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DONOR REPORT

2016-17



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Durham is one of the world's great universities and one of the most distinctive. The University is strong academically in both research and education, but we are so much more than a standard Top 100 University. Through our colleges, Durham Students' Union and Experience Durham, we offer a wider student experience as good as any in the world. And there is So Much More that we can still do.

To achieve everything we are capable of, we need to make substantial investments in all three of our Strategic Goals:

- Our research, so that we can change the world for the better;
- Our education, so that an ever-wider range of students can study at Durham and transform their future;

- Our wider student experience, which will help to develop future generations of leaders and citizens.

Sustained investment in our people and in our estate and infrastructure is critical, to ensure that we keep pace with the growing number of well-funded universities around the world. We are therefore committing several hundred million pounds in the next decade towards our goals from our own funds and with investment from commercial partners. To augment this investment, we are seeking to combine this with gifts and pledges from alumni and other stakeholders, including foundations and trusts who share our values and our passion to make a difference in the world. It is immensely encouraging that philanthropy to the University is growing and I am sincerely grateful for the support and contributions we have achieved.

I believe that the accrued investment from both the University and donors will transform our University and be on a scale that Durham has not seen before.

As we prepare for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, we are appreciative of the momentum that we are generating in philanthropic support and I thank all of our benefactors most sincerely. Your support will enable us to continue to celebrate our unique heritage and build on our reputation for excellence in teaching, research and the wider student experience – making new scientific discoveries, contributing to the cultural life of our region and nurturing a generation of exceptional student leaders so they can enter the highest levels of their chosen professions.

Professor Stuart Corbridge
Vice-Chancellor and Warden

A JOB WORTH DOING

Ample evidence suggests that we are making great strides in increasing our engagement with our alumni and other stakeholders and in attracting philanthropy to Durham. This is borne out by the steady progress that we have made over the last few years in the Development and Alumni Relations Office here at our wonderful University. In particular, we are enormously grateful to our benefactors, large and small, organisations and individuals, local and international, who have made this year our best fundraising year ever, both in attracting our largest single gift and in the £10m ceiling for cash received in any year. This is the first time that we have passed these two milestones and it augurs well for the future.

Fundraising has been described by one Vice-Chancellor as the hardest work he had ever done, but, equally, some of the most rewarding. There is no doubt that the art and science of fundraising keeps one thinking on one's toes, constantly adapting to the circumstances and remaining especially resilient. By the same token, however, the rewards are palpable, in that the proceeds of one's efforts are all directed to helping others achieve their dreams.

Universities have dreams too. Dreams of enhancing opportunities to discover solutions to global challenges; dreams of improving access for those with talent, but



with limited means; dreams of providing facilities to enhance the wider student experience; dreams of rewarding those who have done the best they can, while pursuing significant research; and dreams of expanding our international reputation.

Mercifully, my office has the task of making these dreams come true and we are truly blessed to be given this assignment. How cheering to do both well and to do good. It is a job worth doing. We couldn't have done this without your support, and this *Donor Report* is a tribute to all of you who have supported us over the year. Perforce it can only provide a summary of all of the many

ways in which you have changed Durham for the better, but we hope it will give you a sense of the range and scope of activity.

I end by thanking the Vice-Chancellor for his committed support to philanthropy (both by his own generous giving and his leadership in this area of endeavour) and all the other senior colleagues who have helped to make this year so successful. Finally, to my own immediate staff, sincere appreciation for your sterling contributions in helping make success of a job worth doing.

Bruno van Dyk
Director, Development and
Alumni Relations

DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS AT DURHAM UNIVERSITY

VISION

To lead alumni engagement and philanthropic giving in support of Durham University becoming world-leading in research, education and the wider student experience.

MISSION

Our mission is to engage with and harness the goodwill of our alumni, volunteers, friends and partners in order to advance the development aspirations of the University. We achieve this by securing bequests, endowments, philanthropic grants and gifts that further the University's goals, satisfy the objectives of our partners and benefactors, and respond to societal, economic and technological challenges. In so doing, the Development and Alumni Relations Office (DARO) strives towards making Durham world-leading in research, education and the wider student experience.

CORE PURPOSE

DARO is the official development and alumni relations office of Durham University, dedicated to advancing the goals of Durham by garnering philanthropic grants, donations and legacy gifts from alumni, stakeholders and other partners from within the United Kingdom and abroad. The core task of DARO is to engage with alumni, friends and partners on the one hand and to promote and seek external resources for the development of the University, on the other. This may be for the establishment of new research centres, new physical infrastructure, new chairs, new or existing scholarship and bursary schemes, new or existing curricula and academic programmes, new or existing internal and external service provision, and any other initiatives that serve to build and strengthen the University and assist it to make its alumni proud and meet its strategic goals.

OFFICES AND CONTACTS

Development forms an integral and essential part of the Development and Alumni Relations Office at Durham. The two components, development and alumni relations, complement, aid and encourage each other in achieving Durham University's strategic development objectives.

DARO is assisted in its activities by the development and alumni relations endeavours in the 16 colleges of the University and by Experience Durham, the office that coordinates University sport, staff and student volunteering and outreach, and – in partnership with Durham Students Union – student theatre and music. In addition, there are three volunteer boards based in London, the United States and Hong Kong, which support and assist DARO activities, and over 80 volunteers across the world who work with us to realise our mission.

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INCOME AND PLEDGES 2016-17

TOTAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES:

£14,607,985

One-off gifts:
£2,510,153

New pledges:
£8,995,227

Recurring gifts:
£102,221

Pledge
instalments:
£3,000,384

£11,505,380
New business

Cash received
£12,101,860

All business **12,037** gifts
from **2,542** donors

New business **1,806** gifts
from **1,343** donors

GIVING FORWARD: FAIRBAIRN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME



Pictured above: 2016-17 Fairbairn Scholar, Ludovica Pignatelli.

Our most recent Fairbairn Scholar, Ludo (above), completed a Graduate Summer School at University in the US, before beginning her MSc at Durham in 2016; she has held internships with Riverfield Partners, Anthilia Capital, and the Center for Financial Stability, where she designed a behavioural economics survey on student finance, distributed to more than 20,000 current students.

Since 2014, Sir Rob (Arts Combined, Grey, 1984-87) and Lady Fairbairn (Arts Combined, St Mary's, 1984-87) Fairbairn have supported a programme at the Durham University Business School (DUBS), which has enabled three exceptional young students working in finance and economics to earn their advanced degrees, undertake substantial internship opportunities, and enhance their academic and professional careers.

The three inaugural Fairbairn scholars – Thomas Chen (2015), Niklas Grimm (2016), and Ludovica Pignatelli (2017, pictured on page 8) – were attracted to DUBS by this scholarship and have made great contributions to academic, college and social life at Durham.

Reporting on this scholarship programme, Nik said:

“When I was not busy studying, engaged in societies or shaping college events, I spent my remaining hours on the hockey pitch representing both Team Durham and the First XI of Trevelyan College. In fact, it was this scholarship that had inspired me to commit to those activities with great passion and sincerity.”

(Niklas Grimm, 2016 Fairbairn Scholar.)



Sir Rob and Lady Fairbairn (Rob and Griff), pictured with the Vice-Chancellor (left) at the British Embassy to the United States, Washington DC (December 2016).

Sir Rob and Lady Fairbairn are now committed to a revised scholarship programme, which will support two new students each year – one at Grey, one at Mary's – for the next three years. The Scholarship will be awarded to students with great academic potential, who wish to contribute energetically to University and College life during their time at Durham, but may not have the full resources available to secure that future.



REGULAR GIVING

Elsewhere in this report you will find lots of stories about those transformative gifts that are made by a relatively small group of donors. Obviously, these larger (and in some cases very large) gifts are hugely welcomed, but there is also a larger group of donors who give smaller-value gifts, some of them every month, quarter or year. These are just as welcome and we are just as grateful.

From this important and valued group of donors we have raised almost £445,000 in New Business (new gifts or recurring gifts and pledges valued over five years), and more than £566,000 in cash income during 2016-17. If you were one of those donors, Thank You!

Donations, and any resultant Gift Aid, are always directed for the purpose that our donors intend, and a summary of New Business by purpose is given in the table on the next page.

Table: Value of New Business from Regular Giving Donors by Purpose (including Gift Aid)

Purpose	Recurring Gifts (£)	Single Gifts & Pledges (£)	New Business (£)
Colleges	69,041	177,224	246,265
Students Opportunities Fund	83,020	36,674	119,694
Experience Durham	4,799	16,456	21,255
Faculty of Arts & Humanities	725	17,872	18,597
Research		14,880	14,880
Library	438	7,692	8,130
Area of Greatest Need	3,875	1,769	5,644
Scholarships		5,063	5,063
Faculty of Social Science and Health	1,106	1,809	2,915
Faculty of Science	508	1,894	2,402
	163,512	281,333	444,845

Alumni continue to support their College, which is evidenced in the New Business figures above, but this year the focus of our Regular Giving Team was to invigorate the Student Opportunities Fund. We successfully raised the total New Business for this important Fund (from this particular group of donors) from £1,481 in 2015-16 to almost £120,000 in 2016-17. So as we approach the 20th anniversary of the establishment of this Fund, we have found that it still resonates with our alumni.

This past year we were able to report on a number of students, past and present, who have at some time been helped by the Fund, and in some cases those recipients felt that the financial help had transformed their lives. Some of these stories are shared below, and others can be found on the Student Opportunities Fund donor information page at www.dunelm.org.uk/donations/past-projects/SOF

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Creating Opportunities, Transforming Lives

This is what a few of the Fund's recipients said:
R, Geography, Josephine Butler College, 2010-13

"I was in an emotionally and financially abusive relationship and could not afford to move out. Receiving money from the Student Opportunities Fund allowed me to move back to College, where I felt safe and was able to finish studying. My life would be completely different had I not been able to stay at Durham. Where I might have ended up instead doesn't even bear thinking about."

Holly Jackman (participant in IDEALS Zambia Project), School of Applied Social Sciences, College of St Hild and St Bede, 2015 (pictured left)

"The experience is something I will never forget, and is something I will be eternally grateful for. The Student Opportunities Fund allowed me to be part of a fantastic project – thank you!"

Alastair Simmie (England Rugby Students, Counties and then the extended 7s squad), Modern Languages, St Cuthbert's Society, 2004-08 (pictured right)

"I will be forever grateful for how the Student Opportunities Fund helped me with my training costs. Without the funding I would not have received such training and conditioning, which makes such a key difference in sport."



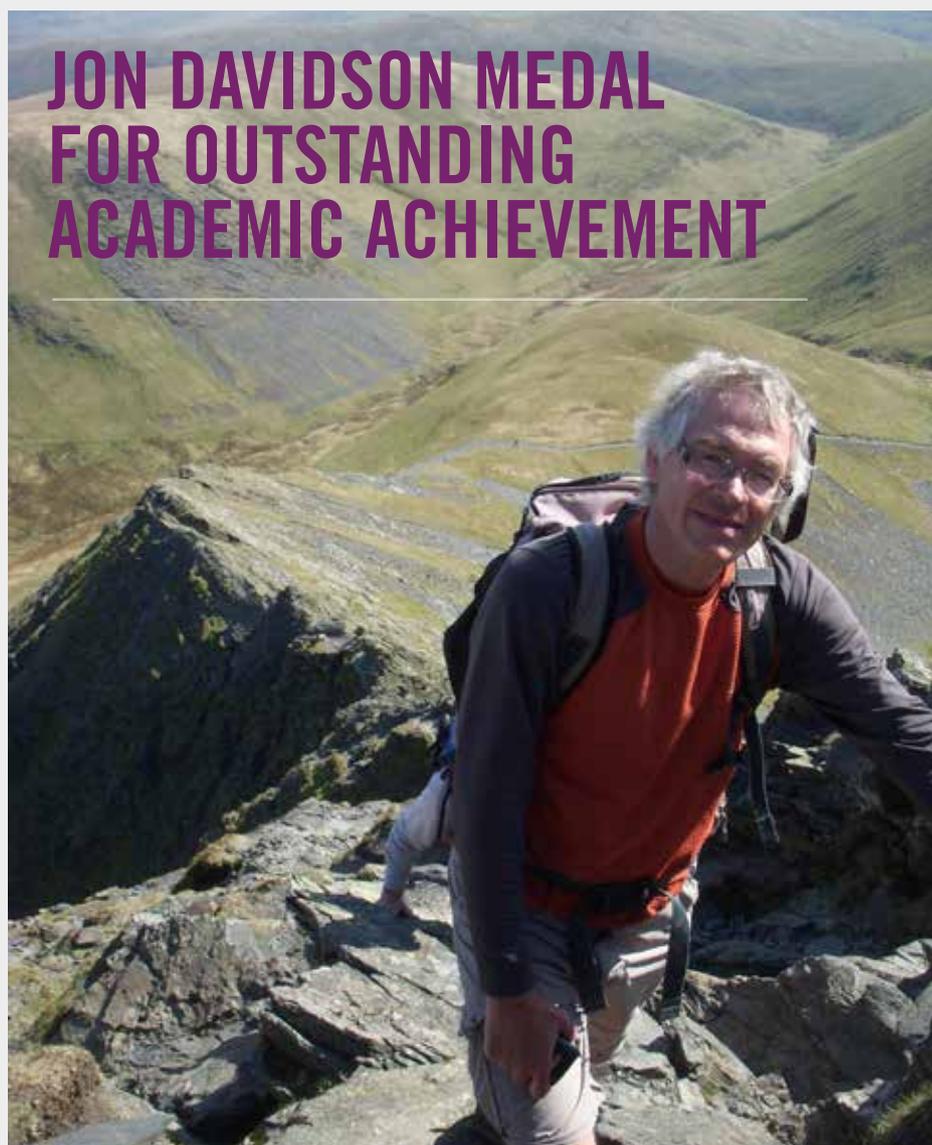
Musa Filibus Gugu, School of Medicine, Pharmacy and Health, John Snow College, 2015-

"My financial difficulties affected me psychologically and impacted negatively on my research, but the hardship payment was a great relief."

Following the sad passing of Professor Jon Davidson in 2016 and thanks to the support of the alumni community, the Department of Earth Sciences has announced the creation of a new endowment to support the Jon Davidson Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement, which will be awarded to final-year MSci students of exceptional merit in honour of the late Professor Davidson.

Jon joined Durham in 1978 as an undergraduate at Collingwood College, graduating in 1981 with a First Class Honours Degree in Geological Science, before gaining his PhD from the University of Leeds and moving on to undertake a series of esteemed academic positions in the US. In 2000, he returned to Durham as Head of the Department of Earth Sciences, taking up a variety of roles within the Department, the Science Faculty, and the University's Council, until his death in 2016. During his time at Durham and throughout his impressive career, Jon shared his remarkable passion for geology with students and colleagues alike, both as an outstanding researcher and as a teacher. He received numerous awards recognising his academic achievements, including the posthumous award of a American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fellowship in 2016, and he is remembered with great fondness by his students as an inspirational teacher, particularly in field-based work.

Jon founded the MSci degree in Geosciences (now the MSci in Earth Sciences) during his leadership of the Department, where his vision for high-level, research-led study continues to thrive. In honour of this significant contribution, and in recognition of Jon's far-reaching impact in both teaching and



research, the Department has sought to establish the Jon Davidson Medal in his honour, linking the prestige of Jon's academic reputation to the recognition of future achievement within our outstanding student community. This award will be bestowed on students of exceptional promise, rather than on an annual basis, and, as such, will be the highest academic award that can be achieved by an undergraduate student in the Department. The Jon Davidson Medal has been made possible by generous contributions from the alumni community, which the Department now aspires to build to ensure continuity of the award in the future. Recipients will be awarded with the Medal itself at the Department's

graduation celebration, and will have the opportunity to attend and present their work at the AGU's flagship Fall Meeting, in recognition of Jon's relationship with the organisation. The Fall Meeting typically attracts more than 20,000 geoscientists from around the world and is an opportunity for the Medal recipient to discuss their research with leading experts in the field.

Our sincere thanks go again to our generous donors from the alumni community; their support has been integral in making this award possible, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to honour the memory of Professor Davidson, who is greatly missed by the Department and the wider Durham community.



A 21ST-CENTURY LEARNING SPACE IN A CENTURY-OLD COLLEGE

Artist's impression of plans

St John's College is now home to 400 undergraduates, 160 postgraduates, 140 church leaders and a team of 100 staff. For over 100 years the College has nurtured a community of learning, forming people for leadership, life and service in the church and in society. Cranmer Hall celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in 2018 and it is fitting that the new Learning Resource Centre (LRC) will be completed during that year.

The LRC will provide lecture, library and study space for Cranmer and St John's and will open up the College's outstanding theological collection to scholars, clergy and the local community. Work has started on site thanks to generous donations in excess of £3 million, including grants and gifts in the last year from the Vardy Foundation, All Churches Trust, the Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, the Kirkby Laing Foundation, Sir James Knott Trust and Barnsbury Charitable Trust. The project began with a cornerstone gift from the William Leech Charity and a generous legacy from George Pole. Staff, students and alumni have also given most generously to this project.

The College is very thankful to all of its supporters. This project has been years in the making. Building on the World Heritage Site has been a challenge, but a rewarding one. You can follow progress on Twitter and Facebook and see a time-lapse of demolition works at [youtube/1cpCT86G63g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cpCT86G63g)

St John's has £1.5 million left to raise and is still actively seeking support.

The Revd David Wilkinson, *Principal, St John's College*





L-R: Sir Peter Ogden and Professor Carlos Frenk, Department of Physics



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OPENING OF THE NEW OGDEN CENTRE FOR FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS

It was a pleasure to welcome many of our friends and supporters to Durham to celebrate the opening of our brand new building to house the Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics.

The opening events marked the culmination of many years of planning, persuasion and perseverance to realise our ambitions for a new home to accommodate the growth of research in particle physics, cosmology and astronomy, sparked by the creation of the Ogden Centre 15 years ago.

The Centre now has two adjacent buildings: the original one fully dedicated to particle physics, and the new one to house Durham's international team of space scientists, consisting of the Institute for Computational Cosmology, the Centre for Extragalactic Astronomy, and the Centre for Advanced Instrumentation. Durham University is one of the world's foremost research centres in particle physics, cosmology and astronomy; our new building will further enhance our leading position globally in these disciplines, which are among the most exciting in modern science.

We were pleased to welcome in particular Daniel and Nina Libeskind to the celebrations, along with their colleagues from Studio Libeskind in New York, who provided the vision and design for this striking new building. We were also grateful to be joined by Professor Mark Hannam and Professor Hiranya Peiris, who delivered wonderful lectures at a celebratory public science symposium, along with the Astronomer Royal, Lord Rees, who also did us the honour of formally opening the building at the official ceremony the following day.

Our thanks go, as always, to Sir Peter Ogden and the Ogden Trust, along with the Wolfson Foundation, whose generous gifts made the creation of this remarkable new space possible. It was an honour to welcome guests from both these organisations to celebrate with us over the course of these events, and to take the opportunity to thank them publicly for their generosity, which has had such a huge impact here at Durham. Our thanks go also to Damon de Laszlo, who donated a collection of small sculptures by John Robinson. These adorn our new building and establish a symbolic connection to the original building, which also boasts several Robinson sculptures.



ALUMNUS GIVES RECORD £5M FOR COLLEGE

Collingwood College has received a gift of £5,000,000 to establish a new 200-seater Arts Centre, a gym extension, a yoga/pilates studio, an enlarged JCR, and a Bar conservatory. This transformational gift has been generously donated by Collingwood alumnus Mark Hillery (Engineering & Management, Collingwood, 1985-88).

This gift follows Mark's recent donation of £300,000 towards the College's new multi-use games area.

Mark is passionate about the experience that he had at Collingwood College and wants to give back and to ***“catapult the Collingwood student experience to an entirely different level.”***

Mark's involvement has extended beyond his generous giving. He is working closely with Professor Joe Elliott, Principal of Collingwood College, and Durham's Development and Alumni Relations Office, on ensuring that the design and function of these new developments are outstanding, and he is assisting in the impending launch of a major alumni fundraising campaign.





Professor Joe Elliott, Principal, Collingwood College

Bruno van Dyk, Director of the Development and Alumni Relations Office, commented:

“Mark Hillery’s commitment and contributions are exceptional and his support for Collingwood unprecedented. This is a truly outstanding example of philanthropy from a very loyal and fully engaged alumnus.”



THE SWEETING FELLOWSHIP: FROM NUNS ON THE RUN TO MONKS IN MOTION

In 2016, Durham University announced a major investment to support the establishment of a unique Residential Research Library at Ushaw College. The research library will attract leading scholars from around the world to study, promote and publish on the trio of Durham's historic libraries at the Cathedral, Palace Green Library and Ushaw itself. This project will be a major part of the University's fundraising and development aims over coming years, with partnerships emerging with complementary institutions such as the Huntington Library in Pasadena.

This initiative has developed, in part, out of the substantial research and engagement programme initiated by the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham, led predominantly by Dr James Kelly (pictured to the right).



Dr James Kelly, Sweeting Fellow (Centre for Catholic Studies), pictured at Ushaw College

Dr Kelly's position has been extended thanks to the generous support of the St Cuthbert's Society (Ushaw), the Congregation of Jesus, UK, and long-term University partners in this area of scholarship – the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.



Left, Sir Christian and Lady Sweeting at the Casino Pio IV, Vatican City.

FROM HISTORY TO LEGEND: MARY THOITS

Another generous donation related to the Residential Research Library at Ushaw College was received from 94-year-old US alumna Mary Thoits (pictured below), known affectionately as the 'Peter Pan of Long Beach'.

Mary studied at Durham in 1946-47 following her service with the legendary Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) during the Second World War, for whom she taught women to fly while serving as Recreations Director in Europe for the Special Services branch of the US military. She later returned to the US and moved to California where, until 2015, she was the Director of the Senior Studies Program at Long Beach City College. In characteristic style, Mary celebrated her 85th birthday by jumping out of a plane over Lake Elsinore. Now concentrating on her memoirs, Mary has generously donated to support rare book acquisitions at Palace Green Library and has made the first official donation to support the senior fellowships programme at the new residential research library.



Mary Thoits (centre), pictured with Andy Harston and Lauren Bradshaw (DARO) in Long Beach, California.

Dr Kelly's current major research project, 'Monks in Motion' received a £185,000 award from the Arts and Humanities Research Council in 2015 to enable the development of a globally accessible database on the lives of recusant Benedictine monks for scholars, family historians and genealogical groups. This grant built upon the Sweeting Fellow's work as part of the QMU research team for the 2012 'Who were the nuns?' project, led by Dr Caroline Bowden.

Special thanks go to Sir Christian Sweeting KCSG, Chair of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums (pictured above), who made an enabling donation that allowed the naming of Dr Kelly's post as the *Sweeting Fellowship in the History of Catholicism*. Sir Christian and Lady Sweeting, an alumna of Notre Dame, sponsored the launch of Dr Kelly's book *Treasures of Ushaw College* in 2015 and were inducted into the Chancellor's Circle by Sir Thomas Allen earlier this year.

WOMEN IN TECH: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Durham University's brand new Computer Science Department is delighted to announce the creation of an inaugural scholarship to support women in technology, which will aim to attract more talented young women to study Computer Science at Durham in the future.

The new Department, which was launched formally in September 2017 after splitting from the Engineering Department, has been highlighted as a critical area of growth and is slated for considerable institutional investment under the new University strategy. With plans to significantly grow the academic team and the talented student population, and to erect a state-of-the-art new facility on campus in the next few years, now is an exciting time for Computer Science at Durham. The Department is taking this opportunity to expand its core research areas, building its content and culture from the ground up with close support from the experience and expertise of its External Advisory Board.

Diversity in the tech sector is an increasingly topical issue across the world, with statistics from both the UK and the US under growing scrutiny as the numbers of women in industry appear to stagnate. Despite women making up the majority of the professional workforce, the myriad benefits of diversity are in great demand in industry, as statistics continue to suggest that women are taking up just a fraction of tech-related roles – a trend that resonates profoundly at a leadership level, and is perhaps echoed



Ian Ellison-Taylor, Distinguished Engineer of Microsoft's HoloLens

With start-up companies to global tech giants publicly demonstrating their commitment to tackling this issue, industry is looking increasingly to educational institutions to help improve the diversity of the graduate pipeline, an issue that Durham is proud to confront directly with the help of its External Advisory Board.

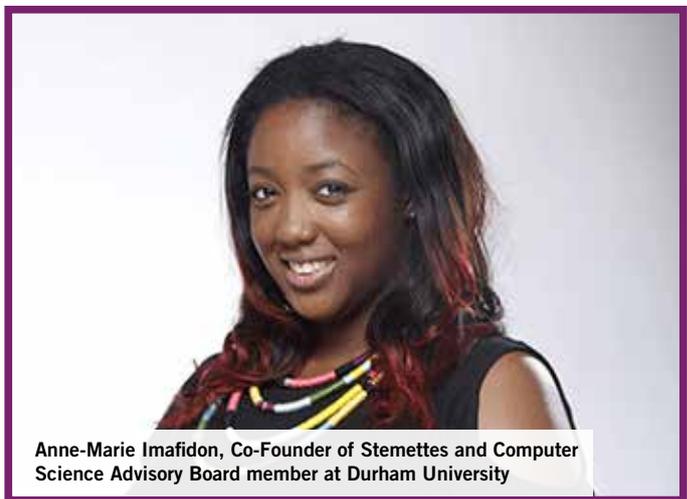
Two of the Board's members, Ian Ellison-Taylor (Computing, Grey, 1987-90), Distinguished Engineer of Microsoft's HoloLens, and Dr Neil Hunt (Computing & Electronics, Collingwood, 1980-83), former CPO of Netflix, have decided to pledge their personal support to this area, by generously donating towards the creation of a Women in Tech Scholarship, which will be launched in 2017.



Professor Stuart Corbridge, Vice-Chancellor; Zoe Scheinman, Chair of the North American Development Board [of Durham University], ; Dr Neil Hunt, Former Netflix CPO

This new scholarship will be critical in helping to attract more young women to study Computer Science at Durham, whilst also developing cohorts of female ambassadors within the Department and the future alumni community. These ambassadors will not only help to raise the profile of the programme itself, but will also represent the importance, the excitement and the attraction of this dynamic sector, helping the University to expand its influence beyond the scope of higher education and join the discussion around diversity on a greater scale. The advice and support of the Department's Advisory Board has been invaluable in the progression of this agenda, with particular thanks to Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE of the award-winning enterprise Stemettes, whose insight into the practice of inspiring young women to consider STEM careers has been invaluable.

It is with deep appreciation that we recognise the contributions of both Ian and Neil, whose passion and expertise have proven pivotal in creating this initiative, and whose guidance will no doubt be key as the Department continues in its efforts to build an endowment to support the scholarship in perpetuity.



Anne-Marie Imafidon, Co-Founder of Stemettes and Computer Science Advisory Board member at Durham University



VANN FELLOWSHIP

We have launched the UK's first endowed Fellowship exploring the link between Christianity and the Armed Forces with the support of several partners and generous donors.

The Fellowship was launched at a private dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club in London in November 2016 to commemorate the Centenary of the end of the Battle of the Somme. The dinner was hosted by Chaplain General Rev Dr David Coulter, with General the Lord Dannatt as speaker. Lord and Lady Dannatt will host the second Vann Fellowship Dinner in November 2017 to commemorate the end of the Battle of Passchendaele, with Chaplain (Major General) Paul K. Hurley, US Army Chief of Chaplains, as guest of honour.

The Vann Fellowship is named in memory of The Revd Bernard William Vann VC, who was killed in action on 3 October 1918, the fourth

and last British clergyman to be awarded the Victoria Cross in the First World War. Vann is also the only clergyman to receive the VC in the role of a combatant.

The University plans to formally announce the appointment of the inaugural Vann Fellow in October 2018 as part of centenary commemorations. The aims of the Fellowship are endorsed by all three branches of the Armed Forces chaplaincies.

Durham University has raised £150,000 to fund the inaugural three-year postdoctoral fellowship in association with the Venerable Stephen Robbins Lecture. The intention is to raise an additional £1.2m to endow the Fellowship in perpetuity.

Both of Vann's grandsons were also in attendance at the event. They brought several personal artefacts, including a Bible signed by the Bishop of Peterborough and presented to Vann on his ordination in 1912, together with the chalice and crucifix that Vann carried at the Front. Michael Vann read from his grandfather's Bible, which was brought back from the trenches. Durham University secured

the loan of the Vann Medal Group from the Lord Ashcroft Medal Collection and the artefacts were all brought together for the first time, to form a significant and poignant display on the evening.

The aim of the Fellowship is to better understand the profound and historic interconnectedness of the Church and military institutions in the Christian world, and to readdress, defend and explain the relationship between Christianity and the Armed Forces from a scholarly platform that is authoritative, comprehensible and credible.

The Fellowship will support scholarly excellence in the sympathetic study of the relationship between Christianity and the military through the medium of scriptural studies, theology, history, ethics, literature, art history, cultural studies and any appropriate combination thereof.

Durham University has strong and historic links to the Church of England and to the British military. Following a bequest by Durham Cathedral, Professor Michael Snape was appointed as the

inaugural Michael Ramsey Professor of Anglican Studies in September 2015. Professor Snape is the Honorary Secretary of the Church of England Record Society, and the official historian of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department. His research has focused on war and religion in the Anglophone world c.1700-1950, and on the role of religion in the military.

Situated in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University, the Vann Fellowship will be located in what is internationally recognised as the leading theology department in the United Kingdom.



LIEUTENANT E. W. VANN, V.C., M.C.
Killed in action at Hamisport, O.S.L. 1915, when in command of the 6th West
Essex.



CHOOSING WHERE TO GIVE

We all know how it goes. You happen to meet another member of the Durham alumni community, perhaps at work, or in your community, and the conversation probably begins along the lines of: “Which college were you?”, perhaps followed by “What did you study?”. Sound familiar?

The same principle can apply when alumni start thinking about making a gift to Durham, and how they might like to see that being directed. College? Department? Their sport or arts? Or maybe they don't even know where to start. It can be hard to choose, perhaps so hard that it is tempting not to make a gift at all. But it doesn't have to be that way.

The unique way in which Durham is structured creates opportunities for donors to be connected, by way of one gift, with various aspects of the University that resonate with a range of their own, personal interests. Scholarships can be hosted by college and department combined, sport can be supported by a gift to facilities in college or widening participation can be encouraged by a gift disbursed by a college or department to those students who will benefit from it most.



Professor Louise Bracken, Executive Director of the Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience, reflects:

“We are very grateful to our generous donors who enable us to build capacity through learning and research to make a difference to people living with hazard and risk. We work with departments and colleges to support students at different stages of their careers and with partner organisations to ensure impact on the ground.”





Action on Natural Disasters funded scholars L-R: Katy Burrows, Samprada Pradhan, Sheena Ramkumar, Gopi Basyal

Professor Joe Elliott, Principal, Collingwood College, comments:

“Our alumni-funded collaborations with the Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience are an excellent example of the ways by which Durham alumni support their collegiate and academic enthusiasms. Our students gain hugely from the opportunity to work alongside world-class researchers in the knowledge that this has been made possible by the generosity of earlier generations of Collingwood students.”

Likewise, Durham is able to offer all sorts of opportunities for alumni to give back, show their support and make a difference. This presents the opportunity for alumni to support a range of projects, reflecting their own range of interests. In one example, with one single gift an alumnus supported:

- The development of sports facilities in his college;
- Undergraduate summer research internships for students of his college to experience working with the University’s Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience;
- A postgraduate scholarship connected with his Durham department but also linked to humanitarian issues that are important to him;

- A new sports outreach initiative in his college;
- And a new fund, in his college, to help young people from lower participation backgrounds in the North East, to participate fully in all that a Durham education has to offer – and benefit accordingly in terms of their personal development and ultimate employability.

So giving a gift to Durham doesn’t have to involve the potentially difficult question of “cause or college”. Instead, use your gift to get involved in a whole portfolio of Durham initiatives, each of which reflects something that is important to you. A gift to Durham can remove the need to choose!

Image: Sean Elliott Photography courtesy of Auckland Castle Trust

ZURBARÁN RESEARCH CENTRE FOR SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN ART TO BE CREATED IN NORTH EAST



L-R: Professor Stuart Corbridge, Vice-Chancellor, Durham University, Ana Botín, Executive Group Chairman, Banco Santander, and Nathan Bostock, Chief Executive Officer of Santander UK

Durham University and Auckland Castle Trust have entered into a new partnership to create the Zurbarán Centre for Spanish and Latin American Art in Bishop Auckland, County Durham. The centre will link academic research by Durham University to the curatorial programme at Auckland Castle's Spanish Gallery.

The partnership represents a joint ambition to expand and enhance the academic and cultural links between the UK, Spain and Latin America and to create a world-class beacon of excellence for the study of Spanish and Latin American art.

The research centre's twin focus will be on County Durham's remarkable collections in Spanish art, on the one hand, and the University's exceptional strengths in Spanish and Latin American studies, on the other.

Professor Corbridge and Ana Botín, Santander Group's Executive Chairman, also signed a gift agreement which will see Santander donate £600,000 over a three-year period to Durham University, to help fund the centre – the largest single donation made by Santander to a UK university. The agreement builds on Santander's existing partnership with Durham University and the donation made

to Auckland Castle for the "Santander Lord Burns Library" to recognise Lord Burns' service as its former Chairman and his own connections with County Durham.

Professor Stuart Corbridge, said:
"Durham University is ranked in the world top 50 for Arts and Humanities and is also establishing itself as a leading international centre for the study of visual culture.

"This new research centre and partnership with Auckland Castle, with its access to extensive collections of Spanish art, allows us to further enhance this work. Not only will it offer our students the chance to study some of the world's most important artworks, it is also a way of connecting the wider public with our research expertise."

Ana Botín, said: *"The work being done by Durham University and Auckland Castle Trust will help to develop a world-class centre for sharing and understanding Spain's art. Santander has strong connections to County Durham through both our customers and people, so we are delighted to support this outstanding partnership."*

The Zurbarán Centre for Spanish and Latin American Art, which will receive an additional £1m investment from Durham University over the next five years, will offer postgraduate students the opportunity to study major artworks and rare objects, while working alongside Auckland Castle's curatorial staff.

It will complement the work of Durham University's Centre for Visual Arts and Culture, as well as its highly regarded Department of Hispanic Studies, within the School of Modern Languages and additional work in Spanish and Latin American art across a number of other departments.

In partnership with Auckland Castle Trust's Spanish Art Gallery, the Zurbarán Centre for Spanish and Latin American Art and Culture will offer a direct link between new research and new exhibition programming, while also allowing visitors to the gallery to benefit from the world-class study carried out there. It will also ensure that the next generation of curators and museum professionals benefit from a hands-on experience of an evolving collection.

ZENO KARL SCHINDLER AND BARKER PRIORY LIBRARY FELLOWS

The first extensive research into the newly digitised manuscripts from the Durham Priory Library collection is now under way, thanks to a new Fellowship scheme supported by the Zeno Karl Schindler Foundation and by alumna Joanna Barker.

Two one-year postdoctoral Fellows have been recruited to explore the medieval volumes owned by Durham Cathedral and the University, and to start uncovering fresh insights into the concept of the medieval library and the intellectual and religious life of a Benedictine priory. Dr Elizabeth Biggs is investigating the impact of the English Reformation on the Durham Cathedral community and how this affected the nature and dispersal of the Priory Library post-1539 while the research of Dr Matthew Hoskin focuses on a survey of the large and outstanding collection of canon law manuscripts in the Cathedral holdings.

The Fellowships are designed to offer young academic talent the prospect of joining the University's renowned Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies at the start of an ambitious academic research programme, and to work with a collection of international significance.



Dr Elizabeth Biggs, Zeno Karl Schindler Priory Library Fellow and Dr Matthew Hoskin, Barker Priory Library Fellow

Dr Elizabeth Biggs says:

"The ZKS Priory Library Fellowship has been a transformative moment in my academic career. Before I was awarded the Fellowship, I had just completed my doctorate, and was facing a lack of funding opportunities. Spending this year working on the extraordinary collections in Durham, including at the Cathedral and at Ushaw College, has enabled me to put together the intellectual excitement of the Reformation with the practical changes made to the Cathedral fabric, personnel and liturgy in order to illuminate the very deep impact of the sixteenth century on Durham and its communities. My time at Durham is giving me a huge amount of material and inspiration for future work."

Dr Matthew Hoskin comments:

"Durham Cathedral Priory's unrivalled collection of manuscripts is a window into the history and intellectual life of the monastic world as it played out in Durham, in England, and even on the Continent. As an early career researcher, the Barker Priory Library Fellowship is an exciting opportunity for me to work on this collection free from distraction, with the aim of producing high-quality publications that will move my career forward."

The huge and hitherto relatively untapped research potential that lies within the Priory Library collection, and the opportunity to involve a new generation of scholars in the beginnings of a project of such note, is something that excites the Fellowship's co-funders.

Jacqueline Schindler, President of the ZKS Foundation, says:

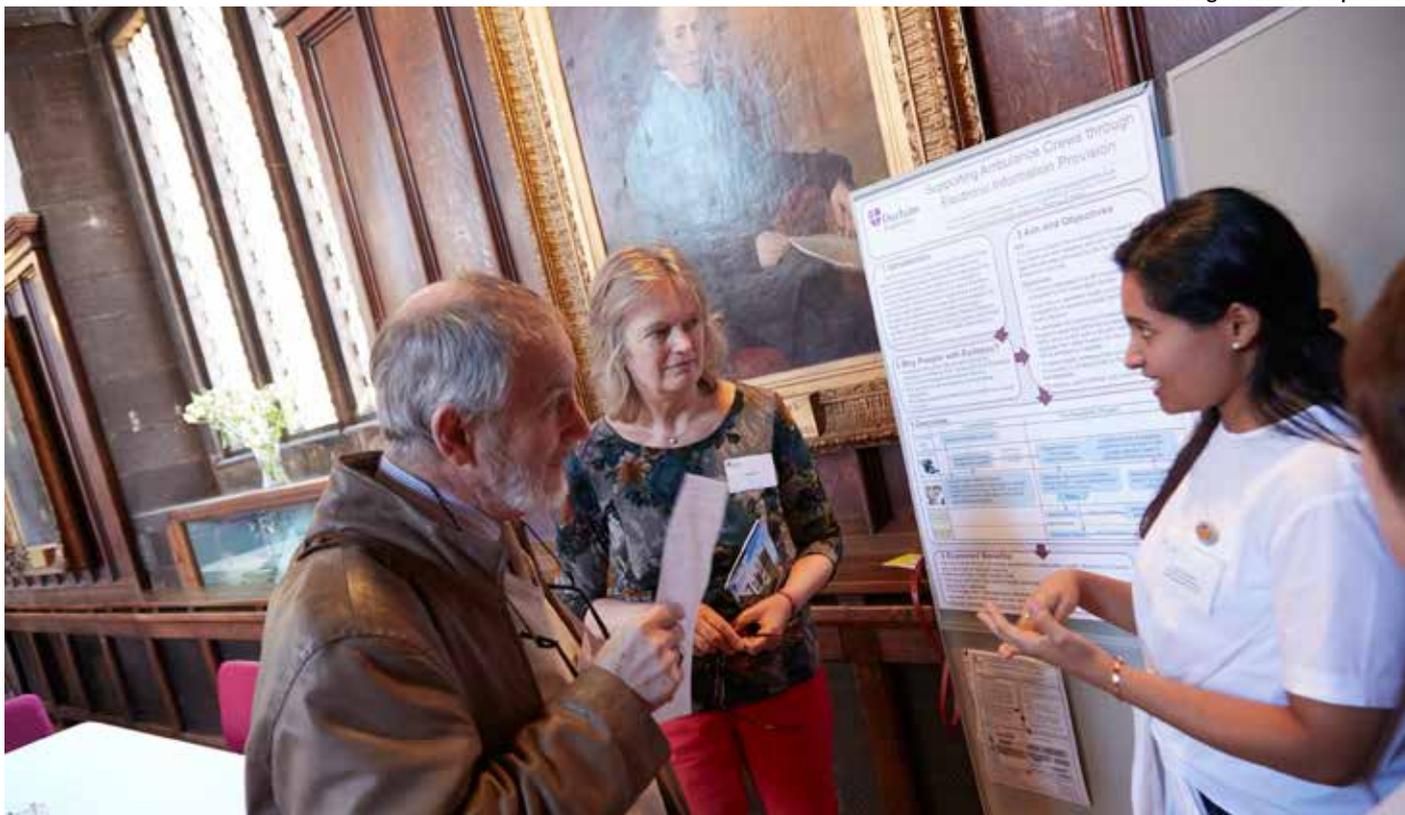
"The Foundation's purpose is to support young researchers in their postgraduate or postdoctoral research. "Durham Priory Library Recreated" is one of four Digital Humanities projects in the Medieval Studies field that we consider very much worthy of supporting, by co-financing fellows in their project-related research."

Joanna Barker adds:

"The digitisation of the Priory Library is an important project in itself, as it helps to preserve and disseminate these important historical books and manuscripts. However, they come to life only when read and studied and written about, and it is for this reason that I am very pleased to support the Library Fellowships. I hope that many more people will be inspired to come to Durham to engage with this important collection."



GIFTS OF ENDURING SIGNIFICANCE



The University has gratefully received legacy gifts in 2016-17 from 19 donors with a total value of over £930,000. The areas that benefit from these gifts are diverse – from the library to bursaries for students in financial need – and the size of the gifts varies greatly. Every single one is much appreciated.

Looking at the bigger picture, over the past few years we have experienced a higher level of income from legacies as compared to during the previous decade and more of our supporters consider putting a gift in their will. A continued increase in gifts in wills from our forward-thinking alumni and friends will be an important factor in our ability to achieve our ambitious plans, which are set out in the new University Strategy.

The University strives to make discussing a legacy gift a friendlier, more meaningful and less transactional experience for the donor than it might otherwise be. Gifts in wills come from all quarters and it is desirable from the University's perspective to know who these wonderfully generous supporters are during their lifetime. It enables us to provide useful information and, importantly, to thank them, which helps us in our aspiration to make the gift feel appropriately fulfilling and a good fit with the donor's interests and values. They become members of the Dunelm Circle, the well-established group of people who are including Durham in their will, which it makes them like one of the family.

We welcome the chance to recognise legacy gifts' enduring significance to both the donor and the University, especially since we cannot thank legacy donors once we have received the gift. Members of Dunelm Circle are invited to events showcasing Durham's research and demonstrating some of the fantastic extra-curricular activities which comprise the famed 'Durham Experience'. These are put on annually in London and Durham and are unique events in attractive venues with excellent speakers and entertainment, where there is the opportunity to meet like-minded altruistic fellow legacy donors. We have received some very positive feedback which suggests that supporters value the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with the Durham behind the rankings and reports, and feel they are sharing in its success.

For further information on legacy giving, please contact Legacies Officer Louise McLaren on 0191 334 6313 or louise.mclaren@durham.ac.uk



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE MEMBERS' DINNER

LONDON HOUSE, GOODENOUGH COLLEGE, LONDON, 26 APRIL 2017

In attendance at the event were our Chancellor, Sir Thomas Allen, our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart Corbridge, and other senior members of the University, who hosted tables named in honour of Durham's Chancellors from the recent past. The purpose of the Chancellor's Circle is to recognise and honour Durham's most senior philanthropists. This year we were delighted to be joined by many of our awardees from last year and were able to induct six new members of this prestigious group into the Circle.

Sir Thomas inaugurated the following into the Circle: Sir Christian and Lady Sweeting, who have established the Sweeting Fellowship, which is supporting the development of the unique Residential Research Library at Ushaw College in the coming year (see pages 18-19); Martin and Judith St Quinton, both alumni of the University, who have generously supported a number of initiatives across the University over the years, including the sponsorship of the Faith and Globalisation Programme and the Bill Bryson Library; BP, which has provided over one million pounds worth of scholarship support to the University, helping exceptional students excel in our STEM subjects and supporting initiatives in equality and diversity; Durham County Council, represented by Sarah Robson, which is one of the University's most important strategic partners, working together for the continuous improvement of the local Durham community and therefore our student experience; and finally, two great friends of the wider university sector in general, Sir Peter and Lady Lampl, who were with us on behalf of the Sutton Trust, which is recognised as the leading organisation for student mobility and addressing educational inequality across the UK and beyond. Acknowledgement was also directed at Jan Moyes, of the Christopher Moyes Memorial Foundation, who has done so much to support the Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience, and who had received her award in absentia last year.

Sir Thomas also mentioned the outstanding and transformative support that had been made by Circle awardees Mark and Melissa Hillery, for donating the largest single individual gift to Durham, principally towards advancing the ambitions of Collingwood College in its extra-mural activities (see pages 16-17).



Sir Thomas Allen, Chancellor



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