

## Welcome to Stran!

Given the exceptional circumstances over the past couple of years, and to assist the transition into University life, the College was delighted to welcome our 'freshers' for an **Induction Residential** in September; a great way to settle in, make friends and discover the beautiful Stranmillis campus and grounds.



The three day event brought campus back to life after 'lockdown' and a number of activities were organized for the students, ranging from orienteering to shelter building.



The challenges and activities were a great way for our students to explore their new surrounds, using maps and discovering interesting corners of the campus grounds.

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# January Intake for Masters

Stranmillis is committed to career-long learning for teachers and education professionals. Take advantage of the opportunities through our range of Masters and Postgraduate programmes .

The next intake for study is January 2022.

For more information on any of our Masters' Programmes please email [masters@stran.ac.uk](mailto:masters@stran.ac.uk)



## Professional Development

We offer a great range of CPD courses which, although designed for educational professionals, they are also open to anyone who may benefit from them. Topics range from:

- ◆ [Learning Support](#)
- ◆ [Post-Qualifying Leadership \(PQL\)](#)
- ◆ [Professional Development Courses](#)
  - ◇ [Teaching Primary Science](#)
  - ◇ [Special Educational Needs](#)
  - ◇ [Teaching Newcomer Pupils](#)

For more information on any of our CPD courses visit the Stranmillis [Eshop](#) or email [cpd@stran.ac.uk](mailto:cpd@stran.ac.uk)

## WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through our Widening Participation and Community Engagement strategies, the College is committed to encouraging, motivating and supporting young people from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and other under-represented groups, to apply for and gain a place at university.

The College offers a range of student scholarships and bursaries to support our widening participation programme. As a College, the development and maintenance of strong working relationships with community organisations such as Parentkind NI, Northern Regional College, Mencap, Women's Aid, NASEN, the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum, the Northern Ireland Language Council, CCEA, NICILT and Cruse Bereavement Care is a key priority.



Some of our projects and initiatives include: Raising Aspiration for STEM subjects; Community Relations in Schools; Parent Friendly Schools in NI; Education is for All; Literacy Champions; Tackling Underachievement; and Essential Skills Strategies using Research-Lesson Study and Digital Literacy.



For more information about Widening Participation and Community Engagement visit our [website](#).

# Shaping Education



## LIFESAVER AMBASSADORS

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service recently launched a joint initiative with CCEA, the Education Authority and the four teacher education universities to integrate a “train the trainer” model for Emergency Life Support, including CPR, into the teacher education curriculum.



Health Minister Robin Swann, who attended the launch, said: “The training to both undergraduate and post graduate student teachers is a huge step forward in ensuring as many people as possible are trained in this life saving skill. These teachers will pass the skills onto their pupils, increasing the community of people who are trained and helping to improve survival rates of those suffering a cardiac arrest.”

## FAREWELL and WELCOME

The college held a special event to mark the retirement of Professor Elizabeth Wood and Professor Colleen McLaughlin as our Visiting Professors. Both have been invaluable mentors and friends to our Research Office for over a decade, and have been instrumental in the development of our Centre for Research in Educational Underachievement (CREU). We take this opportunity to welcome to the Research Office, Dr Karen Orr, our new CREU research fellow.



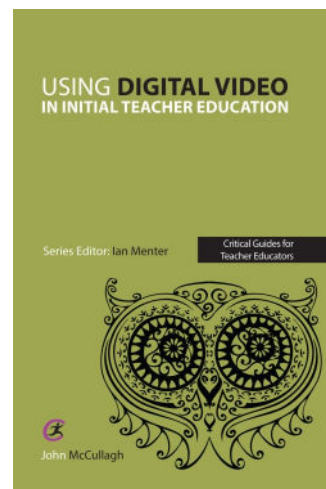
## THE DAILY MILE



The Daily Mile Network NI co-chair, and Stranmillis University College Lecturer, Dr Brenda McKay-Redmond was hugely encouraged by almost 600 schools and nursery settings signing up for the recent Daily Mile NI Santa Run. “Being physical active is good for our self-esteem and wellbeing and can also improve mental health; so let’s keep our hearts and minds healthy by having fun, fitness and freedom in the fresh air.”

## USING DIGITAL VIDEO

Congratulations to Dr John McCullagh, who has published 'Using Digital Video in Initial Teacher Education'. This publication is a theory and practice-based guide for teacher educators considering how best to use video within their programmes. The book is available now from Amazon or direct from the publisher here: <https://bit.ly/2ZguQg4>



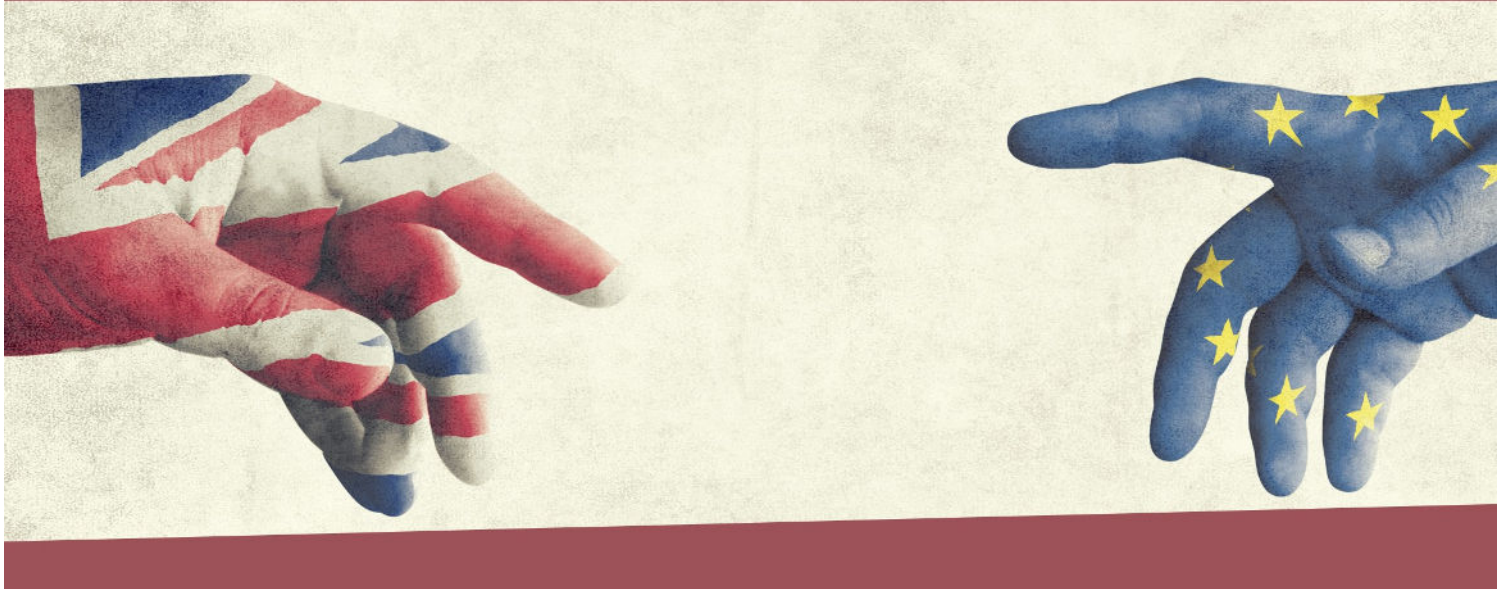
“I wrote the book because I think video is under-used within ITE. Recording and sharing video is easier now than ever. The facility to add and respond to comments provides guidance and reassurance which underpins the dialogic nature of learning. Video can help ease any disconnect between the learning in College and in the classroom and provide the means to close the gap between practice and theory.” says Dr McCullagh.



# THE PROTOCOL

## Dismantling the Union or Opportunity Knocks?

Begins Thursday 27 January 2022 for 7 weekly sessions.



As part of the Stranmillis Intergenerational Learning initiative, and from the group who delivered 'Living History' and an 'Audience with...' series of talks, we are delighted to announce 'The Protocol', a seven week series of live conversations with the leading players and commentators on the future of Northern Ireland after Brexit.

Intelligent and informative sessions with in depth, live interviews, humour and education throughout. Each of the guests will articulate their experiences and the challenges which both Brexit and the Protocol have presented. You'll also be able to hear from Bart Vodderie, the EU's consul to the UK, politicians from across the

political spectrum north and south of the border and industries ranging from fishing to agriculture, manufacturing to retail, big multi-nationals to small businesses.



Why is the Chair of Marks and Spencer warning us that they won't be able to supply their Northern Irish customers with their Christmas favourites, while Coca Cola's bosses are assuring us that their drink is more likely to be available here than in GB?

**The Director of FactCheckNI will be on hand to help distinguish between 'fake facts' and the truth. The evenings provide opportunities for audience participation with Q & A sessions.**



What do our young people think about the Protocol? How do they see our future relationship with Europe?  
What advice do some of Northern Ireland's most successful businessmen and women have for the Province?  
Could a possible solution be found in eight counties which straddle the border, who have successfully managed to work together and receive support from the EU, the UK and the Irish government?  
Could that be a possible path for the future?

## Building Futures