
Sven Milekić	History
William Durkan	Geography

## IRC funded Postdoctoral Fellows (Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme)

Valesca Lima	Sociology
Dejana Kosanovic	Biology
Frances Nolan	History
Jessica Foley	Geography and MUSSI

Peter Brown, Director of the Irish Research Council, described the Government of Ireland programmes as unique in the Irish research landscape. “Firstly, they provide individual, prestigious awards for excellent research in the name of the applicant. Secondly, they provide funding across all disciplines, from archaeology to zoology. The researchers supported are addressing major societal and scientific challenges, and deepening our understanding of topics ranging from traditional music to liquid crystals and ecological connectivity,” he said.

# Online Platform to Track Gender Composition in Third Level Institutions

Maynooth University is working to develop the first publicly accessible ‘gender equality dashboard,’ to compare the composition of staff and students across third-level institutions

MU’s Athena SWAN Committee is working closely with the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) at the University to develop an interactive system that will allow users to monitor progress by third-level institutions in tackling gender equality, based on data from the Higher Education Authority. It is expected to be launched in early 2019.

Maynooth University was recently officially presented with the internationally recognised Athena SWAN Bronze Award by the Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O’Connor, TD. The Athena SWAN Awards in Higher Education recognise work in advancing gender equality for women in academia, and in promoting diversity and inclusion for staff and students in third-level institutions.

Maynooth University was the first institution in Ireland to apply for and receive the Athena SWAN Bronze Award under the expanded Athena SWAN Charter. The expanded Charter recognises work undertaken in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines, as well as STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine).



Pictured at the presentation on 14 November are (l-r):Rosaleen McCarthy; Claire McGing; President of Maynooth University, Prof Philip Nolan; Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O’Connor, TD; Prof Linda Connolly; Eimear Wilkinson; Sarah Hawes receiving the Athena SWAN Bronze Award

## Maynooth Prof Kath Browne Awarded Prestigious ERC Grant



Prof Kath Browne

Professor Kath Browne, Department of Geography, has been awarded a European Research Council (ERC) funding award of almost €2 million for her project on sexual and gender rights and equalities

The highly prestigious ERC Consolidator Grant is viewed as the gold standard for research funding in Europe and is awarded to outstanding researchers with a strong track record in their field.

Professor Browne is a world-leading scholar in the geographies of sexualities and genders. Her work has looked at lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans exclusions, and more recently, has explored groups and organisations that resist sexual and gendered equalities.

She was appointed Professor of Geographies of Sexualities and Genders at Maynooth University in May 2018. Her ERC project explores and seeks to understand the experiences of rapid changes to sexual and gender rights in the 21st century.

## Ancient Classics Student Wins NUI First Prize in Latin 2018



Pictured is Michael Cusack, second year student of Greek and Roman Civilization and Latin, who won first prize in the 2018 Dr Henry Hutchinson Stewart Literary Scholarship in Latin; and Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, who presented the award. The ceremony was held on Tuesday 13 November in the Mansion House. Erasmus student, Darya Vorobyeva studying Latin in Maynooth University won third prize

## 1918 and the Old-New Europe Exhibition on Campus

The exhibition in Iontas, marked the establishment of Czechoslovakia in 1918 and the Soviet invasion in 1968, both of which are being commemorated this year

The academic workshop organised by Dr John Paul Newman on Friday, 19 October, marked the centenary of the end of the First World War. It discussed the problems and challenges faced by post-imperial states in Europe at war's end. It was part funded by the Commemorations Committee.



Pictured (from left to right): Dr John Paul Newman; Dr Jiří Hutečka; His Excellency Igor Pokojný, Ambassador of Slovakia; Professor Filipe Meneses; Professor Victor Lazzarini; His Excellency Petr Kynšetr, Ambassador of the Czech Republic; Dr Jana Fischerová, Dr Adam Hudek

## 'Rising Teachers, Rising Leaders' Programme Event

Dublin GAA footballer Brian Fenton shared words of inspiration from teachers and mentors in his life at Maynooth University's innovative 'Turn to Teaching' welcome day

The event on 2 October highlighted the new Maynooth University's 'Rising Teachers, Rising Leaders' programme, which supports the teaching aspirations of 40 post-primary students and provides 22 teachers from underrepresented groups with the opportunity to mentor the students.

Post-primary students from Kildare, Blanchardstown, Tallaght, Ballyfermot and Clondalkin attended the event.

## Maynooth's MSc Design Innovation (Food) Awarded Best New Postgraduate Course

Maynooth University's MSc Design Innovation (Food), in the Department of Design Innovation has been awarded gradireland's Best New Postgraduate Course



Pictured at the awards ceremony on 23 November are (l-r): Roxanne Paul, Graduate Studies, Fionnuala Gilmartin, Department of Design Innovation; Kiah Townsend, gradireland; Brendan Baker, Career Development Centre

Established in 2017, the course was chosen over 17 other competitors in the category. The course aims to combine Bord Bia's insight-led approach, and Maynooth's innovation and design expertise, to meet the increasing demand from the food industry, for those with skills in both areas. After an intensive induction by Bord Bia, the students are placed with a host company for 20 months, while still completing assignments to obtain their masters.

Maynooth University Prof Maria Pramaggiore, Dean of Graduate Studies, congratulated the Department of Design Innovation and was delighted that Maynooth University had been shortlisted for the gradireland Higher Education 2019 Awards in five programmes across four categories. She said: "This recognises Maynooth's innovative and interdisciplinary master's programmes, which grow organically from our strengths in the humanities, social sciences and science and engineering."



Rising Leader: Lisa Howell, teacher in St John's College, Ballyfermot; Brian Fenton, Dublin footballer and multiple All-Ireland medal winner; and Rising Teacher: Ethan Mooney, student at St John's College, Ballyfermot, pictured with Gareth Burns and Kaitriona O'Sullivan from Turn to Teaching at Maynooth University



## New Joint Economics Degree Launched with Nihon University

### Japanese students will graduate with a Bachelor of Economics from Nihon University and a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) Degree from Maynooth University

The new agreement between the Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting at Maynooth University and the College of Economics at Nihon University, will enable Japanese students to study economics for two years at Nihon University, and then continue to study for two years at Maynooth, graduating with a degree from both universities.

The partnership with the College of Economics in Nihon University (CENU) began in 2013 with the development of a one-year Study Abroad programme at Maynooth. The Maynooth University and Nihon University economics departments have been engaged in research collaboration as well as staff exchange, and also have an active student exchange agreement.



Prof Ijiri Naohiko, Dean of College of Economics, Nihon University, and President of Maynooth University, Prof Philip Nolan, sign the dual degree agreement

## Maynooth University PhD Student Wins Teagasc Award



Professor Gerry Boyle, Director of Teagasc, (and Former Head of the Department of Economics, NUI Maynooth), presenting the medal to Eoin O'Connor, for his work entitled 'FISH for Fungi: Visualisation of viruses in the mycelium of the commercial mushroom *Agaricus bisporus*', at the Teagasc Walsh Fellowships seminar on 5 October

### Eoin O'Connor, PhD Student in the Department of Biology was recently announced as the 2018 overall medal winner of the Teagasc Walsh Fellowships Medal

Eoin is studying for a PhD under the supervision of Dr David Fitzpatrick in the Genome Evolution Laboratory in the Department of Biology, and Helen Grogan, Teagasc. Eoin is working with the Horticulture Development Department of Teagasc on a project entitled: "Genomic, transcriptomic and proteomic analyses of *A. bisporus* strains showing some resistance/tolerance to mushroom virus X."

This is the 25th anniversary of the Walsh Fellowships programme through which post graduate students pursue their PhD's and Master's through Teagasc and the universities.

## Department of International Development Established



Thi Hoa Nguyen, Hazel Rynagh Daly and Darren Halligan, current students of the MA in International Development

### During the summer of 2018, Maynooth University established the Department of International Development

This new development builds on existing programmes and activities transferred from Kimmage Development Studies Centre. The new department aims to become a leader in development theory, policy and practice. Staff members carry out research on development education, political ecology, climate change, migration, overseas volunteering, development representation, and the security-development nexus.

Inside the classroom, students enjoy a participatory and transformative approach to learning. The Department already offers a successful Bachelor's and Master's, including the innovative online MA in International Development and a suite of short-term professional learning opportunities. The Department also collaborates with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute in the delivery of the new MA in Peacebuilding, Security and Development.

## More than 3,000 Conferred in Autumn Conferring Ceremonies

### Maynooth University conferred more than 3,000 students this autumn, including first Bachelor of Arts degrees under its new curriculum

This year marked the first graduation for the students under the new Bachelor of Arts. The University restructured the degree three years ago to provide greater flexibility, the ability to specialise immediately or wait until after first year, opportunities to take electives, and an emphasis on critical skills.

Also, for the first time, Maynooth University conferred Doctorates in Higher and Adult Education, Psychological Science, and Education and a Postgraduate Diploma in International Justice and Law.



International Students on graduation day



# MU Hosts International Golfers at World Amateur Golf Championships

Top golfers from across the globe were welcomed in early September by Maynooth University for the opening of the 2018 World Amateur Golf Championships

The World Amateur Golf Team Championships is a biennial event led by the International Golf Federation, hosted locally this year by the Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI), based in Carton House, and the Irish Ladies Golf Union (ILGU). For two weeks, Maynooth University as a designated 'Athletes' Village,' played host to more than 450 of the world's top amateur golfers from at least 70 countries, as well as their coaches and representatives from national federations.

The Phoenix hosted a celebratory 700-person Championship Gala Dinner on Saturday, 1 September.



Dr Bill Tinley, Maynooth Campus Conference & Accommodation; Maynooth Alumnus Robin Dawson; Barry Fennelly, Golf Manager, Paddy Harrington Golf Scholarships; and Dr John McGinnity, Assistant Registrar, Maynooth University.

## Maynooth University Snooker Club Success



Pictured is the Maynooth University snooker team who were crowned intervarsity snooker champions for the third year in a row on Saturday, 17 November (l-r); Diarmuid O'Connor, Shaun McDonnell, Sean King, Jack Connolly, Glen Doyle.

## Appointment to British and Irish Government Equality Initiatives

Seamus Taylor, Lecturer in Social Policy in the Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University has been appointed to serve on government equality initiatives in Britain and Ireland



Seamus Taylor, Dept of Applied Social Studies

In Britain, Seamus has been appointed to the Windrush Lessons Learned Review. This is a review established by the Home Secretary to identify lessons from the recent treatment of the Windrush generation migrants from the Caribbean to Britain. This independent review will deliver its report in spring 2019.

In Ireland, Seamus has been appointed to a new Expert Group on Equality Budgeting, supported by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. It takes forward a government commitment 'to develop the process of budget and policy proofing as a means of advancing equality'. It reflects the public sector duty to promote equality, and protect human rights.

## RTÉ Lyric FM awards €12,000 to Maynooth University Composers



Eoin Brady from RTÉ lyric fm with Dr Ryan Molloy and Katie Neville

Maynooth composers Dr Ryan Molloy and Katie Neville to write works celebrating the station's 20th birthday to premiere at the National Concert Hall in May

RTÉ has awarded Dr Ryan Molloy €10,000 to write a concerto for Irish harp and orchestra to be premiered by world-renowned harper Máire Ní Chathasaigh and the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Gavin Maloney, at a gala concert in the National Concert Hall next year.

Composer and alumnus Katie Neville has also been awarded €2,000 to write a work for the RTÉ Philharmonic Choir and the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra Cello Octet to perform at the NCH event. Katie Neville's choral composition is a setting of Michael Coady's poem "Though There Are Torturers," which affirms the power of music in a world of uncertainties.

## Green Campus Flag Raised



Pictured at the raising of the Green Campus Flag for the first time on campus are staff and students of Maynooth University. Maynooth Green Campus was awarded the prestigious Green Campus Flag earlier this year by An Taisce, and the International Foundation of Environmental Education. Maynooth Green Campus, a committee which brings together Maynooth University, Saint Patrick's College Maynooth and Trócaire in an environmental partnership, wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to promoting sustainability across the campus over the past five years.