

BLURRED LIVES PROJECT

On Tuesday 25 July, the University held a research showcase and celebration event for our Erasmus+ funded Blurred Lives project, a cross-national investigation of cyber-bullying, young people and social disadvantage, led by our



Director of Research and Scholarship, Dr Noel Purdy. The aim of the research was to empower young people aged 14-16 to better understand, prevent and combat cyberbullying, and work with school children to develop support materials for teachers, parents, carers and their peers, and communicate their recommendations to social networking providers.

Teachers and pupils from Hazelwood Integrated College and St Josephs College Belfast, who had been actively involved in developing the resources, shared their experiences of the project at the event.

'Leading innovative professional practice'

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PROFESSORSHIP FOR STRANMILLIS PRINCIPAL

The College is delighted to announce that Queen's University (QUB) Academic Council conferred the title of Honorary Professor of Practice on Stranmillis University College Principal, Dr Anne Heaslett.

Professor Heaslett has successfully steered the College through a period of significant development over the past 12 years. Our congratulations go to the Principal on this well deserved recognition.



Master Your Career

The M-Level programmes available at Stranmillis University College have been designed to provide professional learning pathways to enhance the skills, competencies and career-long personal development of teachers and education-related professionals.

The College offers a wide range of M-Level courses:

- MTeach (online)
- MEd Pastoral Care
- MEd Education studies
- MEd Special Educational Needs: Literacy (online)
- MEd Individual Specialist Assessment & Access Arrangements (online)
- MA Early Childhood Studies

Additionally, the College now offers:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education: Autism Studies
- Postgraduate Diploma Individual Specialist Assessment and Access Arrangements (online)

For more information on M-Level courses contact Louise
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The Daily Mile (TDM)

Talking, walking and running were the order of the day at the launch of The Daily Mile (TDM) in Omagh County Primary School. Dr Brenda McKay Redmond and Dr Barbara McConnell, Stranmillis ECS staff, were the invited guests.

Lesley Finlay, Physical Activity Co-ordinator for the Western Health & Social Care Trust, highlighted: *"The Daily Mile is a simple, free way of promoting physical and mental health and also helps children focus in the classroom. We are delighted that Omagh County have introduced the initiative in their school."*



When Twitter leads to a whole conference



A rise in social media activity on how to best address 'Adverse Childhood Experiences' (ACEs) demonstrates a growing global concern for those who work with children. That activity led to Stranmillis jointly hosting and organising a 'Relationships for Resilience: Showcasing effective trauma informed practice' conference. ACE awareness is an integral part of Stranmillis degree programmes and the conference was opened by Stranmillis drama specialist students and Early Childhood Studies Senior Lecturer, Dr Bronagh McKee who produced a bespoke drama piece to showcase the importance of trauma informed practice for teachers in understanding children's reality of adversity.

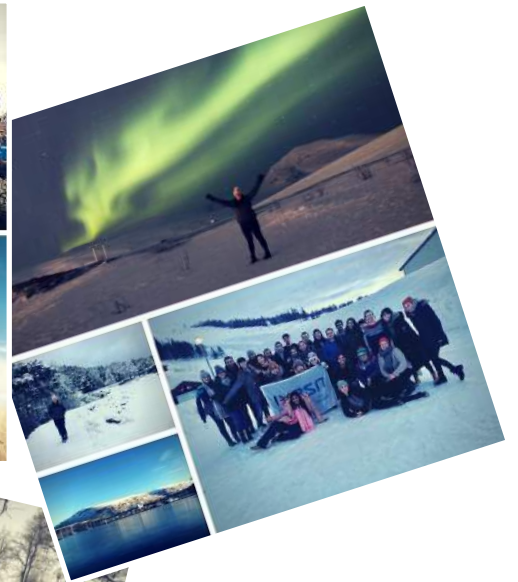
Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning is about being part of an intergenerational community; people from all walks of life and age groups who want to share learning experiences and expand their knowledge, skills or interests.. The College's Annual Lifelong Learning Celebration Event included a thought provoking address from Simon

Gallagher on 'The Education of Children in the Workhouse Institutions' and a presentation on an innovative intergenerational project between Stranmillis and the Northern Ireland Museum Council, by Catriona Rogers SUC and Rachel McCance, NIMC. The event also saw the launch of the 2019-20 Lifelong Learning programme. For details of courses and workshops contact For details visit <https://eshop.stran.ac.uk/>



POSTCARDS from



Making LINKS in Israel through peacebuilding in the Early Years

As part of her doctoral studies, Jill Magennis, Lecturer in Early Years Education, visited Israel for a series of meetings to explore possible opportunities to work together on peacebuilding programmes. Commenting on her visit, Jill said: *'I look forward to sharing this work on peacebuilding with students across our PGCE, BA in Early Childhood Studies and BEd Primary in relation to PDMU, inclusion and cultural diversity.'*

To find out more about the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation (CESI) and the LINKS network, click on the links below:

CESI <https://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/cesi/>

LINKS network: <https://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/links/>



CS Lewis and the Imagination

Dr Jerry Root, distinguished academic and CS Lewis scholar from Wheaton College in the United States delivered a stimulating address to a packed lecture theatre, 14th March 2019, which included representatives from the CS Lewis Institute.



Unlocking Potential

Uganda here we come!

Diane McClelland, SUC lecturer is a trustee of *Charlene's Project*, a charity which has been working in Uganda for almost ten years. The charity was set up by a young girl, Charlene Barr, who had been a pupil in Diane's P2 class in Waringstown Primary School, and suffered from cystic fibrosis. When her condition prevented her from studying for her A levels, determined to make a difference, Charlene's indomitable attitude was "If I can't go to school, I will build a school for children who don't have a school!" While waiting for a double lung transplant Charlene mobilised the support of her family and friends, tirelessly raising funds to build a school in Africa. Sadly, Charlene was never to have her life saving operation. On the weekend of her funeral the foundations were laid of Charlene's Project's first school in Uganda, which Diane had the privilege of visiting recently.



PLiCs Trip to Poland



In April, a group of BEd students from Stranmillis and St Mary's University College travelled to Poland for a week-long intensive course in Internationalisation and Diversity. They discovered how our partner universities, Krakow and Krosno, facilitate international programmes for multicultural groups of students and how they use technology to collaborate with university Classes across the world. The group visited Auschwitz and reflected on how this place was an emotional and sobering reminder of what happened when people failed to see the inherent worth of every single person on earth.

Fields of Life Update

Over the past year, the Students' Union has been working hard to raise money for their chosen charity, [Fields of Life](#).



The Students' Union has worked closely with the charity for three years now, and have raised a staggering £20,148.25 for the charity.

Fields of Life is a Northern Ireland-based charity aiming to create sustainable change in East African communities through the provision of quality education and clean water.

After a busy year of fundraising events, culminating in the Students' Union Charity Week, the Union team were delighted to hand over a cheque totalling £4607.91 to the charity.

This is an amazing sum of money that will go towards supporting teacher education in Uganda. The Students' Union wishes to express a big thank you to all staff, students and the local community for their continued support and generosity.



Pictured are:

Kerry McQuillan (Students' Union President), Joy Wells (Fields of Life Staff Member) and Tiffany Glenn (Students' Union Welfare Secretary)

PARKRUN: GET INVOLVED

Join the club! Stranmillis University College is an approved Parkrun venue. Every Saturday (parkunday) morning at 9.30am all levels join together to run, jog or walk the circuit—TWICE! If running, jogging or walking is not your thing then consider volunteering stranmilliscollege@parkrun.com. The participants need and welcome your cheers and encouragement.

