

# UNIVERSITY NEWS



## Maynooth University Awarded Athena SWAN Bronze Award for Work to Advance Gender Equality

Maynooth University has achieved the internationally recognised Athena SWAN Bronze Award for gender equality in higher education institutions



Athena SWAN accreditation is awarded by the Equality Charter Unit which works to support equality and diversity for staff and students in higher education institutions across Ireland and the UK.

Maynooth University is the first and only institution in Ireland to date to apply for and achieve the Athena SWAN Bronze award under the expanded version of the charter that includes Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines as well as STEM. The University is also the first Irish institution to incorporate intersectionality as part of its Athena SWAN application, taking into account the numerous factors that can overlap in discussions of inequality, including the intersections between gender, race and ethnicity.

## University Honours Special Guests at 21st Birthday Summer Soirée



Michael Longley, Prof Philip Nolan, Eimear Quinn, Lenny Abrahamson

Maynooth University celebrated its 21st birthday as an institution by honouring some of Ireland's leading voices in arts and culture at a gala Summer Soirée and awards ceremony

The event, on 16 June, fell 21 years to the day that the Universities Act was signed, creating Ireland's newest university, independent from St Patrick's College, Maynooth, whose history dates to 1795.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two new sets of inaugural awards: The Maynooth University President's Medal and the Maynooth University Award for Arts and Culture.

This year's recipients were Oscar-nominated Irish film director Lenny Abrahamson, who was presented with the 2018 Maynooth University President's Medal; acclaimed Northern Irish poet Michael Longley and 1996 Eurovision song contest winner and a graduate of Maynooth University, Eimear Quinn, both of whom were presented with the 2018 Maynooth University Award for Arts and Culture.

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# Maynooth Ranked 80th in Top Young Universities in the World

Maynooth University has sustained its place in the top 100 global universities under 50 years old, achieving a ranking of #80 in the latest Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings



The Young University Rankings are based on a range of criteria, including number and quality of scholarly papers and citations research income achieved, reputation for research and teaching, numbers of PhDs awarded, the number and , and numbers of international staff and students.

Earlier this year, Maynooth University also was listed amongst the Top 200 institutions worldwide in the QS World University Rankings by Subject for two of its departments: English and Geography, both of which ranked in the 151-200 range.

Maynooth University President, Professor Philip Nolan, commented: "It has been just over 20 years since Maynooth University was established as an independent institution, and to be ranked amongst the Top 100 Young Universities, as well as having two of our departments make it to the Top 200 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject, is a real endorsement of the hard work, research impact, and exceptional teaching of our staff."

## Certificates in Community Work



Pictured are Ann Friel and Tracey Reilly who were among the 24 men and women from Traveller and Roma communities across Ireland graduating with a Certificate in *Community Work in a Changing Ireland* Level 7 programme.

### FROM THE EDITOR

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## 21st Birthday Summer Soirée *(continued)*

Director and screenwriter Lenny Abrahamson is well-known for his work on critically acclaimed independent films such as "Adam & Paul," "What Richard Did," and "Frank." In 2015, he received widespread praise for his film adaptation of the novel "Room," which led to his first Oscar nomination as Best Director.

Born in Belfast, poet Michael Longley, CBE, is recognised as one of Northern Ireland's foremost contemporary poets. With a literary career that spans decades, some of his best-known works, such as "Ceasefire" and "Wounds," offer emotive insights into life during The Troubles.

Holding an honours degree in music from Maynooth University, Eimear Quinn is one of the most celebrated Irish voices of her generation, fusing a genre of folk and classical, sacred and medieval. She won the Eurovision for Ireland in 1996 with her performance of "The Voice." Since then, Quinn has collaborated

with a number of international composers on a range of projects, and has performed in Australia, America and all over Europe in venues, including The Royal Albert Hall, The Sydney State Theatre and the Vorst National Brussels.

Maynooth University's Summer Soirée included a programme of performances and cutting-edge, interdisciplinary installations and lightning talks by Maynooth University lecturers, post-graduate students, and alumni.

Speaking at the event, Prof Nolan said: "Today at Maynooth, academics are reimagining how the public engages with the arts, by collaborating with colleagues across the sciences and social sciences to come up with new and innovative ways to understand and think about the world. That's something we tried to reflect with tonight's event, the spirit of youth and dynamism of Maynooth University at 21."

## International Activists Tackle Inequality at 2018 World Community Development Conference

The theme of this year's conference is Participation, Power and Progress: Community Development towards 2030 – Our Analysis, Our Actions

Poverty and marginalisation are deeply rooted and change will not happen overnight — but tangible results will be realised in time, with the right interventions, according to Anastasia Crickley, former head of the Department of Applied Social Studies at Maynooth University, speaking at the 2018 World Community Development Conference. Community development workers and activists from around the world converged on Maynooth University to share experiences and ideas, and highlight the importance of community development in meeting global human rights standards and sustainability goals.

This first World Community Development Conference was jointly organised by the Department of Applied Social Studies at Maynooth University; Community Work Ireland, the national organisation for community work and the International Association for Community Development which has a membership throughout the world.



Pictured (l-r); Haikal Mansor, Immigrant Council of Ireland; Mohammed Rafique, Rohingya refugee; with former President Mary Robinson, at the Rohingya Exhibition in the Library, launched during the conference

The conference took place at Maynooth University from 24 – 27 of June. Keynote speakers included former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, who now heads up the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice, and respected Northern Irish civil rights activist Bernadette McAliskey, whose South Tyrone Community Empowerment Programme continues to improve the lives of marginalised people in Northern Ireland.

## Athena SWAN Bronze Award *(continued)*

President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan, commented: "The Athena SWAN Bronze Institution Award is a welcome recognition of Maynooth University's collective institutional commitment to advancing gender equality and represents a key milestone for us at an important stage in the University's development."

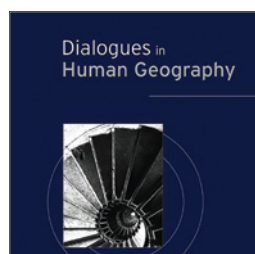
Professor Linda Connolly, Director of the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute and Chair of the Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team that prepared

the application, stated: "A comprehensive action plan and organisational analysis developed in the last year will now be fully implemented and will produce a range of progressive actions in the University, in the next three years."

The cornerstone of Maynooth University's Athena SWAN application is its comprehensive Gender Action Plan for 2018-2021, which is underpinned by the University's recently renewed Equality and Diversity Policy.

## Geography Journal by Maynooth Professor Ranked First in Global Index

Academic journal *Dialogues in Human Geography*, founded by Professor Rob Kitchin, Department of Geography, has been awarded its first International Scientific Indexing (ISI) ranking



Still a relatively young journal, having been first published seven years ago, *Dialogues in Human Geography*, achieved the highest ISI citation impact of the 84 ranked Geography journals.

The ISI provides indexing of major international journals based on four key criteria: quality of publication (based on citations to its articles in other ISI ranked journals and the importance

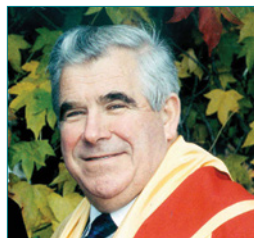
and relevance for the research field), manuscript quality, presentational quality and editorial quality.

Commenting on the news of the journal's ISI ranking, Professor Rob Kitchin, founder and managing editor, said: "I'm delighted with this result. We have a hard-working team at the Journal, and it is great to have the quality of our content recognised in this fashion."

"Our goal with *Dialogues in Human Geography* is to stimulate open and critical debate on the philosophical, methodological and pedagogic foundations of geographic thought and praxis. The citation impact and ranking tells me we are achieving this goal."

## Former Professor of Education Remembered

The entire community of Maynooth University was saddened to learn of the passing of John Coolahan, former Professor of Education at Maynooth University



Professor John Coolahan

John has been described as the "father of Irish education" for his vast contribution to education policy in Ireland over more than 40 years. At Maynooth University, he made an extraordinary contribution both to the discipline of education and the development of the University.

He authored the seminal books on the history of Irish education, and became a leading international voice on education policy. As Chairman of The Ark, John was a passionate advocate for the role of arts in education.

Maynooth University President Professor Philip Nolan said that with the passing of Professor Coolahan Ireland had "lost a giant in the world of Irish education."



Caroline Creamer,  
ICLDR Director

## International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD) Recognised for Conflict Resolution Work

President Michael D. Higgins hosts special event celebrating the pursuit of peace and reconciliation

Hosted at the Presidential Residence in Phoenix Park, Dublin, the President Michael D. Higgins welcomed representatives from a number of organisations that have played an important role in the pursuit of peace and community reconciliation in Ireland.

The ICLRD is an umbrella organisation encompassing the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis at Maynooth University, the Belfast School of Architecture and the Built Environment at Ulster University, and the Institute for International Urban Development in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

## Maynooth Academics Enrolled as Members of Royal Irish Academy

Professor Stephen Buckley, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Professor Gerry Kearns, Department of Geography, were admitted as members to the Royal Irish Academy (RIA)



RIA President Prof Peter Kennedy with Prof Gerry Kearns and Prof Stephen Buckley

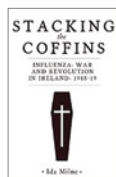
They are among a group of 28 elected for their exceptional contribution to the sciences, humanities and social sciences, including the poet Eavan Boland; public servant, Martin Mansergh; geologist Koen Verbruggen; and educationalist Áine Hyland.

There are now 591 members of the Academy and 87 honorary members, in disciplines across the sciences, humanities and social sciences. Members of the Academy include President Michael D. Higgins, Baroness Nuala O'Loan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford Louise Richardson, and Nobel Laureate William C. Campbell.

Speaking on the announcement Maynooth University President, Professor Philip Nolan, said: "We at the University extend our sincere congratulations to our colleagues on this achievement. Membership of the Royal Irish Academy is a very significant honour for an academic, so I'm delighted to see them recognised in this way."

Professor Peter Kennedy, President of the Royal Irish Academy, said: "We should be proud of these new Members of the Academy for the honour their work brings to this country and the impact of this research on the quality of the higher education provided by our universities."

## Book Launch - 'Stacking the Coffins' Maynooth University historian Dr Ida Milne has launched her book entitled: 'Stacking the Coffins, Influenza, War and Revolution in Ireland 1918-19'



'Stacking the Coffins, Influenza, War and Revolution in Ireland 1918-19' is the first Irish history of the disease to include statistics that analyses which groups were most affected. It also draws on the memories of child sufferers and their families, painting a picture of a world where disease cast an ever-present shadow over childhood.

## Léacht tionscnaimh an Ollaimh Fionntán de Brún

Bhí slua breá i láthair in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ar an 10 Bealtaine do léacht tionscnaimh an Ollaimh Fionntán de Brún. Ba é 'Ag seachaint 'cith na baoise' - an Ghaeilge, an tAthbheochanachas agus Stair na nIdéanna' teideal na léachta. Dhírigh an tOllamh de Brún ar athbheochanachas na Gaeilge le linn na léachta. Dar leis go mbíonn barraíocht airde ar thréimhse amháin athbheochana (1890í-1920í) agus go ndéantar neamhshuim dá réir sa cheangal atá idir an



Anna Ní Ghallachair, Ceann Scoile, Scoil an Léinn Cheiltigh, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad; agus an tOllamh Fionntán de Brún, Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge

athbheochan áirithe sin agus tréimhsí eile athbheochana. Is é rud, dar leis, gur chóir dúinn bheith ag trácht ar an athbheochanas mar ghluaiseacht athfhillteach atá le haithint tríd síos sa stair, gluaiseacht a cheanglaíonn dán na Gaeilge le mórgluaiseachtaí eile na staire agus le stair na n-idéanna. A dhála sin, chuir an tOllamh de Brún na coincheapa atá ar chúl an athbheochanaís i gcomhthéacs leathan sin stair na n-idéanna. Chuige sin, thrácht sé



An Msgr Bredán Ó Doibhlín, Ollamh le Nua-Theangacha, Má Nuad, 1958-1996; an tOllamh Fionntán de Brún; Seán Ó Riain, Cathaoirleach Choiste na Gaeilge; agus an Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh, Déan Comhlach, Dámh na nEalaíon, an Léinn Cheiltigh & na Fealsúnachta

ar fhealsúnacht na Gréige, ar Dhaonnachas an Renaissance, ar Hegel agus Nietzsche. Dar leis go mbíonn gluaiseachtaí athbheochana idir dhá chomhairle go minic, is é sin idir an leanúnachas agus an athnuachan.

Ceapadh Fionntán de Brún ina Ollamh le Nua-Ghaeilge agus ina cheann roinne ar Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, i Meán Fómhair 2017. Roimhe sin bhí sé ina Léachtóir Sinsearach in Ollscoil Uladh agus i gColáiste Ollscoile Naomh Muire, Béal Feirste. Tá breis agus 450 mac léinn ag gabháil don Ghaeilge mar nua-theanga i Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad faoi láthair.

## Cúrsa Oiliúna do Mhúinteoirí Ghaeilge ICUF agus Fulbright

Rinne Lárionad na Gaeilge: Taighde, Teagasc agus Tástáil, cúrsa oiliúna speisialta a réachtáil i gcomhar le ICUF (Irish-Canada University Foundation) agus le Coimisiún Fulbright ón 24 – 27 Meitheamh. Cúrsa oiliúna ab ea é dírithe ar mhúinteoirí atá ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Mheiriceá Thuaidh chun an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh in ollscoileanna óstacha éagsúla. D'fhan an ceathrar múinteoirí déag ar champas na hollscoile seo.

Chuir oiliúnóir teagaisc an Lárionaid, Ailín Ní Chonchúir, diancheardlanna oideolaíochta ar siúl sa chéad dá lá den chúrsa. Rinneadh cíoradh ar na bealaí is éifeachtaí chun an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh bunaithe ar shainriachtanias foghlaimeoirí i Meiriceá Thuaidh lena linn. Ina dhiaidh sin, chuir Aoife Ní Ghloinn ceardlanna ar bun dírithe ar theagasc na gramadaí a chuideoidh le cleachtais na



Na múinteoirí a ghlac páirt sa chúrsa oiliúna

múinteoirí. Thug na seisiúin seo na huirlisí teagaisc cuí do na múinteoirí a bheidh ag plé le héagsúlacht foghlaimeoirí i Meiriceá agus i gCeanada.

Mar chuid dá ról i Meiriceá Thuaidh, beidh ar mhúinteoirí ICUF agus Fulbright cultúr na hÉireann agus na Gaeilge a chur chun

cinn. Chuige seo bhí sraith cainteanna eile ann a phléigh réimse leathan topaicí. Bhí cainteoirí ann ó Chonradh na Gaeilge, ó Choláiste na Tríonóide, ó fhoireann Theastas Eorpach na Gaeilge, ó ICUF, agus ó Fulbright freisin. Bhí áit ag an spórt fú le linn an chúrsa chomh maith le seisiúin bunaithe ar an bpeil Ghaelach.

Tá ceangal láidir ag Lárionad na Gaeilge le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge i Meiriceá Thuaidh atá ag dul i bhfad siar. I mbliana, cuireadh scrúduithe de chuid TEG, scrúduithe cumais sa Ghaeilge, ar siúl i Nua-Eabhrac agus in Washington DC. Tá sé i gceist ag an Lárionad tuilleadh ionad scrúdaithe a bhunú i Meiriceá amach anseo. Guíonn an Lárionad gach rath is sonas ar mhúinteoirí na bliana seo! Gach eolas: [www.icuf.ie](http://www.icuf.ie); [www.fulbright.ie](http://www.fulbright.ie); [www.teg.ie](http://www.teg.ie)

## Soirée an tSamhraidh 2018



An Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh a bhí ina bean an tí ar an stáitse satailíte ag Soirée an tSamhraidh. Chuir an Dr Ryan Molloy (ar chlé) agus an Dr Adrian Scahill (ar dheis) ceol traidisiúnta den scoth ar fáil ar an oíche.

## Seimineár Náisiúnta ar an Measúnú Teanga in Institiúidí Tríú Leibhéal

Tháinig os cionn 100 ionadaí ó ranna teanga in 26 cinn d'institiúidí tríú leibhéal, cultúrtha agus stáit le chéile in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ar an 8 Meitheamh, le plé a dhéanamh ar an dearbhú cáilíochta sa mheasúnú teanga ag an tríú leibhéal agus ar na measúnuithe sin a cheangal leis an bhFráma Tagartha Comónta Eorpach do Theangacha (FTCE). Ba í Aoife Ní Ghloinn (Scoil an Léinn Cheiltigh, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad) agus Siobhán Donovan (Roinn na Gearmáinise, Coláiste na hOllscoile, Baile Átha Cliath) a d'eagraigh an seimineár, le tacaíocht ón bhFóram Náisiúnta um Fheabhsú Teagaisc agus Foghlama san Ard-Oideachas agus ó Lárionad na Gaeilge: Taighde, Teagasc agus Tástáil, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad.

Na hionadaithe a bhí i láthair ag an Seimineár Náisiúnta ar an Measúnú Teanga



Cuireadh tús leis an seimineár le haoichainteanna ó bheirt de phríomhshaineolaithe an domhain ar an measúnú teanga agus comhúdair an CEFR Companion Volume (2018), an Dr Brian North (Fondúireacht Eurocentres, An Eilvéis) agus an Dr Enrica Piccardo (Ollscoil Toronto, Ceanada). Tugadh cuir i láthair ina dhiaidh sin ar an obair cheannródaíoch atá ar siúl i dtír institiúid éagsúla sa tír seo, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ina measc, maidir leis an measúnú teanga agus úsáid an FTCE. Rinneadh plé, chomh maith, ar staid reatha an mheasúnaithe teanga ag an tríú leibhéal, ar na dúshláin a bhaineann le cur i bhfeidhm an FTCE, agus ar na féidearthachtaí atá ann a bheith ag obair as lámha a chéile, leis na dúshláin sin a sháru.

## Lá léitheoireachta agus caibidle ar Sliocht ar Thír na Scáth

Bhailigh slua díograiseach le chéile ar champas Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, Dé Sathairn 30 Meitheamh, chun an t-úrsceál is déanaí ó pheann Bhreandáin Uí Dhoibhlín (ar dheis) a phlé. Lá iontach caibidle ab ea é agus tuairimí á mbréagnú, á gcosaint agus á roinnt! Leagadh an lá amach i bhfoirm seisiún, agus i ngach seisiún faoi leith, lasmuigh den cheann deireanach, rinne rannpháirtithe áirithe seoladh isteach agus stiúirthóireacht ar ghnéithe agus ar bhloghanna den saothar a raibh spéis faoi leith acu iontu. Ba iad Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh (Ollscoil Mhá Nuad), Nollaig Ó Muraile, Fionntán de Brún (Ollscoil Mhá Nuad), Michelle O'Riordan agus Tadhg Ó Dúshláine (iar-léachtóir le Gaeilge in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad) na rannpháirtithe úd. Bhí an t-údar féin ann san iarnóin agus tugadh deis dóibh siúd a bhí i láthair ceisteanna a chur air le linn an tseisiúin dheireanaigh.



## Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Votes for Women



Maynooth University commemorated the 100th anniversary of female suffrage on 3 May with a panel discussion featuring contributions from Dr Margaret Ward, Queen's University Belfast; Prof Louise Ryan, University of Sheffield; and Dr Caitriona Beaumont, London South Bank University. Professor Philip Nolan opened the event and Senator Alice Mary Higgins, *Votáil 100* Committee, followed with an introductory presentation. The event, part of the Commemoration Committee's programme, was organised by Professor Linda Connolly, MUSSI; Prof Marian Lyons, History Department; and Dr Jennifer Redmond, History Department.

## Prof Colin Graham's Inaugural Lecture 'Just Auden's Silly Yeats'

Inaugural Professorial lecture on 14 May explores the relationship between Auden and Yeats' work

W.H Auden's poetry is often compared with the work of figures like T.S Eliot and Ezra Pound, but the voice and the influence of Irish literary giant W.B Yeats is evident in some of his most iconic prose – even though Auden refers to Yeats as 'silly,' according to Professor Colin Graham, Head of English at Maynooth University.

In looking at the relationship between Auden and Yeats's work, it is impossible to ignore Auden's poem 'In Memory of W.B Yeats.' It is in this poem where he refers to Yeats as being "silly", but more importantly, "silly like us".

Prof Graham says: "When he uses the word 'silly' about Yeats, Auden is not just dismissing Yeats. He is referencing his role as a complex, almost paternal, figure that in some ways Auden rejects, but also recognises as someone that tried to comprehend the patterns of history via the language of politics and the private self – navigating all the ambiguities and 'silliness' that this entails. If Auden's Yeats is silly, he is silly like Auden. He is silly to try to contain and comprehend history."



Prof Colin Graham

## Ancient Classics Launch 'Texts and Violence in the Roman World'

Pictured (l-r); at the launch of "Texts and Violence in the Roman World" (Cambridge, 2018), are Prof David Scourfield, Prof Anna Chahoud and Prof Monica Gale. Edited by Prof David Scourfield, Maynooth University and Prof Monica Gale, Trinity College Dublin, the book explores the many ways in which violence is represented in Latin literature. Prof Chahoud of the Department of Classics, Trinity College Dublin launched the book on 27 April.



## Two Fulbright Irish Awardees from Maynooth University

Two Maynooth academics were among the 37 Fulbright Irish Awardees for 2018-2019. Recipients were presented with Awards at a Ceremony in the U.S. Ambassador's Residence in June



Dr Tanya M Cassidy and Prof Mary P Corcoran

Students, academics and professionals from 13 Higher Education Institutes in Ireland and Europe will go to 33 leading U.S. institutions to study and collaborate with experts in their fields. This year's Fulbright recipients are from diverse disciplines spanning science, languages, technology, medicine, literature and the arts.

**Dr Tanya M Cassidy** is an affiliated senior researcher with the Department of Anthropology at Maynooth University, and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Central Lancashire in the Maternal and Child Nutrition and Nurture unit, where she held her EU Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Award. As a Fulbright-HRB Health Impact Scholar, she will extend her ethnographic research on the potentiality of mothers' milk, borders and bioscience, at the Department of Anthropology in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Professor Mary P Corcoran** is Head of the Department of Sociology and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Social Science at Maynooth University. As a Fulbright-EPA scholar she will undertake research on how civil society groups in partnership with municipalities act as "change agents" to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability. Professor Corcoran will be based at the Great Hunger Institute, Quinnipiac University.

The Fulbright Programme in Ireland has been a key driver in cross-atlantic collaborative research for over 60 years.

## Primary Education: The Digital Journey – Conference

Froebel Department hosted a multiplier event on campus to conclude an Erasmus+ project, which began in 2015

Partners from Finland, Denmark and Italy were represented among the 100 delegates for the conference held on 11 May, that highlighted and celebrated the three years of the Erasmus+ project, *A Digital Journey in Europe*.

From the outset, the mission underpinning this project has been to work towards ensuring that young people are afforded an education which fosters the digital skills and learning necessary to succeed in today's world. This conference was the



Maynooth University and international Erasmus+ partner representatives

culmination of nine events, which were organised across the four countries, and provided an opportunity to share learning with invited partners from primary schools and third-level institutions throughout Ireland. Guest speakers discussed significant issues such as school planning for technology and online safety, while workshops engaged the participants in a range of active digital methodologies and approaches.

## Pearse Hutchinson Honoured at Event in Mansion House



Hugh Murphy, Head of Collections and Content, Maynooth University Library

On Thursday, 7 June, an event was hosted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mícheál Mac Donncha in the Mansion House honouring the work of Pearse Hutchinson.

*Climbing the Light: In Ómós Pearse Hutchinson*, chaired by the writer and broadcaster Vincent Woods, saw a range of speakers including Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, the Ireland Professor of Poetry. A new portrait of Hutchinson by acclaimed artist Jon Berkeley was unveiled on the night. We are honoured to care for the Pearse Hutchinson Archive at Maynooth University and Head of Collections, Hugh Murphy, spoke about the Archive at the event.

## Former Minister for Education Visits the Library

Former Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach, and her husband, Tom Ferris visited the Library on Tuesday, 1 May.

The visit included a tour of Special Collections & Archives, a display of a selection of documents from some of our most important archival collections, and a progress update on the *Niamh Bhreathnach Archival Project*. The collection consists of speeches written during her time as Minister for Education (1993-1997) and press cuttings relating to her ministerial work during this period. Work is progressing on cataloguing the collection so that it can be made available to researchers.



Miriam Van Der Molen, Roisin Berry, Library staff and Niamh Bhreathnach.

## Evidence of Migrant Segregation in Primary Schools in Ireland

The annual Conference of Irish Geographers was recently hosted in Maynooth

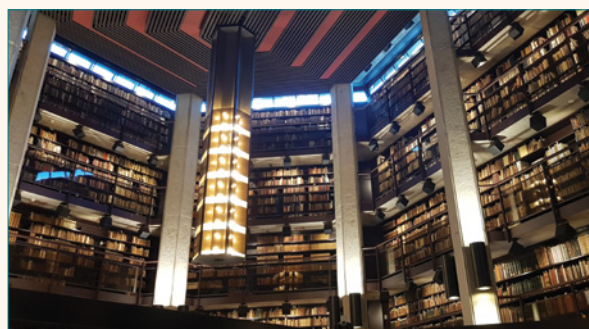
Parents' choice of school for their child can lead to poor outcomes for some migrant groups, according to new research by NUIG's Dr Valerie Ledwith. "Putting parental choice at the centre of school attendance policy supports a system of education that allows the segregation of children at school," stated Dr Ledwith. Her work was presented as part of the 50th annual Conference of Irish Geographers, one of the largest ever gatherings of professional and academic geographers in Ireland.



Artist John Sunderland presenting a copy of his print, 'Peat and Plough 2017', to Dr Ayona Datta, keynote speaker; with Professor Mary Gilmartin, Maynooth University (conference chair) and Professor Niamh Moore, UCD (President of the Geographical Society of Ireland)

More than 200 speakers travelling from 16 different countries presented their work in Maynooth, including Prof Ayona Datta, Reader in Urban Futures at King's College London, one of three keynote speakers. Geographers showcased their work on such diverse topics as abortion rights, climate change adaptation, housing policies, energy efficiency and the new National Planning framework.

## Visit to University of Toronto



Fisher Rare Books Library, University of Toronto

Dr Jacinta Prunty, Head of the Dept of History, along with Barbara McCormack, Susan Durack, and Nicola Kelly from the Maynooth University Library, visited the libraries of the University of Toronto from the 12 -18 June.

This was part of the *Government of Ireland Academic Mobility Programme*. The study tour offered an opportunity to Library staff teaching on the *MA in Historical Archives*, to share experiences with international colleagues. The group had an opportunity to visit a number of significant libraries at the University of Toronto.

## Commemoration of Centenary of Anti-Conscription Campaign

The exhibition, 'On Active Service': Maynooth College, Chaplains & the Anti-Conscription Crisis' explored the themes of army chaplaincy recruitment and resistance to conscription in Ireland during the First World War.

The exhibition is part of Maynooth University's programme to commemorate key events during the revolutionary period that helped shape the course of history and the development of an independent Ireland.

Professor Marian Lyons (Department of History) and Barbara McCormack (Special Collections Librarian) curated the exhibition with kind support from Maynooth University's Commemoration Committee. The exhibition is open to the public.



Reverend John Bowen, Maynooth Alumnus and chaplain in Mesopotamia

## Sharon Donnery, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland, Speaks at Maynooth University



Sharon Donnery

Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland, Sharon Donnery, spoke on "When is the right time? Macroprudential policy and the cycle"

Speaking at the event on campus on 31 May, Donnery argued that the case in favour of setting a positive Countercyclical Capital Buffer sufficiently early in the economic cycle, to build in resilience and mitigate procyclicality in a downturn, is compelling. The Deputy Governor lectured in economics at Maynooth University before joining the Central Bank of Ireland.

Her talk was followed by a panel discussion with alumnus, Dr Robert Kelly, Central Bank Head of Macro-Finance Division; alumnus Dermot O'Leary, Chief Economist at Goodbody Stockbrokers, and Professor Gregory Connor, Maynooth University.

## Maths Circles and Junior Maths Enrichment at Maynooth University

This year the Department of Mathematics and Statistics ran Maths Circles and Junior Maths Enrichment sessions on campus

The sessions were open to 5th and 6th class primary students and 1st, 2nd and 3rd year secondary school students. The aim of these initiatives is to provide an open a creative environment for students to explore mathematical topics and investigate new ideas. The material covered in the sessions often would not be approached by students until Leaving Certificate, but was delivered through games and activities, making it accessible to all. During this semester more than 100 students attended each week.



Dr Dave Malone with staff and tutors from the Dept of Maths

Tutors also went to a number of DEIS schools to deliver sessions, as the students would not have the means to travel to Maynooth. There was a positive response from students, parents and teachers. In feedback at the end of the year, when asked what was the most important thing learned in the sessions, one student replied "maths actually does involve fun." The Department of Mathematics and Statistics plans to run the initiative again next year, reaching out to ever more students and schools.

## Conference on "The Rebirth of Marxism: Haunting the Future?"

More than 200 scholars, students, community and civil society activists from 18 countries attended the conference celebrating Karl Marx's 200th birthday

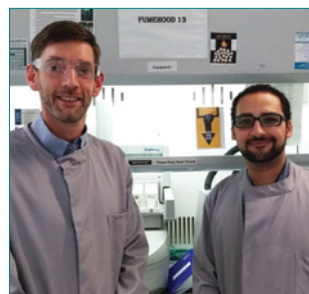
Keynote speakers were Italian political philosopher Antonio Negri, chaired by Dr David Landy at TCD, and U.S. theorist Professor Jodi Dean, chaired by Dr Conor McCarthy, Dept of English.

The international conference explored Marx and Engels' contributions to analysis and political practice, how their life and work helped shape history and culture around the world, the many different strands and meanings of "Marxism," and how we can understand their legacy and ongoing relevance today.

The event was supported by the Depts of Anthropology, English, Geography, Philosophy and Sociology; the Dean of Social Sciences; the Commemoration Committee; the Conference and Workshop Fund; and the Sociological Association of Ireland.

## Maynooth Scientists publish in *Beilstein Journal of Organic Chemistry*

The Stephens' group at the Department of Chemistry have published an article entitled "Elegant Synthesis of Pyrazolopyrimidinones" in the *Beilstein Journal of Organic Chemistry*



Dr John Stephens and Mark Kelada

The pyrazolopyrimidinone is of interest due its role as a basic core scaffold in many pharmaceutically relevant compounds and has found use in the battle against several illnesses including cancer, viral afflictions, obesity, and cystic fibrosis. Strategies for the synthesis of compounds of value, such as the pyrazolopyrimidinones, is a major focus for many synthetic chemists. This publication by the Stephens' group describes a facile method for the one-pot microwave assisted synthesis of substituted pyrazolopyrimidinones, with a variety of functional groups tolerated.

## Euclid's Elements on Display in the Russell Library

An exhibition of mathematical texts spanning over 200 years was launched in the Russell Library on 27 June



Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaird, Department of Mathematics & Statistics; Professor Philip Nolan, President; Dr Philip Beeley, University of Oxford; and Barbara McCormack, Maynooth University Library

'Reading Euclid: Examining the key mathematical text through an exhibition at the Russell Library' is a collaboration between Maynooth University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth and the University of Oxford.

The exhibition, curated by Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaird, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Barbara McCormack, Special Collections Librarian, offers insights into how this important mathematical text was used by readers for mathematical instruction, or to advance mathematical understanding.

The exhibition of pre-1700 texts, which will run until the end of July, is part of "Reading Euclid: Euclid's Elements of Geometry in Early Modern Britain and Ireland." Dr Beeley, member of the Reading Euclid project team, will discuss the discoveries made while studying these texts, such as notation, which sheds some light on how these books were used.

## Schedule of Dates for Meetings in 2018-2019

FACULTY OF ARTS, CELTIC STUDIES & PHILOSOPHY at 12.00 hours	FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES at 15.00 hours	FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING at 15.00 hours	ACADEMIC COUNCIL at 15.00 hours (ONE EXCEPTION)	GOVERNING AUTHORITY at 14.30 hours (ONE EXCEPTION)
3 September 2018 Boardroom JHB	3 September 2018 Boardroom JHB	4 September 2018 Boardroom JHB	24 September 2018 Boardroom JHB	20 September 2018 Boardroom JHB
15 October 2018 Boardroom JHB	15 October 2018 Boardroom JHB	16 October 2018 Boardroom JHB	5 November 2018 Boardroom JHB	8 November 2018 Boardroom JHB
19 November 2018 Boardroom JHB	19 November 2018 Boardroom JHB	20 November 2018 Boardroom JHB	10 December 2018 Boardroom JHB	19 December 2018 (16.00) Boardroom JHB
14 January 2019 Boardroom JHB	14 January 2019 Boardroom JHB	15 January 2019 Boardroom JHB	4 February 2019 Boardroom JHB	7 February 2019 Boardroom JHB
11 March 2019 Boardroom JHB	11 March 2019 Boardroom JHB	12 March 2019 Boardroom JHB	1 April 2019 Boardroom JHB	11 April 2019 Boardroom JHB
13 May 2019 Boardroom JHB	13 May 2019 Boardroom JHB	14 May 2019 Boardroom JHB	27 May 2019 (14.00) Boardroom JHB	6 June 2019 Boardroom JHB

# Decade of Commemorations Timeline Quiz

5th and 6th class students from Presentation Girls' School Maynooth were the first students to take part in the Timeline Quiz, based on the Decade of Commemorations Timeline

Five classes and their teachers visited the campus on Thursday, 21 June, as a first step to engage children with the Timeline, which is on the front façade of the Library, and marks some significant local, national and international events of the Decade 1912-1922. Produced by the University's Commemorations Committee, the timeline is bilingual, and can be viewed on <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/commemorations>.

The schoolchildren worked in pairs to find answers on the timeline. The quiz, designed with older primary school children in mind, has questions on 1916



and the foundation of the state, but also some general knowledge questions. The quiz is available upon request from [commemorations@mu.ie](mailto:commemorations@mu.ie)

Orla Bradshaw, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, explains the quiz to the students

## Green Campus Flag Awarded

Maynooth Green Campus has been awarded the prestigious Green Campus Flag by An Taisce and the International Foundation of Environmental Education



Prof John Sweeney with the assessment panel on campus

The Green Flag Award is given for work undertaken to promote best practice in sustainability across five themes, including energy, water, waste, travel and transport, and biodiversity. Maynooth Green Campus added an innovative sixth theme, Climate Justice, in its bid to get the award.

Chairperson of the Green Campus Committee, and lecturer in Social Policy at Maynooth University, Dr Joe Larragy, commented: "This award is a hugely important recognition of the depth and range of the hard work and innovative spirit of the several working groups that tackled each of the thematic areas – each of which posed its own unique challenges, but were essential in ensuring that our campus can meet critical environmental and sustainability needs for today and into the future."

Significant goals had to be reached in achieving a Green Flag across each of the themes. The award was approved by a unanimous decision of the board of assessors following a detailed application and day-long assessment on the campus.

## Economic Freedoms and Human Rights Focus of Summer School

A summer school exploring the interplay between economic freedoms and human rights within the European Union was held recently

Participants at the recent 'Jean Monnet Summer School' on campus



From 23-30 June, the Department of Law, in cooperation with the Maynooth Centre for European and Eurasian Studies, held the second international Jean Monnet (JM) Summer School on "The EU and Human Rights in a Time of Crisis," part of the JM Module financed under the Erasmus+ programme.

The Summer School focused on "Balancing Economic Freedoms and Human Rights in the European Union" and was co-ordinated by Dr Delia Ferri, in conjunction with Professor John O'Brennan.

Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, delivered the keynote speech at the Summer School, which was concluded by a lectio magistralis of Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman. Both of them discussed the role of the EU as a key promoter of human rights, within its own boundaries and beyond, offering an insightful perspective.

Guest lectures included: Dr Filippo Fontanelli, University of Edinburgh; Professor Caterina Sganga, CEU-Budapest; Professor Marise Cremona, European University Institute; Professor Com O'Cinneide, University College London; Professor Georgi Dimitrov, University of Sofia.

## 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	School/Departments	Appointees
Access Office	Ms Bridget Gormley, Disability Officer (Contract Post)	International Office	Ms Deirdre Dunne, Administrative Officer II (Contract Post)
	Ms Rachel Few, Disability Advisor (Contract Post)		Ms Ashley Ryan, Senior Executive Assistant (Contract Post)
Biology	Mr Dylan O'Moore, Technical Officer (Contract Post)	Law	Dr Ian Marder, Lecturer
	Mr Callum Hobbs, Laboratory Attendant (Contract Post)	Library	Ms Ruth O'Hara, Library Assistant
Campus & Commercial Services	Mr Ciaran Kelly, General Operative (Contract Post)		Ms Shereea Yeates, Library Assistant (Contract Post)
Centre for Teaching & Learning	Ms Caitriona McGrattan, Programme Advisor	Office of the Bursar	Ms Treasa Lawler, Business Partner
Chemistry	Ms Rebecca Noonan, Technical Officer (Contract Post)		Ms Yvonne Caulfield, Accounts Payable Supervisor
Examinations & Timetabling	Ms Gillian Sheehy, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)	Residence Office	Ms Shirley McLean, Administrative Officer II
Hamilton Institute	Professor Andrew Parnell, Professor	Student Records Office	Ms Antoinette Mooney, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)

*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>