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The University's new £26m undergraduate library is officially opened by Lord Laidlaw and our Chancellor Melvyn Bragg.

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Summer's Lease

In a letter to Vincent Novello in May 1826, Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote: "Summer has set in with its usual severity." And so it seems in Leeds...but in a good way.

The Laidlaw Library opened on 26 May and was immediately full of students studying for their exams; the conference season is in full swing with delegates visiting from across the world; the new Data Analytics Institute has opened; and the Leeds Institute for Teaching Excellence and Innovation will pave the way for exciting new developments in the pedagogy and scholarship of research-led education and research-based learning. Graduation tops the bill, bringing energy, pride and two weeks of continuous celebration to campus.

The new library stands proud alongside the striking classical face of Portland stone on Woodhouse Lane. It was formally opened by the Chancellor and Lord Laidlaw on 7 July, the latest step in a story that can be traced back almost 230 years.

In 1786, William Hey, a Leeds surgeon and the 'principal medical men of the town', agreed to pay half a guinea a year each to buy medical books, disseminating the latest knowledge to the local professions. In 1865, the resulting collection was presented to the Leeds School of Medicine, later part of the University of Leeds and so the Health Sciences Library, now in the Worsley Building and refurbished in 2008 with support from the Wolfson Trust, was born. By 1936, Lord Brotherton, a successful industrialist, philanthropist and one of the country's leading private collectors of rare

books, had funded the wondrous Brotherton Library; and in 1975 former Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, opened the Edward Boyle Library, the University's 'undergraduate library', offering students core course materials and new teaching space.

The Laidlaw Library will continue the tradition of ensuring easy access to the Library's High Demand Collection, including undergraduate texts for all disciplines. It offers students over 900 study spaces, bookable group study rooms to promote collaborative writing, great technology including universal wireless access, and that much coveted prize, decent coffee. The Community Classroom is a unique feature of the new building, inspiring young people from schools across the country, especially those from non-traditional backgrounds, to enjoy their first taste of university life.

One of the perks of being a Vice-Chancellor is the opportunity to meet overseas visitors to the University and to have a brief glimpse of a range of academic research well outside my normal experience.

During this summer's conference season, we have welcomed visitors from every continent including acclaimed scholars of Jewish liturgical music; researchers with an interest in areas of statistical methodology motivated by geometric problems; ecological economists dedicated to



LIDA's Professor Mark Birkin

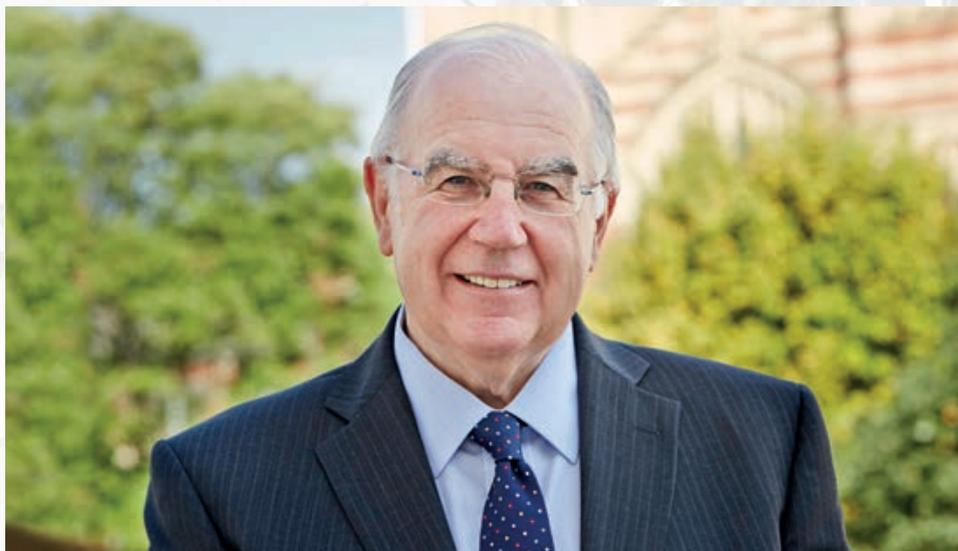
advancing understanding of the relationships between ecological, social and economic systems for the mutual wellbeing of nature and people; scientists in search of the next grand challenge in cancer research; and dentists examining the influence of health system design on the delivery of care and the systematic use of data as an instrument of feedback and quality improvement.

In the week before graduation, attention turned to the 22nd International Medieval Congress, welcoming about 2,500 delegates from 46 countries with a focus on 'reform and renewal' in the European Middle Ages, and to the 50th anniversary celebrations of Clinical Psychology at Leeds, which has a proud record of combining supervised clinical placements, formal academic teaching and active involvement in research.

Following hot on the heels of the Library opening, we also opened the Leeds Institute for Data Analytics (LIDA) in stunning new accommodation on Level 11 of the Worsley Building

The MRC Bioinformatics Centre and the ESRC Consumer Data Centre are the twin pillars of LIDA, which includes researchers from Medicine, Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Geography, Computing, LUBS, the Institute for Transport Studies and many more.





The Bioinformatics Centre focuses on research at the interface between the clinic and high-volume molecular and phenotypic data sets, and links to pioneering work in the NHS on the Leeds Care Record, a unique resource which spans primary, secondary and social care boundaries. The Consumer Data Research Centre – a partnership with UCL, Liverpool and Oxford – seeks to open up consumer data resources, deriving value from new sources of data to benefit business, government and wider society.

Staff at the Institute will operate safe and secure systems for managing and linking data, and observe the highest international standards of governance, professional practice and public engagement.

The Leeds Institute for Teaching Excellence – described in more detail by Viv Jones in the June edition of the Student Education Bulletin – is every bit as important and aspirational. It will build on our sector-leading student education

platform and provide a gathering point for colleagues committed to teaching excellence, innovation and pedagogic scholarship; and signal clearly that research and education at Leeds are two sides of the same coin and that we are equally ambitious for both.

Academic year 2014/15 has seen many individual and institutional successes... all topped off by the great summer. I send my sincere thanks to all staff at the University, wishing you a relaxing and restorative break, and my congratulations and best wishes to our graduating students, wishing you all good fortune as you enter a world of challenge and great opportunity.

Alan Langlands

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The front cover shows Lord Laidlaw (left) and the University Chancellor Lord Bragg at the opening of the new Laidlaw Library.



Traditionally dyed wools on display at the IMC



Kasturi Sukhapore, undergraduate Research and Leadership scholar, speaking at the opening of the Library

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Bees, booths and broadband – new Laidlaw Library has more than just books

It has 50,000 bees living in hives on the roof; it has over 900 new study places connected to superfast broadband; and it has 150,000 books – with hundreds of thousands more publications available online.

Speaking at the official opening of the £26m Laidlaw Library, Chancellor Melvyn Bragg described it as a landmark moment in the development of the University: “Architecturally it forms a stunning new entrance to our campus, educationally it provides the stimulating and flexible space needed for current and future generations of students.”

The library meets a real need. As student numbers have grown to the current figure of over 31,000 students and learning technologies have developed, the existing campus libraries have each been extended and refurbished, but the opening of the Laidlaw Library provides a purpose-built space to meet these growing needs.

Lord Bragg added: “I’ve watched with fascination as the new library has risen from its foundations and taken form, beautifully clad in Portland stone. Its design is in harmony with the iconic Parkinson Building, its facilities utterly in tune with the demands of modern study.”

He drew parallels with earlier developments at the institution: “The Brotherton Library, with its breathtaking domed reading room, inspired postwar generations. The Edward Boyle Library, with its brutalist design, provided cutting-edge facilities for a new generation. The Laidlaw Library will make an equally profound impression on the students of the future.”

The library, close to the University entrance on Woodhouse Lane, is named after Irvine Laidlaw, who studied economics at Leeds in the 1960s, and whose £9m gift for the project is the biggest ever received by the University. Lord Laidlaw explained that his gift had its roots in his own time as a student: “I look back on my time at Leeds with great fondness and remain acutely aware that my university experience provided a critical foundation for my future life. It gives me enormous pleasure to have been able to support the development of this beautiful new library, which will provide a stimulating and enjoyable learning environment for generations of students to come.”



His name is one of 2,300 which appear on the donor wall inside the entrance, honouring all those alumni and other supporters who contributed, including the Garfield Weston Foundation and the Wolfson Foundation, which have each made significant gifts to the project.

Thanking all the donors for their support, Vice-Chancellor Sir Alan Langlands said: "Philanthropy has supported excellence and opportunity at Leeds since Victorian times. Those 2,300 people whose names appear on the donor wall are following in a proud tradition of individual generosity which is greatly appreciated by the students and staff of the University.

"This magnificent new library offers our students an inspirational place to work – whether they are seeking a quiet spot for reading and study or a dedicated space for preparing group projects and presentations. It will also energise young people even before they come to university, with the community classroom providing a splendid new space for the University's educational outreach."

Work has now begun on a thorough refurbishment of the Edward Boyle Library, to be carried out in two halves, ensuring that the facility remains open throughout. The finished building is due to open in September 2017. Building works are also under way for a new £1.9m new Treasures of the Brotherton gallery in the Parkinson Building, which will display some of the rare books and manuscripts held in the Brotherton Library.



Our new library has two beehives, which can be found on a green roof halfway up the building. They are home to 50,000 bees. Our queen is a local lass, born from a long line of Leeds bees.

To reflect our commitment to sustainability, 95% of waste during the construction of the library was recycled. We also have an 'excellent' BREEAM environmental rating for the new building.

As well as silent study areas, there are eight group study rooms and 10 group study booths, and space to work alongside a café on the ground floor.

To help our students in today's digital world, there are 1,068 charging sockets.

All our LED screens and low-energy lights turn themselves off when no one is around or when natural light levels increase.

The library has over 900 spaces to study, and there are 17 different styles of chair, to suit different styles of study.



A Spire

New addition to campus art

A striking new sculpture by a rising star on the international art scene has been installed outside the University's new library.

The unveiling of Simon Fujiwara's *A Spire* coincided with the launch of a new public art trail and accompanying map to guide people around the institution's impressive collection of public artworks.

Explaining the thought behind his work, Simon says: "*A Spire* came out of my thinking about the shift in production in Britain from heavy industry and mining to a state of almost complete immaterial industry – entertainment, services, education.

"Leeds exemplifies this shift – once a city of '100 chimneys', much of its industrial history has been removed and a new, post-globalised urbanism flourishes. I wanted to respond to the city's image as well as the library's function

as both a place for learning – often through new media rather than books – and make an object that would stand as a modern relic, catalysing and combining elements of the city's past and possible future."

Funding for *A Spire* came entirely from the project budget for the Laidlaw Library.



Simon Fujiwara

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Simon Armitage © Paul Wolfgang



Nicola Adams

Simon Armitage – the newly elected Professor of Poetry at Oxford University – engineer Dame Ann Dowling, and boxer Nicola Adams are amongst those who will receive an honorary degree from the University this summer. The full list is as follows:

Doctor of Laws

Sir Peter Hendy CBE – a Leeds graduate and the Commissioner of Transport for London, who has made London a world leader in integrated and innovative transport delivery.

Arthur France MBE – a community leader and founder of the Leeds West Indian Carnival.

Michelle Pinggera – the International Chief of Staff for Goldman Sachs, who has played a fundamental role in the development of Goldman Sachs' UK-based 10,000 Small Businesses initiative, which was piloted in Leeds in 2010.

Nicola Adams MBE – a Leeds-born Olympic and Commonwealth Games gold medallist boxer.

Doctor of Letters

Professor Simon Armitage CBE – a leading English poet, translator and prose writer, with a deep and imaginative affinity to his native Yorkshire.

Margaret Jull Costa OBE FRSL – an outstanding literary translator, who has brought classic Spanish and Portuguese texts to English-speaking audiences. She was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 2013.

Doctor of Science

Professor Sir David Baulcombe FRS FMedSci – a world-renowned plant scientist and geneticist and Regius Professor of Botany at the University of Cambridge.

Professor Howard Morris FRS – a Leeds graduate and postgraduate, who has gone on to play a founding role in the field of biomolecular

mass spectrometry. Professor Morris has combined his scientific discoveries with outstanding entrepreneurship.

Professor Sir John Tooke FRCP PMedSci – began his career at Leeds General Infirmary and as a lecturer in the School of Medicine. He has gone on to lead internationally recognised research teams in his clinical interests of diabetes and its vascular complications.

Doctor of Science (Engineering)

Professor Dame Ann Dowling DBE FRS FREng – one of Britain's most eminent engineers and a leading authority on developments that are enabling the control of unstable combustion systems in both aeronautics and power generation. In 2014 she became the first woman to be elected as President of the Royal Academy of Engineers.

Adopting open access

Academic colleagues are being urged to ensure that their research articles and papers accepted for publication are uploaded to the University's publication database (Symplectic) as soon as possible.

To be eligible for submission to the next Research Excellence Framework (REF) all journal articles and conference papers accepted for publication must be made open access (OA). In preparation for this, from April 2015, all staff were asked to record and upload their research outputs via Symplectic as soon as they are accepted for publication, and no later than three months from the date of acceptance. However, in the three months since April, only 385 newly accepted items have been recorded and uploaded. This is a small proportion – approximately a quarter – of the average number of outputs that the University's authors publish in three months.



Dr Oliver Harlen, Pro-Dean for Research and Innovation in the Faculty of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, is helping to embed the OA process within the University. He says: "It appears that some authors are not yet recording and uploading their outputs, but I'd encourage all authors to do this as soon as possible on acceptance. As well as making more of our research output freely available, this can also lead to more citations and better academic impact. It will also help us to refine our support systems and processes and prepare the ground for our REF submission."

Reporting and uploading work is straightforward but if you need further help most schools now have local support in place. You can find out what support your school provides at library.leeds.ac.uk/researcher-publications-contacts

For more information about OA, visit library.leeds.ac.uk/university-publications or contact research@library.leeds.ac.uk

News

Showcasing pioneering research for Minister

The new Minister for Universities and Science, Jo Johnson MP, visited world-leading research facilities at the University when he toured the Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (iMBE) and the Leeds' Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council's (EPSRC) National Facility for Innovative Robotic Systems.

The Minister saw first-hand how Leeds is tackling key societal challenges, such as improving joint replacements and tissue repair for an ageing population, helping the fight against colorectal (bowel) cancer by developing a more patient-friendly colonoscopy, and a robotic system to assist patients with rehabilitation.

Following the visit to iMBE, which has pioneered research in joint replacement technologies, regenerative medicine and tissue engineering, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Director of the Institute, Professor John Fisher, said: "It's fitting

that the Minister chose Leeds and one of the world's top 10 bioengineering research institutes for his first visit, where we were able to showcase our expertise and the world-leading technologies that are making a real difference to people's lives."

The Minister was then shown round the EPSRC National Facility for Innovative Robotic Systems, which has one of the best equipped robot-building labs in the world, offering the latest 3D printing and high-precision assembly technologies.



Jo Johnson MP learns about iPAM, our robotic exercise system to help stroke patients with rehabilitation

Dr Rob Richardson, Director of the Facility, explained: "The robotic facility puts Leeds and the UK at the forefront of robot design and construction. We showed the Minister our work towards developing a novel robotic hydro-colonoscopy. We also showcased iPAM, our robotic exercise system for people with strokes."

Mr Johnson said: "I've been hugely impressed by iMBE and the robotics and autonomous systems are just mind-blowing. The benefits we will see for UK productivity in years to come will be immense."

Infrastructure and sustainability

Sustainable celebrations!

Staff, students and external partners gathered in the Refectory for an evening of celebrations at this year's Sustainability Awards.

Five main awards were given to individuals and teams through a University-wide nomination process. The Green Impact awards were also presented, with 32 teams awarded prizes ranging from bronze to platinum for the completion of projects and workbooks.

Sustainability was a consistent theme, with the tables set with placecards made from seed paper and table decorations created by the children at Bright Beginnings, the on-campus nursery. A vegan meal was provided, with a meat option if requested, and the awards themselves were made from recycled furniture provided by the University.



One of the table decorations made by children from Bright Beginnings

The Sustainability Awards 2015

Embedding Sustainability Through Collaboration Award

Winner – the Weetwood Grounds team and the LUU Conservation Volunteers for collaborative work on initiatives including hedgerow planting.

Building Knowledge and Capacity Award

Winner – Enactus: WISE for a project to help socially excluded women reintegrate into their communities.

Being a Positive Partner in Society Award

Winner – Star Bikes for the student-led project taking unwanted bikes destined for landfill and repairing them for asylum seekers and refugees.

Making the Most of Resources Award

Winner – Love Leeds charity shop for engaging students with sustainable living and reselling donations often diverted from landfill.

The Architect of Possibility Award

Winner – Donella Ferryhough for her work with the ducks at the Roger Stevens Building pond.

Climate Cafés come to Leeds

As part of the University's Climate Hubs scheme, the Sustainability Service is holding a series of Climate Cafés in the lead-up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris this December.

Each café will give people a chance to discuss current climate change issues and hear about progress made through carbon reduction projects on campus. Guest speakers at the first café were Carbon Neutral Sheffield, a group from the University of Sheffield working to persuade their university to become carbon neutral by 2025. They spoke of the need for universities to adopt stricter carbon reduction targets and possible ways to achieve this aim.

Current Climate Hubs projects include a solar co-operative, and off-setting travel emissions and energy behaviour and energy efficiency projects. If you'd like to get involved email i.c.cotton@leeds.ac.uk or, to join the Climate Hubs scheme, sign up to Yammer – www.yammer.com/leeds.ac.uk – and search for Climate Change.

Opportunities for students

Leeds Loves its students

Student ambassadors from our Arts and Social Sciences have been engaging secondary school and college students with further study.

The Leeds Loves project recruits student ambassadors to deliver presentations on life at university and their specific subjects to schools and colleges across the country.

Leeds Loves, formerly the Love Languages project, was set up in 2012 by German and History student Liam Revell, who received funding from the Leeds for Life Foundation. In its first year, the project engaged with around 1500 students. Leeds Loves has since been adopted by Educational Engagement and has expanded into other arts subjects as well as the social sciences and has now visited over 6,000 students.

The student ambassadors receive full training to build their skills in presenting, public speaking, classroom management and safeguarding children and young people.

Fourth-year International Business and Economics student Evie Brockwell is one of the ambassadors. She says: "I've had the best time here at Leeds, and many people will say their time here has been a positive experience, so it's nice to be able to share my experience with other young people to help them see if University is right for them."

Alice Lambert, Educational Engagement Assistant for the Social Sciences outreach team, says: "We've received some great feedback from the schools we've visited. The general comments are extremely positive,



Working on the Leeds Loves project: Alice Lambert, Evie Brockwell and Esther Harper

saying the students really engage with their pupils as young people can relate to one another.

"The schools also appreciate how accessible the scheme is, as we come to them. It makes it easier to plan activities relating to higher education without the schools having to organise trips to different universities."

The project's visits are now a regular fixture in schools' calendars and the project is due to expand its intake of ambassadors and subject areas in the next academic year.

Campaign inspires film students

Cinema and photography students took the chance to showcase their talents – while creating films about the University's £60m fundraising campaign for a special event in London.

Students were invited to submit ideas for short films covering projects supported by the campaign. The winning students each picked up a cheque for £500 – and then spent time making their films, which were shown to a specially-invited alumni audience at the Mondrian complex on London's South Bank. The event was hosted by Col Needham (Computer Science 1988) who established internet movie database IMDb.

The audience voted Leeds Actually Is You by Stacey Kendall and Alice Greenfield the winning film – for which the third years received a further £500 prize. To watch the films, go to <http://bit.ly/1S8HVrl>

VideoLeeds is here!

VideoLeeds (video.leeds.ac.uk) is the new University publication channel for audio and video content.

VideoLeeds is part of the University's lecture capture and media management system, enabling colleagues to actively publish audio and video content to a wider audience beyond the VLE – to University members and publicly. Typical content might include excerpts from scheduled lecture capture recordings or recordings made with the desktop capture tool; footage of public events or guest speakers; videos of practical demonstrations; educational and marketing material for internal and external publication; student produced presentations, interviews or end-of-degree shows; or research materials for internal sharing or external publication.

For information about VideoLeeds, watch the videos available on the Resources and Support Channel at VideoLeeds. For IT support and guidance and technical queries, see <http://goo.gl/HrFLai>

Professor Neil Morris, Director of Digital Learning at the University says: "VideoLeeds is an important tool for us; it will allow staff and students to share audio and video content with colleagues, students or with the general public. VideoLeeds will help us promote excellence at the University to wider audiences, and share resources in line with our open education aspirations".

The project Manager, Michelle Hewitt, says: "VideoLeeds will replace LUTube as the University's 'go to' place for audio and video content. LUTube will continue to run in parallel with VideoLeeds until September 2015 after which no new content will be uploaded to LUTube. Existing LUTube content will be migrated to the system during summer 2015."

Training on publication to VideoLeeds is available for all staff through the Staff Departmental and Development Unit <http://goo.gl/FrvUMO>

Further copies of the poster included in this copy of the Reporter '10 things you need to know about VideoLeeds' are available for download <http://goo.gl/AQG8aA>

VideoLeeds will be available to all new and returning students from the start of the next term. Further information for students will be available on Help@Leeds and skills@library.

Opportunities for students

£10K awarded to student entrepreneurs

A textiles design graduate and a product design student have been named as winners of the 2015 Sir Peter Thompson Enterprise Award at the University of Leeds.

Marie Stenton runs high-end women's fashion and accessories label, Marie Stenton Ltd. She says: "I've been running my business whilst working full-time for a lingerie firm. It's a nerve-wracking decision to leave the security of paid employment, but knowing that a renowned entrepreneur like Sir Peter Thompson believes in me has given me the confidence to take that step."

James Wilkinson attended Spark's Entrepreneurs' Bootcamp in December 2014. Although already running a separate business, One Event Services Ltd, James went on to

win Spark's 2015 business plan competition with an innovative product aimed at the event production industry – all during the final year of his Masters degree. He says: "Working with the Spark team has opened all sorts of doors for me right from the start – the bootcamp and the advice and mentorship from professional services associates have all been invaluable."

The annual event is organised by the University's business start-up service Spark, with each winner receiving an award of £5,000 from Sir Peter Thompson, a Leeds alumnus, serial entrepreneur and business angel investor.



Winners of the Sir Peter Thompson Award James Wilkinson and Marie Stenton

Shall we dance?

Yorkshire Dance and researchers from the School of Biomedical Sciences and the Centre for Sport and Exercise Sciences have been awarded £100,000 to study the impact of a youth dance programme.

The programme, funded by Arts Council England, aims to deepen knowledge and understanding of the impact of arts and culture and the complex role it plays in our experience as individuals and on the fabric of our society.

The research will involve tracking young people in deprived neighbourhoods of east Leeds over 12 months, involving those undertaking the dance programme and another control group. The study will examine the holistic benefits of dance programmes for young people in deprived communities, exploring the health, wellbeing, social, behavioural and emotional outcomes.

Dr Shaunna Burke, Lecturer in Exercise and Health Psychology in the School of Biomedical Sciences, says: "The health benefits of engaging in physical activity for children and young people are well known but studies focused on non-traditional forms of sport and physical activity for youth in deprived communities are relatively neglected in the physical activity research literature. This project will allow us to build on this existing body of knowledge by investigating the impact that

taking part in an innovative recreational dance programme has on the health, wellbeing and sense of empowerment of young people and their families who live in deprived urban areas."

Paul Burns, Interim Artistic Director of Yorkshire Dance, says of the award: "Yorkshire Dance is delighted to have been awarded this research grant. We are immensely proud of our work with young people and constantly witness the positive effects that participation in dance has on each individual, whether it be through enhancing their technique, their fitness, social skills or emotional wellbeing.

"We welcome the opportunity this grant gives us to measure this impact and to use this to further advocate for the importance of dance activity with young people. We are also pleased to develop our valued relationship with University of Leeds and build on our two previous research collaborations."

Research and innovation

University announces £17m Astbury BioStructure Laboratory

The University is investing £17m in a state-of-the-art laboratory for structural biology research.

The new facility will provide the University's internationally renowned Astbury Centre for Structural Molecular Biology with instruments for Electron Microscopy and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance that are competitive with the very best in the world.

Professor Sheena Radford FRS, Director of the Astbury Centre, says: "The biomedical challenges we face today include complex disorders associated with ageing, cancer, lifestyle and drug resistance. To develop new therapies for these diseases, we need to understand biological structures at a molecular level, and this investment will keep Leeds at the forefront of this science."

The funding, approved by the University Council, will pay for two powerful 300 kilovolt (kV) electron microscopes (EM) that will give researchers new insights into the structure of healthy and diseased cells, and how pathogens

like viruses and bacteria attack them. The new microscopes will also allow researchers to solve the structures of individual molecules and the complexes they make in unprecedented detail.

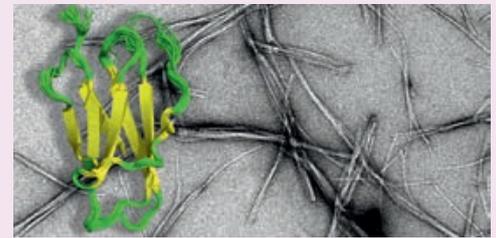
The University will also fund a new ultra-sensitive 950 megahertz (MHz) nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer which can reveal how biological structures move and interact in real time. This is essential to understand healthy cells and how they malfunction in disease. The new instrumentation will also provide researchers with insights into how to design new drug molecules to target complex health challenges such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease and antimicrobial resistance.

Professor John Ladbury, Dean of the Faculty of Biological Sciences and a recent recruit from the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, says: "I am impressed by the



Professor Sheena Radford

The image below shows the aggregates (grey) that cause amyloid diseases (such as Alzheimer's) and the protein that forms these aggregates (green and yellow)



University's vision and commitment to growth. This investment by the University acknowledges the longstanding support from our funders for the great science in the Astbury Centre and underlines our commitment to working closely with our funders and partners into the future".



First-year Geography student Emma Brady took part in the mapping research

Discovering the world's drylands

For the first time, the distribution of forests and woodlands in the world's drylands is being comprehensively analysed using high resolution satellite images – and our academics and students are contributing to this unique project.

Leeds is one of just nine universities and research centres – and the only one in the UK – invited by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to take part in the Collect Earth initiative.

Twenty-one students, ranging from first years to those studying for PhDs, undertook comprehensive training organised by a team from FAO. This enabled each student to analyse and map tree density in 1,000 samples in Google Earth images of areas in Afghanistan, India, Iran and Pakistan.

"Open forests in dry areas account for about 38% of all tropical forests but we currently

have very little reliable information on their distribution and how rapidly it is changing," says Dr Alan Grainger (School of Geography). "The Collect Earth project will help to fill this gap in our knowledge and the resultant impact could be huge, because it will assist efforts to combat desertification, and increase funding under initiatives such as the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) programme of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change."

Data from the sample sites are now being collated by FAO and the results will provide important baseline information on tropical

deforestation and forest degradation in dry areas. The findings of Collect Earth will be presented in October to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification at its meeting in Ankara, and later in the year to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris.

"Our students were very excited to be involved in high-level, international research, and they did an excellent job," continues Dr Grainger. "Being part of the project in such a hands-on way has already inspired several of the undergraduates to think of a career in research. The project was a great example of how we excel at linking research and teaching at Leeds."

Research and innovation

First film archive comes to Leeds

Technical drawings featuring a camera, projector and other film apparatus are part of a new archive of material belonging to Louis Le Prince – sometimes known as the ‘Father of Cinematography’ – that has found a new home in the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society’s archives, held in the University’s Special Collections.



A diagram from the new Le Prince archive

It was on Leeds Bridge and in Roundhay Park Gardens that Le Prince used a single-lens camera to film the world’s first moving pictures in 1888 – several years before other inventors, including Thomas Edison and the Lumière brothers. At the time he was a member of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society (LPLS).

Le Prince was never able to bring his invention to public notice or claim credit for it, as he vanished in 1890 after apparently boarding a train from Dijon to Paris. Various theories including suicide and murder have been put forward but the true story remains a mystery. After his disappearance, Thomas Edison claimed credit for the invention of cinematography. Although the claim was successfully disputed by Le Prince’s family, until recently his achievements have been largely unrecognised.

Le Prince’s great-great-granddaughter, Laurie Snyder, agreed to bring his remaining archive to Leeds from her home in Memphis, USA, at the suggestion of Leeds-born filmmaker and Le Prince expert David Wilkinson. The donation of the archive coincided with the release of his documentary about Le Prince’s life – *The First Film*.

Laurie herself works for the University of Memphis and has a keen understanding of the importance of making archive material accessible to a wide audience. “I’ve worked in museums for years and understand archives, so I knew that these materials needed to be somewhere where they’d be accessible to people who want to research Le Prince. I really hope that the film will spark an interest in him and that people will take a fresh look at the materials in his archive. The drawings showing the mechanisms of the camera, for instance. I’m sure that someone with an understanding of technology may see something about his process that no one else has interpreted before.”

The President of LPLS, Professor Joyce Hill, accepted the donation of the archive on behalf of the Society at an event in the Brotherton Room. Joyce says: “We’re absolutely delighted that Laurie agreed to give us this archive and are thrilled that Special Collections share our excitement. These unique, world-quality materials will form part of the Society’s larger archive which is kept here at the University. It means they will be kept under professional archive conditions and will be publicly available under appropriately controlled conditions. Together with Special Collections, we are also hoping to digitise the Le Prince archive collection to bring it to an even wider audience.”

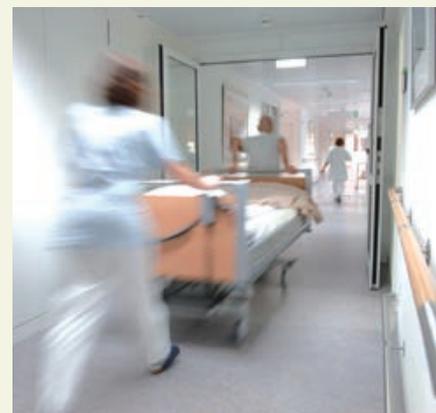
The First Film received a gala showing at the Hyde Park Picture House in Leeds. The documentary is now on general release and is featuring in several European film festivals this year. More about the film can be found at www.thefirstfilm.co.uk

For information about the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, one of the oldest civic societies in Leeds, see www.leedsphilandlit.org.uk/



Le Prince’s great-great-granddaughter Laurie Snyder, who donated the archive

News in brief



School of Healthcare programme for aspiring clinical academics

The School of Healthcare has won a £1.6m contract to deliver a Masters in Clinical Research Methods over the next three years. The course is designed to accelerate clinical research and is the starting point for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals who wish to pursue careers as clinical academics, combining research with clinical practice.

This is a continuation of a successful collaboration between the School of Healthcare and Leeds Institute for Health Sciences in the School of Medicine, and forms part of Health Education England and the National Institute for Health Research’s integrated clinical academic programme for non-medical healthcare professions. Further information is available from Dr Janet Hirst: j.hirst@leeds.ac.uk

Further success for Business School

Leeds University Business School (LUBS) has maintained its position as first in the North of England and seventh in the UK overall for its Executive MBA in the *Economist Which MBA? Executive MBA 2015* league tables.

The rankings place the School fifth in the world for post-graduation salary increase, upholding the School’s status as an elite destination for executive education. Furthermore, the league table recognises the degree as having one of the most gender-balanced programmes in the world, and also places Leeds within the top 20 business schools globally for the quality of its faculty and facilities.

International and community

Spring into Summer turns five

The Lifelong Learning Centre's annual Spring into Summer programme celebrated its fifth anniversary this year, attracting more people than ever before.

The annual programme, which takes place during June and early July, aims to enhance the University's public engagement profile through the delivery of a range of courses, workshops and seminars of interest to local

communities. As well as providing non-credit-bearing learning opportunities for local people, it also is an opportunity for staff from across the University to present and discuss topical research or specific areas of interest. This year's programme included courses in creative writing, current affairs, literature and language and culture, and free events looking at payday loans, fracking, British WWI nurse Edith Cavell, 'new atheism', Canada Day and sustainability at the University.

Plans are already being made for 2016 and the Centre would welcome expressions of interest from staff who would like to contribute to our public engagement programme.

Information about the programme can be found on the LLC website at www.llc.leeds.ac.uk/sis or follow [#LLCsummer](https://twitter.com/LLCsummer)



Wanted: school governors

Schools in the Bradford area need your skills and expertise! Could you volunteer as a school governor to help ensure they provide the best possible education to their pupils?

Governors help provide the strategic leadership and accountability that ensure schools perform to the absolute best of their abilities. They have a similar role to that of charity trustees. Volunteering as a governor means influencing the education of hundreds of children and young people. On a personal level, it's also an opportunity for people to develop valuable transferable professional skills.

As a school governor you would be expected to attend 8-10 meetings a year. The initial time commitment is around four hours a month outside work time, increasing only if you wish.

To find out more and to register your details to discover the vacancies in Bradford and in other areas, visit www.sgoss.org.uk/volunteers/volunteer-role or email info@sgoss.org.uk

Collaboration and enterprise

M&S + the University = a winning partnership

The Partnership team, which was formed in 2012 when the M&S Company Archive relocated to the University's campus, has won the Employer Engagement Award at the Educate North Awards.

The Educate North Awards recognise best practice and excellence in the education sector. The Employer Engagement Award celebrates institutions or teams that can demonstrate excellence in engaging with employers and creating learning interventions that meet business's workforce development needs and forge links between students and potential employers.

The partnership brings together commercial insights from M&S with academic expertise from

the University to deliver a distinctive package of employer-based support for students, giving young people the necessary skills to meet industry needs when they enter the workforce.

The University's Marketing Director Martin Holmes says: "This award is a testament to the innovative nature of the partnership between Marks & Spencer and the University. Through the partnership we are demonstrating a shared commitment to creating a strong future workforce underpinned by the support we provide for our students in developing their skills and career prospects."

Megan Parsons from the M&S Company Archive says: "We are thrilled to be recognised for our partnership work with the University at such a prestigious event. We offer a comprehensive package combining placements, skills



Second year Law student Kate Robinson gained work experience with the M&S legal team

development sessions and business engagement to support students at the University. To date, we've supported over 6,000 young people and offered more than 115 work placements so this award really is testament to the hard work and passion of the whole team."

Valuing our people

Health and safety: above and beyond!



The Vice-Chancellor's annual Health and Safety Awards highlight the fantastic initiatives shown by University staff to make the University a better, safer place. The 2014 'Unsung Hero' award, which recognises an individual who makes a real contribution to health and safety, going beyond their normal duties, was awarded to Ailsa Rose, research technician in Leeds Institute of Cancer and Pathology.

Ailsa has worked with Professor Alan Melcher for seven and a half years, with a full 23 years' service at St James's. In her nomination, Ailsa was noted for "going above and beyond her role to tackle a wide range of issues on her floor" including the decontamination of equipment, the disposal of autoclave waste, as well as general housekeeping in the labs. The nomination continues: "Ailsa takes it upon herself to resolve or flag up any arising health and safety matters, dramatically reducing the pressure on support staff in her area and allowing everything else to run smoothly."

Ailsa says: "I've taken on the role of an ex-colleague. When she left, I seemed to carry on her approach to health and safety. As I'm one of the longest serving members of staff, colleagues and students tend to come to me with queries they may have. I'll either know the answer or do my very best to find out."

"I totally did not expect to win, I just feel like I'm doing my job, to be honest. Health and safety is second nature to me and my colleagues."

View your payslips online

The HR Self Service online tool is now accessible to over 5,500 members of staff. This enables you to view your payslips online three days before payday. You can access up to seven years of previous payslips from anywhere. If you need a hard copy, you can print them as a pdf file. To find out if your area now has access, head to the HR website (www.hr.leeds.ac.uk) and enter your IT username and password to log in.

IT username:

password:

LOGIK turns 10 years old

The LOGIK Centre celebrated its tenth year at the University in June. Officially opened by Professor Michael Arthur on 23 June 2005, the Centre offers a place for University staff to learn new skills, acquire extra qualifications and take a break from work.

A comprehensive course programme is available at least three times a year, with the opportunity to learn Spanish, practise yoga or learn guitar, among many other activities. The Centre, working in partnership with the Skills Network, also offers NCFE-accredited courses for free. These have included Level 2 certificates in Equality & Diversity and in Business Admin & Knowledge. The LOGIK Centre team is also available to offer advice and guidance on courses as well as career advice and mock interviews.

Centre manager Jo Westerman MBE says: "It is hard to believe that the LOGIK Centre has been a staff facility for 10 years. It seems like only yesterday that I was discussing the idea of a staff learning centre with VC Alan Wilson, launching the facility with VC Michael Arthur, and celebrating the 10th birthday with VC Sir Alan Langlands."

"It has been a pleasure to see members of staff returning to learning, enjoying different courses, accessing support and services from LOGIK, and developing both personally and professionally."

"A big thank you to the LOGIK Centre. You bring people together and give staff a fantastic opportunity to try things they wouldn't have otherwise. Without you I would never have done yoga or ebru marbling, both of which I have really enjoyed and I'm now hooked on yoga!"

"Over the years the LOGIK Centre has enabled me to get involved in a variety of different groups and activities, to enjoy new experiences, learn new skills and gain qualifications, make new friends and to edge ever closer to the goal of attaining a healthy work-life balance!"

Valuing our people

HR Excellence in Research Award retained

The University has successfully retained – for the second time – its HR Excellence in Research Award from the European Commission.

The award demonstrates a university's commitment to improving working conditions and career development of research staff, which will in turn improve the quantity, quality and impact of research for the benefit of UK society and the economy.

The panel reviewing Leeds' submission judged that the University is making genuine progress in supporting the employment and professional development of research staff. We have been particularly commended for our:

- Work on open contracts after three years
- Career Architect programme
- Guidance on the employment of research staff.

These are all seen as examples of good practice from which other universities can learn.



The panel also praised SDDU investment in a specialist research staff trainer, the engagement of University leaders, and the University's support for the Careers in Research Online and Principal Investigators and Research Leaders surveys.

Dr Agnes Noy (School of Physics and Astronomy) is a postdoctoral research fellow working on supercoiling dependent DNA recognition in the Computational Biophysics group led by Dr Sarah Harris. Originally from Catalonia in Spain, she joined the University of Leeds in 2011 and for the first 18 months of her contract was supported to work two days a week in Leeds and three days a week remotely from her home in Oxford.

Dr Noy says: "Even though I had the ideal expertise for this job, I knew I couldn't immediately move to Leeds because of family responsibilities. I met with Dr Harris and Professor Steve Scott, and we arrived at an agreement that I could divide my time between Leeds, spending two days a week there, and working in Oxford the rest of the week.

"In this way, I only needed to spend one night away from my family per week. This arrangement worked very well, and after the first year and half of my postdoctoral contract and my second maternity leave, we all moved to Leeds where we still live. Without this agreement, I couldn't have taken this position."

Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation, David Hogg, says: "Renewal of our HR Excellence in Research Award after four years demonstrates that our continuing

support for researchers is producing real advances in professional and career development and is contributing to the University's goal to undertake life-changing research that produces true social and economic outcomes.

"While there is more work to be done, we are delighted that the European Commission has recognised our commitment to progress and has highlighted areas of very good practice at the University. We will continue to listen to and to work with researchers, principal investigators and all those who support research staff in their roles in order to provide the best possible working environment in which research can thrive."

Read more about the HR Excellence in Research Award at <https://goo.gl/ll1utK>

Read more about the University's submission at <http://goo.gl/WiXiXx>

Read more about the University's support for research staff at <http://goo.gl/RW1TKO>



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Car park update

As colleagues will be aware from previous *Reporter* articles, the University car parking policy and permit system is currently being revised.

A new policy will be published over the summer and will be in force for the start of 2016 to coincide with the opening of the new multi storey car park. The policy has been informed by feedback received from staff and stakeholders and aims to provide a fairer, more transparent system of parking permits allocated on a needs basis.

A new application process will be rolled out during late summer 2015, enabling colleagues to apply for new parking permits. All details of the new process will be available on the For Staff and Car Parking websites in due course –

www.leeds.ac.uk/carparking



Valuing our people

Team talk – Graduation team

Who's in the team?

There is myself Sharron Murphy, Chayley Davies, Rachael Parker and Kate Wilson.

How long has the team been together?

Chayley and I have worked together for 11 years, Rachael has worked with us for eight years and Kate is the newest member of the team and has worked with us since October last year.

What do your roles involve?

We are responsible for planning and organising the University's degree ceremonies. We organise up to 60 ceremonies per year and produce all the degree and award certificates, the diploma supplement, and the transcript documents and Higher Education Achievement Records for about 10,000 students every year. We start the planning and preparation for these in January. Students who do not want to attend a ceremony can select to have their certificates sent to them. We are

responsible for posting all the certificates via standard mail or by DHL delivery if the student has ordered and paid for this service. We also administer the official prizes awarded to students in July and December. This involves working with the majority of schools across campus and with Student Finance to arrange for the money to be paid to the students. We also provide a replacement certificate service for students who have lost their original certificates, with certified copies of certificates available on request. The team is also responsible for the planning and facilitation of registration events for new students arriving in September, arranging space, queuing, PCs, phones, general and specific equipment, staffing, etc.

What exciting things are the team currently working on?

July can be a very challenging and rewarding time as this is when the majority of our students graduate. We are also working on registration, which is extremely challenging

this year as there are a lot of changes to take into account before welcoming a new cohort of students.

What does the team get the most satisfaction from?

I think we get the most satisfaction from the ceremonies. It is a lot of hard work but on the day, when you see the students and their families having a great time and enjoying their special day, it gives us an enormous sense of achievement and all the hard work pays off.

Tell us something surprising about your work?

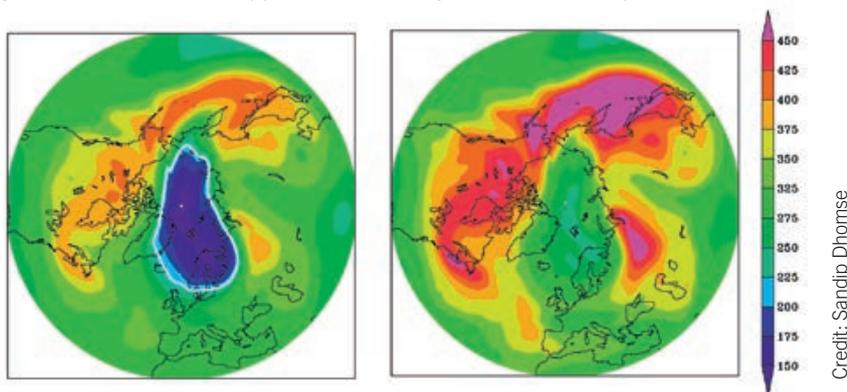
One thing that sticks in my mind is that last year a guest tried to smuggle a cat into the ceremony in his backpack and was quite surprised when we told him he could not bring it in!



The graduation team (l-r): Kate Wilson, Rachael Parker, Chayley Davies and Sharron Murphy

In the news

Research led by Professor Martyn Chipperfield (School of Earth and Environment) found that the Montreal Protocol, a UN treaty which came into force in 1987, has been successful in restricting damage to the ozone layer. The research, which was covered by *The Statesman*, used a state-of-the-art **3D computer model of atmospheric chemistry** to investigate what would have happened if the treaty had not been implemented.



Arctic ozone without the Montreal Protocol (left) and following its implementation (right) on 26 March 2011.

Dr Vannarith Chheang (School of Languages, Cultures and Societies) commented on major developments in the leadership of the **Cambodian People's Party** in a front-page article in the *Khmer Times*.

The *Wall Street Journal* included comments from Professor Piers Forster (School of Earth and Environment) when it examined suggestions by scientists that the **Pope's encyclical on the environment** supports the argument on climate change.

The *Washington Post* looked at a report in the Chinese state media that the recent **earthquake in Nepal** was strong enough to move Mount Everest. The report suggests that Mount Everest moved 3cm during the earthquake in Nepal and Professor Tim Wright (School of Earth and Environment) commented on the damage in Kathmandu.

A new research project, led by Dr David Miller (School of Medicine), was featured in the *Daily Mail*, looking at the difference **hyaluronic acid** could make to fertility treatment.

Professor Griselda Pollock (School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies) wrote about the National Gallery's recent **Inventing Impressionism** exhibition in *The Conservation*.

Ruth Patrick (School of Sociology and Social Policy) featured on the *Liz Green* morning show on BBC Radio Leeds discussing the **depiction of benefit claimants** in Channel 4's *Benefits Street*.

The global reach of Leeds University Business School was recognised by *The Independent* in an article examining whether **business schools in the North** are well placed to help the government rebalance the economy. The article referenced successes of the Business Confucius Institute and the Goldman Sachs initiative, and quoted Professor Peter Moizer (Leeds University Business School).

Professor Anthea Hucklesby (School of Law) was featured in the *Police Oracle* where she outlined concerns about the government's proposed **changes to the pre-charge bail system**.

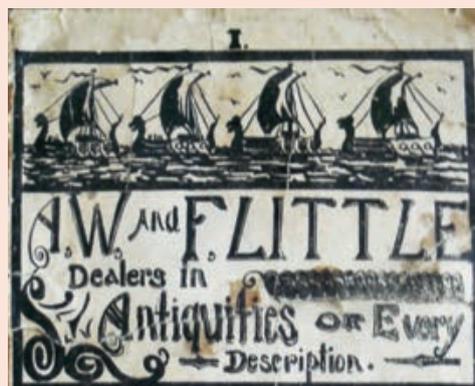
The *Financial Times* quoted Professor Nick Wilson (Leeds University Business School) when it examined the government's introduction of a **Small Business Conciliation Service** to mediate between creditors and debtors.

Dentistry Magazine online featured a new project, led by Professor Helen Whelton (School of Dentistry), which aims to bring about change in **dental care practice**. The new four-year project will focus on a shift from treating teeth by extraction and fillings to more effective oral healthcare treatments to prevent disease in the first place.

BBC Radio Leeds' *Connections* show featured Dr Seán McLoughlin (School of Philosophy, Religion and the History of Science) talking about the threat of the **Middle East Respiratory Syndrome** virus to pilgrims planning to visit Mecca.

Dr Mark Westgarth (School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies) unveiled a new project looking at the **British antiques market** across the 20th century, receiving coverage in *Antiques Trade Gazette* and the local press, including *BBC Radio Leeds* and the *Yorkshire Post*.

Professor David Cooper (School of Music) was interviewed on BBC Radio 3's *Music Matters* to discuss his biography of **composer Béla Bartók**. Reviews of the book were carried by the *Irish Times*, *The Telegraph* and *BBC Music Magazine*.



The Guardian and *BBC News* online featured Aiden Foster-Carter (School of Sociology and Social Policy) discussing the insecurity among the **North Korean leader's** loyal cadres.



Our people/honours

Professor Cliff Jones (School of Physics and Astronomy) has been awarded the prestigious George Gray Medal by the British Liquid Crystal Society (BLCS), making him the first person to receive all four of the Society's awards.

This medal is the Society's highest award, and is named after Professor George Gray, Kyoto prize-winner and the father of modern liquid crystals, whose accomplishments include the synthesis of the first room temperature materials in the early 1970s.

Professor Jones's citation was for his early work on ferroelectric liquid crystals and their use in television displays, the invention of the zenithal bistable display and for founding the company ZBD Displays Ltd (now Displaydata).

Despina Christodoulou and **Robert Dalton** (both School of Media and Communication) won Undergraduate Best Factual in this year's Royal Television Society Student Television Awards. Their documentary, *Thick Skin*, focuses on human suspension, which involves inserting metal hooks into surgical incisions and suspending willing volunteers. The jury commented: "Beautifully shot, the film swept you away into an unusual world that we knew nothing about."

Dr Stella Butler, the University Librarian and Keeper of the Brotherton Collection, has been appointed Chairwoman of the Arts Council England (ACE) Designation Scheme panel, which recognises pre-eminent collections in non-national museums, libraries and archives throughout England and designates them as being of national significance and quality. Examples of these vital collections include those relating to William Wordsworth in Grasmere, the art and design collection at Westminster libraries and archives, and the Mary Rose Tudor warship in Portsmouth. (This is a correction from the last edition of the *Reporter*.)



Dr Lewis (left) and Professor Lockett

Dr Dave Lewis, Senior Lecturer in Neuroscience and Scientific Ethics, and **Professor Nigel Lockett**, Professor of Enterprise at the University's Business School, have been awarded National Teaching Fellowships in recognition of their commitment to teaching and learning.

Dr Dave Lewis, from the School of Biomedical Sciences, says: "I think it is important to work in partnership with our students to provide an exceptional and innovative educational experience for them. I also strongly believe in the need to engage the wider community with science and its ethical implications."

Professor Nigel Lockett says: "In my role at the University I work closely with students, graduates and growing businesses to help develop their entrepreneurial skills. I always look to offer the best possible opportunities that will enable them to develop strong enterprising skills or start a successful business in the future."

The two successes strengthen the University of Leeds' position as a top institution for teaching and learning, having now been awarded 22 National Teaching Fellowships – more than any other institution in England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The University's Alumni and Development team has received two silver awards from the **Council for the Advancement and Support of Education** (CASE). The International Circle of Excellence awards programme recognises outstanding work in advancement services, alumni relations, communications, fundraising and marketing.

In the Special Event category, the Hard Hat dinner held in the then under-construction Laidlaw Library, was described as a "highly creative cultivation and stewardship event for alumni and donors". The judges liked the ambience and true "insiders' look" into the project which was offered by the event.

In the Fundraising Videos category, the *Memories of Leeds* video was praised for its use of archive footage edited together with modern shots of campus and the city to engage people's memories of their time as a student.

The video can be viewed at <https://goo.gl/tjkQv0>

Professor Jaafar Elmirghani (Electronic and Electrical Engineering) has received an Outstanding Service Award by the US-based Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Communications Society in recognition of his leadership and contribution to research in the area of green communications.

Professor Elmirghani, Director of the University's Institute for Integrated Information Systems, is leading the £6m EPSRC INTElligent Energy aware NETworks (INTERNET) research programme, which focuses on green communications. The programme is a collaboration between the universities of Leeds and Cambridge, and involves over 15 leading international industrial players in green communications, including BT and the BBC.

Professor Elmirghani says: "I am delighted to receive this honour and would like to recognise my colleagues and the funding received from EPSRC which made this possible".

News

Birthday honours for Leeds colleagues

Malcolm Dawson, the University's Security Operations Manager and acting Head of Security, has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and will receive a British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to higher education and students.

A University employee for 25 years, Malcolm has been involved with many aspects of security including building a close partnership with West Yorkshire Police, working with the public to reduce noise in residential streets and liaising with the bereaved. On several occasions he has been a finalist in the national Security Excellence Awards and received a Vice-Chancellor's Health and Safety award in 2012.

On receiving a letter announcing his award from the Cabinet, Malcolm says: "It's not every day you receive a letter from the Prime Minister. I read it with total shock, disbelief and huge, huge pride. I've been overwhelmed by messages of congratulations from the UK, Europe and even America.

"My passion is the safety of staff, students and visitors, as well as enhancing the customer experience. This recognition is credit to the team as a whole; the work they do to reduce



Malcolm in the Security Office control room

crime and make our campus and halls safer places to be is superb. We all aim to make Leeds as safe as possible. After all these years I've still got passion and desire to carry on my work for the foreseeable future, to ensure that the campus remains a safe place for all our students, staff and visitors."

Malcolm will receive his award in September during a ceremony in Northallerton's County Hall presided over by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Barry Dodd CBE. He will also be invited to attend a ceremony at Buckingham Palace with fellow recipients of Birthday Honours.

Dr Peter Hine (Soft Matter Physics) was also recognised in the Honours List, receiving a BEM for services to heritage. Peter is Chair of the West Yorkshire National Trust Volunteers and has been in the group for over 30 years.

"I was thrilled and delighted when I got the news," says Peter. "It was especially pleasing because the nomination was sent in by the group. I didn't know anything about it, so the official letter came as a complete surprise."

The group meets every other week to undertake a variety of land management tasks on the National Trust's Yorkshire properties. "We do all kinds of work, from footpath maintenance to vegetation control, in all kinds of weather," says Peter. "We enjoy the work, whatever the Trust needs. It's always great fun and is a complete contrast to my everyday work."

More information about the group can be found at www.wyntv.org.uk

Finally, Leeds alumnus and member of the University Council, Roger Marsh has been awarded an OBE for services to business and the economy.

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Events

The Future of the Book Debate – Thursday, 8 October (6-8pm) in the Great Hall

For centuries, the bound volume held an esteemed and seemingly invincible place in our culture. But in the digital age, nothing about the status of books – or even their survival as physical objects – is certain.

How should we understand the present moment, suspended between the print culture of old and the digital future? What lessons might the past hold for thinking about current concerns and options? Does digitisation herald the end of the book or a new beginning ... or neither?

As part of the White Rose university consortium's Debating the Book programme, the University of Leeds will host a major public debate about the place of the book in the digital age in the Great Hall.

University Chancellor and renowned arts broadcaster Melvyn Bragg will chair the

event. Other speakers include: James Daunt, Waterstones Managing Director; Linda Grant, Orange Prize-winning author of *I Murdered My Library*; Dr Bridgette Wessels (University of Sheffield), a leading expert in the sociology of digital communication in the arts and the public sphere; Professor Brian Cummings (University of York), an early modernist historian of the book; and Professor Jane Taylor (University of Leeds), a South African novelist, playwright and scholar.

The wider Debating the Book programme is connecting members of the public in and around Leeds, Sheffield and York interested in these questions with outstanding scholars and innovators best placed to shape informed, imaginative discussion. The Future of the Book Debate will be the centrepiece of that programme. For further details visit the programme website at <http://goo.gl/bbB1zn>

Leeds Female Leaders' Network

Wednesday 30 September

A joint initiative between the University of Leeds and the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. The network, through working across our two organisations, aims to provide women with opportunities to identify and seek leadership opportunities, and to access

the support needed to be effective in those positions. A wider aim is to engage and develop our most talented people, whether female or male, through fostering mentoring, sponsorship, coaching and other effective learning interventions.

For more information, please contact s.farrell@leeds.ac.uk

University of Leeds International Concert Series 2015/2016

Details of an exciting new series of concerts are revealed from 1 August, with the publication of a brochure outlining the next season of the University of Leeds International Concert Series.

The programme gives details of the cross-campus commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death with recitals reflecting on the Bard's influence on music. Other programme highlights include:

- the Revolutionary Drawing Room quartet, with narrator (and Leeds alumnus) Alistair McGowan
- a Legacies of War event of music inspired by the Home Front
- a cabaret-style supper concert with Edith Piaf tribute singer Eve Loiseau (pictured)
- a celebrity organ recital with Laurence Cummings celebrating the Clothworkers' Concert Hall's 'Handel' organ. The organ builder will give a pre-concert talk at this, the Vice-Chancellor's Concert
- a Masterclass and recital by Martin Roscoe
- February's Early Music Festival, including an unprecedented collaboration between I Fagiolini and Fretwork.

Concerts are in the Clothworkers Centenary Concert Hall and details are online at

www.concerts.leeds.ac.uk

Contact concerts@leeds.ac.uk

or call Jess Ward on 0113 343 2584.



The artist Keith Wilson and outgoing Director of Tate Britain Penelope Curtis at the unveiling of *A Sign for Art*

The Art of Tai Chi

Saturday 25 July, 2.30 - 4pm

Join us in this free Tai Chi workshop beneath one of the most iconic sculptures on campus, Keith Wilson's *A Sign for Art* (Stelae, 2014).

Suitable for ages 12+ this workshop is free but a £5 refundable deposit will be requested upon booking. Please book in advance at library.leeds.ac.uk/art-gallery

Public Art and Poetry – Saturday 18 July (2-4pm) at the Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery

For beginners and more experienced writers alike, this practical workshop will stimulate creative responses to the exciting public art on the Leeds University campus. With National Poetry Competition Winner and published writer, Linda France.

Suitable for ages 14+ this workshop is free but a £5 refundable deposit will be requested upon booking. Please book in advance at library.leeds.ac.uk/art-gallery

FAQs

Sarah Farrell, Senior Leadership and People Development Advisor



When did you arrive at the University and what did you do before joining us?

I started work here in late February and came from Leeds Beckett University, where I'd been in a similar role. I've actually been in the higher education sector for the past nine years and, before that, trained as a primary school teacher. My oddest job was as a registrar at a well-known London finishing school.

Tell us about your role?

As a staff developer, no one day is ever the same, which is what makes it so interesting! I work with both individuals and teams to provide engaging learning opportunities, work on a one-to-one basis as an accredited coach, facilitate sessions as part of SDDU's various development programmes and work with managers to explore and enhance their leadership skills.

You're starting up a new mentoring project. Can you tell us more about it?

Mentoring supports several of our key strategic priorities and projects; in fact, there are already some excellent mentoring practices across the University. I am working with colleagues from faculties, services, HR and the Equality Policy Unit to ensure that we are consistent in how we approach and record mentoring activity. Our aim is to launch our new approach from September and we'll be having conversations with faculties and services during the summer about how we can take this forward.

How can people get involved?

If people would like to mentor others from within their own faculty or service, they can speak to their head of school, manager or HR contact. I would also like to hear directly from people who are interested in mentoring others from across the University, as I am setting up a central scheme. For those who would like to be mentored, further information about how to go about it will be given early in the new academic year.

What else are you involved in?

A key part of my role is to support the professional and personal development of women, which is a key strategic priority. I'm part of the Leeds Female Leaders' Network, which is a joint initiative between the University and the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Through working across our two organisations, the Network aims to promote leadership opportunities for great leaders. The next event takes place on 30 September and is open predominantly to women and men from the Faculty of Medicine and Health. People can contact me for further information.

Another initiative is the Women in Leadership Forum, which has recently been set up and demonstrates our University's continued commitment to gender equality. There is also renewed opportunity for women to get involved with the network formerly known as WiSET (Women in Science, Engineering and Technology), which is broadening its access to include females from all faculties.

Finally, I'm looking forward to meeting even more of our talented women at the next Springboard Programme, which will be running again in the new academic year.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you want with you?

A solar-powered radio would be a must, to retain some links with the outside world and hear human voices! I am an avid reader, and so would take the *Complete Works of Shakespeare*, which would keep me entertained for several months. Finally, I'd pack a hammock: comfort is key!

If you could invite any three people to a dinner party, who would they be?

I'd invite King Richard III – I believe an unfairly maligned man. J K Rowling would, I think, draw him out nicely, and Jane Austen could produce a witty and satirical short story about the whole event.

What's your most frequently asked question?

'Is lunch provided?' No matter how good the session, the main thing that people seem to remember is how good the food was!



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