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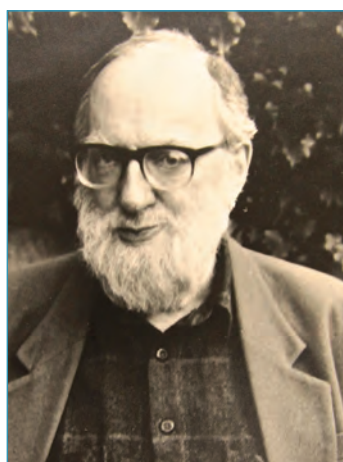
NUI MAYNOOTH
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

Pearse Hutchinson Archive Launched

NUI Maynooth is to permanently host the archive of the distinguished multilingual writer Pearse Hutchinson in the university's library.

The archive will be officially launched in NUI Maynooth on Thursday, 27 March, coinciding with the launch of a new volume of Pearse Hutchinson's unpublished poems in English, 'Listening to Bach' (The Gallery Press).

Hutchinson's collection, which generated significant interest internationally, includes published and unpublished poetry, memoirs, letters to friends and fellow poets including Saul Bellow and Octavio Paz, and his own paintings and sketches. NUI Maynooth is employing a dedicated archivist for 12 months to develop the collection and the university will also establish an annual bursary in his honour.



Pearse Hutchinson.

During a long career, he published several volumes of poetry and a series of translations from Italian, Catalan and Galician-Portuguese. Known as a truly original poet, he was a frequent contributor to radio and print media. A co-editor and founder of the literary journal Cyphers, Ireland's longest-running poetry magazine, and an active member of Aosdána, he received the Butler Award for Irish writing in 1969. In the early 1970s he took up the Gregory fellowship in poetry at the University of Leeds.

Discussing the archive, Professor Philip Nolan, President, said: "We are very proud to be selected as the home for Pearse Hutchinson's archive, despite much competition for the honour. Pearse Hutchinson is one of the most influential poets of the last century and his volumes of poetry, letters, translations and paintings will enjoy pride of place in our library".

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International Women's Day 2014

NUI Maynooth marked International Women's Day 2014 and its theme of 'Inspiring Change' with an event in the Library.



Prof Pat O'Connor speaking at the event.

The President Philip Nolan and the Gender Equality Working Group hosted a panel discussion on the topic of 'Gender Equality: from Aspiration to Implementation'. Featuring prominent speakers from academia and the business world, this panel considered the position of women in higher education and enterprise in Ireland. The panel included Pat O'Connor, the first woman to be appointed at (full) Professorial level in the University of Limerick in 1997; Greg Sparks, founding partner of RSM Farrell Grant Sparks and Rachel Doyle, Head of Outreach and Support, National Women's Council of Ireland. The debate, chaired by Dr Moynagh Sullivan on what needs to be done both in terms of policy and on a practical level to further support gender equality on campus drew many comments from the full house.

NUI Maynooth is fully committed to developing greater gender equity on the campus, President Nolan said, announcing plans to hire a programme manager to oversee the development of a gender equity strategy and guidelines for implementation.

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Law Lecturer Appointed Advisor to President



Adjunct Senior Lecturer in Law Liam Herrick has been appointed Special Advisor to President Michael D Higgins.

Liam Herrick joined the Adjunct staff at NUI Maynooth in November, and is a human rights expert with vast experience in equality and legal reform. He was appointed Executive Director of the Irish Penal Reform Trust in 2007, and prior to this he worked as Senior Logistics & Policy Review Officer for the Irish Human Rights Commission. He has also worked at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and the Irish Human Rights Commission. He will hold the position for three years.

FROM THE EDITOR

Congratulations to the Sports Office on their huge success in a wide range of sports – GAA, soccer, golf and for the first time basketball. The knock on effect is immeasurable but it all bodes well for happy, healthy students around campus!

Well done to those organising the Green Campus Launch, International Women's Day and the Postgrad open evening in Pugin Hall, just some of the events on campus that were open to us all to attend.

The next Newsletter will be out in May/June, please send submissions to the email address below.

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Water is Life Programme

Prof Honor Fagan and Dr Alistair Fraser presented papers at the Final Conference of the *Water is Life Programme (Amazzi Bulamu)* at Makerere University in February after five years of research.

NUI Maynooth graduates Dr Richard Asaba (Sociology), Dr Mavuto Temba (Geography) and Professor Martin Downes were also at the event which launched the Community Water Improvement Programme for Makonda, Masaka District, Uganda. Professor Fagan's Baseline Socio-spatial survey carried out in Makonda, Masaka District and the researchers' findings and recommendations were presented to an audience of community representatives, academics, a selection of NGO's and the Director of the Ministry of Water, Uganda. Each of the research projects was on water in the case-study area, with a special focus on interdisciplinary inspired solutions to technical, social and health problems relating to water provision, access and governance. The output from each research strand will form the basis of postgraduate academic programmes as well as community based education



Dr Mavuto Temba and Dr Richard Asaba, with their supervisors, Dr Alistair Fraser, Dr Consolata Kabonesa (MAK) and Prof Honor Fagan at the Launch of the Community Water Improvement Programme (CWIP) in Makonda, Masaka District.

and training. It will also be used to inform policy at national government level.

The *Water is Life Programme* was funded through the Irish Aid/HEA Programme of Strategic Co-Operation. It is a multidisciplinary 4th level educational action project which aims to build research capacity in Ireland and Africa by conducting research that supports sustainable water resource management as a catalyst for sustainable economic and social development in rural Uganda.

History Graduates Gather

Recently retired Professor Colm Lennon gave a lecture entitled 'Tread softly? History, Commemoration and Popular Beliefs about the Past', the first in a new annual lecture series specifically for alumni.

As well as the large gathering of alumni, colleagues and former colleagues in the History Department attended the event.

With a number of humorous anecdotes including a millennium milk bottle delivered by his milkman last Christmas to celebrate the 25th anniversary since Dublin's Millennium, manhole covers in

Donegal which celebrated the Flight of the Earls, the lecture entertained as much as it questioned. Given Professor Lennon's current involvement in the Battle of Clontarf commemorations, this talk also included a spotlight on the role of Brian Boru and the debate concerning the location of the battle itself.

MA in Theatre Open Day in Smock Alley

The Dept of English and The Gaiety School of Acting – The National Theatre School of Ireland hosted an Open Day for their MA Theatre course on Saturday, 22 March in Smock Alley Theatre in Temple Bar.

The Open Day offered prospective students the opportunity to meet the people involved such as; MA Theatre Directors, Dr Shelley Troupe (NUI Maynooth) and Patrick Sutton (GSA), and course coordinator Antoinette Duffy. There was a tour of the historical Smock Alley Theatre, followed by a theatre workshop given by Patrick Sutton. As well as a Q&A session Graduate Studies Officer, Eilis Murray talked about funding opportunities available for potential students.

The **Annual Postgraduate Open Evening** took place on Tuesday 11 March in Pugin Hall. With break-out talks in Renehan Hall covering a wide variety of subjects including funding options currently available, the large numbers who attended had plenty of opportunity to seek advice on further study at the University from departmental representatives.



The Postgraduate Open Evening in Pugin Hall.

Other support services including the Fees and Grants Office, the Library and the Alumni Office were also in attendance.

3U Symposium on Distributing Leadership

The second annual leadership symposium organised under the 3U Partnership explored the issues of leadership and trust in professional practice.

Hosted at NUI Maynooth, the symposium is a collaborative event between NUI Maynooth's Education Department and RCSI's Institute of Leadership. Panelists from education and healthcare explored the importance of anchoring leadership and management in an organization's core.

Keynote speaker, Professor James P. Spillane, Northwestern University, Illinois explained how organisations need to "get beyond an implementation mindset to engage in diagnosis and design to improve practice".

The day highlighted the importance of distributing leadership within organisations, understanding the important issues relating to trust in professional practice and making a case for the uniqueness of managing human development/improvement practice, and the critical importance of the legitimacy and integrity imperative when one manages public institutions that reside in a pluralistic environment.



Tomás Ó Ruairc, Director of the Teaching Council, Prof Freddie Wood, President of the Irish Medical Council and Prof Philip Nolan, President NUI Maynooth.

Royal Irish Academy Gold Medal Awarded to Prof Rob Kitchin



Taoiseach Enda Kenny presenting the RIA Gold Medal to Prof Rob Kitchin in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Social Sciences. The medal is a testament to a lifetime of passionate commitment to the highest standards in scholarship and they are a well-deserved recognition of scientific excellence. Pictured (l-r): Prof Luke Drury, President, RIA; Enda Kenny, Taoiseach and Prof Rob Kitchin.

Visit by Minister for European Affairs

Professor Philip Nolan welcomed Minister for European Affairs, Paschal Donohoe on campus to Maynooth to outline the EU career and internship opportunities open to graduates.

This is part of the EU Jobs campaign which aims to ensure that a strong Irish presence in the staffing of the EU institutions (European Commission, European Parliament and the Council of the European Union) is maintained and that students are aware of the supports available to them in securing EU posts. Ireland is currently very well represented in the staffing of the EU institutions, with almost double our relative share of the EU's total population.

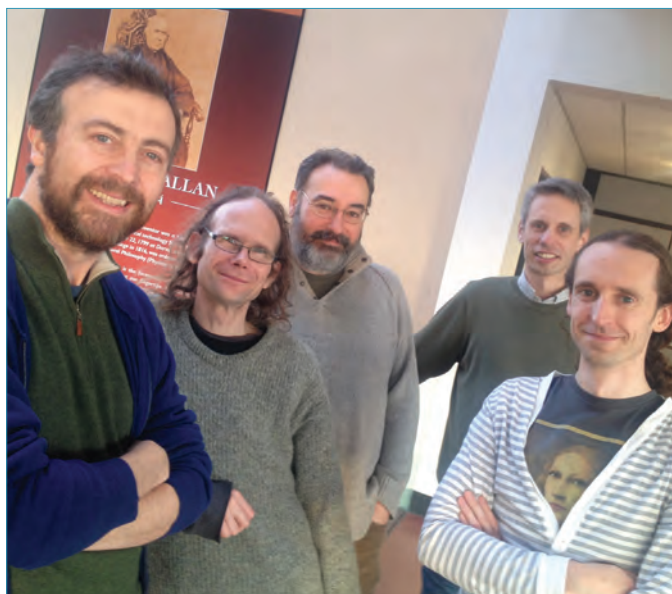


Pictured at the event are (l-r); President Philip Nolan, Paschal Donohoe, Minister for European Affairs and Dr John O'Brennan, Dept of Sociology.

Health Benefits of Music, Rhythm and Movement Project

NUI Maynooth is a partner in a €3 million EU funded project exploring the links between music and its impact on our movement and health.

The project, BeatHealth, is focusing on the benefits of rhythmic stimulation in order to improve mobility, with a dual emphasis on how we exercise and on Parkinson's disease.



Dr Tomás Ward, Software Development Leader, Dept of Electronic Engineering; Dr Joe Timoney, Dept of Computer Science; Dr Victor Lazzarini, Dept of Music; Dr Rudi Villing and Eoghan Conway, Dept of Electronic Engineering.

Neuroscientists have discovered that moving to a rhythm can boost motor performance and have an impact on our health. The aim of BeatHealth is to analyse this link and create a smartphone app capable of adapting musical rhythm to movement and physiological changes such as heart and respiratory rates. The project involves 24 scientists from NUI Maynooth, Montpellier University, University of Ghent, Tecnalia Foundation and Montpellier Academic Hospital.

Each of the international research teams brings its own expertise to the project, with the team from NUI Maynooth involving an inter-departmental collaboration between Electronic Engineering, Music and Computer Science. The BeatHealth project will conclude in three years and all data gathered will be made available online.

TEN-Hunger Project

NUI Maynooth launched an innovative new Masters in 'Transformative Community Development', established as part of the TEN-Hunger Project (Transformative Engagement Network).

Funded by Irish Aid and the Higher Education Authority it will bring together over thirty academics across disciplines to focus on issues of climate change and food security in vulnerable communities in Zambia and Malawi.

As part of the TEN Hunger Project, NUI Maynooth has collaborated with the University of Mzuzu in Malawi, Mulungushi University and the Zambian Open University in Zambia to design a Masters programme that will enrol 36 students across the three universities. These students comprise professionals in governmental and non-governmental agencies who work closely with vulnerable communities in Zambia and Malawi and have demonstrated a unique knowledge and understanding of the challenges posed by climate change to these people.

As climate change continues to threaten the livelihoods of rural communities in many parts of sub-Saharan Africa, TEN-Hunger will work with these communities to help transform their capacity to cope with the challenges of climate change, particularly around issues such as food security and nutrition. For more information - project website: www.tenhunger.org



Dr Conor Murphy, Dr Bernie Grummell, Prof Anne Ryan, Prof Martin Downes and Maggie Noone.

NUI Maynooth Graduate Health Care Person of the Year

Dr Kathy McLoughlin, NUI Maynooth Psychology Graduate has recently been announced as the Irish Health Care Person of the year at the Irish Healthcare Centre Awards 2014.

Dr McLoughlin graduated with a PhD in 2012 under the supervision of Dr Sinéad McGilloway.

Dr McLoughlin who is the National End-of-Life Audit and Review Co-ordinator at the Irish Hospice Foundation spoke passionately about developments in palliative and hospice care and how this type of care needs to change, and how it is currently changing for the better.

Kathy was nominated for the award by a number of industry professionals. Since 2002 she has been doing research and leading service developments to demystify hospice and palliative care and to encourage people to discuss death and dying more openly. She previously worked as a researcher in the Midland Health Board on a palliative care needs assessment. One of the key findings from that study was there was a lot of fear and stigma associated with palliative care. She took this finding and developed a PhD research proposal that was funded by the Health Research Board and The Irish Hospice Foundation.

She is now about to embark on a new role to bring that social model of care to life, so that people who are dying can tap into their community resources to get their needs met. This is an innovative model in Ireland and will be breaking new ground from a research and practice perspective.



Dr Kathy McLoughlin.

New Study by the Department of Psychology Launched

A new study - *Proving the Power of Positive Engagement* - undertaken by a research team in the Department of Psychology was launched recently by Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald.



Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald TD; Dr Sinéad McGilloway, Psychology Dept and Aileen O'Donoghue, CEO Archways.

The Study suggests that training for parents may be beneficial for young Irish children with ADHD symptoms and may offer an alternative to medication. Prescriptions for ADHD medication in Ireland have increased by 62% in the last six years.

"This research is the first trial outside the US of the Incredible Years parent programme with this group of vulnerable young children and is good news for parents and children living with the stress and uncertainty of ADHD symptoms," said Dr Sinéad McGilloway, Principal Investigator and Director of the Mental Health and Social Research Unit at NUI Maynooth. The launch of these findings marks the official end of the five-year multi-institutional *Incredible Years Ireland Study* which was led by NUI Maynooth with funding from the Atlantic Philanthropies.

Address by Justice John MacMenamin on International Child Abduction

On Wednesday, 12 March Justice John MacMenamin, Justice of the Supreme Court and Honorary Adjunct Professor of Law delivered a lecture on the complexities and difficulties of international child abduction.



Justice MacMenamin.

In Ireland, when dealing with child abduction cases, judges now frequently have to consider the Constitution, statute law, international conventions and

European Union law all in the one case. There is a risk that this complexity may defeat the ends of justice. Justice MacMenamin's address was delivered to a packed audience, which included Justice Paul Carney, Justice of the High Court and Honorary Adjunct Professor of Law at NUI Maynooth.

The lecture marked the official launch of the new postgraduate programme, LLM (Global Legal Studies), which will provide students with a world-class legal education, grounded in an appreciation of global, social, economic and cultural contexts and challenges.

Library Exhibitions



Pictured at the **Launch of the Salamanca Archive Exhibition and Online Catalogue**, (l-r); Cathal McCauley; Monsignor Hugh Connolly; Susan Leyden, (Archivist, St Patrick's College); Javier Garrigues Florez, Ambassador of Spain. His Excellency, Javier Garrigues Florez, Spanish Ambassador officially opened the exhibition and launched the online catalogue of *The Salamanca Archive*. This archive holds over 50,000 documents from the late sixteenth to the mid-twentieth century, mainly from the Irish College in Salamanca. It is one of the most important Spanish language archive collections in Ireland and can now be accessed electronically.



Pictured at the official opening of the annual **Library Publications Festival** (l-r); Dr Anne Gallagher, Monsignor Hugh Connolly, Professor Philip Nolan, Mary Antones, Cathal McCauley. The 2014 festival celebrated and showcased the publications of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy and St Patrick's College Maynooth.

Book Donation by Portuguese Ambassador



Portuguese Ambassador, Dr Bernardo Futscher Pereira, recently made a substantial donation of recent monographs on aspects of Portuguese history and culture to the Library. A historian of Portuguese foreign relations, Dr Futscher Pereira visited NUI Maynooth recently. Pictured are (l-r); Cathal McCauley, Librarian; Dr Bernardo Futscher Pereira, the Portuguese Ambassador and Professor Filipe Ribeiro de Meneses.

Joint Seminar on Cannabis and Mental Health



Ian O'Grady; Luke 'Ming' Flanagan; Kay Loughlin; Peter Cassells; Dr Cathal Ó Súilleabháin; Josephine Finn and Dr Bobby Smyth.

The Dept of Adult and Community Education held its annual Spring seminar on Saturday, 8 March.

This year saw the second joint seminar for students from the NUI Certificate and Diploma in Addiction Studies and Certificate in Psychology. The theme was 'Cannabis Use and Mental Health'. The format for the morning was a Q & A session with a panel consisting of: Ian O'Grady: Chairperson of the Psychological Society of Ireland, Division of Counselling Psychology; Dr Bobby Smyth, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Board Member of Alcohol Action Ireland; Luke 'Ming' Flanagan, TD for Roscommon-South Leitrim and Dr Cathal Ó Súilleabháin: GP Specializing in Substance Abuse.

The engaging and lively session was facilitated by Peter Cassells, Director of the Edward M Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention and the debate was informative and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The workshops delivered by course tutors in Psychology and Addiction studies included: Does Gender need to be considered in Addiction; Cannabis as Medicine; The Effects of Cannabis Use on Memory, Attention, and Executive Function; Cannabis - the Scapegoat. A sincere thanks to all of the students, guests, tutors and staff who made this the most exciting and enjoyable Spring Seminar so far.

'A Celebration of Liberian Women'

Coinciding with celebrations for International Women's Day 2014 on Saturday, 8 March, the Department of Applied Social Studies and the Liberia Solidarity Group (LSG)



The Launch of the Celebration of Liberian Women Exhibition.

welcomed visitors to the Library to explore the exhibition 'A Celebration of Liberian Women'.

The exhibition profiles women activists working at grassroots level in Liberia, documenting their work on addressing some of the major challenges that Liberian Women face in their daily lives. These include issues such as improving women's leadership, access to resources and gender based violence. The exhibition uses text and images to explore the experiences of Liberian women and document innovative and groundbreaking projects where they collectively address their concerns. The exhibition is based on project work carried out by three students from the Department of Applied Social Studies during their recent placements in Liberia where they worked with different development projects in diverse communities. Every year a number of students have the opportunity to work in Liberia, fulfilling the professional requirements of their Community and Youth Work Programmes. The exhibition will be on display at the Library over the coming weeks.

Anastasia Crickley has recently been elected Vice-President of the UN Committee on Racial Discrimination.

Human Resource Notes

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

School/Departments	Appointees
An Foras Feasa	Professor Susan Schreibman, Director of An Foras Feasa Mc Charlene McGoochan, Technical Officer (Contract Post) Ms Deirdre Quinn, Project Officer (Contract Post)
NIRSA	Mr Pascal Brogan, Technical Officer - Half-Time (Contract Post)
Department of Adult & Community Education	Dr Derek Barter, Continuing Education Co-ordinator
School of Business	Professor Peter McNamara, Professor of Management
Department of Mathematics & Statistics	Professor Stephen Buckley, Professor of Mathematics Professor Alice Niemeyer, Professor of Mathematics
Department of Sociology	Ms Kathryn Walsh, Executive Assistant, (Contract Post)
Admissions Office	Ms Louise Slattery, School Liaison Officer, (Contract Post)
Campus Services	Ms Maureen Garvey, Switchboard Operator
VP Strategy and Quality	Ms Emer Crooke, Research Officer, (Contract Post)

Our best wishes to all concerned.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

In general terms, the offices of the University will close on the evening of Thursday, 17 April 2014 and will re-open on the morning of Monday, 28 April 2014.

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**

The Programmable City Project

Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Jobs & Innovation, Sean Sherlock TD launched The Programmable City' project, a study into how software and technology influences how we live, work and operate in cities at NUI Maynooth on Tuesday, 25 March.



The five year project, which received €2.3 million funding from the European Research Council and Science Foundation Ireland, analyses how information on citizens and places are captured and processed as data, how software is used to govern and manage modern cities, and how our everyday behaviour within a city is influenced by software.

Discussing the launch, Professor Rob Kitchin, Project Leader, The Programmable City said: "Software is now essential to the functioning of cities, a vital element in the operation and governance of travel, the built environment, consumption, work, home life, services and utilities,"

The Programmable City features a team of ten researchers (Project Leader, Postdoctoral researchers and PhD students) and focusses on Boston, ranked number one in terms of smart cities across the world with 52 universities, including Harvard and MIT, and many start-up IT companies and open government initiatives, and Dublin, one of Europe's key technology hubs.

New Vaccine for Whooping Cough

The Institute of Immunology has played a key role in the development of a more effective vaccine which can be administered intranasally, making it available to greater numbers of people at a reduced cost.



Prof Bernard Mahon.

The project, co-ordinated by Inserm (French National Institute of Health and Medical Research) with 10 partners based in seven European countries, has just published results from phase 1 clinical trials of the vaccine in human subjects. The team has produced a vaccine for which the immunology and safety could be tested in humans in just two and a half years, compared with five to seven years for most similar projects. The project also provides proof of concept that the vaccine may be applied to other respiratory infections.

Discussing the breakthrough, Prof Bernard Mahon, Vice President for Research at NUI Maynooth and head of its Child-Innovac team said: "Child-Innovac was set up to produce a more effective solution for pertussis, or whooping cough, and we're delighted to say that in a relatively short period of time we have produced a vaccine that indicates it will be an enhanced version. EU funding for research and the inter-laboratory partnerships that it facilitates is a highly effective way to find scientific solutions for global health issues and allows us to bring together worldwide experts in their respective areas of specialisation. Projects such as Child-Innovac demonstrate that basic lifescience work is critically important to global health and to industry, which is increasingly turning to university research to fill the pipeline."

The NUI Maynooth team involved in the project produced the models and tools to test whether the vaccine could be made effective and safe. The Child-Innovac Project received €5 million funding awarded by the European Commission.

Computer Science Book Launch



Pictured at the launch of the book are Dr Joe Timoney, Professor Philip Nolan, Tom Lysaght and Dr Stephen Brown.

Software Testing: Principles and Practice by Dr Stephen Brown, Dr Joe Timoney, Tom Lysaght and Dr Deshi Ye, Zhejiang University was recently published.



This book is based on a series of lectures given at the NUI Maynooth and Zhejiang University. It provides a textbook for a number of courses, describing the fundamentals of software testing. The material has been developed over the past ten years, and reflects both the experiences from 20 years in industry from one of the authors and the authors' joint experiences in lecturing.

Maynooth Chamber Choir Wins Gold at Canta en Primavera 2014



Pictured is the The Maynooth Chamber Choir, conducted by Michael Dawson, which has been awarded two gold diplomas by the international jury of Interkultur at Canta en Primavera 2014 in Malaga. The Chamber Choir competed in two categories 'Youth Choirs of Mixed Voices' and 'Sacred Choir Music', winning gold in both. The competition featured sixteen choirs from twelve countries, including Germany, USA, Russia, Sweden and Venezuela. Established in 1988, to bring the Olympic idea to the choral community, Interkultur is the leading initiator and organiser of international choir competitions worldwide.

Applied Social Studies Awards



Pictured at the recent annual John O'Connell Awards are the awardees; Joe Kelly, Nuala Kelly, Fintan Farrell, Roxanne Paul and Eddie D'Arcy with staff of the Department of Applied Social Studies. According to Stasia Crickley, Head of the Dept each recipient has taken the road less travelled in order to create a better world for communities, young people, prisoners overseas, and university students. The John O'Connell awards recognise the significant commitment and contribution of students, past students and partners of the Department to the creation of a just, equal and inclusive society in Ireland and beyond. The Awards are named for John O'Connell, teacher, organiser and advocate for the marginalised in Ireland and globally, who died in 1999.

Oliver Jeffers Exhibition

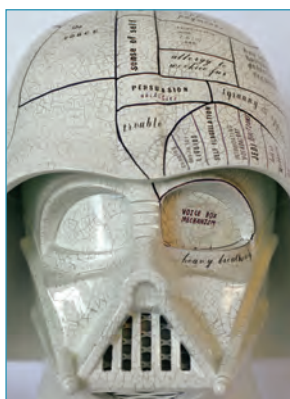
The 2014 NUI Maynooth Illuminations Exhibition commenced with the work of Irish artist and illustrator Oliver Jeffers.

Illuminations exhibited a range of Jeffers' retrospective artwork, highlighting the development of his ideas and techniques, his humour and his profanity.

Featuring over one hundred images, grouped thematically, the exhibition ran for a month from the Friday, 7 February.

Oliver Jeffers at Illuminations is curated by Dr Colin Graham, NUI Maynooth Senior Lecturer of English. *Illuminations* is a digital-visual exhibition space in the School of English, Media and Theatre Studies in Iontas. *Illuminations* brings together work in the visual arts and in academia, celebrating innovation, ideas and creativity.

The **Moving Words Exhibition**, launched on Thursday, 13 March explores 30 years of net-based kinetic poetry and prose, presenting various artistic approaches and methods of expression, from cinematic animated text displayed originally on a computer screen to highly interactive textual spaces meant for mobile devices. The Exhibit's Guest Curator is Dene Grigar, Director of the Creative Media & Digital Culture Program at Washington State University, Vancouver and President of the Electronic Literature Organisation. Further information is available at illuminations.nuim.ie



The Vader Project.

Alumni Post Carols Reception



Pictured enjoying a catch-up after the Carols Service on Monday, 16 December (l-r); Flor Madden, 1988 Graduate; Niall McLoughlin, 1994 Graduate and Gary Byrne 1993 Graduate. Flor has recently taken up the role of Chairman of Maynooth Alumni Advisory Board (MAAB). This the second year the Alumni Office has hosted this event which has seen a substantial number of applications for tickets

An Interactive Webinar Introducing Law Postgraduate Programmes

On Wednesday, 5 March, the Law Dept hosted an interactive webinar to give a taste of some of the topics which will inform instruction on the Department's new LLM (Global Legal Studies) programme.

The webinar took place on campus and could be viewed live online via Google Hangout and YouTube, entitled NUIM Law presents: Free Speech Under Attack? Homophobia, Whistleblowing and Cigarette Packaging.

Three of the lecturers on the new LLM programme each spoke about a different topical issue pertaining to the protection of the right to free speech. Dr Fergus Ryan, who joined the Department of Law in January and is the President of the Irish Association of Law Teachers, addressed: "Dilemmas in Free Speech: Equal Marriage, Religion, and the Law". Eva Nagle BL, who also joined the Department of Law in January focused on: "Plain Packaging of Tobacco while Dr Sibio Banda, spoke about: "Freedom of Press: Whistleblowing".

3U Masterclass Series

Pictured at the Leadership Class on 31 January are; Kieran Mulvey, Chief Executive, Labour Relations Commission, (guest speaker with the Keynote Address: "The Future of Public Service – Pay, Terms & Conditions and Human Resources") and Brigid McManus, Chair of NCCA who chaired the session. The last lecture in the current masterclass series, which took place on campus on Friday, 7 March had Shirley Kavanagh, Head of Organisation Development and Talent Management at Central Bank of Ireland as guest speaker with her Keynote Address entitled "Enabling Cultural Change through Leadership Development"- (Performance Management, Leadership Development Programmes and Knowledge Sharing Networks.) The Chair was Clive Byrne, Director of NAPD.



Collingwood Cup Success

NUI Maynooth celebrates its historic first ever Irish Universities Collingwood Cup success with a 2-1 win over NUI Galway recently.

Niall Lanigan and Conor Mahony were the goal scorers in the final. The annual four day tournament held at UCD Belfield from 25- 28 February is celebrating its centenary this year. NUI Maynooth defeated UCC 2-0 in the semi-final.



NUI Maynooth celebrations as they win the Collingwood Cup.

As part of their preparation for the Collingwood Cup NUI Maynooth's Men's Senior Squad took on the League of Ireland Champions St Patrick's Athletic FC on the North Campus soccer pitch on 20 February. NUI Maynooth fielded five players who currently play their club football with St Patrick's Athletic FC and are part of the NUI Maynooth/St Pats Scholarship Partnership; Sean Hoare, Daniel Campbell, Conor Mahoney, Stephen Dunne and Jake Corrigan.

Maynooth Green Campus Launch

The *Maynooth Green Campus* committee has been working actively to promote a greener campus over the past year.

They invited staff and students to attend an event to celebrate the progress and Prof Nolan launched the next stage - a step towards best practice across the themes of energy, waste, water, travel, biodiversity and climate justice. *Maynooth Green Campus* is working towards winning the Green Flag under An Taisce's Green Campus Programme. There were slide loops and some brief introductions from committee members, and 'WoW! Bags' were on sale in support of a development project in the Philippines. Ongoing throughout the launch was a bicycle hooked up to a battery to demonstrate how much energy it takes to light bulbs etc.

An Taisce's 2013 Clean Coasts photo competition winners were exhibited in the Library Foyer over the week of 24-28 February. The Committee looks forward to working more actively with students and staff with academic and support departments in NUI Maynooth, SPCM and Trocaire in 2014.



Fiona Clancy, Froebel student; Andrew Meehan, Dept of Electronic Engineering and Rebecca McLaughlin, Froebel student.

Ryan Cup Returns



The victorious NUI Maynooth Hurlers with the Ryan Cup.

A five year wait came to an end for the NUI Maynooth hurlers when they retained the coveted Division 2 Ryan Cup Championship over the first weekend in March.

The NUI Maynooth hurlers won the Ryan Cup Championship in style, defeating Trinity College Dublin 0-18 to 0-8pts on the Academy pitch in Queens University Belfast. It was a tough road to victory but the NUI Maynooth hurlers were up for the challenge, defeating St Pats Thurles, Queens University Belfast, UUJ and finally Trinity in the Championship. Over the weekend there were star performances throughout the Maynooth team with the Player of the Match award presented to 1st Arts student Paul Winters, scoring 11 points in the final against Trinity. The Ryan Cup was presented to NUI Maynooth's proud captain David Hennessy.

Well done to the footballers too who were defeated in the Sigerson semi-final by UCC the previous week. Congratulations to Paddy McBrearty, second year Arts Student named as full-forward on the Comhairle Ardoideachais Irish Daily Mail Gaelic Football Future Champions and Paul Winters, first year Equine Business Student named as the left full forward on the Comhairle Ardoideachais Irish Daily Mail Gaelic Hurling Future Champions.

Basketball Success



Pictured is the NUI Maynooth Men's Basketball team who won the All-Ireland Colleges Division 2 final for the first time in its history on Wednesday, 12 March. NUI Maynooth defeated Griffith College with a score line of 58-57, with Philip Neary hitting the go-ahead free throw with four seconds left in the game to seal the victory. A close fought game throughout, Maynooth's defense and good offensive play from the game MVP, Javier Conde, eventually proved the difference between the sides.

Golf Scholar Takes Intervarsity Title

Declan Loftus, Paddy Harrington Golf Scholarship recipient Business and and Management Student claimed the biggest victory of his career in a finale to the Irish Intervarsity Championship at The Heritage.

Loftus defeated University of Ulster's Tiarnan McLarnon, the reigning Irish Youths champion, in a dramatic playoff that required four holes of sudden death to separate the players.



Declan Loftus.