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NUI MAYNOOTH
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

Morpeth Roll Exhibition



Paul Hoary, Conservationist in the Library, Prof Terry Dooley and Dr Patrick Cosgrove, History Department.

The Morpeth Roll kicked off a 14-month tour of Ireland at NUI Maynooth in March.

The tour, which can be viewed by the public, either in person or online continues to Westport, Derrynane, Clonmel, Kilkenny, Belfast and Dublin, coming back to NUI Maynooth in November.

The Morpeth Roll is a unique testimonial document signed by over 160,000 people across Ireland, as a parting gift for George Howard, the Lord Viscount Morpeth, when he left his post as Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1841. The gift was a rare tribute to an English administrator, who was held in high regard in Ireland from all levels of society. The Roll, which is 420 metres in length on 652 pieces of paper, is now fully digitised after 18 months of work and has been made available online by Ancestry.com. As well as being one of history's longest records, the information contained within the Roll is significant because it predates the Great Famine of 1845 and because most of the Irish census records were destroyed in the Civil War.

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Connecting Business with Research

Connect 2013 took place at Carton House on Wednesday, 10 April with over 200 companies attending to explore research and development opportunities with NUI Maynooth research teams.

Speaking at the event, Dr John Scanlan, Director of Commercialisation at NUI Maynooth said "The commercialisation of research and the collaboration between business and academia has never been stronger in Ireland and these partnerships have the potential to create significant employment. The economic downturn has led to an increase in people setting up their own companies with a renewed focus on innovation. We are now witnessing the real impact of research on industry, through the formation of more spin-out companies from universities and the direct transfer of expertise and knowledge from educational institutions to established companies."



Dr John Scanlan, Director of Commercialisation at NUI Maynooth pictured with Pádraig Ó Murchú, Education and Research Manager, Intel at Connect 2013.

Contributions were made by Peter Robbins, Prof Paul Moynagh and Prof Bernie Mahon from NUI Maynooth. NUI Maynooth currently has over 50 ongoing industry collaborations across multiple disciplines.

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Prof of Classics New Appointment

Professor David Scourfield of the Department of Ancient Classics has been elected a Vice-President of the Classical Association, the principal subject organisation for Classics in the UK.

Professor Scourfield served the Association from 2002 to 2005 as editor of *The Classical Review*, one of its three internationally renowned journals, and from 2007 until April this year as the Chair of its Governing Council. He is the only classicist from outside the UK to fulfil these roles in the 110 years of the Association, and the first representative of an Irish university elected to a Vice-Presidency since 1943. In January, he was also appointed Chair of the Committee on Classical Tradition and Reception of the American Philological Association, the main learned society for Classics in the USA; and he continues to serve as Vice-Chair of the Royal Irish Academy's Committee for Classical and Near Eastern Studies.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to everyone who sent in an article for inclusion in the edition of *University News*, it was again difficult to fit all submissions in.

Well done to all the who took part in charity events featured - the SU campaign for SOSAD and the Galway Cycle for the Jack & Jill Foundation, two very worthy causes.

The last edition of this academic year will be out in June, so submissions by Friday, 14 June please.

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SU Launch 'Give a Little, Do a Lot' Campaign

On Friday, 1 March Maynooth Students' Union launched their "Give a Little, Do a Lot" campaign.

A presentation was given by this year's charity, Save Our Sons and Daughters (SOSAD), a national organisation that aims to raise awareness about suicide as well as supporting those affected by it. Coupled with this, 525 balloons were released on campus to commemorate the lives of the 525 Irish people who lost their lives to suicide in 2011, including 23 in Kildare.

The students also had a week long campaign in March to tidy the town of Maynooth with university staff giving a helping hand too. Seamus Reynolds,



Frank Fitzmaurice, Director of Development; Teresa Murray, Governing Authority member and John Hayes, Head of Security in action.



Members of Maynooth Students Union with representatives from SOSAD at the balloon launch.

President of the Students' Union said that "aside from raising money for the charity, we will be engaging with the Maynooth Community to ensure that we are being 'responsible citizens' of the community by continuing to contribute to the day to day life of the town. As part of this, we will be helping to clear up litter from the town of Maynooth each morning for a week which is only one example of the type of initiative that we aim to carry out this year."

Alumni Return to Give Career Talks

The Alumni Office invited Anthropology Graduates to talk to current students about their career path/choices since receiving their postgraduate qualifications at an informative evening on campus on Wednesday, 6 March.

Hosted by the Anthropology Society, President Jennifer McConnell welcomed the undergraduates for the first event of its kind for the Society. Karen Kelly, Alumni Officer an anthropology alumnus herself, talked about her experience as a student in Maynooth and introduced the alumni speakers who gave three different perspectives on their careers to date; Fiona Larkan, MSc Course Director for the Centre of Global Health at TCD; Dominic Martella, External Communications & Media Relations Manager for UCD and Therese Lyons now working



Pictured at the event are Jennifer McConnell and Dominic Martella.

in the recruitment industry. The undergrads had the opportunity to ask questions and to meet the speakers afterwards. The Anthropology Department was represented by Dr Steve Coleman, lecturer and faculty member of MAAB (Maynooth Alumni Advisory Board). As well as extending invitations to Alumni to Haydn's Creation and to the Chamber Choir's US tour in March, the Alumni Office is planning a special event for alumni on Wednesday, 29 May to celebrate the opening of the new library. Keep an eye on the alumni website for further details.

New Scholarships Launched at Postgrad Evening



The Postgrad Open Evening which took place on Tuesday, 12 March launched over 90 scholarships for entry in September 2013. As well as 60 Taught Masters scholarships and 30 John & Pat Hume Research Scholarships, three new Alumni Scholarships were launched by the Alumni Office. The scholarships will provide three graduates of NUI Maynooth (including the graduating class of 2013) with a €5,000 scholarship towards fees for a Taught Masters programme in September 2013. Funded by revenues earned from the Maynooth Alumni Affinity Card, this initiative will see alumni returning to the University for further education and benefiting from the support and goodwill of fellow Maynooth Alumni.

International Women's Day at NUI Maynooth

'Breaking through the glass ceiling' was the theme of Dr Linda Connolly's presentation on campus on International Women's Day on Friday, 8 March.



International Women's Day 2013



Dr Connolly, who is an alumnus of NUI Maynooth having earned a PhD in Sociology in 1999, outlined a range of gender equality strategies currently underway at University College Cork. The event was organised by the equality sub-group of the Governing Authority and the gender equality sub-committee of the Academic Council.



Pictured are Prof Mary Corcoran and Saskia Sassen, Co-Chair of the Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University at a Sociology Public Lecture Series in Dublin recently. Prof Sassen spoke on the themes of migration, class polarisation and the drift toward expulsion in contemporary society. Professor Corcoran was the respondent and facilitated the post-lecture discussion.

Chamber Choir Inaugural US Tour

The NUI Maynooth Chamber Choir have just returned from a hugely successful debut tour of the US, performing a special St Patrick's Day Concert at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany.



Siobhán Maguire with the NUI Maynooth Chamber Choir performing during the US Tour.

Their tour also included performances in the Leighton Concert Hall, Notre Dame on Wednesday, 20 March and the Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago on Saturday, 23 March.

The choir, consisting of twenty-four singers under the direction of conductor Michael Dawson, performed an imaginative and exciting programme of Irish, European and American choral music, receiving standing ovations following all of their performances. While over there they were invited to perform live on the Adrian Flannelly Radio Show in New York on Irish Radio Network USA and to perform for the 'Fighting' 69th Infantry Regiment in New York where they were presented with a Medal of Excellence. As part of this tour they also sang for the Ireland-US Council and Governor Cuomo of New York.

Their next performance will take place in the College Chapel on Sunday, 28 April at 8pm. Tickets available prior to performance and from the Music Department tel 01 708 3733 or email music.department@nuim.ie

Chaplains' Conference Addressed by Baroness O'Loan

The Chairperson of the Governing Authority of NUI Maynooth, Baroness Nuala O'Loan, addressed the Annual CN3 Conference, on Thursday, 7 February on the conference theme: "The Role & Value of Chaplains in Third Level Education."



Pictured are Shay Claffey, Chaplain, Professor Philip Nolan, President, Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Catherine Black, Chaplain.

The Conference was held over three days in four different venues including Trinity College, Dublin City University and the NUI Maynooth. Jean McNiff, Professor of Educational Research at York St John University gave the keynote address on the conference theme.

CN3- Chaplains' Network at Third Level, has members from around the country with its purpose being 'Recognising the spiritual as an essential part of the human and educational experience, Chaplaincy contributes to the pastoral care and integral wellbeing of all those who share in the life of the third-level community'. The website www.chaplaincy.ie explains what chaplaincy is, how to find a chaplain and offers a range of resources under headings such as advice (e.g. someone to talk to in confidence), community (e.g. making friends), spirituality (e.g. religious services) and serving others (e.g. volunteering). CN3 also supports chaplains themselves in a variety of ways such as holding in-service events.

New Deals in the New Economy Project

The 'New Deals in the New Economy' project was officially launched at a symposium in Iontas on Thursday, 28 February.



Prof Seán Ó Riain.

The project examines changing bargains in European workplaces, starting with survey analysis of changes across the EU-27 and then through comparative case studies of companies in Ireland and Denmark. The launch included presentations of project research on the different factors shaping the declining share of national income going to labour in Denmark and Ireland and on the different forms of flexibility in working time across Europe, by Eoin Flaherty and Rossella Ciccia respectively. The launch concluded with a lively roundtable discussion on the question "Can Europe's Worlds of Capitalism be Reconciled?" The project is funded by a five year European Research Council Starting Investigator grant to Prof Seán Ó Riain.

Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow

The Department of Sociology will be hosting Dr Cristina Flesher Fominaya for two years from Autumn 2013.



Dr Flesher Fominaya.

Dr Flesher Fominaya has been awarded the prestigious Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship for a research project entitled *Contentious politics in an age of austerity: a comparative study of anti-austerity protests in Spain and Ireland*, working with Prof Seán Ó Riain. The two-year project will research Irish and Spanish social movements to explain their emergence, development and dynamics and the differences between their responses to austerity in the two countries. The question of why the Irish response has not been comparable to the levels of protest and resistance seen in Spain, Greece or Iceland has been widely discussed on an anecdotal basis; this project represents the first systematic attempt to answer it as a piece of public sociology.

TEMPUS Project Seminar

The Department of Adult and Community Education hosted a seminar on "Building Lifelong Learning in Conditions of Closure and Siege" presented by Professor Elaydi from the Islamic University of Gaza.

The event was chaired by Keith Hammond from the University of Glasgow with Peter Cassells from the Edward M Kennedy Institute at NUI Maynooth and Professor Fahid Rh. Rabah from the Islamic University of Gaza also on the panel. This is part of an EU funded TEMPUS project of which the Department is a partner. The other TEMPUS Project Partners are St Mary's University College London, University of Malta, University of Birzeit, Islamic University of Gaza, University of Al Quds, University of Bethlehem, Centre for Applied Research in Education (CARE), University of Glasgow and the Society of Women Graduates in Gaza Strip.

Psychology PhD Student Winner of Making an Impact 2013

Ian Hussey, Department of Psychology was joint winner of the *Making an Impact Competition 2013* which was run by the HEA and sponsored by the Irish Independent.

Ian is working with a research group that has developed a new computer-based system which can help to identify those at risk of suicide. The test can correctly identify those who are experiencing suicidal thoughts with 75% accuracy. According to the team, the tool could be used in hospital and A&E settings to help evaluate whether an individual is at risk and better allocate scarce treatment resources.



L-R: Katherine Donnelly, Irish Independent; Ian Hussey, NUI Maynooth (joint winner); Tom Boland, CEO, HEA and Sarah Jo Sinnott, UCC (joint winner).

The computer-based system, called the Implicit Relational Assessment Procedure (IRAP), requires participants to confirm or refute statements under time pressure. Reaction times are tracked and passed through a computer algorithm which is used to reveal unconscious attitudes or biases that are used to predict actual behaviour.

The NUI Maynooth research project, which is funded by the Irish Research Council, is a finalist for the upcoming 'Making a Difference' Awards run by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) to acknowledge impactful postgraduate research work. The team consists of Ian Hussey, PhD student and Professor Dermot Barnes-Holmes, Dept of Psychology.

Digitisation Workshops

On 13 December and 5 February An Foras Feasa hosted workshops that involved 32 professional participants, including County Council Librarians in the complete digitisation of a real-world guestbook.

This was undertaken with the guidance of a team experienced in digital humanities and software design methodologies, theories and practice: Dr John Keating, Damien Gallagher, Dr Sharon Webb and Aja Teehan.

The day's seminars and activities resulted in the creation of an on-line, searchable, interactive, digital edition of the guestbook, hosted within a Fedora repository. Importantly, the process involved in a digitisation project was examined and documented. Participants worked in teams, learning about and engaging in hands-on digital imaging with high-resolution imaging equipment, project and software requirements analysis, data modeling for humanities research, XML encoding, software design and implementation.

3U Symposium on Leadership and Innovation

A leadership symposium organised under the 3U Partnership, a collaboration between NUI Maynooth, RCSI and Dublin City University, explored leadership and highlighted innovation in the fields of education and healthcare took place on campus in March.

It is the first collaborative event between NUI Maynooth's Education Department, in partnership with Professional Development Service for Teachers' (PDST) and RCSI's Institute of Leadership.

Despite coming from different sectors, the symposium heard there were many similarities in terms of the challenges and opportunities presented to education and healthcare professionals including managing the change and reform process, dealing with people, organisational issues, and encouraging learning and new ideas among colleagues. The symposium was opened by Minister of State at the Department of Health, Alex White TD and was also addressed by Tomás Ó Ruairc, Director of the Teaching Council and Professor Kieran Murphy, President of the Irish Medical Council. Keynote speakers were Professor John West Burnham, Professor in Educational Leadership at St Mary's University College, Twickenham and Professor Áine Hyland, Emeritus Professor and former Vice-President of University College Cork.

Speaking at the Symposium, Professor Philip Nolan, President said: "Whether you work in a hospital, school, office block or shopping centre, everybody has



Prof Cathal Kelly, CEO, RCSI; Minister of State at the Department of Health, Alex White TD and Prof Philip Nolan, President of NUI Maynooth.

the potential to be an effective leader. Skills for leadership can be developed and enhanced and the 3U Partnership has developed courses to equip professionals within our fields to lead effectively."

Two new Master's level Programmes were launched; **Healthcare Technology** will be offered jointly by the engineering departments of NUI Maynooth and DCU in collaboration with medical science expertise in RCSI and a new joint programme in **Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management** at Master's level through DCU Business School and the NUI Maynooth School of Business. It will be the first such programme in Ireland.

Presbyterian Moderator Visits CSIP

The Centre for the Study of Irish Protestantism hosted a visit from the Moderator of the Irish Presbyterian Church, Revd Dr Roy Patton on Tuesday, 12 March.



Prof Jim Walsh, Prof Phillip Nolan; Dr Roy Patton, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Tony Walsh, Director of the CSIP.

History was made as this was the first ever visit of a Moderator to the University and coincides with the 400th anniversary of the establishment of Presbyterianism in Ireland. While at Maynooth the Moderator also visited members of the NUI Maynooth/Defence Forces Partnership at Casement Aerodrome Baldonnell. Later the Kennedy Institute joined with CSIP in facilitating a Colloquium entitled the *Role of the Churches in Reconciliation in Ireland*. Speakers included the President of NUI Maynooth, Prof Phillip Nolan, Dr Patton, Prof Gladys Ganiel of the Irish School of Ecumenics, Belfast and Dr Trevor Morrow of Lucan Presbyterian Church. Prof Ganiel's paper, entitled *Reconciliation and the Churches: Challenges and Opportunities* presented findings from a recent research project on attitudes towards and understandings of reconciliation among church members in Ireland. Dr Morrow's paper explored the influence of the Ulster Covenant on Irish Protestant identity both North and South of the Border.

International Particle Physics Masterclasses

On Wednesday, 6 March 44 secondary school students took part in the International Particle Physics Masterclasses, hosted by the Department of Mathematical Physics.

This was the second year this event has been organised at NUI Maynooth, as part of a programme that involves over 100 universities and laboratories worldwide over a period of four weeks.

After lectures in the morning introducing the students to the world of particle physics, the students got to work on their own in the afternoon analysing data from the ATLAS collider at CERN. Among the things they looked for were signatures of the newly discovered Higgs boson.

The day ended with a video conference where they discussed their results with fellow students from Poland, England and Spain and with moderators at CERN.

Dr Jon-Ivar Skullerud, Department of Mathematical Physics, introducing secondary school students to the world of particle physics.



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As such, this is one of the few primary resources available detailing people living in Ireland during the 1840s and is invaluable for anyone researching their Irish ancestry. Some well-known figures who signed the Roll included Daniel O'Connell, Charles Bianconi, Thomas Davis and Charles Gavan Duffy.

Discussing the Morpeth Roll campaign, Professor Philip Nolan, President of NUI Maynooth said: "The Morpeth Roll is one of Ireland's most significant historical

and genealogical documents. It has major research potential, whether examined as a pre-Famine census substitute, a genealogy resource, a family heirloom or a politically significant document. Unlocking the stories behind the signatories provides a unique insight into Irish life, society and politics in pre-Famine Ireland and we are calling on historians, local genealogists and libraries to get involved in the project."

Human Resource Notes

PRESIDENTIAL RETIREMENT LUNCH

Professor Philip Nolan, President, National University of Ireland, Maynooth and Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President, St. Patrick's College Maynooth hosted a Retirement lunch on Wednesday, 17th April 2013 in Renshan Hall to mark the recent retirements of the following members of staff:

Ms Lynne Budden, Staff Development Officer;
Professor Tom Collins, Emeritus President;
Ms. Mary Corbally, Department Adult and Community Education;
Dr Patrick Devine, Department of Music;
Dr Gerard Jeffers, Education Department;
Mr Jim Keenan, Department of Geography;
Ms Cecelia Kehoe, Library;
Professor John Kinsella, Department of Spanish;
Ms Shelia Larkin, Library;
Sr Margaret McConalogue, Chaplain;
Reverend Brendan McConvery, Theology;
Dr Dervilla McKeith, Computer Centre;
Mr Gerard McMahon, Department of Experimental Physics;
Dr Andrea McTigue, School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Culture;
Dr Rose Malone, Education Department;
Ms Barbara Murray, Finance Office;
Reverend Thomas Norris, Theology;
Ms Ann O'Brien, Access Officer;
Professor Anthony O'Farrell, Department of Mathematics & Statistics;
Ms Colette Scully, Theology Office;
Dr Richard Watson, Director of Quality;
Ms Mary Weld, Department of Geography;
Ms Penny Woods, Russell Library.

The lunch was also to celebrate colleagues with 25 years service in the University/College:

Ms Máire Adderley, Department of Economics;
Dr Michael F. Cawley, Department of Experimental Physics;
Dr Dymna McLoughlin, Department of Geography;
Mr John McLoughlin, Security;
Ms Linda Noonan, Library;
Dr John O'Keeffe, Department of Music;
Mr Bill Tinley, Conference Centre.



Back row(l-r): Mr Jim Keenan, Mr Bill Tinley, Ms Sheila Larkin, Ms Linda Noonan, Dr Michael F Cawley, Dr Patrick Devine, Rev Brendan McConvery, Dr John O'Keeffe, Ms Colette Scully, Ms Cecelia Kehoe, Dr Dervilla McKeith. Front row(l-r): Ms Máire Adderley, Ms Mary Weld, Professor Anthony O'Farrell, Professor Philip Nolan - President, NUI Maynooth, Monsignor Hugh Connolly - President, SPCM, Ms Penny Woods, Dr Rose Malone, Dr Richard Watson.

PARENTAL LEAVE

On the 8th March 2013 the European Union (Parental Leave) Regulations 2013 increased the amount of parental leave available to each parent per child from 14 weeks to 18 weeks amending the Irish Parental Leave Act, 1998.

The updated Parental Leave Policy reflecting these changes is available for viewing on the Human Resources web site http://humanresources.nuim.ie/staff_schemes.shtml

POSTS ADVERTISED

Professor and Director of An Foras Feasa (Maynooth Humanities Research Institute)
Professor of Media Studies and Head of the Centre for Media Studies
Professor of Spanish
Professor of Music
Professor of Geocomputation
Professor of Mathematics
Léachtóir sa Nua-Ghaeilge: An Nua-Ghaeilge Mhach
Lecturer in Early Irish (5 year contract)
Lecturer in History: 20th Century Irish History
Lecturer in History: 20th Century European History
Lecturer in History: Military History and Strategic Studies
Lecturer in Philosophy
Lecturer in Philosophy (2 year contract)
Lecturer in Biology (5 posts)
Digital Humanities Support Officer

INTERVIEWS HELD

7 March 2013	Professor, Hamilton Institute (Permanent Post)
20 March 2013	Commercialisation Executive, Commercialisation Office (Contract Post)
11 April 2013	Executive Assistant, Education Department (Maternity Leave Cover)
12 April 2013	Digital Communications Officer, Marketing & Communications Office (Contract Post)
17 April 2013	Executive Assistant, Student Records Office (Permanent Post)
17 April 2013	Director of NIRSA, NIRSA (Internal Secondment)
22 April 2013	Senior Executive Assistant, Department of Adult & Community Education (Permanent Post)

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the following staff have been appointed to the following posts:

<i>School/Departments</i>	<i>Appointees</i>
Access Office	Mr Stephen Kennedy, Assistant Disability Officer
Admission Office	Ms Judith Caffrey, Schools' Liaison & Digital Media Officer
Centre for Teaching & Learning	Ms Catherine Mahon, Admin Officer II
Finance Office	Ms Jennifer Maher, Financial Accountant - Half-Time, Finance Office (Maternity Cover)
Student Records Office	Ms Adrienne Hobbs, Student Records Officer
Student Services	Ms Cora Mansfield, Residence Officer
Timetabling & Examinations Office	Ms Rachel Fagan, Timetabling Officer
Department of Design Innovation	Mr Trevor Vaughn, Assistant Lecturer
Department of Electronic Engineering	Mr Aidan McGowan, Lecturer
Department of Music	Dr Christopher Buchenholz, Assistant Lecturer (Sabbatical Cover)
Library	Mr Michael Leigh, Library Assistant

Our best wishes to all concerned.

RECRUITMENT SKILLS WORKSHOP

The Recruitment Skills training, which is mandatory for selection board panel members, will take place on the 9th May 2013. Online bookings can be made through the Staff Development webpage.

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: **1890 252 718**

National Essay Competition Hosted by the Department of Law



Pictured at a ceremony on Monday, 28 January at which the winning essays in each category were announced are the winners with Joan Burton TD, Minister for Social Protection; Dearbhail McDonald, Legal Editor at the Irish Independent and Dr Louise Kennefick, Department of Law, NUI Maynooth. As well as a celebration of the work of the students, it recognised the importance of our young people's contribution to the formation of a better society. Second level students from around the country were invited to write an essay on the theme of 'Mandate for a Better Ireland', the purpose being to give a voice to students and to demonstrate how the power of the written word can evoke change, inspire positive action, and give expression to creative effort. Schools from throughout the county participated including Rosses Community College, Dungloe; St Macartan's College, Monaghan; St Leo's College, Carlow and Belvedere College, Dublin.

Anne Gallagher Appointed Chair of Údarás na Gaeltachta

Tá Stiúrthóir Ionad na dTeangacha, Anna Ní Ghallachair, ceaptha mar Chathaoirleach ar Bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta, an t-eagras stáit freagrach as forbairt eacnamaí, shóisialta agus teanga sa Ghaeltacht.

Is í an chéad chathaoirleach mná ar Bhord an Údaráis ó bunaíodh é 32 bliain ó shin. Chuir Acht na Gaeltachta 2012 le ról an Údaráis i gcur chun cinn na teanga agus is é atá freagrach as cur i bhfeidhm Straitéis 20 Bliain na Gaeilge 2010-30 sa Ghaeltacht. Sa bhliain 2012 mheall Údarás na Gaeltachta 689 post chun na Gaeltachta agus bhí 7,553 duine fostaithe sa Ghaeltacht ag cliantchomhlachtaí an Údaráis. Léiríonn taighde a cuireadh ar fáil do Forfás in 2012 gur chuir cliantchomhlachtaí an Údaráis €431 milliún de chaiteachas díreach isteach i ngeilleagar na tíre in 2011 agus go raibh díolachán iomlán de €784 milliún acu an bhliain chéanna.



Anne Gallagher

The Director of the Language Centre, Anne Gallagher, has been appointed Chairperson of the Board of Údarás na Gaeltachta, the state agency responsible for the economic, social and linguistic development of the Gaeltacht.

She is the first female chairperson of the Board of Údarás in its 32-year history. The Gaeltacht Act of 2012 has strengthened the role of Údarás in promoting the Irish language by giving it responsibility for the implementation of the 20-year Strategy for Irish 2010-30 in the Gaeltacht. In 2012 Údarás na Gaeltachta attracted a total of 689 new jobs to the Gaeltacht. In total, Údarás client companies employed 7,553 people. Research carried out for Forfás in 2012 shows that, in 2011, Údarás client companies contributed €431 million in direct expenditure to the economy and realised total sales of €784 million.

Alternatives for Transformation: A Collaborative Workshop

More than one hundred academics, policy experts, civil society activists and students gathered in the Iontas Building on Saturday, 9 March for 'Alternatives for Transformation: a collaborative workshop'.

The event which was initiated by the Politics and Sociology Society was sponsored by NIRSA and the Department of Sociology. The six themes explored in the course of the day's deliberations included democracy, income, empowerment, economy and commons. The keynote speaker was Professor Erik Olin Wright (University of Wisconsin, Madison), 'Transforming Capitalism through Real Utopias' who specialises in social stratification and in egalitarian alternative futures to capitalism.

Washington Irish Program



Gisele O'Connell, second year student of Political Science at NUI Maynooth has won a scholarship on the Washington Ireland Program (WIP) 2013. The scholarship is part of an American/Ireland annual programme where the most successful third level students in the country, in their respective field of study, are selected from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to participate. It involves a political internship in Washington DC, leadership training, working in a community organisation and assessing a vision for a post-conflict Ireland. Gisele from Arklow leaves for Capitol Hill, Washington DC in June 2013 and will live with a host family and work there for eight weeks, with all expenses paid. The WIP program invests 12,000 dollars into every student it selects and it is a highly competitive and rigorous process to be selected.

Centre for Teaching & Learning Conference

The 3rd National Undergraduate Research Conference was held in NUI Maynooth on Wednesday, 27 March.

The event was opened by NUI Maynooth Vice President for Research, Professor Bernard Mahon, who noted in his address the joy and responsibility that researching in the university brings. The event, which was collaboratively managed by DRHEA partners, involved 24 presentations from undergraduate researchers from a range of Irish higher education institutions. Dr Alison Farrell, Centre of Teaching & Learning (CTL), chair of the Conference steering committee, remarked that the occasion offered presenters the opportunity to communicate their work, which had been reviewed for inclusion as part of a developmental event which emphasizes critical friendship and supportive enquiry.



Dr Carol Barron, DCU; Dr Alison Farrell, CTL; Dr Kathy O'Boyle, UCD; Amy Worrall and Mark O'Mahony joint winners of Best Presentation and Dr Eloise Tan, DCU.

Teresa Deevy Exhibition



Pictured at the launch of the exhibition 'The Playwright Restored: Opening the Teresa Deevy Archive' on Thursday, 14 February are (l-r): Prof Chris Morash, Department of English, Media Studies and Theatre Studies; Jacqui Deevy and Hugh Murphy, Senior Librarian. The exhibition of Teresa Deevy's work was on display from 11 February to 11 March in the John Paul II Library.

Paddy Harrington Golf Scholar Wins R&A Tournament at St Andrews

Gary Hurley, one of the Paddy Harrington Golf Scholars at NUI Maynooth captured the highly regarded R&A Scholars Bursary Tournament recently at St Andrews in Scotland.

The tournament win means that the Golf Scholar has secured his place in the Palmer Cup team to play the USA. "It was great to come here and win," Gary said, "I really wanted to win to make the team and not have to leave it up for selection." Gary Hurley will now represent Team Europe in the Palmer Cup 2013 against the leading US college based players on June 7-9 at Wilmington Country Club in Delaware.

The R&A Bursary Tournament is the flagship event for the elite collegiate players based in Britain and Ireland who receive bursaries and also comprises some of the top international University scholars around the World. The

tournament is made up of an elite field of 60 players which included entrants from South Africa, Italy and the Czech Republic at this year's event.

Gary Hurley, Golf Scholar, NUI Maynooth and Paula Grant, University of Ulster.



NUI Maynooth Ladies Football Win Giles Cup

NUI Maynooth Ladies Football are the 2013 All Ireland Giles Cup Champions after defeating Carlow IT.



Pictured (l-r): Grainne McGlade, captain; Jenny Duffy, GAA Officer; Shay Claffey, Chaplain and Niamh Quinn.

This year's championship was hosted by Waterford Institute of Technology over the St Patrick's Weekend. NUI Maynooth defeated the hosts WIT in the semi-final and went on to win defeat Carlow IT with a score of 1-13 to 2-4 in the final.

The HEC LGFA Player of the match award was presented to NUI Maynooth's Claragh O'Reilly after an outstanding final performance and NUI Maynooth defender Fiona Hudson was selected on the HEC LGFA All-Star Team.

Annual Clubs & Socs Awards

The 19th Annual Clubs & Societies Awards took place on Wednesday, 3 April.

The award winners were as follows: **Pastoral Award** - St Vincent De Paul, **Best Poster** - MUCK, **Best New Society** - Finomics, **First Year Society Person** - Aisling Shalvey, Literary and Debating and Drama Societies, **Best First Year Athlete** - Sara Lawlor, Ladies Soccer, **Best Society Person** - Kieran Timmons, St Vincent De Paul, **Club Executive of the Year** - Sean Mc Namara, MUCK., **Best Society Event** - Castle Fair by Playdo, **Club Event of the Year** - Rugby Trip, **Athlete of the Year** - James Scully, Swimming Club, **Most Improved Society** - Business, **Most Improved Club** - Athletics, **Best Society** - St Vincent De Paul, **Best Club** - Golf. Congratulations to all winners.



NUI Maynooth Finomics Society (Finance and Economics) at this year's BICS (Board of Irish College Societies) Awards where they won Best New Society in a Large College for 2013, NUI Maynooth's first year in this category.

Galway Cycle 2013

The 26th Galway Cycle raised more than €130,000 for the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation.

The money will be used to fund 8,000 hours of nursing care for families around the country who avail of the services of the charity. 242 cyclists braved some of the worst weather seen by veterans of the event when they left NUI Maynooth at 6.30am on Friday, 22 March.



After taking to the streets of Galway to fundraise on the Saturday, the journey back to Maynooth began the following morning. An easterly gale that never subsided all day had a major tiring effect on the group throughout the day, and by the time they pulled into their final stop of the day, the numbers in the group were down to approximately 110. With temperatures barely registering above zero, the wind took its toll on the average speed.

After completing the cycle, the President Philip Nolan said "This was an extraordinary effort from the university community and its many friends. We had very difficult weather conditions but we were in the best of spirits throughout. We are very proud to have raised over €130,000 for a very good cause, and I'd like to thank all those involved, cyclists, collectors and support crew, for their contribution"

The money raised by the students brings the total raised over 26 years of the event to just over €1 million. It is still possible to donate please see website www.galwaycycle.ie

Edelle Monahan, Jack & Jill Fundraising Executive; Dominick Nugent, Cyclist; Emma Kilgannon, President of Maynooth Students for Charity; Cllr Frank Fahey, Deputy Mayor, Galway; Paul McLaughlin, Alumnus and Vice President of Maynooth Students for Charity; Paul Holland, Jack & Jill Commercial Director and Sinead Moran Jack & Jill Liaison Nurse.