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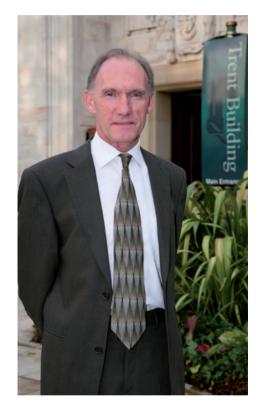
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A landmark year

2010 was a landmark year for The University of Nottingham – in teaching and research, in the UK and on the global stage, among our alumni community and in the community at large.



It is a pleasure to introduce this year's edition of Donor Exchange for alumni, friends and supporters. I would personally like to thank you for your support. I would also like to give you a flavour of some of the projects and activities that have benefited from the generous philanthropic giving of our supporters and alumni. From scholarship awards and work in Widening Participation to attract and enable the very best and most able students to come to Nottingham, to support for life-changing medical research and projects that truly enhance the student experience, your contributions have enriched and transformed lives all over the globe.

I hope through reading the pages that follow you will be inspired by what you are helping us to achieve at Nottingham.

2010 was an exceptional year for our University – in teaching and research, in the UK and on the global stage, among our alumni community and in the community at large. This year's excellent performance is set against a rapidly changing landscape for higher education in the UK. No one should be in any doubt that there are extraordinarily demanding times ahead. But Nottingham is starting from a position of strength.

We continue to attract outstandingly able students; we have a talented and committed workforce; a unique global footprint; very special campuses which we continue to improve; a hugely supportive alumni community and network of supporters and donors.

This has been a very successful year for the University, and we have many reasons to look to the future with optimism. Your continued support and encouragement is fundamental to our future success and I look forward to working with you all to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

I am unashamedly proud of our University. I hope you are too. Enjoy reading your magazine and I wish you all the best for 2011.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Museum

David Greenaway Vice-Chancellor



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Greenaway, Mrs Dorothy Williams and Mr Brian Moore (Law 1984, Hon LLD 2010) at the official opening of the Vaughan Parry Williams Pavilion in October 2010

Supporting sport in memory of Vaughan

An exciting new coaching fund has been launched by the University to honour the legacy of Vaughan Parry Williams and support the next generation of world-beating Nottingham athletes.

The Vaughan Parry Williams Coaching Fund was launched by England rugby legend Brian Moore (Law 1984, Hon LLD 2010) as he opened a new \pounds 1.6m sports pavilion at Highfields, named in Vaughan's honour. Vaughan was Director of Physical Recreation and Sport before his untimely death in 2009, having dedicated almost 33 years to sport at the University.

Anyone who has ever played sport at the University or represented the University at any level in sport is encouraged to contribute towards the fund.

"One of the things which holds back elite athletes in this country is a lack of proper coaching and that is where this memorial fund is focused," said Brian at the Fund launch. "I would therefore like those here today to make a personal donation to the fund but also to get two more students or alumni, who have benefited from playing sport at the University, to make their own donation so that this fund grows proportionally."

The fund will celebrate Vaughan's 'sport for all' ethos by providing professional

coaching support to allow students at the University at all levels to achieve their potential, from participatory right the way through to first team and elite athlete status. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Greenaway, and his wife Susan have generously pledged a £50,000 gift to support the fund. Professor Greenaway said "I know that Vaughan would have been extremely proud of this outstanding new addition to sports coaching at the University. The Fund could not exist without the generosity of our friends, supporters and alumni and I hope you will join me in supporting its work at whatever level you can."

Vaughan's successor as Director of Sport at the University Dan Tilley said: "We feel that by providing funding for the provision of coaching, we can enhance the overall student sporting experience, improve their performance, raise aspirations, improve inclusivity and hopefully produce a new raft of talented coaches."

Vaughan was a close friend of Brian Moore and played a crucial role in coaching and supporting him during his time at Nottingham. It was fitting that Brian should unveil the plaque to name the new pavilion in Vaughan's honour in the presence of Vaughan's widow Dorothy and family and an invited audience which included Olympic medalists and alumni Tim Brabants (Medicine 1999) and David

Florence (Mathematical Physics 2005) and Commonwealth 2010 silver medalist and current student Jess Sylvester, who is studying Biochemistry.

The Vaughan Parry Williams Pavilion offers excellent new facilities for the University's sports teams – including six changing rooms, two meeting rooms, a first aid room and dual aspect balconies for spectators overlooking the main pitches.

The University of Nottingham has an established sporting pedigree – its Students' Union boasts more than 70 sports clubs and it is currently ranked 7th in the British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) rankings, despite having no sports-related degree programmes. If you enjoyed sport whilst at the University or share the 'sport for all' ethos, you can donate online using the link below and selecting the Vaughan Parry Williams Sports Coaching Fund as your option from the drop-down menu or by using the donation form on page 15.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers prize giving



Imogen O'Mahoney, Graduate Recruitment Manager, with the winners of the PricewaterhouseCoopers 2010 Prize

Nottingham students have had their horizons broadened by undergraduate student prizes donated by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

Students in the Schools of Geography, Physics and Astronomy, and Mathematical Sciences benefit each year from undergraduate student prizes donated by PricewaterhouseCoopers, whose firms provide industry-focused assurance, tax and advisory services in 154 countries around the globe. Travel bursaries are awarded for the highest quality dissertation proposals from single and joint honours Geography students, to the highest achieving first year Physics student and to the highest achieving second year single and joint honours Maths students.

Two prize winners who joined PwC's Graduate Recruitment Manager, Imogen O'Mahony, to receive their awards said:

"My interest in physics stems from my desire to understand and explain the fundamental workings of the universe. After my degree I would like to pursue a PhD in Physics with the ultimate aim of going into research. I would like to stress my gratitude for this award and what it means."

Ben Everest, recipient of the PwC Prize for Physics and Astronomy 2010.

"The travel scholarship I received allowed me to complete my research without any financial constraints for which I am very grateful. I feel that I was able to make the most of the six weeks I spent researching in Tanzania, which I hope will reflect in my final dissertation next year." Gemma Nicholas, recipient of the PwC Travel Bursary for Geography 2010.

Summer school celebratory dinner

A decade ago, The University of Nottingham recruited 10% of its undergraduates from the East Midlands region. By the end of 2008, that had grown to 26%. Of these students from local schools and colleges the proportion from socioeconomically deprived postcodes is 51%, more than twice that of the University intake as a whole.

A total of 1,268 young people have benefited from Summer Schools at Nottingham. Of these we have been delighted to welcome 180 as undergraduates and we estimate that hundreds more have progressed successfully to other research-led universities. The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme and the more recent Academic Enrichment

Programme, funded jointly by the Sutton Trust and the Goldman Sachs Foundation, are a significant part of the University's strategy to increase the intake of high achieving students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

If you want to learn more about the impact of Widening Participation at the University or get more involved in supporting this area of activity please contact the Regular Giving Team on:

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Above: Students on the 2010 Academic Enrichment Programme enjoy a fantastic week of memorable moments, challenges, laughter and lectures culminating in a formal VIP dinner and prize giving evening

A fun way to say thank you



Dr Samantha Tang, Public Awareness Scientist delights the crowd with a hands-on experiment

Songs from a Broadway Musical, exploding hydrogen balloons and medics 'working out' set the scene for a highly entertaining 2010 Supporter's Day, attended by more than 130 supporters, alumni and friends of the University.

The audience came to hear how their support had been put to good use. Vice-Chancellor Professor David Greenaway welcomed guests and thanked the audience for their support which he said had been, and would continue to be, critical to the progress of the University.

He introduced a showcase of projects which had benefited from the philanthropy of our friends and alumni. Among the many projects and people involved, highlights included the Students' Union awardwinning society Musicality's performance of a medley of songs from their production of The Pyjama Game and Dr Holly Blake's overview of the Q-Active scheme, which is improving the health of thousands of healthcare providers in Nottinghamshire.

The audience also got a taste of the award-winning Periodic Table of Videos with live chemical experiments performed by University academics Dr Sam Tang and Dr Pete Licence from the School of Chemistry.

Here is just a flavour of the feedback from guests at the event.

"I do now feel more connected. I am 76 and received my first degree 55 years ago and my doctorate 42 years ago so it is all rather remote. It is good though to feel that sense of community extends over the years"

"It was wonderful to see University Park in all its glory on a fine spring afternoon"

"...very useful to get an overview of what the University is up to and see some excellent examples of what's happening"

"Good to see how the campus has changed and to 'indulge' in a few memories"

"Any excuse to turn the clock back"

"It was a good mixture and a chance to talk to today's students and explain how lucky we were in the 1960s!"

"Every time I visit I feel very proud to see the developments over the years and pleased to help in a small way. Keep up the good work – Nottingham is a world-class University."

This year...

The 2011 Supporters' Day will take place on 7th May as part of MayFest – the University's open weekend for alumni and friends. You can find out more at

mww.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk by following the links to Alumni Events.

MayFest

7 May 2011

A special day for supporters, alumni and friends

Join us on Saturday 7 May 2011 at University Park to find out more about the ways your support, through donations and gifts of time and expertise, provides crucial resources that enhance our students' experience and funds vital programmes that enrich lives and communities across the world.

Programme:

2.00pm Registration in the Senate Chamber, Trent Building

2.30pm Welcome speech by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Greenaway

Showcase of Projects:

2.40pm The University's Student Latin and Ballroom Dancers perform a medley of Salsa and Ballroom Dances

2.50pm English Studies Undergraduates, Caroline Adams and Fiona Stockdale share their life changing experience at the Upendo School, Africa

3.00pm Bubbles, Bitterness and Butterscotch – The Beauty of Beer, by Professor Katherine Smart, Professor of Brewing Science (with optional beer tasting)

3.30pm Campus Coach Tour

4.15pm Afternoon tea and Exhibition in the Great Hall, Trent Building showcasing various activities and projects made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends.

5.30pm Close

A new admission in China

In what was an historic first for The University of Nottingham, a special ceremony was held in China to admit Hong Kongborn entrepreneur, property developer and philanthropist Dr Chen Tseng Tao OBE to the College of Benefactors (COB).

Dr Chen and his wife, Eva established the Si Yuan Foundation in 1997 to support projects in scientific research and education. They have supported a significant number of scholarships at The University of Nottingham, Ningbo, which many students have benefited from.

The Si Yuan Foundation has also made

"Dr Chen has given so much to the economic success of Hong Kong and is a generous supporter of research, development and higher education. He is committed to supporting work to advance the built and social environment, contributing to the advancement of academic and research development," said Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation, Professor Christine Ennew.

"We are delighted to be able to work collaboratively with the Si Yuan Foundation which firmly believes that no young person should be deprived of equitable and quality maintained and developed. With far sightedness like Dr Chen's this can be achieved."

In 1993 Dr Chen received an OBE in recognition of his achievements and contributions to the education community. He also received an honorary degree from the University in 2006. The ceremony in China was also attended by Mr KK Chung, a major benefactor of the University over many years and another College of Benefactor member and honorary graduate.

KK Chung and Dr Chen prior to the College of Benefactors admission ceremony



College of Benefactors – Thomas Angear



COB member and close friend of the University, Thomas Angear (Industrial Economics 1961) has received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University. Thomas has maintained strong links with the University since graduating 50 years ago.

He went on to become a Marketing Director at Lever Brothers and Warner Lambert and then for 25 years ran his own mergers and acquisitions company, M & A International.

He has served on the University Council and was Chairman of the Campaign Leadership Board for the Golden Jubilee Campaign, which raised £33m over a five-year period. The Angear Visitor Centre in the Lakeside Arts complex is named after him and his wife, Patricia (Mathematics 1960), whom he met at the University.

Thomas Angear on the occasion of his honorary degree ceremony – July 2010

History gets help from a primary source

Current and future history students will benefit from a major technological and research upgrade, thanks to the generous gift of a principal benefactor.

College of Benefactor member and alumnus John Robinson (Medieval and Modern History 1981) wanted to make a significant impact with his gift to improve the student experience at The University of Nottingham.

With this in mind the School focused on new technology and expanding its source materials. Staff have installed a computer suite in each of the School's teaching rooms in Lenton Grove, matching facilities in other buildings on campus, and made substantial library acquisitions, which would normally be beyond the range of their budget. Professor Colin Heywood said: "I'm delighted to say that this gift has already made a substantial impact on opportunities for our students to profit from their time at the University."

If you have benefited from a University of Nottingham education and you would like to find out more about how you can give back to your school or department please see the donation form on page 15 or contact Simon Buttenshaw, Head of Regular Giving:

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In a further ceremony in Nottingham, award-winning journalist and broadcaster Jeff Randall (Economics 1979) was admitted into the College of Benefactors. As a passionate ambassador for the University, Jeff recently spearheaded the initiative to raise more than £1m to establish a new Chair in Jewish Studies to which Professor Agata Bielik–Robson has recently been appointed.

College of Benefactors' Dinner

COB members enjoyed an informal dinner and round-table discussion at the Institute of Directors in London, shortly after the General Election last year.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor David Greenaway, who is also an economist, gave attendees an update on the University's current activities and developments and there was an opportunity to hear the views of one of the University's leading political academics.

Professor Philip Cowley is an expert in parliament and parliamentary behaviour in the University's Centre for British Politics in the School of Politics and International Relations. which is a recognised centre of excellence in teaching. Professor Cowley's research and award-winning blog is routinely cited by every major newspaper and broadcasting organisation in the UK. He talked to COB members on the subject of 'The New Political Landscape and the Economy' and they were able to quiz him about his insider knowledge of parliament. Dennis Kavanagh and Professor Cowley have recently published their eagerly-awaited book The British General Election of 2010 to much critical acclaim.

The invited audience also included Professor Martin Binks (Economics 1979), the new Dean of Nottingham University Business School and Professor of Entrepreneurial Development and Director of the Institute for Enterprise and Innovation (UNIEI) at the University.

This year's COB dinner will take place on the 9 June 2011 at a central London venue to be confirmed.

See the award-winning blog at http://electionblog2010.blogspot.com

Overseas news



Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) scoop second place at the SIFE World Cup

A head for business – a heart for the world

Alumni and donors played a key role in the success of the University's students in the 2010 SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) World Cup.

The SIFE team from The University of Nottingham, Ningbo China (UNNC) were runners up in the competition in Los Angeles and received philanthropic support and advice to help them on their way. At a special celebration event to mark their achievement SIFE team leader LV Mo, a student in the fourth year of a degree in International Business and Management at UNNC, had a special message for those who supported them:

"Though our hard work and persistence as a team has now received public recognition we have never forgotten that without the unyielding support from you, our university, business school, business advisors and alumni, we could never have made such enormous achievements. It is your pursuit of perfection; your useful suggestions and your inspiring words that encourage us never to be satisfied with the present situation and push ourselves to be where

we are today! Let it be clear, this prize alone is definitely not the thing we pursue. The achievement of SIFE cannot be simply measured by the ranking in competition; the true measurement criteria lie in our heart. It could be the moment you see the grateful tears or smile from the people you help. It could be the first contract you get after numerous cold calls to strangers. It could be a simple thumbs up from a child whose life you know you have changed forever.

As we are students, our strength and ability might be small, but we are paving a way to make changes to people's lives. Obviously, the true strength of us as students comes not from the ability we possess, but from the enduring power of our ideals: the heart to care for the disadvantaged groups, the heart to contribute to the society, the heart to create a better world!

Finally, thank you for your support. We need your continuous support all the time!"

To You can view the 2010 SIFE World Cup presentations at www.sife.org/worldcup/presentations2010.asp

Major donors and supporters meet alumni on a river cruise to remember

Shanghai, the showpiece of the world's fastest-growing economy, recently played host to a delegation made up of members of the University Council and major supporters including some of the College of Benefactors. The delegation visited both the Ningbo, China and Semeniyah, Malaysia campuses to see on-going developments, and to meet with current students who had been recipients of scholarships supported through alumni donations. Their visit also coincided



with one of the world's most exciting events of 2010 – Shanghai Expo. Over the course of Expo the University was able to showcase world-changing research in sustainability and held a series of thought-provoking conferences and workshops.

If you would like to find out more about supporting our overseas campuses please contact Simon Buttenshaw on:

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VIP Delegates outside the UK Pavilion, Shanghai Expo



FUN America Scholar



FUN America scholarship student Jill Sollenberger receiving her scholarship from Dr Heather Roberts, Director of Postgraduate Education

World-renowned research facilities at The University of Nottingham, attracted the recipient of this year's Friends of The University of Nottingham, America (FUN America) scholarship. Jill Sollenberger, from Stratford, New Jersey has taken on a Master of Research Degree in Chemistry. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Jill had been working for Targacept, a leading biopharmaceutical company before deciding to extend her studies in England.

"I'm extremely grateful to the alumni members of FUN America for their generosity," said Jill. "It's helping enormously with my living costs while in England and without it I would certainly have had to take on more loans in order to come here. I'm really enjoying myself so thank you FUN America."

The brightest and best from around the world

Scholarship students from around the world gathered at The University of Nottingham for a formal celebration of their success.

Talented students from a wide range of countries took part in celebration events in November. More than 300 students, who have won competitive scholarships to study at the University, came together to receive their certificates.

All have been awarded scholarships based on academic ability, to study for undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in schools and departments right across the University.

The University is one of the most popular in the UK among overseas students, with more than 8,000 studying at its UK campuses and another 8,000 at its campuses in Asia. It offers a large pool of scholarships to attract the very best international applicants from around the world.

It has one of the widest scholarship portfolios of any UK university, from a variety of sources.

Representatives of many of the University's co-sponsors were invited to the event and enjoyed an opportunity to meet with the scholars.

If you are interested in supporting scholarships at Nottingham then please see the donation form on page 15 or contact Simon Buttenshaw, Head of Regular Giving:

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Latest science and research news

Through a variety of sources, including charitable and philanthropic income, funding for world-leading research at Nottingham reached £150m for the first time over the academic year 2009-10. The international reputation of the University's research in energy, drug discovery, global food security, aerospace, advanced manufacturing, integrating global society, biomedical imaging and many other areas has helped to push research funding at Nottingham to unprecedented levels. Here are just some of the latest projects which are taking place.

Vital research using MRI technology

150 million patients' lives around the world have been touched by Magnetic Resonance Imaging, which was invented here at The University of Nottingham by Nobel Prize winner Sir Peter Mansfield. Having benefited from over £1m in gifts from alumni and friends The Sir Peter Mansfield Magnetic Resonance Centre (SPMMRC) and associated facilities provide a worldleading centre and research environment, housing some of the best facilities and MR* physicists. Conditions and diseases as diverse as stroke, Parkinson's disease, cancer and schizophrenia are being better understood due to the use of this non-invasive technique.

Currently research is focusing around the structure and function of the brain, enhancing the understanding of mental and physical illnesses such as multiple sclerosis and schizophrenia. "By trying to image brain networks in healthy individuals and then characterising those networks and their connectivity with other brain networks, we can then apply the same imaging techniques to unwell individuals, such as patients with schizophrenia, and see how those networks differ between control subjects and patients," says Research Fellow Dr Matt Brookes. "It's rare to find imaging centres with this kind of equipment, and I am working alongside some of the best MR physicists in the world. The work that Sir Peter Mansfield continues to do here is inspiring – it's had an effect on countless people's lives."

Blood test for early detection of cancer

The University of Nottingham spin-out company, Oncimmune Ltd, has successfully transferred the scientific work of John Robertson, a world-renowned breast cancer specialist and Professor of Surgery in The University of Nottingham's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, into a ground-breaking blood test for the early detection of cancer. This means cancer can be discovered as much as five years earlier than current testing methods such as mammography and CT* scans. Physicians will know the result of their patient's test within one week of sending in a blood sample to Oncimmune.

Oncimmune has developed a new technique, which replicates the cancer proteins that trigger the body's response to the disease, and robotic technology to measure this response. This new technology (immunobiomarkers) provides a significant advance in how early a cancer may be detected and is likely to change the current paradigm of diagnosis and treatment for most solid cancers such as lung, breast, ovarian, colon and prostate.

The University is now set to establish a Centre of Excellence for Autoimmunity in Cancer (CEAC) with Professor Robertson as the Director of Research. The new centre will continue world-leading research and development in the early detection of cancer and foster collaborative research to speed up the delivery of an autoantibody blood test for different types of cancer for clinical use.

New centre and chair for sustainable energy research

A new £6.5m research centre will bring together world-class experts in energy research at the University. The Energy Technologies Building (ETB) underlines Nottingham's leading role in global energy research, and its commitment to developing low-carbon technologies with the potential to touch every aspect of 21st century life. It also highlights the strength of the University's links with industry, and its commitment to further regeneration of the former Raleigh site on which the centre will be built.

The ETB will be constructed on the University's Innovation Park, adjacent to the Jubilee Campus and alongside the recently-opened Nottingham Geospatial Building. It is being funded by the University, the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), which is administered by the East Midlands Development Agency (emda), and a donation of £1m from the Wolfson Foundation. Taking the lead on the research activities at the new centre will be The University of Nottingham's first Professor in Sustainable Energy Technologies, Gavin Walker, an expert in hydrogen storage. The new chair has been established following a £1m gift from benefactors Sir Harry and Lady Dianogly.

If you would like to support us with a gift to help fund life-changing research projects at the University of Nottingham please go to www.nottingham.ac.uk/supportus

^{*}Magnetic resonance

^{*}Computed tomography

Annual Fund Grants Awards



Using donations received principally from alumni, The Annual Fund Grants Awards support projects which directly benefit or enhance the student experience, or which add to our student outreach or community activities. Here are some of the projects which received funding from the Annual Fund Grants panel in 2010. The panel is made up of leading alumni donors.





Strengthening the bridge between town and gown

Students are sharing their academic expertise with local community organisations and acquiring 'real life' work skills in exchange, thanks to alumni funding.

A range of community organisations throughout Nottinghamshire including a drop-in centre for the homeless and unemployed, a bereavement centre and a nationally-based charity, currently have University of Nottingham students helping them carry out vital work. In return, the students acquire skills to better equip them for their working life.

Set up by the University's Active Communities Team, the Community Innovation Fund has launched a pilot scheme involving 17 students from the Schools of English, History, Sociology and Business. Each student and community organisation is given a £200 bursary and students also receive money to cover their travel expenses. As well as helping students to increase their employability, the scheme also raised

students' awareness of careers available in the Third Sector (i.e. community, voluntary and not-for-profit) and social enterprise organisations by linking students with an organisation and placing them there for the equivalent of one day per week over two terms. University-based training on topics such as business planning and social citizenship was also given in addition to the work placements to help students build their personal and professional skills.

Current Nottingham students Charlotte Stace and India Blandford are helping the regional Marie Curie Cancer care team raise thousands of pounds for their Great Daffodil Appeal.

The pair are working behind the scenes to co-ordinate the distribution and collection of around 1,600 charity collecting boxes and kits across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and East Staffordshire. Last year, the regional charity's Great Daffodil Appeal raised more than £73,000 across the three counties which enabled 32 Marie Curie

Nurses to care for 333 terminally ill patients in their homes and in hospices.

"It's incredibly helpful to have Charlotte and India's help at this time of year," said Marie Curie's regional co-ordinator Andy Holmes (Mathematics, 2002) who is also a Nottingham alumnus.

"People might think we simply turn up on the day with our boxes and daffodil pins but it's a carefully planned operation which begins just as the previous year's collection has finished. Charlotte and India have been liaising with volunteers, groups and organisations, securing collection points and exploring new ways of recruiting volunteers. They have also been taught our income processing and banking procedures and used our fundraising database."

Above: Students taking part in the Community Innovation Fund Placement Programme

Micro-credit scheme helps Ghanaian entrepreneurs out of poverty

An innovative micro-credit project offering small business loans to some of the poorest communities in rural Ghana has been set up by a group of enterprising students at The University of Nottingham.

The groundbreaking new initiative is already helping hundreds of people in Ghana to capitalise on their business potential and expand their profit margin – giving them a stable financial income and enabling them to work themselves out of poverty.

Dubbed CEDIS – which is Ghana's national currency – the scheme is the brainchild of Chris Skilton (Finance, Accounting and Management 2008), former President of the University's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, and recent winner of an Alumni Laureate Award. Thanks to the generosity of alumni donors the scheme has benefited from a £17,500 grant from the University's Annual Fund – £7,500 covered

the cost of the trip to Ghana, while the students will use the remaining £10,000 to develop business ventures in the UK and Ghana. These businesses will allow CEDIS to expand its capital base and become more sustainable over time.

"There are literally millions of Ghanaians without access to legitimate financial services," said Chris. "With the support of the University and the SIFE team we have already been able to reach out to several hundred entrepreneurs. In the coming years we hope to offer thousands of individuals the same opportunities to develop their businesses and support their families."

Loan interest rates in Ghana are prohibitively high – mainstream banks offer annual rates of around 35 per cent, while private finance companies' rates can be anything up to an astronomical 50 per cent a year. The CEDIS scheme encourages Ghanaian entrepreneurs to draw up a business plan and uses capital from

charitable fundraising to offer them loans at just two per cent per month over a six month period. Since its launch in October 2009 it has already helped more than 250 individuals and currently boasts a 100 per cent repayment rate.

Amma Yahaya Nabila, who runs a rice processing business and has had a loan of 100 Ghana CEDIS (around £50) said: "I cannot thank them enough for their help. I am thanking them a lot as now my children are able to go back to school, within these recent days. It is from this profit margin that I got the help to support them to go to school."

Vice-President of The University of Nottingham SIFE team Aaron Salamon, a second-year Economics student at the University, has seen the impact that CEDIS is already having: "These are very proud people – they are not interested in taking handouts or charity, they simply want the means to help themselves and just require a little extra help to allow them to reach their full potential."



Upendo – for the love of education





Caroline Adams and Fiona Stockdale are welcomed by Dr Masimbo Lumala to the Upendo School, Kenya

A remarkable school in a remote village in Kenya is changing the lives of local children thanks to the hard work of a University of Nottingham Alumnus Laureate, the University's Annual Fund, a Nottinghamshire primary school and staff and students from the University's School of English Studies.

The Upendo Junior School was founded by Dr Peter Masibo Lumala (English Language Teaching 2003) when he returned to his home village of Kiminini in Kenya after completing his PhD at the University. He and his wife converted their home into a charitable school after they were shocked to find their community vastly changed because of poverty, civil war and HIV/AIDS.

Three years on, the school, called Upendo after the Swahili word for 'love', has expanded and now has eight teachers and more than 80 children, most of whom are orphans.

Dr Masibo Lumala established an active twinning programme with Wadsworth Fields Primary School in Stapleford, Nottingham and also with his alma mater, the University's School of English Studies which has raised money to pay for a teacher's salary at the school. Fundraising by both 'schools' has helped Upendo's expansion.

Alumni donations were used by the School of English to send two undergraduate students, Caroline Adams and Fiona Stockdale, to visit Upendo in 2010 to learn about Kenya's culture and education system and provide some new ideas and initiatives.

"Our trip showed me that education is the most important thing you can give to someone – be it children learning English or adults learning to use a computer – and that if people want to learn they will be successful even when conditions are not perfect," said Caroline.

Fiona added: "It is schools like Upendo and people like Dr Masibo Lumala who are striving for Kenyans to have access to the amenities of the modern world and with the support received from the UK this can, and is, becoming a reality.

Not only has this trip enlightened me as to the education, culture and ethos of Kenya, but it has also allowed me to fully realise my vocation to teach in primary schools and has definitely encouraged me to teach in foreign countries.

The trip was greatly moving and an intensely enjoyable experience and personal journey. However, even without the changes which we introduced, Upendo Junior School stands apart in its global ideology, personal care for the children and in its desire to push Kenya and Kenyans forward into the 21st Century."

You can find out lots more about the trip, Upendo Junior School and Peter Masibo Lumala by visiting the School of English Studies website www.nottingham.ac.uk/english and exploring the News section. If you are interested in making a donation to the Upendo Junior School in Kenya please contact the Regular Giving Team:

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The end of Antiquity – an archaeological excavation in Bulgaria



Archaeology students receive training in on-site recording in Bulgaria

The *Transition from Antiquity* programme is one of Europe's largest projects of its kind, representing a major and innovative approach to researching the 'End of Antiquity' (6th-7th centuries AD) and giving international recognition to The University of Nottingham as a centre for archaeology.

The programme combines field survey with large-scale excavation of an early Byzantine hill-top fortress in Bulgaria. Last summer thanks to funding of $\pounds 11,380$ from the Annual Fund Grants Programme, 27 students from the University, together with 37 other prospective Nottingham MA and PhD research students, joined the team on the Dobri Dyal dig for a 5 week trip. They enjoyed an invaluable opportunity to receive professional archaeology training which would not have been

possible without the additional funding from the Annual Fund.

The students lived with Bulgarian families, gaining an insight into Eastern European culture beyond their archaeological training. One of the students said that working and learning archaeology in Bulgaria had been "the most profound experience of her life". The programme has also helped the quality of professional archaeology in Bulgaria and attracted students from Bulgaria to come to Nottingham.

Work on the programme is still continuing and further funding is being sought. If you are interested in supporting this project further please contact the Regular Giving Team:

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Any-Body Month raises disability sport awareness



Wheelchair basketball in action at Any-Body Month

Alumni gifts totalling £2,500 enabled this year's Any-Body Month (ABM), a disability awareness sporting event, to build on the success of its first year with around 150 people participating. Run in March, this event aims to fill the gap in sporting provision for disabled students at the University by educating clubs on how to develop their sports to be more inclusive and to raise awareness of some of the barriers faced by people with a disability when playing sport.

Disabled and non-disabled staff, students and members of the local community are given the chance to try a number of different sports and activities that they might not otherwise consider trying, including wheelchair basketball, deaf football, chair fit and swimming, all for free.

"The aim is to show how inclusive different sports and activities can be, by putting on taster sessions over three consecutive weeks, across all three of our UK University campuses," said Hannah Webber, the University's Disability Sport Officer, and only officer of this kind in a Higher Education Institute in the UK.

One student said that "Taking part in ABM was a real boost to my confidence and has certainly given me the encouragement I needed to keep going with my efforts to get fit and try new things – I think without ABM I may never have ended up in a gym as I would have always been wondering just how accessible and achievable this activity was for someone with a visual impairment."

Summer Scientist Week uncovers how children learn

Summer Scientist Week is an annual event that brings together students, researchers and the local community to extend understanding of child development. During the week long event in August, child volunteers and their parents visit Jubilee Campus for half a day to take part in a range of different games that help undergraduate and postgraduate students understand how we learn and how our brains develop.

Research projects in 2010 included 'Millions of Marbles' which looked at the meaning of numbers and 'Eye Spider!' which looked at how quickly children anticipate actions by monitoring eye movements. There were also fun activities such as computer games and face painting to keep children entertained.

"Young children's minds are rapidly developing and they are constantly

learning about the world around them" said researcher Camilla Gilmore. "These projects help researchers to understand these processes and how we can build on them to help children learn. The Summer Scientist Week is also a great opportunity for families to visit the University for a fun day to find out about some of the University's research."

Supported by an Annual Fund grant of £9,930 the team from the School of Psychology and the Learning Sciences Research Institute who organise the event are able to fund an extra internship each year from 2010-2012.

This will enable an undergraduate to get further involved and gain experience in all aspects of conducting research about child development over a 4 week period. Intern Stephanie Morris who was supported by Annual Fund donations in 2010 felt the week was "a brilliant opportunity to experience and understand the research process" and above all enjoyed "working with such a fun and friendly group of people and feeling valued and appreciated".

Approximately 50 undergraduates from the Schools of Psychology, Computer Science and Education will benefit from the Annual Fund Grant as well as approximately 40 social science PhD students who will gain valuable experience of public engagement as well as working with experienced academics to enhance the impact of their research.

To see a podcast of the event please visit:

www.summerscientist.org



Student volunteers and children enjoy the Summer Scientist Week - August 2010



Here is a flavour of some of the other projects which received funding from the Annual Fund in 2010. For a full list of all donations made please visit (a) www.nottingham.ac.uk/supportus/makingadifference.aspx

Solar Decathlon Europe Competition £25,000

A team of architecture and engineering students from the Department of the Built Environment took on 18 other universities from across the EU. North America. South America, and China in the International Solar Decathlon Europe competition held in Madrid last summer. The Nottingham H.O.U.S.E. (Home Optimising the Use of Solar Energy) was a student-led design and build project to produce a 'zero-carbon' house powered by solar technologies. The building underwent a series of ten trials as part of the competition (hence decathlon) and the students also ran public tours of their construction. Despite torrential rain hitting the site on their arrival causing it to flood, the students succeeded against the odds to open the house to the public on time and came a close second in the sustainability category. The grant from the Annual Fund provided the necessary funding for the travel and accommodation costs of 30 students to go to Madrid and erect the house, landscape the site and demonstrate it in a professional manner. As well as travelling to Madrid the grant also allowed 10 of the students to trial the house in London in March 2010 at the EcoBuild event, where they were awarded top prize in the inaugural Timber at Ecobuild Awards for promoting wood as a sustainable choice for construction.

Athletic Union Elite Training Camp 2010 £25,000

Thanks to the Annual Fund, more than 500 athletes in 56 British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) teams from The University of Nottingham, were able to take part in a two-week, pre-season training camp.

The sportsmen and women received high quality coaching, healthy eating advice, physiotherapy and sporting advice to enable them to perform at their highest possible level and hopefully increase Nottingham's position in the BUCS league table.

Previously teams have funded pre-season training from the coaching fund allocation given to them at the beginning of the year, generally leaving them unable to afford coaching at the end of the season and creating a big financial barrier to pre-season training, especially for those teams unable to attract additional sponsorship from external companies.

The idea of the camp was to give equal access to pre-season training in all sports in order for all teams to be able to fulfil their potential.

This will be further developed through the creation of the Vaughan Parry Williams Coaching Fund.

Improving student facilities at Sutton Bonington £8,946

Alumni of Sutton Bonington once again showed their generosity in 2010 with £8,946 donated towards enhancing the student experience on campus. Some recent highlights include:

- Improved facilities in common room areas, including purchase of new PA equipment to run comedy and music nights, saving hire costs.
- £4,350 allocated to fund Student Sports Societies, including cycling, clay-pigeon shooting and rock-climbing.

Looking forward to the year ahead, one recently funded project will look to improve the health and well-being of students living on campus by transforming part of the campus into allotment gardens. Look out for more information in our e-bulletins which you can sign-up for at:

(i) www.nottingham.ac.uk/alumni.

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July 2011:

One University deadline we don't want you to miss

Panic over - it's not an essay or dissertation, but the UK Government's gift matching scheme which has already helped encourage 20% more alumni donors to make a gift to The University of Nottingham. Right now, every £1 you donate is worth double meaning double the impact for our students on and beyond our campuses.

Nottingham has set a target to raise £1,000,000 in donations by the time the scheme concludes, meaning £2,000,000 will have been made available to make a real difference to lives in the UK and overseas through our innovative student-led projects, some of which are featured in this magazine.

If you would like to make your gift to Nottingham worth double, you only have a few months until the scheme closes. Please use the attached form to make a gift to support talented Nottingham students. Your support is truly appreciated.

Alumni and supporters in the US can make a donation tax effectively to The Friends of the University of Nottingham: Inc. Donors in Canada can support Nottingham with a tax efficient gift directly to the University.

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Fantastic effort for Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre



Cycling team present Professor Richard Grundy with a cheque to help with the vital work of the CRTRC

Energetic fundraisers have raised more than £40,000 to support research at the Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre (CBTRC) at the University.

Over the last year a variety of organisations, clubs and societies and individuals have chosen to fund this vital strand of medical research through The University of Nottingham.

A total of 450 children are diagnosed with brain tumours every year in the UK. We lose more children over the age of one to cancer than to any other disease. Although five year survival rates in the UK have risen from 50% to 70% over the last decade, many brain tumours remain incurable. Around 60% of those who do survive often have significant disability following diagnosis and treatment.

The CBTRC aims to establish the links between paediatrics, neurosciences, oncology, imaging, pharmaceutical sciences, human development, stem-cell technology, cellular genetics and physiology. There are over 50 experts in these fields at

The University of Nottingham, all of them working towards improving our understanding of the disease and developing innovative new treatments.

So far, funding from the University and external grants have tripled the Centre's research capability. Three research fellowships are now in place and a fourth is planned as soon as enough money is raised. The Centre has also bought vital pieces of equipment to further its research and improve treatments.

Here's just a flavour of some of the fundraising activities which have raised funds for this much-needed research:

- More than £5,000 was raised by a team of cyclists who rode from Breaston in Derbyshire to Skegness... and back... in a day. Paul Screen, Ian Mollart, Andy Vaughn, Cheryl Henshaw, Iain Grant, Bill Richardson, Paul Calladine, Pete Richardson, Mandy Brown and Paul Mason tackled the 185 miles just to enjoy a brief stay at the seaside before coming home. www.justgiving.com/Skegness-and-back-in-a-day
- Another team of 11 cyclists made the trip from the East Midlands to Paris by bike and raised £6,600. www.justgiving.com/Front-Door-to-Paris
- The Royal Air Force Police Association East Midlands made a donation of £1,250 to the CBTRC.
- Celebrity chef Phil Vickery turned out for his local footy side Holmer Green FC in Buckinghamshire to help raise £1,000. Phil and his wife Fern Britton live locally and the chef agreed to play for The Holmer Green Dads as they took on an Old Boys team from their professional League Two rivals Wycombe Wanderers. The match was in memory of a six year old daughter of one of their coaches, who died last year from a brain tumour. Wycombe won the match but all enjoyed an afternoon out despite the wet weather.

Thank you to CBTRC supporters



Marcus Powell and Tracey Saunders as Malvolio and Olivia in the Nottingham Playhouse Production of *Twelfth Night*. Photo: Robert Day

Local supporters of the Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre enjoyed a performance of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* at the Nottingham Playhouse on Thursday 30 September 2010. Professor David Walker and Professor Richard Grundy from the Centre enjoyed a drink at a pretheatre reception with donors whose lives have been personally touched by childhood brain tumours and through whose donations the lives of sufferers and their families worldwide have been improved. To find out more about the Centre visit

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Here Come the Ginger Nuts

Alumnus and dedicated supporter of the University Peter Brighouse (Zoology 1968) is donating 10% of the sales of his newly-launched series of illustrated cat stories for children to help raise money for the CBTRC. Recently retired, Peter is fulfilling a long desired ambition to self publish his stories and is using eBay to help support the charity at the same time. The 'Louisa Ginger Nut Series' is dedicated to the memory of Peter's daughter Louisa, who died aged five, shortly before Christmas 1996, of a brain tumour. Peter has since raised more than £5,000 for the CBTRC at Nottingham. If you would like to support his efforts and buy one of the books please visit the ebay website www.ebay.co.uk and search for 'Here Come the Ginger Nuts CBTRC'.

Gala event raises £27,000 for next generation of superbug research

Ambitious plans by researchers at the University to use the latest sophisticated scientific techniques in the fight against healthcare-acquired infections are a step closer, thanks to a charity fundraising event which raised more than £27,000.

Researchers at the University's Centre for Healthcare Associated Infections (CHAI), the country's leading research institute studying the spread of superbugs, plan to use the cash injection towards funding their programme of next generation genome sequencing.

The £27,000 has boosted the total raised so far as CHAI heads towards its ultimate fundraising goal of £1.4m. The research will centre on the study of clinical strains that cause serious infections such as Methicillinresistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA), Clostridium difficile and Pseudomonas aeruginosa, a gram-negative bacteria which is particularly dangerous to those with weak immune systems, such as babies and young children.

Professor Richard James, Director of CHAI, said: "This important research will examine the genetic differences between these different strains of superbug which will give us a greater insight into the mechanisms they use to multiply and attack the human body. It will be instrumental in helping us to develop rapid diagnostic tests for the detection of these evolving pathogens.

The support of fundraising events such as this is vital in providing us with a cash lifeline to underpin research. Unlike other medical causes such as cancer, there is currently no national charity dedicated to raising money to fund research into these deadly bacteria."

The gala dinner and charity auction held at the Royal Automobile Club in London's Pall Mall on September 30 saw exclusive lots going under the hammer in support of CHAI, including a pair of Debenture tickets for the opening day of Wimbledon 2011, the chance to tour the BBC studios and watch the national TV news air live and a haircut with celebrity stylist Trevor Sorbie.



CHAI's Patron, Leslie Ash with Professor Richard James. Director of CHAI

The event was attended by CHAI's patron Leslie Ash, the actress who suffered irreversible health problems after contracting MSSA, a strain of MRSA, six years ago. Host for the evening was journalist and ITN newscaster Alastair Stewart.

The event was organised by dedicated CHAI supporter Graziella Kontkowski, whose beloved 93-year-old grandmother Caterina Cotrulia contracted *C.diff* and died in September 2005, after initially having been admitted to hospital for an infection.

Graziella said: "I am delighted that the event has resulted in such a fantastic donation towards the important research that Professor James and his colleagues are working on at CHAI. My hope was to honour the memory of my grandmother in a way that may help to ensure that, one day, families like mine won't be left devastated in the wake of these deadly superbugs.

I'm already thinking about new ways in which we can raise money for CHAI and I would urge anyone who has been affected by these healthcare-acquired infections to do the same."

Among the sponsors and donors for the event were the infection and contamination control business Tristel plc and The Corniche Group.

Donations can be made via the CHAI website:

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A gift to remember happy days

When the late Bob Baker made his Will he left a sum of money to the University accompanied by the simple phrase "to reflect my joy at being a student there".

It was his way of remembering his happy student days from 1962-65 when he studied Chemistry at Nottingham. A year after his death in 2009, his sister Dr Hilary Baker, and nephew Michael King made a special visit to the University to present Bob's legacy in the form

of a generous gift of

£130,000.

His gift will be used specifically to enhance the student experience for current and future students living in Lincoln Hall and support a new student support centre in the School of Chemistry.

"By using the gift to support students in Chemistry, Lincoln Hall and the upgrading of the hall's library facilities I think Bob would have been delighted," said Hilary.

"Our father was a chemist and Bob developed his interest in the subject from him. He continued his interest in science at school and when he came to the University. He so enjoyed his time here and he developed a lot of other interests, including

photography and had his Aerial Leader motorbike while he was at Nottingham.

As his little sister it was a special treat for me to come and visit him while he was living in Lincoln Hall. Bob had so much fun up here; he wrote letters home every week about what he was up to."



Bob went on to become a research chemist at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston in Berkshire, where he remained for the rest of his working life before retiring shortly before his death.

Whilst there he was also actively involved with Prospect, the trade union representing engineers, scientists and managers. Despite living in Basingstoke he was also a lifelong Notts County football supporter.

Lincoln Hall Warden Joanne Wright said: "This is a wonderfully generous gift which will be used in a number of ways to benefit the student experience at Nottingham. We have plans to upgrade the computer facilities in the Coveney Library and enhance and develop our popular programme of tutorial dinners which brings tutors and their students together socially outside of the lecture theatre."

Above: Dr Hilary Baker outside Lincoln Hall, 2010 Left: Robert Baker as he starts his studies at The University of Nottingham, 1962 Thank you. The University would like to extend its deepest appreciation to all donors who have given their support by recording their names or those of their nominees on the donor wall of honour which can be found at www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk/netcommunity/our donors. We also pay tribute to those who wish to remain anonymous. Below all donors listed have made gifts over £100 during the financial year 2009/10 with Leadership Circle donors making gifts of £1000 or more.

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