

UNIVERSITY NEWS



Research Week 2017

Maynooth University Research Week 2017, celebrating the innovation, impact and the creativity of research undertaken by Maynooth University faculty and students, took place from 19-26 October



Reflections on Ireland's Institutional Treatment of Women and Children; a new census data mapping tool; a piano recital featuring contemporary Irish composers and research on zombies were some of the highlights of Maynooth's first Research Week.

Other highlights included a three-minute thesis competition for postgraduate students; fast, fun, 5-minute talks using the IGNITE platform; a seminar called: 'Tweeting the smart city: the affective enactments of the smart city on social media'; and a "Thinks and Drinks" event in Brady's Pub on the subject of "Free Will."

Maynooth researchers collaborate with partners across the globe to address some of the most pressing challenges facing society today in a dynamic and distinctive inter-disciplinary environment. Research Week 2017 was an opportunity for the public to see its value and impact.

In June 2017, Maynooth University celebrated the 20th anniversary of its founding as an independent university. Research Week 2017 is part of a year-long series of programmes and activities marking this milestone. More detailed coverage of individual events on page 6.

Launchpad Welcomes 900 Students

Over the first weekend in September, Maynooth University welcomed 900 first year students for its Launchpad programme, the first step in a semester-long phased induction programme for Access students



Participants in the Launchpad programme which took place on campus over the first weekend in September

The programme aims to ease new students, who are often the first in their families to go to third level, into university life in a supported and friendly setting.

Launchpad is unique in Irish higher education due to its scale; over 900 new students and 1,100 of their supporters attended the programme. Students attending Launchpad have entered Maynooth through HEAR (Higher Education Access Route), DARE (Disability Access Route to Education), further education and training, or the entry routes for mature students.

Maynooth University Vice-President Academic, Professor Aidan Mulkeen, said: "Maynooth University is committed to ensuring that our doors are open to everyone who can benefit from a Maynooth education. We recognise the transformative power of higher education and how it can elevate individuals, families, and entire communities. We also know that education is key to reducing the myriad of inequalities that exist in Irish society today."

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Maynooth Labour Economist Wins Prestigious Research Prize



Pictured is Dr Aedin Doris, Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting at Maynooth University, accepting the Gold Medal from Colm Kelly, Chairman of the Foundation for Fiscal Studies. Dr Doris has been awarded the 2017 "Miriam Hederman O'Brien Prize," recognising outstanding contributors to matters relating to fiscal, economic and social policy. Dr Doris is a labour economist, whose research focuses on issues related to labour supply, labour market policy evaluation and the economics of education. She received the Prize, along with her co-author Dr Bruce Chapman, for their research on "Modelling Higher Education Financing Reform in Ireland."

Maynooth Academic Guest at Canadian Celebrations



Pictured is Dr Julie Rodgers with Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. Dr Rodgers was recently invited by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to attend the State dinner at Dublin Castle in honour of the Canadian Prime Minister's official visit to Ireland. Dr Rodgers is a specialist in Quebec literature and the current President of ACSI (Association of Canadian Studies, Ireland). During her meeting with the Prime Minister, Dr Rodgers spoke about the strong presence of Quebec Studies within the French programme at Maynooth and the cultural links between Quebec literature and Irish literature.

FROM THE EDITOR

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Fr Patrick Devine Delivers Annual Lieutenant General Dermot Earley Lecture

In African conflict environments where people are killed, maimed and displaced persistently, values such as peace, truth, justice and mercy cannot take deep root, nor can people live normal lives or experience true peace, according to Fr Patrick Devine

Fr Devine, SMA, delivered the fourth Lt Gen Dermot Earley Memorial Lecture in Maynooth University on Thursday, 23 November. He is the founder and International Chairman of the Shalom Centre for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation, based in Kenya.

"Communities cannot experience sustained development because periodically schools, hospitals, industrial and formation institutions become inoperable or totally destroyed. We will be forever rebuilding and rehabilitating institutions if we do not address the root causes of conflict," he told a large audience assembled by the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Resolution in

Fr Patrick Devine SMA and Dermot Earley, Jr



association with the Irish Defence Forces of which the late Dermot Earley was Chief of Staff.

Describing the tasks that Shalom carry out, he explained "We train and empower local community leaders in conflict transformation because we want local leaders and communities to be able to analyse and transform conflict in their own areas, without persistently relying on external intervention."

Froebel Department a Partner in AgroCycle

The Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education at Maynooth University, is a partner in the European Commission funded Horizon 2020 project, AgroCycle

AgroCycle is an €8 million (€7 million from the European Commission, €1 million from the Government of The People's Republic of China) Horizon 2020 research and innovation project addressing the recycling and valorisation of waste from the agri-food sector. Maynooth University is one of 26 partners from eight EU countries, with two partners from mainland China, and one from Hong Kong. The project takes a holistic approach to understanding and addressing how to make best use of the full range of waste streams associated with the agri-food industry. It will deliver the AgroCycle Protocol, a blueprint for achieving sustainable agri-food waste valorisation.

The Froebel team is creating a novel programme for primary school education, designed to introduce the 'circular economy' concepts in Europe and China. They will work with Chinese partners at the China Agricultural University, Beijing on developing complementary projects for the Chinese education system. Laoise Ní Chléirigh is undertaking her PhD in



Dr Máire Nic an Bhairst and Laoise Ní Chléirigh at the AgroCycle meeting in Brussels on 18 October

the translation of a circular economy concept through an arts based narrative in primary school.

Laoise Ní Chléirigh and Dr Máire Nic an Bhairst participated in the Agri-Food Waste Day conference at the AgroCycle meeting on 18 October in Brussels. Maynooth University will develop AgroCycle Kids – an online stakeholders' platform for access to schemes, lesson plans, games, videos, etc. For further information see: www.agrocycle.eu/

MU Music Research at Culture Night 2017



Pictured are Shane Byrne, PhD student in Music Technology, with Dr Francesca Placanica, Lecturer in Performance, Music Department and Irish Research Council Post-doctoral Research Fellow, at the Irish Research Council Showcase held in Boston College, Dublin on Culture Night where they described the multimedia processes leading to the making of the short-film "Neither (I nor Not I)". Also at the event, Stephanie Ford, graduate student, interviewed composer Linda Buckley to explore the creative process of collaborations between sean nós singers and contemporary composers.

Turn to Teaching Project

Turn to Teaching aims to reconceptualise the pathways into initial teacher education with a view to widening participation for the most disadvantaged groups



Gareth Burns and Katriona O'Sullivan, Maynooth University Access Office

Turn to Teaching is a collaborative initiative between the Maynooth Access Programme (MAP) and Maynooth University Departments' of Education, Adult and Community Education and Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education.

The HEA has established the Programme for Access to Higher Education (PATH) fund to support initiatives that will progress the National Plan for Equity of Access to Higher Education 2015 – 2019. PATH 1 focused on access to initial teacher education.

Turn to Teaching kicked off in November 2017. Katriona O Sullivan and Gareth Burns have been appointed to head up the project in collaboration with the various departments. It will be formally launched in early Spring 2018. Further information is available from Katriona.osullivan@mu.ie

ALL Institute Launched

The ALL (Assisting Living and Learning) Institute was launched on 16 November at Enable Ireland's *FreedomTech* national assembly, Dublin

The ALL Institute – a multi-disciplinary and collaborative centre for the development and promotion of Assistive Technology and Supports for people, especially those marginalised through disability or impairment, enabling them achieve well-being at all stages of their lives.



Pictured are members of the ALL Institute from the Departments of Psychology, Law, Computer Science, Adult and Community Education, Electronic Engineering and the Access Office

It is led by Malcolm MacLachlan, Professor of Psychology and Social Inclusion at Maynooth University, who is also Research and Innovation Co-ordinator for the World Health Organisation (WHO's) Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) programme.

Professor Malcolm MacLachlan stated: "Assisting Living refers to helping people who may be challenged by disability, chronic illness, frailty or cognitive decline, impairments that may be associated with aging; or those marginalized from the benefits of mainstream society; to benefit from equitable application of technological, personal, community and societal initiatives that assist and enable them to live a full life as valued participants of their community."

Graduation Season at Maynooth

Maynooth University this year conferred more than 3,110 students with a range of degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level, including 56 PhD graduates.

Maynooth University conferred more than 2,000 students in September and a further 1,000 in November with a range of degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level, including 29 PhD graduates.

Among the many proud students was Kathleen Lawrence, a Traveller who left school at 15 and returned to education, going on to graduate this year in Law and Sociology. Her studies brought her to Washington, DC, where she worked on Capitol Hill for U.S. Congressman Brendan Boyle from Pennsylvania as part of the prestigious *Washington Ireland Program* this summer.

New degrees awarded for the first time include the Bachelor of Civil Law (Law and Accounting), HDip in Data Science and Analytics, and a new degree pathway for Engineers to exit with a Masters in Electronic Engineering.



L-R: Doctorate in Psychological Science, seated: Dr June Dennehy, Dr Emma Fawcett, Dr Aisling Curtis, Natasha Gately MSc, Dr Orla O'Halloran, Dr Rachel Murphy; standing, Dr Carol Murphy (Supervisor), Dr Bryan Roche (Co-Supervisor), Dr Marthinus Barnard, Dr Conor Nolan, Alan Kane MSc, Dr Niall McGowan (PhD Psychology), Emma Maloney MSc, Dr Michelle Durham (Co-Supervisor), Dr Roisin Gallagher

Maynooth Researcher Receives France's Highest Academic Honour



Maynooth University Professor of Electronic Engineering, John Ringwood, has been awarded France's *Chevalier des Palmes Académiques*

Professor Ringwood was named as Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques by the Ambassador of France to Ireland, Stéphane Crouzat, during a ceremony in October.

Professor Ringwood's research is focussed on the development and application of modelling and control systems techniques, with

Ambassador Stéphane Crouzat and Professor John Ringwood

a particular emphasis on wave energy. His research explores finding the perfect shape for a wave energy device and forecasting on-coming waves to allow the device to maximise the energy take-off from the wave.

His commitment and dedication to the training of researchers has extended to France, as many French PhD and postdoctoral students and interns have benefited from his knowledge and mentoring. Professor Ringwood has been recognised by his peers as one of the best academics in the area of marine energies, and as a key pillar of French-Irish scientific and academic cooperation at its highest level.

The *Ordre des Palmes Académiques* was created by Napoléon Bonaparte and is one of France's oldest awards, recognising achievements in the fields of education and learning.

SFI Research Investment of €2.5m in Maynooth University

Minister for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development, John Halligan TD announced €2.5m investment by Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) in research through the Investigators Programme

Prof Paul Moynagh, Department of Biology, is awarded €2mn for a research project which will discover and exploit novel regulatory pathways in inflammation for therapeutic advantage. Dr. Joost Slingerland, Department of Theoretical Physics, is awarded €500,000 for research in quantum computation; exploring Topological Order, Entanglement and Quantum Information Processing.

The investment is part of €43 million announced for 26 research projects including mathematical modelling, nanoscience, inflammatory diseases, cancer, materials, cattle breeding, seismology, communications and climate change.

Professor Mark Ferguson, Director General of Science Foundation Ireland and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government of Ireland said: "The Science Foundation Ireland Investigators Programme funds outstanding individuals performing excellent, impactful research. The standard of applications for the SFI Investigators Programme was exceptionally high. The quality and quantity of excellent projects on the reserve list is clear evidence of the increasingly high standard of research

Prof Ray O'Neill,
Prof Mark
Ferguson,
Director General
of Science
Foundation
Ireland, Minister
John Halligan
TD, Prof Paul
Moynagh and
Dr Joost
Slingerland



in Ireland. I have the highest expectations for the projects funded today, and look forward to seeing the benefits to Ireland's society and economy."

Maynooth University Annual Accountancy Showcase

The Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting's annual Maynooth University Accountancy Showcase took place on Tuesday, 3 October



Pictured (l-r): Anna McPeake; Paraic Coffey; Nela Czarnecka; Seán Brady; Dr Fabrice Rousseau, Head of the Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting; Cara Neary; Dovydas Sperlingas and Megan Diamond.

All the leading professional accounting firms including PWC, EY, KPMG, Deloitte, Grant Thornton, Mazars, BDO, RBK, Crowe Horwath, IFAC, Hedgeserv and Smith & Williamson were present on the night, along with representatives from Kerry Group, the Office of the Auditor & Comptroller General, Revenue, Central Bank and IFS Statestreet.

The 13 accounting academic prizes were presented by representatives of the awarding firms in a ceremony at the event. The KPMG 1st year Accounting &

Finance prize was presented to Megan Diamond. The Leinster Society, Chartered Accountants Ireland, 1st year Law & Accounting prize was presented to Nela Czarnecka. The RBK 1st year Accounting through Arts prize was presented to Paraic Coughlan while the BDO 1st year Business & Accounting prize was presented to Dovydas Sperlingas.

In 2nd year there were also four prizes awarded: the CIMA prize for top management accounting student was presented to Anna McPeake, Cara Neary was awarded the EY prize for top accounting student on the BA Accounting & Finance, the Grant Thornton Prize for taxation and the Mazars prize for financial accounting.

There were two prizes in 3rd year: Calum Coffey won both the PWC prize for the top accounting student on the BA Accounting & Finance and the Leinster Society Chartered Accountant's prize for Ethics.

In addition a number of prizes were presented at postgraduate level: Seán Brady 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 Lorna McLoughlin won the Deloitte prize for the top student on the Higher Diploma in Professional Accounting.

Maynooth Plays a Leading Role in Global Summit at WHO

Three staff from the Department of Psychology were among the 200 experts who attended WHO Summit

Professor Mac MacLachlan, Summit Co-Chair; Dr Deirdre Desmond, Senior Lecturer and Dr Fleur Boot, ASSISTID Marie Skłodowska-Curie Post-Doctoral Researcher were among the Assistive Technology stakeholders at the GREAT (Global Research, Innovation & Education on Assistive Technology) Summit.

The Summit at World Health Organisation headquarters in Geneva, held on the 3 - 4 August, sought to plan new initiatives and take stock of recent developments in the field; including the priority Assistive Product List (APL, 2016) and the Global Research Agenda (2017). Professor MacLachlan is Research and Innovation Coordinator for WHO's GATE (the Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology) programme, which now incorporates more than 850 members from around the world.

Professor MacLachlan said: "Assistive technology is of interest to a wide range of researchers from a number of different departments at Maynooth University, and to our colleagues in the Maynooth Access Programme. In fact, I think we have a truly unique combination of breadth and depth on assistive technology at Maynooth, and I hope that we can harness this to make a significant



Delegates at the GREAT Summit

contribution - both nationally and globally - to the aspirations of the GREAT Summit and the continuing work of GATE."

With Ireland the only EU country to yet ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disability (UNCRPD,) the government has made a renewed commitment to do this before the end of the year. Once ratified the UNCRPD will give greater impetus to the need to provide better systems for assistive technology provision within Ireland.

Maths Support Centre Marks 10-year Anniversary

Established in October 2007 to support students with mathematics

The Maynooth University Maths Support Centre (MSC) now provides 29 hours of dedicated mathematical learning support to Maynooth students on a drop-in basis, free of charge. It also provides up to five on-demand workshops and a weekly drop-in session for second level students. To date the MSC has registered almost 140,000 student visits.

Studying some level of mathematics at third level is becoming the norm, as large numbers of students undertake STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) courses, and many other students find mathematics to be an integral component of an increasing number of third level programmes, such as economics, geography and product design.

Dr Mac an Bhaird, Director of the MSC, said: "Mathematics Learning Support is a critical part of the transition infrastructure from second level to third level. Students are telling us that this support has a positive effect in them succeeding in their chosen course. It is having a major impact in their performance and progress as it enhances and enriches their learning experience."



Dr Ciarán Mac an Bhaird being congratulated by Cathal McCauley, Librarian with Dr Ann O'Shea, Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Philip Nolan, President

'Creative Thinking and Problem Solving' Postgraduate Programme

International Office, Innovation Value Institute and Department of Design Innovation develop new international short programme



Pictured are: Prof Piero Formica, IVI; Michael Hanley, IVI; Prof Brian Donnellan, Vice-President and Dean of International Affairs; Alison Cooke, International Office; Prof Junichi Iijima, Tokyo Institute of Technology with students on the programme

The week-long 'Creative Thinking and Problem Solving' postgraduate programme, developed by the International Office, IVI and Department of Design Innovation in collaboration with the Tokyo Institute of Technology, took place on campus in the first week of September.

This unique, multidisciplinary programme covered topics such as design thinking, design science, including IT-CMF and DEMO, and drew Master's and PhD students to Maynooth University from Tokyo Institute of Technology, DCU and NUIG as well as attracting Maynooth University students. Students participating in this international programme included Japanese, Indonesian, Chinese, Korean and Irish.

Visiting Professor Junichi Iijima from Tokyo Institute of Technology reflected positively on the programme and plans are underway to run it again in 2018.

Scholars at Risk Conference

In this current time of upheaval, when millions of people are risking their lives to flee oppression, there are among them a record number of university academics and students

Speaking at Maynooth University's Scholars at Risk Conference, Sinead O'Gorman, European Director of Scholars at Risk said: "The demand for help has never been greater, with Scholars at Risk receiving over twice as many appeals for help this year as last year."

Keynote speaker Professor Homa Hoodfar, renowned anthropologist, was imprisoned in Iran's notorious Evin Prison while undertaking research on behalf of Concordia University in Canada. The experience has taught her to "see academic freedom as a collective right and responsibility."



Professor Homa Hoodfar

Imprisoned for 112 days, Professor Hoodfar decided to use her experience to undertake fieldwork on the "anthropology of interrogation" by collecting data on her observations.

Professor Hoodfar is calling on academics to "take our role as public intellectual more serious and find ways and means of the effective promotion of critical thinking and academic freedom."

Scholars at Risk (SAR) works to protect scholars, because they are at the frontline in protecting the space for thought in society, primarily by arranging temporary positions of professional sanctuary at networked institutions.

Scholars at Risk is present in more than 500 universities, including Maynooth University, across 37 countries

First International Jean Monnet Summer School

The Department of Law and the Centre for European and Eurasian Studies held the first international Jean Monnet Summer School

The Summer School "The EU and Human Rights in a Time of Crisis" which took place from 17 June 17 to 1 July, was financed under the Erasmus+ programme and coordinated by Dr Delia Ferri, Department of Law and Prof John O'Brennan, Centre for European and Eurasian Studies.

It was officially opened by Mr Justice John MacMenamin, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ireland, who gave a *lectio magistralis* on the role of national courts in protecting human rights in the realm of the process of European integration. Prof Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union and Adjunct Professor of Maynooth University Department of Law, closed the summer school and awarded the certificates of attendance to students.

During the summer school students had the possibility to analyse the development of the protection of human rights in the EU. They discussed the role EU as a global promoter of human rights with internationally renewed academics from different universities across Europe, but also practitioners and NGOs representatives.

The next Jean Monnet Summer School will be launched in early 2018.



Summer school participants with Dr Delia Ferri, Prof Michael O'Flaherty and Prof John O'Brennan

Historian Calls on State to Open Institution Archives to Survivors



The only way to achieve a complete picture of what happened across a unique archipelago of institutions – mother and baby homes, Magdalen asylums, industrial schools and reformatories – is to have full access to their archives, a prominent Irish historian has claimed. Speaking at the Dean's Lecture, Catriona Crowe, former Head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland, stated that access to the archives, which are in the custody of the State, should be opened to scholars and survivors.

Caitriona Crowe speaking at the Dean's Lecture on Thursday, 19 October

AIRO Launch Census 2016 Mapping Tool

Speaking at the launch of the Census 2016 Mapping Viewer, All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) Director Justin Gleeson said: "Our Census Mapping toolkits provide users with detailed census mapping, available at national, regional and local levels. Working in close collaboration with the Central Statistics Office (CSO) we have developed mapping tools for the Republic of Ireland and every regional and local authority across the State. Central to AIRO's philosophy is the belief that all decision-making should be informed by accurate and transparent evidence. We can now visualise Irish data on population, religion, place of birth, ethnic group, housing, labour force, industry, transport and general health. This is essential data to be used for future policy development in Ireland." See airo.maynoothuniversity.ie



Justin Gleeson, AIRO Director, at the launch of the Census 2016 Mapping Viewer on Thursday, 19 October

Connect 2017 Focused on Europe-Wide Opportunities for Business Development, Partnership and Investment

There has never been a better time for Irish businesses to collaborate with universities, according to Dr John Scanlan, Director of Commercialisation at Maynooth University. Speaking at Connect 2017, Dr Scanlan said that favourable tax rates, significant funding supports, and access to world class expertise means that Irish universities are hotbeds for potential collaboration and networking.

Pictured (l-r): Jacqui McNabb, Head of Enterprise, Kildare County Council, Local Enterprise Office; Ross O'Neill, founder and CEO of Mutebutton; Chris Horn, Atlantic Bridge Capital; Prof Ray O'Neill, Maynooth University Vice-President for Research and Innovation, all part of a panel discussion and open debate on themes that included investment opportunities, regional supports, university collaboration and international growth.



Celebration of Prof John Coolahan's Work

On Thursday 26 October, educationalists, family and friends of Professor Emeritus John Coolahan gathered in Renehan Hall for an event entitled, *Pushing Boundaries, Expanding Vistas: Celebrating the work of John Coolahan*.



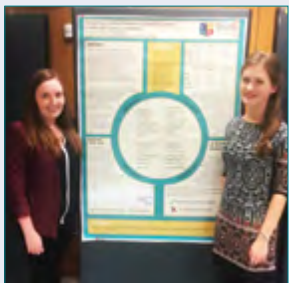
Pictured (l-r): Niamh Breathnach; Catherine Byrne; Professor Marc Depaepe; Professor Emeritus John Coolahan; Professor Emeritus Sheelagh Drudy; John Bean

John was Head of the Department of Education in Maynooth for 17 years and during this time, he profoundly influenced the educational landscape across all sectors. He played a pivotal role in the development of educational policy across the early childhood, primary, post-primary and adult education sectors. There were five key contributors on the evening; Professor Marc Depaepe from University of Leuven; Catherine Byrne, Chair of The ARK and former Deputy General Secretary of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation; John Bean, Principal of Hartstown Community School and a former student and colleague of Professor Coolahan; Professor Sheelagh Drudy, Emeritus Professor of Education at UCD and former colleague of John at Maynooth; and Niamh Breathnach, former Minister for Education.

In light of Maynooth University's 20th anniversary and the upcoming 20th anniversary of the Education Act, each speaker focused on John's multifaceted contributions to education with commentary on various aspects of his work.

Student and Postdoctorate Awards

The closing reception on Thursday, 26 October was an opportunity to present the student and postgraduate awards. Among the awards were best poster for SPUR students from each Faculty, winners of the three-minute thesis and Ignite competitions and the Irish Research Council awards.



Pictured are Aishling Reilly and Ailbhe Garry, Year 4 BScEd, who were winners in the best posters, SPUR -Undergraduate in the Faculty of Social Sciences. This winner is a joint departmental project representing Mathematics and Statistics and Education. Aishling Reilly and Ailbhe Garry's poster highlighted their research into designing creative reasoning tasks for Junior Certificate Mathematics and Science, under the mentorship of Dr Majella Dempsey, Education Department and Dr Ann O'Shea, Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Inaugural Lecture by Psychology Professor

Being inclusive of difference is fundamental to, and challenging for, our humanity. Delivering his inaugural lecture "I'd like to report a break-in": *Psychology, Inclusion & Technology*, Malcolm MacLachlan, Professor of Psychology explained that bringing people together often requires breaking through barriers at multiple levels and outlined the role of technology in helping people break-in to society.

Prof Malcolm MacLachlan delivering his inaugural lecture on Monday, 23 October



Ten GAA stars graduate from Leadership Programme

Ten of Ireland's inter-county stars graduated from the Accreditation Pathway for the *Jim Madden Leadership Gaelic Players Association (GPA) Programme* at a ceremony in Maynooth University on Friday, 1 December



Pictured are (l-r); Mayo footballer Tom Parsons; GPA President David Collins; Leitrim ladies footballer Anna Conlon; former Kildare ladies footballer Stacey Cannon; President of Maynooth University Prof Philip Nolan, former Tipperary hurler Darragh Egan; and Kilkenny hurler Michael Fennelly

The Programme is designed to develop crucial leadership skills among inter-county Gaelic football, hurling, ladies football and camogie players which they can draw on in their personal, sporting and professional lives.

Those participating in the Maynooth accreditation pathway have access to academic staff and resources, with the qualification leading to a Level 9 Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Leadership.

Students are required to engage with local communities through work with primary schools as part of the *Reálta Programme* while also taking part in workshops that focus on personal development, interpersonal and group skills.

Seven Irish Cities Meet for First All-Ireland Cities Forum

On Wednesday, 13 September, the All-Ireland Smart Cities Forum (AISCF) gathered to discuss 'The Challenge of Smart Cities in Ireland'

This unique gathering of seven cities on the island of Ireland considered the roll-out of the smart cities agenda to date, recognising the many opportunities to grasp and challenges to overcome. Everywhere, rapid urbanisation is putting enormous strain on natural resources and infrastructure. Climate change, growth in energy consumption, demand for food production and the expectation for more effective public services are all issues that face its inhabitants. By approaching these challenges with new approaches, embracing innovative solutions and smart technologies, cities can enhance their sustainability and competitiveness.

Professor Brian Donnellan of Maynooth University and the AISCF Chair stated: "We plan to share information, to discuss initiatives that have worked in



Sean Kyne, T.D., Minister of State for Community Affairs, Natural Resources and Digital Development; Lean Doody, Smart Cities Leader, Arup; and Prof Brian Donnellan, Maynooth University and chair of the All Ireland Smart Cities Forum

different cities and how they may work in future. We want to collaborate, to learn how to best manage approaches and the best way to govern them. This Forum isn't mandated by the government, it is seven cities across the island of Ireland joining together in a unique Forum to discover what best practice is and should be. In time, new initiatives will come but for now, this is about cities coming together to learn and to implement solutions. Cities across Ireland can become a single voice to input into policy and feed into government thinking."

Entrance Scholarships 2017



Pictured at the Maynooth University Entrance Scholarship Ceremony, are (l-r); Kearsa Glynn and Caroline Behan studying Primary Education through Froebel; Filip Sosnowski, studying Theoretical Physics & Mathematics and Ailbhe Ní Chualáin, studying Primary Education through Froebel. Maynooth University recognised the achievements of some of Ireland's brightest and most promising first-year students at a celebration on campus Wednesday, 25 October, awarding 39 Entrance Scholarships to students who achieved 550 points or more in the Leaving Certificate examination.

Bord Bia and Maynooth University Collaboration



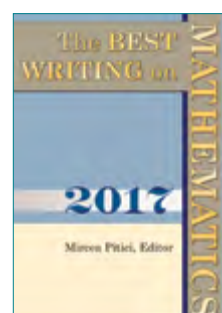
Pictured are students of the new MSc Design Innovation (Food), at their induction in November: Richy Whelan, Danny Uzice, Julie Kenny, Sarah O'Sullivan, Gwen Gould, Kate Holland, David Donnelly, Orla Brady, Christina Furlong and Richard Cooper with David Cullen, Bord Bia Programme Manager and the Library team from Bord Bia. Winning an open EU tender from Bord Bia, MU's new MSc in Design Innovation (Food) is a unique collaboration that combines coursework with a two-year food industry placement. Their induction was diverse, with everything from formal training and immersion in the Bord Bia organisation to milking cows, yoga and visits to leading Irish food organisations.

The Best Writing on Mathematics 2017

A paper co-authored by Dr Ann O'Shea, senior lecturer in the Maynooth University Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Dr Sinead Breen of DCU has been chosen to appear in the anthology 'The Best Writing on Mathematics 2017'. This volume is published annually by Princeton University Press and comprises journal articles from across the mathematical sciences. Dr O'Shea's article concerned threshold concepts in undergraduate mathematics. It was originally published in PRIMUS - Problems, Resources, and Issues in Mathematics Undergraduate Studies.



Dr Sinead Breen, DCU



Dr Ann O'Shea, MU

Seimineár Taighde ar Litreacha an Athar Peadar



An Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh ag labhairt ag an ócáid i Leabharlann an Ruiséalaigh

Cuireadh tús le sraith nua seimineár taighde sa Nua-Ghaeilge Dé hAoine 20 Deireadh Fómhair nuair a thug an Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh caint ar litreacha leis an Athair Peadar Laoghaire, agus é ag scríobh chuig Séamus Ó Dubhghaill (Beirt Fhear), atá á gcoimeád i Leabharlann an Ruiséalaigh. Mhair an comhfhreagras eatarthu tréimhse 8 mbliana déag, ó mhí Aibreáin 1899 go dtí mí an Mheithimh 1917—tréimhse an-tábhachtach i scéal na Gaeilge agus obair Chonradh na Gaeilge faoi lán seoil, *An Claidheamh Soluis* tagtha ar an saol agus ceisteanna teanga agus cultúir á gcur agus á bplé. I Leabharlann an Ruiséalaigh féin a tugadh an seimineár agus cuireadh roinnt litreacha ón mbailiúchán ar taispeáint don slua a bhí i láthair.

Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill agus Caoimhe Ní Chathail ar cuairt



Caoimhe Ní Chathail, réalta meán sóisialta

Thug an file Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill cuairt ar Ollscoil Mhá Nuad chun labhairt os comhair phobal na Gaeilge mar chuid den tsraith Seimineár atá ar bun ag Aontas na Mac Léinn Mhá Nuad agus Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge. Léigh Nuala roinnt dá cuid scríbhneoireachta agus labhair sí faoin spreagadh agus cúlra taobh thiar dá dánta. Mar chuid den tsraith, thug Caoimhe Ní Chathail, iriseoir agus réalta meán sóisialta, píosa cainte i mí na Samhna.

Ollamh nua ceaptha i Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge

Cuireann Oifig na Gaeilge agus Coiste na Gaeilge fáilte roimh an Ollamh Fionntán de Brún a ceapadh ina Ollamh le Nua-Ghaeilge i Meán Fómhair 2017. Roimhe sin bhí sé ina Léachtóir Sinsearach in Ollscoil Uladh agus i gColáiste Ollscoile Naomh Muire, Béal Feirste.



Gradam TEG bronnta ar Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí



Aisling Ní Bheacháin, Lárionad na Gaeilge; Roibeard Ó hEartáin agus John Kennelly, Comhairle Contae Chiarraí; agus Siuán Ní Mhaonaigh, Stiúrthóir TEG.

Ba le linn Oireachtas na Samhna 2017 i gCill Áirne a bhronn Ollscoil Mhá Nuad teastais de chuid *Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge* (TEG) ar iarrthóirí rathúla ó Chontae Chiarraí a rinne scrúduithe cainte TEG le déanaí. Sa mhullach air sin, bronnadh gradam nua, Gradam TEG, ar Oifig na Gaeilge, Comhairle Contae Chiarraí, chun aitheantas a thabhairt don obair mhór atá déanta ag an eagraíocht an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sa láthair oibre agus ar fud an chontae.

Tá sé i gceist ag an Lárionad an gradam seo a bhronnadh ar institiúidí, ar eagraíochtaí, nó ar dhaoine a chuireann *Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge* agus an Ghaeilge chun cinn sa phobal agus sa láthair oibre. Le linn na hócáide, mhínigh Anna Ní Ghallachair, stiúrthóir Lárionad na Gaeilge, tábhacht chóras TEG mar go dtugann sé spriocanna cinnte foghlama don fhoireann sa láthair oibre. Tá dátaí scrúduithe TEG 2018 socraithe anois agus is féidir teacht ar thuilleadh eolais ar www.teg.ie.

Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad 2017 le foilsiú go luath



Leathanach baile an tsúimh nua, *Irisleabhar.ie*, leagan leictreonach d'Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad

Fógraíodh le déanaí go bhfoilseofaí *Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad* 2017 roimh dheireadh na bliana, an chéad imleabhar ó bhás an eagarthóra fhadtéarmaigh, Pádraig Ó Fiannachta, in eagar anois ag meitheal ó Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, faoi stiúir Thaidhg Uí Dhubhsláine. Sa leagan úr den *Irisleabhar*, beidh ailt léannta, léirmheasanna litríochta, ábhar cartlainne, saothar nua-chruthaithe ón bpeann aitheanta agus ón scríbhneoir nua, mar bhlaiseadh de shaocht na Gaeilge sna hOllscoileanna i Maigh Nuad sa bhliain atá imithe romhainn. Baineann traidisiún fada le *Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad*, traidisiún ar cuireadh tús leis in eagrán na bliana 1898–99 den *Record of The League of St. Columba*. Cuallacht Cholm Cille, cumann na mac léinn, a bunaíodh sa bhliain 1898, a chuir an *Record* amach agus é de chuspóir acu oidhreacht liteartha, eaglasta, staire agus teanga na tíre a chur chun cinn. Sa bhliain 1907, foilsíodh faoi ainm nua é — *Irisleabhar Muighe Nuadhat* — ainm atá beo i gcónaí. Tuilleadh eolais: www.irisleabhar.ie.

Seoladh an tríú heagrán de COMHARTaighde

Ba é Bob Collins, Iar-ardstiúrthóir ar RTÉ, a sheol an tríú heagrán de COMHARTaighde (www.comhartaighde.ie) i mí Dheireadh Fómhair: an chéad ríomhíris phiarmheasta i léann na Gaeilge. Tá Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ar cheann de thrí institiúid tríú-leibhéal atá rannpháirteach in eagar agus foilsiú na hirise i bpáirt leis an teach foilsitheoireachta Gaelach, COMHAR. Téann an iris ó neart go neart le saothar sé alt agus seacht léirmheas in 2017, le halt scríofa san eagrán reatha ag an Dr Tracey Ní Mhaonaigh, ó Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge, dar teideal: *Croidhe Cainte Chiarraige agus foclóir an Duinnínigh*. Tá an ghairm ar ailt amuigh anois d'eagrán 4 le sprioc den chéad lá Feabhra 2018.

Amlíne Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán / Decade of Commemorations Timeline



Aithníonn an amlíne seo roinnt imeachtaí suntasacha a tharla go háitiúil, go náisiúnta agus go hidirnáisiúnta le linn 'Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán' 1912 – 1922. Chuir an Coiste Cuimhneachán an amlíne seo le chéile faoi stiúir an chathaoirligh, an tOllamh Marian Lyons ó Roinn na Staire. Tá an amlíne dátheangach agus cuirtear ar fáil ann léargas ginearálta ar thréimhse spreagúil agus shonrach den stair do mhic léinn, do bhaill foirne agus don phobal i gcoitinne. Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ar: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/commemorations

The timeline marks some significant local, national and international events of the 'Decade of Commemorations' 1912 – 1922. Produced by the Commemorations committee, chaired by Prof Marian Lyons of the Department of History, the timeline is bilingual and offers students, staff and the general public an overview of an exciting and defining period of history. For further information see: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/commemorations

Ceolchoirm na Nollag



Bailíodh breis agus €300 le déanaí ag Ceolchoirm na Nollag. D'eagraigh Oifig na Gaeilge agus Cuallacht Cholm Cille, Cumann Gaelach na hOllscoile, an ócáid seo ar mhaithe leis an gcarthanais ALONE. Buíochas leis na rannpháirtithe go léir (mic léinn agus baill foirne) agus leis an slua a bhí i láthair as tacú leis an ócáid.

Mic léinn ó Roinn Ceoil na hOllscoile ag seinm ag an ócáid

Seoladh Phortráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge - Liosta 2017

Sheol Seán Ó Coinn, Príomhfheidhmeannach Fhoras na Gaeilge, an chéad ghrúpa nua phortráidí – Liosta 2017 – i gCéim 2 den togra *Portráidí na Scríbhneoirí Gaeilge* (portraidi.ie) ar an 16 Samhain. Tionscadal eiseamláireach is ea é a dhéanann an Scríbhneoir Gaeilge a chomórath. Tá portráid mhaisiúil den Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine, iarleachtóir sinsearach le Nua-Ghaeilge in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, file agus scríbhneoir acadúil anois sa chnuasach agus fógraíodh go mbeidh portráid de Ruairí Ó hUiginn, iarollamh le Nua-Ghaeilge san Ollscoil mar chuid de Liosta 2018. Is é an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh ón Ollscoil atá ina eagarthóir ar an gcnuasach agus tá beirt eile ó Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge ag plé leis an togra mar chuid den phainéal grianghrafadóireachta: an Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin agus Ronan Doherty.



Príomhfheidhmeannach Fhoras na Gaeilge, Seán Ó Coinn (ar chlé) agus an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh (ar dheis) ag an seoladh ar an 16 Samhain.

Duais OÉ bainte amach ag Kathleen Sweeney, mac léinn na Scéime

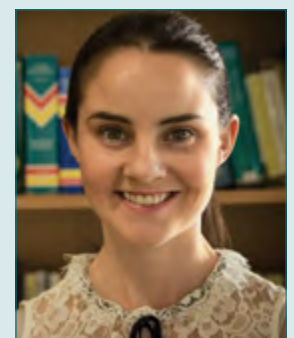


Bhronn Ollscoil na hÉireann an dara duais i Scoláireacht Liteartha an Dr H H Stewart sa Ghaeilge ar Kathleen Sweeney ag searmanas speisialta i mí na Samhna. Is ball de Scéim Cónaithe na hOllscoile í Kathleen. Tá an Baitsiléir Ealaíon ar bun aici agus tá sí sa dara bliain.

Seansailéir Ollscoil na hÉireann, an Dr Muirís Ó Mainnín, in éineacht le Kathleen Sweeney, Ollscoil Mhá Nuad. Bronnadh an gradam seo ar Kathleen ag searmanas speisialta in Ospidéal Ríoga Chill Mhaighneann.

Seimineár tugtha ag an Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin

Ar an 24 Samhain, thug an Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin ó Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge seimineár ar an eagrán criticiúil nua den scéal Rúraíochta dar teideal Táin Bó Fhlíodhaise atá á réiteach aici faoi láthair. Pléadh comhthéacs liteartha agus traidisiún scríofa an téacs, maille le haois an scéil.



An Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin

Ócáid Liteartha Gaelach le Colm Breathnach agus Éilís Ní Dhuibhne



Mar chuid d'Fhéile Léitheoirí Chill Dara, eagraíodh imeacht liteartha i bpáirt le Seirbhís Leabharlaine Co. Chill Dara oíche Mháirt 3 Deireadh Fómhair sa Chlogtheach i mBrady's i mBaile Mhá Nuad. Bhí

An Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh, Colm Breathnach agus Éilís Ní Dhuibhne

an slua faoi dhraíocht ag filíocht Choilm Bhreathnaigh agus próslitríocht ó Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, beirt na húdair is aitheanta i saol liteartha na Gaeilge, agus ina dhiaidh sin, ghlac an bheirt acu páirt in agallamh poiblí leis an Dr Liam Mac Amhlaigh. Cuireadh ceol álainn leis an ócáid ag an gCuallacht agus fuair mic léinn na hOllscoile, ó **An Ciorcal**, an grúpa scríbhneoireachta Nua-Ghaeilge a bunaíodh anuraidh, deis a rogha saothair a léamh amach os comhair an tslua: www.kildarereadersfestival.ie

Famine Exhibition



Dr Jason King, Irish Heritage Trust and Dr Christine Kinealy, Quinnipiac University

The Library is hosting an exhibition exploring the little known story of the Grey Nuns and other religious orders in Montreal, who provided care and shelter to Irish immigrants in Canada during the Great Hunger. One of the first priests to enter the fever sheds with the Grey Nuns was Father Patrick Morgan, who was ordained at Maynooth College in May 1842.

The exhibition, entitled *Saving the Famine Irish: The Grey Nuns and the Great Hunger*, was launched in the Russell Library on Wednesday, 8 November, runs until early 2018 and is open to the public.

Launch of eBook at Ken Saro-Wiwa Anniversary Seminar



Dr Laurence Cox, Sister Majella McCarron, Helen Fallon and Dr Íde Corley

On Tuesday, 14 November, the Library hosted a seminar to mark the anniversary of the execution of Nigerian writer and activist Ken Saro-Wiwa. His death row correspondence was donated to Maynooth University by the recipient, Sister Majella McCarron (OLA) in 2011. Over 40 people attended the seminar which featured Mark Dummett, Amnesty International London, as keynote speaker. The seminar was followed by the launch of the new and revised edition of 'Silence would be Treason: Last Writings of Ken Saro-Wiwa' edited by Íde Corley, Helen Fallon and Laurence Cox. This ebook edition is available to download free of charge from the University Institutional Repository.

Be That As It May - Local artist and Poet Exhibit

This exhibition, a collaboration between poet Clare O'Reilly and visual artist Nuala O'Dea, was hosted in the Library in November and funded by Kildare County Council and Naas Credit Union.

Clare O'Reilly and Nuala O'Dea at the launch of the exhibition



Early Printed Book Presented to Maynooth University



Maynooth President Professor Philip Nolan accepted a 1540 concordance (index of the bible) on behalf of the Library at the annual *Gerard Manley Hopkins International Festival* visit to the Russell Library

Bruno Gaurier presents the book to Professor Philip Nolan

"Librarian as Communicator"



Professor Maria Pramaggiore, Graham Walton, Helen Fallon and Cathal McCauley

On Thursday, 9 November Professor Maria Pramaggiore, Dean of Graduate Studies, launched "The Librarian as Communicator: Case Studies and International Perspectives" edited by Helen Fallon and Graham Walton, and published by Routledge.

October LIST Winner



Áine Carey, Teaching & Learning Librarian presents a Kindle Fire to Jacqui Birkett, first year PhD student as the winner of the October LIST (Library Information Skills Training) Prize.

Book on Church Music Launched

Dr John O'Keeffe's book "The Masses of Seán and Peadar Ó Riada : Explanations in Vernacular Chant" was launched on Tuesday, 7 November

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, was joined on the night by Reverend Professor Michael Mullaney, President, St Patrick's College, Maynooth and Peadar Ó Riada.



Peadar Ó Riada, Dr John O'Keeffe and Archbishop Eamon Martin at the launch of "The Masses of Seán and Peadar Ó Riada: Explanations in Vernacular Chant" by Dr John O'Keeffe

Dr John O'Keeffe, is lecturer in Maynooth University Department of Music and Director of Sacred Music at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. His book explores the Masses of Irish composers Seán and his son, Peadar Ó Riada. Seán Ó Riada's "Ceol an Aifrinn" was the first Mass setting composed in the Irish Language and contains the iconic settings of *Ár nAthair*, *Is Naofa* and *Ag Críost an Sól*.

Following the launch, a concert in memory of Reverend Professor Pádraig Ó Fiannachta was held in the College Chapel,

with music provided by the Cór Chúil Aodha, the renowned male voice choir, from Coolea in the Cork Gaeltacht. Prof Ó Fiannachta was appointed Professor of Early Irish at Maynooth in 1960, followed by Modern Irish in 1982. He taught at the University until his retirement in 1992 and passed away in July 2016.

Alumnus at ESA Speaks at National Astronomy Meeting

On the 30 September 2016, the European Space Agency's (ESA) historic Rosetta mission ended with the controlled impact of the Rosetta spacecraft on to a comet it had been investigating for more than two years

Launching in 2004, it took Rosetta 10 years to arrive at that comet which it followed in its journey around the sun, watching its tail grow from being non-existent to spanning a length of many millions of kilometres. In the process, the mission gained an understanding of what was happening to the comet itself to produce that tail.

Rosetta was the first spacecraft to orbit a comet and the first to deploy a lander, Philae, on to its surface. The science it produced from its many instruments was unique and has changed the understanding of how comets work and indeed what role they might have played in the formation of life on the Earth.

Speaking at the Irish National Astronomy meeting, hosted by the Maynooth University Department of Experimental Physics on 7 September, Laurence O'Rourke, Maynooth alumnus, who works on the Rosetta mission, said: "Rosetta really delivered on its promise – the information which was returned to Earth will keep a lot of scientists busy with analysis for many years to come. Certainly, with Rosetta we found clear evidence that life could exist outside



Delegates at the National Astronomy Meeting, held on campus

of our planet." He continued "Reaching this conclusion and getting so much science from the satellite was not an easy task for us. We learned from the Rosetta mission that it's really dangerous to fly around and land on a comet that is exploding both dust and gas into space."

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 Ann Marie Murray, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)	Human Resources	Ms Sarah Hawes, HR Equality Officer
Admissions	Ms Fionnuala Finnegan, Careers Exhibition Advisor (Contract Post)	International Office	Ms Jenette Carson, Administrative Officer (Contract Post)
Alumni Office	Mr Jonathan Carroll, Alumni Database Manager (Contract Post)	Law	Dr Etain Quigley, Lecturer
Applied Social Studies	Ms Neisha Hanley, Executive Assistant		Dr Edana Richardson, Lecturer
	Ms Tonye Benson Olatunde, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Ms Amina Adanan, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Ms Niamh Flanagan, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Ms Alice Harrison, University Tutor
	Ms Deirdre Massey, Practice Development Co-Ordinator		Ms Aimee Nelson, Executive Assistant (Temporary Post)
Anthropology	Dr Elzbieta Drazkiewicz-Grodzicka, Lecturer (Contract Post)	Library	Mr Jack Hyland, IReL Manager
Biology	Dr Andrew Hogan, Lecturer		Ms Áine Carey, Assistant Librarian Learning, Teaching & Research Development
Centre for Teaching & Learning	Ms Margaret Keane, Teaching & Learning Development Officer (Contract Post)		Ms Emma Doran, Library Assistant
	Mr David Martin, Moodle Support Assistant (Contract Post)		Ms Edel King, Library Assistant (Contract Post)
Chemistry	Dr Tobias Kraemer, Lecturer		Ms Caroline Montgomery, Library Assistant (Contract Post)
	Dr Eithne Dempsey, Lecturer (Contract Post)	Mathematics & Statistics	Dr Mark Walsh, Lecturer
	Ms Sarah Cannon, Senior Technical Officer (Contract Post)	Media Studies	Dr Gwen Bouvier, Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Ms Carmel O'Flaherty, Technical Officer (Contract Post)		Mr Denis Murphy, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
Communications & Marketing	Mr Michael O'Toole, Digital Journalist (Contract Post)	Music	Ms Emma Scanlon, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
Computer Science	Dr Ralf Bierig, Lecturer (Contract Post)	Psychology	Dr Laura Coffey, Lecturer
	Dr Brian Davis, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Dr Rebecca Maguire, Lecturer
	Dr Wu Hao, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Dr Brenda O'Connell, Lecturer
	Dr Liadh Kelly, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Ms Mairead Foody, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Ms Bernie McGrenaghan, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)		Mrs Hilary Hooks, Administrative Officer (Contract Post)
Conferring Office	Ms Brenda Wilson, Administrative Officer II (Contract Post)	Research Development Office	Ms Petra Stolfova, Research Finance Officer
	Ms Jacqueline Crowley, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)		Mr Patrick Boyle, Research Development Officer
Critical Skills	Mr Adrian Kirwan, University Tutor (Contract Post)		Ms Marie Carr, Research Support Officer
Dean's Office	Ms Sarah Coughlan da Silva, Executive Assistant		Ms Shona Leith, Research Development Officer
Design Innovation	Dr Alen Keirnan, Lecturer	School of Business	Dr Tatiana Andreeva, Senior Lecturer
	Mr David Cullen, Programme Manager (Contract Post)		Dr Marian Crowley-Henry, Senior Lecturer
Economics, Finance & Accounting	Dr Juan Carlos Arismendi Zambrano, Lecturer		Dr Dritjon Gruda, Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Mr Michael Hayden, Lecturer		Dr Souleiman Hasan, Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Mr Clifford Mongwe, University Tutor		Mr Giovanni Maccani, Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Ms Aodhán Casey, Assistant Lecturer		Mr Edward O'Connor, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)
Education	Dr Joe Oyler, Lecturer		Ms Geraldine Lavin, University Tutor
	Ms Elizabeth Meade, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)		Dr Adele Smith – Auchmuty, University Tutor
	Ms Kathryn Aherne, Executive Assistant		Ms Ciara Devon, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)
English	Dr Catherine Gander, Lecturer		Ms Vanessa Gallagher, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)
	Dr Stanley Van Der Ziel, Lecturer (Contract Post)	School of Celtic Studies	Professor Fionntán De Brún, Professor and Head of Department of Modern Irish
French	Ms Priscilla Roussel, Lecturer (Contract Post)		Dr Paul Ryan, Lecturer
Froebel Department of Primary & Early Childhood Education	Ms Colette Kavanagh, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)	Sociology	Dr Maria Linheira, Lecturer (Contract Post)
	Mr Oisín Ó Doinn, Assistant Lecturer (Contract Post)	Spanish	Mr Vitor Neves Fernandes, University Tutor (Contract Post)
Geography	Dr Gerard McCarthy, Lecturer		Mr Paul Clear, Administrative Officer
German	Ms Antoinette McNamara, University Tutor (Contract Post)	Student Records Office	Ms Marianne Dunne, Student Support Officer
Graduate Studies	Ms Roxanne Paul, Executive Assistant (Contract Post)	Student Services Office	Ms Ruth Killeen, Student Budget Advisor (Contract Post)
History	Dr Viktoriya Fedorchak, Lecturer (Contract Post)		
	Ms Angela Mc Ginn, Assistant Lecturer (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>

Annual Alumni Reunion

The largest Maynooth alumni reunion to date took place in Phoenix on Saturday, 16 September making it the social highlight of the alumni calendar

The Classes of 1972, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, 2002, '07 and '12 returned for the event, including some from abroad.

Held on the eve of the All-Ireland Mayo-Dublin football final, it was appropriate that alumnus and Mayo man, Senator John O'Mahony entertained alumni with an after-dinner speech that recalled his connections with the GAA and his lively student days at Maynooth. Former SU officers who gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first election of Maynooth SU officers; 1977 SU President and Vice President, John Gallagher and Bríd Connolly. Also in attendance were Prof Philip Nolan, and former members of staff, Dr Proinnsias Breathnach from the Department of Geography and Professor Paddy Geary from the Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting. Alumni were kept abreast of the University's current efforts concerning the Maynooth Foundation and encouraged to consider financially supporting their alma mater.



Pictured (l-r); Martin Nugent, BA 1972; Mary O'Donnell, BA 1977; Senator John O'Mahony, BA 1974; Dr Proinnsias Breathnach, PhD 2007; Peter Finnegan, BA 1976

Maynooth Alumni Lecture

Held during Science Week at the University, Dr Christine Parsons delivered the 2017 Maynooth Alumni Faculty of Science and Engineering Alumni Lecture

Dr Parsons (BA, Psychology, 2005) returned from Aarhus University in Denmark, where she is Associate Professor at the Interacting Minds Centre in the Department of Clinical Medicine. Her lecture, entitled "Using 'hot' technologies to understand human behaviour: from deep brain electrodes to arcade games and smartphones," focused on her research, which used a small number of key technological advances to examine human motivation and social behaviour. The Lecture, now in its third year, continues to be as popular with students and the local community as it is with Maynooth alumni.



Dr Christine Parsons

Staff Member Honoured

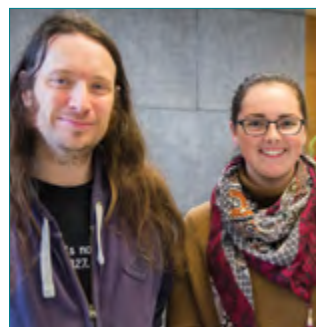


Pictured is Simon Sweeney, a member of the Security Staff on campus, as he made Honorary lifetime member of the oldest bodybuilding federation in the world NABBA (National Amateur Bodybuilders Association). In 2016 he won the inaugural Oscar Heidenstam NABBA Achievement award and went on to win it again in 2017.

Science Week 2017

The Faculty of Science & Engineering hosted a number of public events during Science Week

Science Week 2017 took place from 12-19 November to celebrate the fascinating worlds of science, technology, engineering and mathematics



Dr David Malone and Hazel Murray, PhD student in the Dept of Mathematics and Statistics

(STEM). As well as the family friendly Friday Science Night, open labs and robot soccer events, a number of lectures took place including: Dr Eithne Dempsey's *From Farming to Forensics... can sensors provide the solution?*; Professor Christine Parsons' Alumni Lecture *Using 'hot' technologies to understand human behaviour: from deep brain electrodes to arcade games and smartphones*; and Dr David Malone and Ms Hazel Murray's, *It was all much harder when I was young: Science and the Leaving Cert*.

IT Services Run Pilot on Lynda.com



Pictured (l-r); Niamh Boldt, IT Services; Eilís Murray, Graduate Studies; Rebecca Boyle, Froebel Department and Peter Gaughran, IT Services. IT Services ran a pilot of the online training programme Lynda.com over the summer months, when a group of 150 staff members were given access to trial the on-line, bite-sized learning programme. On completing the pilot, IT services ran a competition amongst staff who had participated, with Rebecca and Eilís winning One4All gift vouchers. IT Services are reviewing the feasibility of making the service available to all staff in the coming months.

Step-challenged at Maynooth!



Dr Ruth Forrest and Dr Triona Stokes both from the Froebel Department, collecting prizes for winning team with Dr Joe Larragy, Maynooth Green Campus

Maynooth Green Campus in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) organised the *Step Challenge* in September

This was the third year Maynooth University, as a Smarter Travel Campus, participated in the *Step Challenge*, the aim of which is to encourage and support staff to be more active and walk more.

The *Step Challenge* is a fun, free walking challenge where teams of 3-6 people aim to increase their daily step counts, to have fun and to win prizes. Maynooth University had 13 teams with 71 staff participating, by keeping track of their steps/activity each day and logging their steps on activetravellogger.ie on a daily or weekly basis as part of their team. The prizes were donated by the Offices of Campus Services and Parking and Travel Management.

The NTA has named Maynooth University again this year as 'Car Sharing Campus of the year'. Congratulations to Lar Byrne in Parking and Travel Management and Maynooth Green Campus on this award.