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## UK Entrepreneurial University of the Year

How our entrepreneurial  
spirit has seen us win this  
prestigious award

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# Welcome

It's with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2014 edition of Strathclyde People magazine. This has been a year of great celebration for the University and the city of Glasgow, and the following pages will give you – our global community of alumni and supporters – a flavour of Strathclyde's latest developments.

We recently marked our Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of being granted university status by Her Majesty the Queen, against the backdrop of the 20th Commonwealth Games. Millions of people around the world watched Glasgow host what was an outstanding sporting event that generated enormous pride and a lasting legacy. You can read about our Strathclyde medal winners on page 5.

Meanwhile, we were delighted to receive the Times Higher Education's UK Entrepreneurial University of the Year Award 2013/14, and our main feature examines the enterprising spirit of our students, staff and graduates. It was particularly pleasing to accept the award just a year after being named UK University of the Year.

At the time of going to press, we have also received the Industry and Business title at Glasgow's Inspiring City Awards, a celebration of the people and organisations that make a difference to people's lives. This recognition reflects Strathclyde's ongoing commitment to working with large and small companies, policy-makers and the third sector to help tackle global challenges in areas including health, manufacturing, energy and the development of future cities. By working side-by-side, we are delivering real value for our students, staff and the global communities we serve.

Of course, we couldn't do any of this without you, our valued friends, supporters and alumni. I am continually inspired by stories of Strathclyders who go the extra mile to help others, and in particular, the next generation of students. You are at the heart of our ethos as 'the place of useful learning'.

On behalf of the wider Strathclyde community, thank you for your continued interest and support.

Best wishes

Professor Sir Jim McDonald  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor



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The view from here

# Sisary Kheng

A chance meeting starts an incredible journey – Sisary Kheng’s inspirational tale



Sisary Kheng is a truly remarkable Cambodian – a truly remarkable human being, in fact. There’s no denying her determination, or her achievements with the Cambodian School of Prosthetics and Orthotics (CSPO), giving new hope to those injured by the landmines that are still a major hazard across her country. But, as she insists in our interview, one aspect of her life was possible only because of a chance meeting.

## Tell us a little about yourself, and what led you to study at the University of Strathclyde

I was just a girl when the Khmer Rouge regime was still being driven out of Cambodia, and I grew up listening to the stories of those who had lived through it – and witnessing the horrible injuries caused by the millions of landmines that still litter my homeland. From an early age, I was moved to try and help people, in any way I could. At 16, I became the youngest pupil at the CSPO, which was set up by the Belfast-based Cambodia Trust, and today is called Exceed. Years later, in 2001, I was in Glasgow for the 10th World Congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) with a Cambodian colleague, and we had some spare time to explore the city. That was when I bumped into a local lady called Sue Walters, completely by chance. As I’ll explain, Sue’s kindness has made this journey possible. We chatted only briefly, then exchanged

emails. When I returned to Cambodia, Sue had emailed me about my work and wanted to get involved. She went on to raise £10,000 from kind Scots to help me realise my dream of studying with a university in the West to support my career – and we’ve been close friends ever since.

## How did you manage to study remotely and work full-time at CSPO?

The University was really supportive, as were my friends, family and colleagues, and Sue. It was a real challenge sometimes, but so many Scottish people had helped me get to this point, I couldn’t let them down. The staff at Strathclyde’s National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics (NCPO) were just excellent, and encouraged and inspired me all the way. Plus, I love my work, and I knew that my qualification – an MSc in Rehabilitation Studies – would be crucial in doing even more to help victims of landmines.



## What was it like to graduate?

It was an amazing experience, and a very proud one. I dedicate my graduation in 2011 to everyone who made it possible, including all the people at Strathclyde and the NCPO who helped me through seven gruelling years. It was so worth it. And I’m still in touch with Sue – she’s like a second mother!

## And what about the future?

I’m really happy here, helping people overcome awful injuries and readjust to life. And there’s always a lot to do now I’m Country Director of the CSPO – with that comes even more responsibility.



Find out more about Strathclyde’s National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics and the Department of Biomedical Engineering, at [www.strath.ac.uk/biomedeng](http://www.strath.ac.uk/biomedeng)

Donations from alumni have enabled the Strathclyde Alumni Fund to award more than £10,000 to the Strathclyde Engineering for Development MUKTI Project. A team of Biomedical Engineering students will travel to India where they will provide orthotics and prosthetics support in a community with a desperate shortage of provision. You can support life-changing projects like this by visiting [www.strath.ac.uk/alumnifund](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumnifund) or by contacting the Alumni Fund Officer, +44 (0)141 548 4151 [alumni@strath.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@strath.ac.uk)

# News



Royal Charter  
since 1964  
Useful Learning  
since 1796

## 50 years since our Royal Charter – a truly golden anniversary

Thursday 14 August 2014 marked 50 years to the day since Queen Elizabeth II signed the official charter granting us University status. We're commemorating the occasion by celebrating our dedicated alumni community.

The University is privileged to have a large, highly active and enthusiastic international alumni community. As well as financial giving, alumni volunteers and ambassadors lend their time, knowledge and expertise in support of the Strathclyde community, in areas such as student recruitment, enterprise, fundraising, and professional and career development. To mark the golden anniversary we've been celebrating this work throughout 2014 and sharing news of your contributions.

- **Stay connected** – for the remainder of 2014 you can follow the anniversary posts on the Strathclyde alumni Facebook and LinkedIn pages, and on our website.
- **Get involved** – wherever you are. Entrepreneurs, business people, alumni ambassadors: there are many ways you can stay involved with the University, from attending events to sharing your knowledge and expertise.

Find out more at [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni)



## Alumnus of the Year Award

A photo finish for two outstanding former students

Winter Olympic curling medallists Claire Hamilton and Michael Goodfellow are both former University of Strathclyde students, so this year we have joint recipients of the Alumnus of the Year award.

Michael and Claire were part of the men's and women's squads which won, respectively, silver and bronze medals for Team GB at the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia. They returned to the University to receive their trophy at Strathclyde's Barony Hall during the summer graduations. A fitting award, just as Glasgow made its final preparations to host the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Both spoke at the presentation. "Winning such a prestigious award in this celebrated year for sport in Glasgow is very special," Michael said, "and to be included among so many worthy winners over the years is a huge honour." Meanwhile, Claire expressed her appreciation for the support that helped her achieve her dreams: "Strathclyde was extremely accommodating, supportive and understanding right from the beginning, before we had any of the medals to show for it."

Brian Green, Principal Teaching Fellow in Physical Activity for Health and Associate Deputy Principal (Teaching and Learning), presented Michael and Claire for the award, and added: "To represent your country in sport reflects excellence, to be an Olympian is remarkable. But to be an Olympic medallist is outstanding."



## Strathclyde embraces Glasgow 2014 and its legacy

Glasgow has just staged the biggest sporting event in its history, the 2014 Commonwealth Games. The event, which brought together some of the world's most impressive athletes and spectators from all over the globe, was a fantastic success. The University of Strathclyde has been involved at every level from the outset, and is playing a leading role in ensuring its legacy benefits as many people as possible.

Eight medal contenders at the Games were Strathclyde alumni, as were countless baton bearers, organisers, volunteers and officials. Our Chancellor, Lord Smith Of Kelvin, chaired the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee, while Neil Sturrock, Head of the University's Centre for Sport and Recreation, is a director for Commonwealth Games Scotland and was a member of the Games' host association board.

## Strathclyde People Award

Successful entrepreneur named the winner

In the year we're named THE UK Entrepreneurial University of the Year, we're delighted to announce this year's alumni volunteer award goes to successful entrepreneur, Craig Taylor. When setting up his thriving company Cojengo, Craig received support from alumni volunteers through the Strathclyde Entrepreneurial Network. Inspired by this, Craig generously volunteers his own time, experience and enthusiasm, particularly in support of student enterprise initiatives. The Award will be presented in November in the lead up to Celebration of Enterprise Week. Read more on page 16.



## A silver lining to Glasgow 2014 for our Strathclyde medal winners

Cyclist Aileen McGlynn OBE: two silver medals  
Swimmer Robbie Renwick: one silver medal

Aileen and Robbie are no strangers to the podium. Aileen is a Paralympic multi-medalist, with a total of three golds, two silvers and one bronze from Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012. With his silver, Robbie is adding to medals from Delhi in 2010 and Melbourne in 2006.

## The event may be over, but its effects are longer lasting

The Game's legacy will be crucial to the city's economy

That is, making the most of the social, economic and health benefits the event, its infrastructure and influence offers. Dr Robert Rogerson, of Strathclyde's School of Social Work and Social Policy, has been seconded to coordinate research into the legacy – in areas such as wellbeing, housing and community spirit – to ensure the hugely positive impact of the Games continues long into the future.





## Faster diagnosis for meningitis?

Strathclyde researchers have developed a new test for meningitis that could achieve faster diagnosis and more effective treatments for patients

The onset of meningitis can be rapid and severe, particularly when caused by a bacterial infection, and findings from some of the latest research from Dr Karen Faulds and PhD student Kirsten Gracie – with partners at the University of Manchester – could help speed up diagnosis. The research involved using a spectroscopic imaging technique known as SERS (Surface-Enhanced Raman Scattering) to identify the bacteria present in a single sample, and the plan is to use this approach in analysing cerebrospinal fluid from patients with suspected meningitis.

Dr Faulds had this to say: “The great advantage of the SERS technique is that it gives sharp, recognisable signals, like fingerprinting. So we can identify more easily which chemical substances are present in a sample.” The study has been published in the journal *Chemical Science*.

## Concerns over EU ban on discarding unwanted fish

A report by Strathclyde academics suggests a recent EU ban on fishermen discarding unwanted caught fish might actually disrupt ecological systems and harm wildlife

The ban, which will roll out across the EU between 2015 and 2019, is intended to reduce waste and improve fish stocks by preventing trawlers from landing unwanted catches. But a report led by Professor Mike Heath from the University’s Department of Mathematics and Statistics suggests the intended outcome is far from certain. “Wildlife everywhere capitalises on waste from human activity, and discarded fish are food for a wide range of seabirds, marine mammals, seabed animals and other fish”, Professor Heath explains. “So banning discards of fish could have unintended effects on the ecosystem.”

The report also suggests that changing fishing practices to avoid catching so many unwanted fish in the first place could bring greater benefits to the wider food ‘web’ – particularly to birds, sea mammals, and the very fish stocks the ban is trying to protect.



## Aspiring entrepreneurs give economic recovery a double boost

Scotland’s economic future may be looking brighter, according to the latest figures from the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM)

In its 2013 report, the GEM suggests the number of start-up owners expecting to employ at least 10 people within five years has more than doubled and continues to grow. It also found that these business owners are more likely to be well connected within the entrepreneurial community, export products and services, and share business ownership.

All very good news, as the author of the report, Professor Jonathan Levie of the University’s Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship, points out: “These types of innovation-driven start-ups can have a real impact on the Scottish economy, providing employment opportunities, increasing export activity and encouraging even more entrepreneurial activity.”

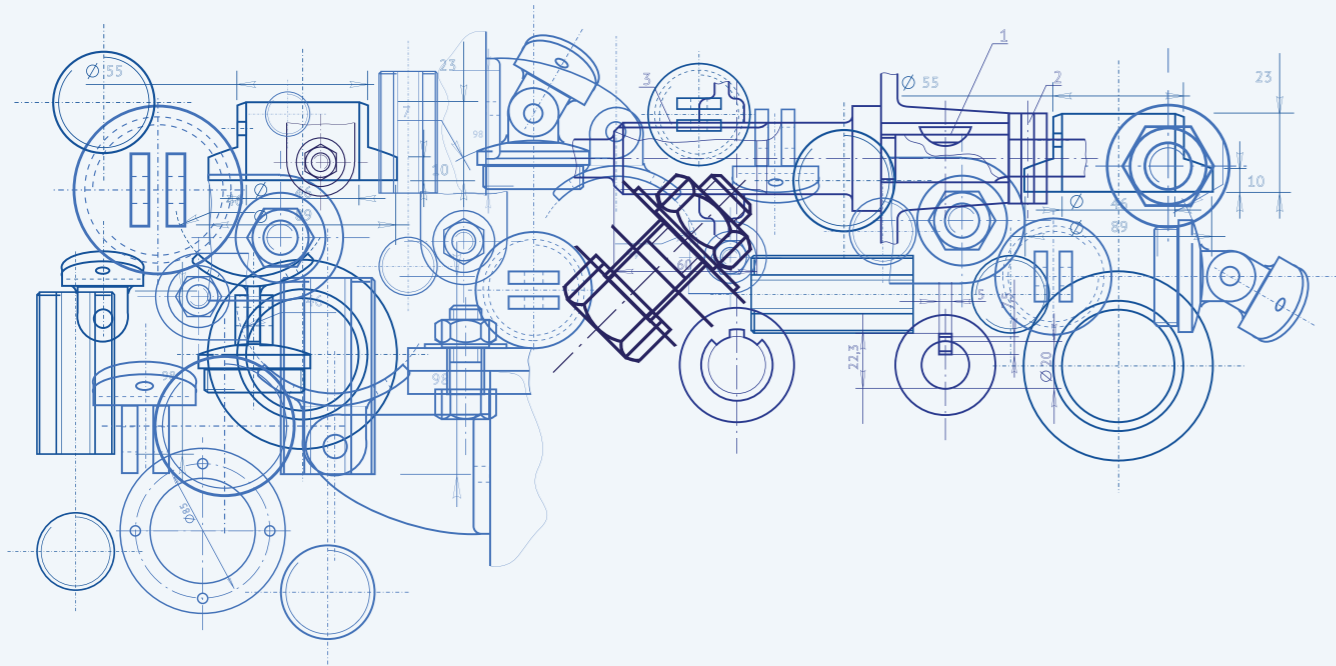
Professor Levie goes on to highlight the University’s supporting role: “The University has backed several companies who’ve turned research into commercial enterprise – a recent example being technology company Smarter Grid Solutions, which has already grown significantly with offices in Glasgow, London and New York.” See our case study on Smarter Grid Solutions on page 19 to find out more.

## Strathclyde Business School wins Small Business Charter Award

Professor Eleanor Shaw, Head of the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship at Strathclyde, and alumnus entrepreneur Gordon McAlpine, travelled to Downing Street in June to receive the Small Business Charter Award from Lord Young, the Government’s Adviser on Enterprise

We’re now one of only 20 business schools across the UK to have received this prestigious accolade. It recognises our excellent support for start-ups and small businesses, and brings benefits to Strathclyde Business School, and its students and alumni, in many forms. And we can now play an active role in schemes such as Growth Vouchers, Growth Accelerators and Start-Up Loans provided by the Government, and invest directly in tomorrow’s success stories.

In terms of the bigger picture, it helps us contribute to wider economic recovery and stability, as Rekha Mehr, interim Managing Director, Small Business Charter, highlights: “Micro-businesses make up 95% of UK businesses and play a crucial role in the structure of our economy. We need to further their growth, and the Small Business Charter recognises UK business schools that are doing just that.”



## A leading light in the fight against hospital infection

Pioneering lighting system developed at the University of Strathclyde

The HINS-light Environmental Decontamination System decontaminates air and exposed surfaces by bathing them in a narrow spectrum of visible-light wavelengths that are harmless to humans but deadly to many bacterial pathogens. Professor Scott MacGregor and colleagues at Strathclyde – in collaboration with academics, clinicians and infection control experts from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and Glasgow Caledonian University – have led the trials.

The system is to be installed at a ward in Glasgow Royal Infirmary's Intensive Care Unit to combat superbugs including MRSA, E.coli, and TB bacteria more effectively.

Dr Michelle Maclean, a researcher on the project at Strathclyde's Robertson Trust Laboratory for Electronic Sterilisation Technologies, said: "The clinical trials have shown the technology can help prevent transmission of pathogens and thereby increase patient safety." The Scottish Infection Research Network and the Chief Scientist Office Scotland support ongoing research at the laboratory, and Strathclyde researchers have already secured a Scottish Enterprise Proof of Concept award in recognition of HINS-light's considerable potential for effective clinical use in this high priority area for the UK Health Services.

## Satellite Mission Laboratory launches at Strathclyde

One giant leap for satellite technology providers

A Satellite Applications Catapult Mission Laboratory – the first of its kind – has been launched at the University. As one of Catapult's new Regional Centres of Excellence, the laboratory gives technology providers in the northern part of the UK easier access to much-needed resources.

Professor Colin McInnes, Director of Strathclyde's Advanced Space Concepts Laboratory, expressed his enthusiasm for the venture: "The Strathclyde Space Institute is a multidisciplinary venture addressing key challenges in space systems engineering, space robotics, satellite applications and access to space. The Satellite Applications Catapult Mission Laboratory will allow us to enhance our engagement with the space sector, by developing partnerships and using new knowledge to stimulate further innovation."

The lab will also provide ad-hoc and ongoing support for academic institutions, start-ups and SMEs, helping them sidestep the otherwise prohibitive up-front investment needed to develop and demonstrate new concepts.

This great news comes after the recent announcement that Strathclyde will be one of three hubs to be developed by the Satellite Applications Catapult to help businesses tap into the UK's multibillion-pound space sector.

## Scots kids 'among world's least active'

A Strathclyde-led expert group has provided Scotland's data for the world's first 'Global Matrix' of children's physical activity

Fifteen countries, including Australia, Canada, Columbia, Kenya, and the USA have submitted their findings for a report published in the *Journal of Physical Activity & Health* – and it's not all good news.

Scotland came bottom in two of the league tables, scoring poorly in physical activity and screen-based leisure time, suggesting Scottish children are pre-occupied with video games and TV. The findings, presented in Toronto, Canada, assessed nine areas of life, including overall physical activity, family and peers, community and built environment, and government strategies and investments.

Scotland was praised, however, in the 'community and built environment' and 'government strategies and investments' categories, for its commitment to parks and playgrounds. John Reilly, Professor of Physical Activity and Public Health Science, at Strathclyde's School of Psychological Sciences and Health, believes giving children the opportunity to play and exercise is key. Professor Reilly said: "The findings reveal an interesting relationship between lower physical activity and higher sedentary behaviour in countries with better infrastructure, such as in Scotland. But then other countries tend to score differently across the categories, suggesting there is great potential to learn from each other, and help improve the health of children around the world."

## Social media pics influence self-image

Strathclyde research into body image

Research at Strathclyde has found that women who spend too much time obsessing over pictures of their friends on social media sites, and comparing their bodies with them, can become more insecure about their own looks.

The joint project with the Universities of Iowa and Ohio was the first of its kind to involve social media. It surveyed 881 young women at university in the USA about their Facebook use, eating habits, exercise and their feelings about their own body image. It enabled researchers to predict how often women felt negatively about their own bodies after looking at photos or posts from others.

Dr Petya Eckler, of the University's Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, presented the findings at the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association in Seattle in May 2014. "We now have clear evidence of how social media relates to college women's body image and eating disorders," she explains. "While time spent on Facebook had no relation to eating disorders, it did predict worse body image among participants, which we know can gradually lead to developing an unhealthy relationship with food."



## Travel notes

## Ryan Boggs

## Combining teaching with adventure



Canadian teacher Ryan Boggs' travel itinerary since his time at Strathclyde is nearly as impressive as his list of achievements in educating and inspiring young people. He completed a Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) here in 2007, and then embarked on a series of teaching posts – in Ontario, Canada, and in South Africa. He's taken time out from a hectic schedule to give us the low-down on his experiences at Strathclyde, and what he's been up to over the last seven years.



## What brought you to Strathclyde?

*I had a spell teaching English as a second language to international students in Toronto, and spotted a newspaper ad about interviews for PGDE places at Strathclyde. There are close educational links between Strathclyde and Toronto, and I've never shied away from a challenge, so I went for it. I loved Glasgow's architecture and its cultural scene, and I really admired the Faculty of Education's progressive approach in 2007. I had a great time, and it did my career a lot of good.*

## Travel is clearly a theme in your life – tell us more

*As a kid I'd always wanted to explore and seek new experiences. I think experience is important, both personally and professionally. There's no substitute for it, but you need qualifications to help you expand that experience – and your horizons – even further. My time at Strathclyde gave me both, and set the tone for the next few years. I came back to Canada for a while, at one*

*point teaching at a remote reservation in Northern Ontario for Ojibway and Cree people, which isn't accessible by road. That was really rewarding. Then I returned to Toronto and taught English to children with special needs, as part of the LINC programme (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada). Next up was South Africa, where I worked with the Stephen Leacock Foundation for Children, a Canadian charity, helping children from the Xhosa tribe just outside Queenstown to get their feet on the educational ladder.*

*I then returned to Canada and taught at a private school, again focusing on special needs, before selling all my belongings (not for the first time) and flying to Fort Severn Wasaho Cree Nation to teach children there – as well as help out with many projects to improve their general way of life. Fort Severn is the most northern community in Ontario and was one of the very first European settlements in North America. It's an astonishingly beautiful place.*

## What are you up to at the moment? And dare we ask, what's next?

*Right now, I'm teaching at an elementary school in Kitchener, Ontario – about an hour from central Toronto – and considering my next move. I'm pretty content right now, but I know I'll get the travel bug again soon. Or some challenge will come along that I can't resist! Who knows?*

## Any advice to those you'll no doubt inspire?

*Every experience is an opportunity, so take every opportunity to have new experiences. One thing I've learned through Strathclyde and my travels is that for most people in the world, education is the key to a better life – and that education comes in many forms and continues beyond school or university. Learning is just part of life, so you might as well embrace it. Strathclyde seemed to get that, and helped me realise that opportunities will always be there. The rest was up to me.*

# Strathclyde alumni enjoy international benefits

We're a truly international university with students from all over the world. And once our students fly the nest, they go back out there and really make things happen, many starting up successful businesses of every type, shape and size.

## Better business through strong connections

The alumni discounts package is a great way for past students to raise awareness of their businesses to our growing global alumni community and share exclusive deals with their fellow alumni.

The discounts, offered across a range of services, are provided by companies set up almost exclusively by former Strathclyde students. Discount providers are based around the world – as shown on the map – and alumni can get cost reductions on accommodation and travel, food and drink, professional services, wedding services and lots more.

By getting involved in the scheme, businesses can generate new opportunities. We keep the alumni community up-to-date with available discounts via our social media pages, our alumni webpages and our printed material. So, if you're an alumni-formed company and would like to sign up, or a customer wishing to browse the discounts on offer, visit [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/alumnidiscounts](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/alumnidiscounts)

The alumni discounts package is just one of many alumni benefits and services and a great opportunity for past students to get involved with Strathclyde. Find out more about this and other benefits such as alumni events, alumni groups, career services, support with your business start-up and more, at [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni)





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# #Strathwonderwall

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## The business

Strathclyde alumnus Ali Smith founded Artpistol in 2011, with financial and networking support from the Strathclyde Entrepreneurial Network (SEN). Today, it's a gallery phenomenon with a growing profile, showcasing established and upcoming artists from across the region and further afield, not only through pop-up galleries but also online. "SEN is great," says Ali, "It really helped me get this thing off the ground, and often that's all a good idea needs – for others to believe in it and share the resources needed to develop it."

Ali's connections with Strathclyde remain strong. As well as working with graduates through Artpistol, he has recently managed a huge project to create this stunning mural, commissioned by the University. The mural depicts famous people connected with Strathclyde and their gifts to the wider world and includes distinguished figures like John Logie Baird and John Anderson, founder of the University, and even the landship used to teach navigation on the roof of the Royal College Building.

## The brains behind it

"Ever since my time at Strathclyde, I've wanted to remain creative and find a way to help others like me achieve a higher profile," Ali says. "With the website, the pop-up galleries and public art projects like this one, I can achieve just that. With that initial boost from SEN, I've been able to focus on my aims and shine a brighter spotlight on great artists. And this mural project has been great exposure for me – I hope to attract more opportunities like it, and use Artpistol's growing network and resources to make them happen. Public art is a growing phenomenon, so I'm really pleased to be 'out there' in this way."

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Read about the mural at  
[www.strath.ac.uk/wonderwall](http://www.strath.ac.uk/wonderwall)

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Find out more about Ali and Artpistol at  
[www.artpistol.co.uk](http://www.artpistol.co.uk)

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Find out more about Strathclyde  
Entrepreneurial Network at  
[www.strath.ac.uk/sen](http://www.strath.ac.uk/sen)

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# Our entrepreneurial spirit is soaring

The University of Strathclyde has always encouraged people to let their imagination and initiative take flight. That's why we were so proud to be named UK Entrepreneurial University of the Year at the prestigious Times Higher Education Awards, in November 2013. It's the third consecutive year we've won at these awards, after winning UK University of the Year for 2012/13 and Research Project of the Year for 2011/12.



“Our ethos is to find and recruit the brightest talent who, like us, are driven to create exciting global solutions that genuinely improve people's lives, save them money and make them more productive.”

Craig Taylor, Managing Director, Cojengo

“Entrepreneurship is one of the key parts of our mission as a leading international technological institution.”

Professor Sir Jim McDonald

The Times Higher Education UK Entrepreneurial University of the Year award reflects our commitment to entrepreneurial practices in all that we do. Our approach to education, research and external engagement is aimed at creating a positive impact on society and the economy, and stems from our foundation as a ‘place of useful learning’ more than 200 years ago.

Today, Strathclyde continues to deliver innovative learning and state-of-the-art facilities to produce outstanding graduates ready for industry, business and the professions.

As a research-intensive university, we are working side-by-side with businesses and the public sector to respond to global challenges. Our work is making major contributions towards improving health, transforming energy, setting new standards in manufacturing and shaping future cities.

Our leading-edge research centres, including our new £89 million Technology and Innovation Centre, are bringing this partnership approach to new levels. Our research collaborations are set to almost double in the next decade – meaning Strathclyde will contribute nearly £1.4 billion to the Scottish economy by 2021/22.

We are also providing a distinctive voice in international policy. The Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship, based in Strathclyde Business School, is a leading global authority on entrepreneurship and is making an impact on policy and practice across the UK and beyond.

Supporting our entrepreneurial staff, students and alumni is one of the most direct ways in which we deliver impact and our strategic commitment to encourage, support and celebrate enterprise and innovation, is reflected in the work of the Strathclyde Entrepreneurial Network (SEN). Here are some examples of SEN in action:

## Nurturing talent

Strathclyde has a variety of enterprise skills development and entrepreneurship teaching opportunities available to students, researchers and academics. Launched in October 2013, the Strathclyde Enterprise Pathway inspires students and researchers interested in becoming entrepreneurs. This invaluable two-semester programme teaches them what being an entrepreneur entails, gives them valuable business tips and provides crucial support with starting and running their own successful companies.

Participants develop and improve their business skills, and generate and explore new ideas, by working alongside experienced alumni entrepreneurs, who also offer invaluable ongoing support. It's a unique programme in the UK university sector, and receives great backing from Santander Universities; celebrated alumnus, entrepreneur and philanthropist Sir Tom Hunter; plus a range of Enterprise Partners – experienced Strathclyde graduate entrepreneurs who offer their time, expertise and knowledge to emerging entrepreneurs. In 2013/14 more than 200 students and researchers took part, with the Pathway programme reaching its finale at a glittering Strathclyde 100 event, in March 2014. Here participants were able to pitch their ideas, network with successful alumni and business people, set up mentor relationships and get advice from industry experts.

Find out more at [www.strath.ac.uk/enterprisepathway](http://www.strath.ac.uk/enterprisepathway)

## Supporting new ventures

Strathclyde has a reputation for producing entrepreneurs from its student, alumni and research communities – and for helping turn ideas into successful companies through an extensive industry and alumni network, that offers expertise and unique support. Here we look at Cojengo and Smarter Grid Solutions – two successful ventures coming out of the University community. For information about how we can support your new business visit [www.strath.ac.uk/sen](http://www.strath.ac.uk/sen).

### Cojengo

#### Leading the way and breaking new ground in Africa

Scottish high-tech company Cojengo is helping tens of millions of farmers in Africa with its VetAfrica app. The app allows vets, animal health workers and rural farmers to diagnose disease in livestock quickly and accurately, and find the right drugs to treat them. “I went to Ethiopia and began to get initial exposure to the problems faced by people in the area at the time mobile technology was really starting to kick in,” alumnus Craig Taylor, Cojengo’s Managing Director, explains. “It was clear there was an opportunity to take advantage of mobile, as there was no fixed line infrastructure. After we started the project we went back to Africa to get a better understanding of the challenges that still exist, and learn how the technology could help these people.”

With more than 100 million farmers across East Africa, Cojengo has forecast there will be massive mobile and cloud tech growth in Africa over the next few years. Craig says: “By focusing on the emerging African market, we see a real opportunity to help push the adoption of mobile and cloud computing to address real issues in animal and human health.”

Set up by Strathclyde graduates, the company was based, for the first six months, in the Strathclyde Enterprise Hub on campus – the perfect place for alumni keen on enterprise to collaborate and use the University’s services and facilities. “The idea for Cojengo first came about while I was studying at the University.” Craig adds, “It’s actually based on a project I took part in to design apps that we then tested in Ethiopia. So the business has its roots in Strathclyde’s Computer & Information Sciences department. After university, I went to work for Microsoft, so when we set up Cojengo it was natural to team up with Microsoft4Afrika. Our ethos is to find and recruit the brightest talent who, like us, are driven to create exciting global solutions that genuinely improve people’s lives, save them money and make them more productive.”

Having teamed up with the software giant, Cojengo now provides groundbreaking diagnostic tools and disease surveillance data for farmers throughout Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania. Alongside SEN, the business has received support and advice from Business Gateway Glasgow, Scottish Enterprise, and the Gabriel Investment Syndicate. “We’ve had lots of help from SEN and based ourselves in the Enterprise Hub for many reasons. I was pleasantly surprised how much support and business planning is on offer. It’s a real knowledge exchange, and there are lots of experts including alumni volunteers who happily give their time,” Craig explains. “Presenting at the quarterly networking and investment event, Strathclyde 100, was really helpful to us. It’s attended by lots of successful, connected business people. Off the back of this we found entrepreneurs to help us, and who became non-executive members of the company.”

During a visit to the University, Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: “Cojengo is a shining example of a new generation of creative Scottish companies with the ambition and skills to create and grow successful businesses.”

To find out more about Cojengo contact the Managing Director, Craig Taylor – [craig@cojengo.com](mailto:craig@cojengo.com).



## Smarter Grid Solutions

### Clever software pioneers emerging sector

Strathclyde spin out company Smarter Grid Solutions (SGS) continued its rapid growth in 2014. SGS has now raised in excess of £4 million and grown revenues to around £3 million, with more than 45 staff in offices in Glasgow, London and New York.

SGS’s success began when Alan Gooding, a Strathclyde Entrepreneur-in-Residence, was introduced to Professor Graham Ault and Dr Robert Currie, the inventors of a revolutionary technology to integrate distributed energy resources such as renewables into local electricity grids. The research had evolved over a number of years in collaboration with Scottish and Southern Energy plc and was ready for full-scale trial and demonstration.

At a Strathclyde 100 event in June 2007, Alan presented the emerging company to raise awareness and gather support from successful alumni. When the business began in August 2008, having raised seed investment from Scottish and Southern Energy Venture Capital Limited, Alan became the founding Managing Director.

At the next funding round in January 2013, SGS was the first follow-on investment under the University’s new Commercial Investment Policy.

SGS uses Active Network Management (ANM) technology to model power grids in real-time, and is responsible for clever software that frees up in-built redundancy in existing grids to provide extra capacity or improve resiliency. ANM technology has made a proven, pioneering contribution to the emerging smart grid sector, with SGS becoming the UK industry leader.

Since connecting the UK’s first fully operational smart grid in Orkney, SGS has added 24 megawatts of wind generation to the existing local grid, saving £30 million. SGS now has contracts with five of the UK’s electricity distributors. ANM technology is recognised by Ofgem and is included in the UK Government’s investment plans for 2015 to 2023. SGS is at the forefront of the growing international demand for smart grid technologies – estimated at more than \$56 billion by 2020.

Not only are SGS leading the way in the UK smart grid sector, they’re branching out abroad too. Strathclyde enjoys a strategic partnership with NYU Polytechnic in New York City, where SGS has launched their US business in the Urban Future Lab hosted on the NYU campus in Brooklyn. SGS Inc is already working with Con Edison in New York City to help protect electrical grids during extreme weather events.

## Celebrating success

Promoting role models and celebrating success are crucial to Strathclyde’s strategy. We are determined to promote and encourage entrepreneurship at every turn, and in every area and aspect of the University.

That’s why we commemorate the University’s most successful and inspiring entrepreneurs in the Strathclyde Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs. It’s our ‘Hall of Fame’, created to celebrate the great and the good of Scottish business and innovation, and lists everyone from John Logie Baird to Sir Tom Hunter. Take a look at [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/strathclydepeople/sade](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/strathclydepeople/sade)

You can also learn about our exciting Celebration of Enterprise Week. Taking place from 17 to 21 November this year, it’s a week of events designed to bring together the University’s academic and professional services, nurture entrepreneurial talent, support new ventures, and celebrate success.

Find out more in What’s Happening on page 22 or visit [www.strath.ac.uk/sen/coeweek](http://www.strath.ac.uk/sen/coeweek)

### Making a difference

Proof of the positive effects of Strathclyde’s collaborative network of students, alumni and staff and core strategies of nurturing entrepreneurial talent, supporting new ventures and celebrating success lie in the number of flourishing businesses connected to the University.

With a top five ranking in universities creating spin-out and start-up companies over the past 10 years, Strathclyde has supported 22 new startup and spin-out companies over the last 18 months alone. The University has been at the forefront of commercialising intellectual property since before many other institutions had even begun to look into the possibilities.

50

University of Strathclyde has created more than 50 spin-out companies.

800

Our 50 spin-out companies employ more than 800 people, and have total annual sales of £80 million.

130

The University has created more than 130 student or alumni companies.

As I Remember It

# Inspiring tales from a Knight of the Realm

Greenock-born Sir Albert McQuarrie is one of our eldest, most well-known and high-achieving alumni. Starting with his time at the Royal Technical College in the 1930s, through World War II and on to a glittering political career, he gives us a whistle-stop tour of his remarkable life to date.



Born in 1918, you attended the Royal Technical College of Science and Technology (later part of Strathclyde) from 1937 to 1939.

*Yes, but unfortunately the War scuppered my intentions to continue studying. My time at the College really gave me confidence in my abilities, and it was Mr Preston – one of my lecturers – who gave me the inspiration I sought. I genuinely believe this was part of the foundation of my career.*

**What are your memories of 1930s Glasgow?**

*At the time, Glasgow was a bustling powerhouse of industry and engineering. There was so much going on, and great career opportunities. For many, including me, attending the Royal Technical College was seen as a springboard to successful times, provided you applied your skills and personality, and were willing to apply learning beyond the classroom. The war changed that for many people, and I was one of them.*

**Tell us a bit more about your role in the War**

*I served as an Officer in the Royal Engineers throughout the Second World War, and this was perhaps another key building block for me. In wartime, you had to learn quickly, and adapt and make the right decisions fast. I soon developed the leadership skills I needed to start a successful career in politics. As well as forming the building company I'd always wanted to, I became a Councillor on Gourock Town Council in 1948, and everything developed from there. My time with the Royal Engineers also inspired a lifetime of charitable work – I'm part of the Chivalric Order of St John that works all over the world. I'm also very proud of my company's contributions to repairing the damage caused in the Great Storm, which hit the West of Scotland in 1968, and the part I played in helping the people of Gibraltar when General Franco closed the border with Spain.*

*All of this harks back in many ways to my time at Strathclyde, where I developed learning and organisational abilities to achieve so much in later life.*

**How did it feel to be knighted in 1987?**

*At age five, in my short trousers, I couldn't have dreamed of it. Even when it happened, I was very surprised to become a Knight of the Realm and receive the accolade from Her Majesty The Queen for my services as a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons.*

**What have you been doing recently?**

*At the age of 95 I decided to write a book – A Lifetime of Memories – which I completed without a 'ghost writer'. It is one more example of the tenacity I developed thanks to my experiences at the Royal College of Science and Technology – which has an honourable mention in my book.*

**How does today's University of Strathclyde, and the city of Glasgow, compare to how it was during your formative years?**

*Well, obviously things have changed beyond recognition – it would be strange if they hadn't. The Royal Technical College was, in its day, known for its engineering and scientific prowess. Today, the University of Strathclyde is renowned internationally for leading the way in research, science and engineering, so there's a continuation of that theme. The University is much more technologically focused, which simply reflects life in general. I am proud to say I was a student at what is now the University of Strathclyde.*



# What's happening

## Celebration of Enterprise Week

Strathclyde Entrepreneurial Network (SEN) is a collaborative network that brings together the University's academic and professional services, providing a one-stop shop for Strathclyde students, alumni and staff who are keen to develop enterprise skills or are looking to form and grow new businesses. Tasked with nurturing entrepreneurial talent, supporting new ventures and celebrating success, SEN is cultivating bold, innovative and imaginative people and companies – the talent of tomorrow.

The range of activities offered by the University through SEN were showcased at last year's Celebration of Enterprise event. Twelve enterprise-focused events took place during the day engaging around 300 students and researchers and more than 70 alumni and industry contacts.

Building on last year's success, Celebration of Enterprise (COE) will run for a full week in November 2014 and will coincide with Global Entrepreneurship Week. Our dedicated international alumni community will be embracing COE Week in a number of ways, from sharing experiences with current students to supporting budding entrepreneurs. It's also an ideal opportunity for the University to show its appreciation for the work of Strathclyde's ambassadors and volunteer alumni.



Visit the COE Week website for details of the full range of events:  
[www.strath.ac.uk/sen/coeweek](http://www.strath.ac.uk/sen/coeweek)

## Upcoming events

Celebration of Enterprise Week  
17 to 21 November 2014

### Nurturing Talent

International Rising Star Award winner and alumnus, Balvinder Singh, is flying in from Malaysia as part of his prize package, and will deliver an inspiring talk to students of the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship.

The South India Alumni Group will host an enterprise-focused career development event for local alumni. This will be one of a number of enterprise events hosted by our global alumni groups.

### Supporting New Ventures

Our dedicated Strathclyde 100 invitees will demonstrate their support for emerging entrepreneurs at a special event in Glasgow.

Singapore Alumni Group will collaborate in a tutorial on launching Strathclyde 100 in Singapore.

### Celebrating Success

The University will be hosting an exclusive dinner in honour of the inductees of the Strathclyde Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs, a Hall of Fame created to celebrate Strathclyde's most successful and inspiring entrepreneurs.

The Enterprise Partner programme, launched around five years ago, invites experienced entrepreneurial alumni to support entrepreneurs emerging from Strathclyde's student, alumni and academic communities. An appreciation lunch for Enterprise Partners will be hosted during COE Week.

## Celebration of Strathclyde's alumni groups

### SUDS wins Alumni Group of the Year

Our alumni volunteers give up their valuable time to run their alumni groups, making a difference and achieving incredible outcomes in the process. We want to recognise and reward this work – and this is where the Alumni Groups Leaderboard comes in.

Throughout the year, we award points for certain types of activity carried out in support of University objectives such as student recruitment, fundraising, enterprise, internationalisation, networking and career development – offering the opportunity for groups to win dinner at the half-year point and a trophy at the end of the operational year in July.

This year, Strathclyde University Down South (SUDS) won the leaderboard challenge with UAE – Dubai Chapter and South India Alumni Group as runners up.

### The winning formula

SUDS combined a fundraising element with their events programme – in particular their annual Burns Supper – and we're delighted to announce that the group's efforts have led to the creation of a second SUDS scholarship. Both scholarships are currently supporting two talented young people from the west of Scotland to complete an undergraduate degree course at Strathclyde.

Supporting enterprise, SUDS hosted Strathclyde 100 (S100) in London in March 2014 in collaboration with colleagues from Alumni & Development. S100 events provide alumni, staff and students with the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a room of experienced entrepreneurs and key industry experts, leading to offers of advice, contacts and mentoring, investment and more formal business relationships.

Networking and fun are also on the agenda for SUDS. Regular pub nights are combined with unique and exclusive activities such as a trip 'doon the water' in October last year on the PS Waverley, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world; a tour of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in August this year; a tour of Tower Bridge in October; and Drinks & Discussion gatherings featuring high profile key speakers such as October's event with special guest, Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC.

## Upcoming events

Tickets for the next Burns Supper taking place in the Caledonian Club, London on 30 January 2015 will be available soon.

The next Drinks & Discussions event will take place on the 24 March 2015 featuring Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England, as the keynote speaker – tickets for upcoming events will be available online in due course: [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/youralumnicommunity](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/youralumnicommunity)

The University has more than 20 alumni groups – all run by volunteers. Our groups organise activities for Strathclyde alumni around the world and are an excellent way to keep in touch with fellow Strathclyders, make new contacts and develop networking opportunities. To find out about alumni groups and events near you, visit: [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/alumniGroups](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/alumniGroups)

## Stay connected

To receive event invites, register with Strathclyde Online and provide your email address:

[www.alumni.strath.ac.uk/update](http://www.alumni.strath.ac.uk/update)

Or, email your details to:  
[alumni@strath.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@strath.ac.uk)

To ensure you receive invitations relevant to your geographical area please update your home address.



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## Grapevine

Alumni & Development is here to help Strathclyde alumni to stay connected, access benefits and get involved. Take advantage of our Grapevine service to post messages, updates, reunion announcements, and to reconnect with your classmates.

If you would like to contact a fellow graduate, but do not have their contact details, send your message c/o:

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alumni@strath.ac.uk

## 1940S

**Norburn, Francis**  
(MPharm Pharmacy 1948)  
Looking for Alan Price, Royal Tech College 1947–1948.



## 1970S

**Zamenhof, Robert**  
(MSc Bioengineering 1972)  
Hello classmates! I would love to hear from any one of you by telephone or email.

**Chong, Thomas**  
(MSc Manufacturing Technology & Management 1973)

I'm looking to contact my former classmates, 1973 MSc graduates in Manufacturing Technology & Management. Email: [thomas.chong@rogers.com](mailto:thomas.chong@rogers.com). Classmate – Graeme Alexander please reply.

**Conway, George**  
(MSc Fibre & Textile Research 1975)  
All the carpet companies, Coats Paton, Dawson International have gone. Is there anyone working in the Scottish textile industry? I am now a 'skilled' baker and tourist advisor.

**San, Kee**  
(MBA Business Administration 1978)  
Would like to contact Nigerian friends from the MBA class of 1978. Can be contacted on: [limkeesan@gmail.com](mailto:limkeesan@gmail.com).

## 1950S

**Hepburn, William**  
(ARTC Metallurgy 1950)  
I'm surviving, any others from 1950 Metallurgy?

**Currie, William**  
(Diploma Hotel & Catering Management 1953)  
I'm keeping well (fairly!) and still enjoying life, regularly seeing old pals from Ross Hall days.

**Levin, David**  
(Hotel & Catering Management 1956)  
After nearly 40 years in the hotel and catering industry, my hotels, restaurants and vineyard are all doing extremely well. Still keep in touch with a few of my friends from Strathclyde.



## 1960S

**Vabo, Inge**  
(BSc (Hons) Electrical Engineering 1961)  
Belonging to a social group here in Oslo, consisting of 12 members who graduated from Royal College in years 1961–1963.

**Maclean, George**  
(BSc (Hons) Electronic and Electrical Engineering 1962)  
I would like to contact anyone from Electronic and Electrical Engineering in final year 1962. Please email: [ibegeorgeus@yahoo.com](mailto:ibegeorgeus@yahoo.com).

**Brown, Jane**  
(Diploma Secretarial Science 1963)  
Would like to hear from any friends who graduated from Secretarial Science in 1963 or Diploma in Commerce course 1964.

**Kazis, Dimitri**  
(BSc Chemical Engineering 1966)  
I'm looking to contact my former classmate Alain Jullienne, BSc Chemical Engineering, class of 1966. It would be great to catch up with you. Email: [dimekaz@hol.gr](mailto:dimekaz@hol.gr).

**Eaton, William**  
(BA Commerce 1967)  
I would like to make contact again with R J Stuart who graduated in Chemistry/Metallurgy in 1969. Ron worked for the British Steel Corporation and then for Trojan Nickel in Bindura Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). I can be contacted at: [wge@usa.net](mailto:wge@usa.net).



## 1980s

**Crichton, Andy**  
(Community Education 1980)

The Calton Club, in Green Street, was an important youth project from the late 60s to the early 80s. I would like to hear from alumni (of any discipline at Jordanhill College) who may have had contact with the club – maybe as a practice placement or in a professional role following qualification. Further details can be found at: [www.thecalton.com](http://www.thecalton.com).

**Hackett, Stuart**  
(MBA Business Administration 1980)

I have lived in Sydney, Australia for the last 30 years and am currently a Partner in a private equity company. I am looking to contact classmates from Business Administration in 1980. You can contact me on: [stuart@dequitypartners.com.au](mailto:stuart@dequitypartners.com.au).

**Lawson, Margaret**  
(BA (Hons) Economics 1981)

Looking for Lorna Campbell who studied Marketing and Administration, originally from Lenzie.

**Dlamini, Mfanzile**  
(MSc Finance 1987)

Victor Maziwisa, originally from Zimbabwe, and Philip T Komba from Sierra Leone, where are you? Don't you have fond memories of our MSc Finance Class of 86/87?



## 1990s



**Bazluki, Marjorie**  
(International Abroad student 1990)

I'm looking to get in touch with any of the International Abroad students who were at Strathclyde for the 1989-1990 year. Email: [mabazluki@gmail.com](mailto:mabazluki@gmail.com).

**Ngwane, George**  
(Certificate Environmental Education 1991)

Would like to get in touch with my Jordanhill College classmates of 1991, especially those from Nepal, Ethiopia, Brazil and Zimbabwe. Wish to hear from Dr Yoni of Nigeria, Macdonald, Jim Dunlop and other teachers.

**Li, Christian**  
(MBA Business Administration 1994)

Would love to hear from MBA graduating class, full-time, 93-94.

**Sanga, Michael**  
(MSc Finance 1998)

I would like to have contact from fellow members who graduated in October 1998 in MSc Finance.

## 2000s

**Bandoula, Efrosini**  
(BEng Product Design Engineering 2001)

I'm looking to contact my former classmates, BEng Product Design Engineering, class of 2001. It would be great to catch up. If any of our group are in London it would be great to see you. Email: [e\\_bandoula@hotmail.com](mailto:e_bandoula@hotmail.com).

**Gulzar, Kasim**  
(MPharm Pharmacy 2004)

Big up to the Pharmacy Class of 2004!



## Reunions

Coinciding with Strathclyde's 50th anniversary, the 1964 graduates of Strathclyde's Scottish Hotel School got together to celebrate their own special milestone. In late June, the group reunited at a lunch hosted by Clare Gibson (Mrs Gauster) at her home in Falkirk.

If you would like support with organising a reunion please visit [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/reunions](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/reunions) or email [reunions@strath.ac.uk](mailto:reunions@strath.ac.uk)



## Please contact us if you would like to:

- Get back in touch with old friends
- Change or update your contact details
- Organise a reunion or visit the University
- Hear more about the University today
- Tell us about the University in your day
- Find out more about alumni benefits and services
- Make a gift to the Alumni Fund
- Find out about how to support specific aspects of the University's world-changing work

## About Grapevine

Information for Grapevine has been submitted by alumni and was correct at the time of submission. We apologise for any out-of-date information and ask that alumni please provide an update when their circumstances or contact information change.

Please update your details at [www.alumni.strath.ac.uk/update](http://www.alumni.strath.ac.uk/update)

Messages will be printed in the autumn 2015 magazine and published in Strathclyde Online: [www.alumni.strath.ac.uk/update](http://www.alumni.strath.ac.uk/update). Please note that messages are monitored and may be edited before being published, or may not be printed.



You made it happen

# Duncan Hawthorne

Duncan Hawthorne and  
the power of philanthropy



In 2013, Duncan Hawthorne generously donated a six-figure sum to the University to create an international PhD scholarship.

But things didn't stop there. Duncan's philanthropic gift got the ball rolling on a much bigger venture between Bruce Power and Strathclyde. In this interview, we discover what prompted his donation, the effect it has created, and whether Canadians can yet provide him with 'proper fish and chips'...

## First, the background. What led you to study at Strathclyde?

*I was born in Greenock and worked for several years at the South of Scotland Electricity Board (SSEB). The University's Engineering faculty was widely recognised as the place to go if you wanted to take things to the next level, career-wise. Like many of my colleagues from SSEB, I have benefited hugely from studying at Strathclyde.*

Duncan Hawthorne completed an MBA with Strathclyde in 1998, and since then has continued his rise through the ranks of Scottish Nuclear and British Energy, eventually becoming President and CEO of Bruce Power – one of the world's largest producers of nuclear power – on the shores of Lake Huron in Ontario, Canada.

## Where has your career led you since you left Strathclyde in 1998?

*I continued working my way up through the ranks at Scottish Nuclear and British Energy, and as British Energy's Executive Director for North America I led the acquisition of several nuclear plants, including Bruce Power. My time at Strathclyde certainly equipped and inspired me to go places with my career, but as most people will tell you, there's rarely a 'masterplan'. My MBA helped me take advantage of opportunities and face up to challenges.*

## So what prompted your philanthropic gift?

*I think it was hearing about all the exciting plans and developments at Strathclyde – this drew me in and I really wanted to help.*

## The gift prompted matched funding, and has since escalated into Bruce Power funding a new research centre at Strathclyde. Did you see that coming?

*The relationship – and the benefits it will bring to the industry internationally – has certainly grown beyond my expectations. The leadership team at Strathclyde has found a neat way to leverage the gift, and I'm very pleased with what's developed from that.*

## What are your personal hopes for this endeavour?

*Clearly the prime reason for the gift is to create an opportunity for bright young people to develop their potential at Strathclyde, like I did. My gift will help young, capable researchers make a big step forward in their education by completing a PhD at Strathclyde. My gift, and the further plans it has inspired, will support research relevant to the nuclear industry, and there is also an opportunity to apply this learning to the direct benefit of the international nuclear industry. Strathclyde's emphasis on international engagement is really impressive, and I'm right behind them on that.*

## On a more personal note, do you get the opportunity to visit 'home' and the University much?

*I travel back to Scotland often, for both business and pleasure. Clearly, I've spent a fair bit of time with the University recently, discussing these great plans. When I do come 'home' I top up on all the things I miss, like decent fish and chips! Try as they might, they just can't make them in Canada. I also miss the golf courses, and in particular being able to play all year round – in Canada we have to stop from November to April.*

To find out more about the scholarship programme at Strathclyde, and how you can make a difference, visit [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/givingtostrathclyde/scholarships](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/givingtostrathclyde/scholarships)

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1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014

Strathclyde's very beginnings are the result of a gift from our founder Professor John Anderson who left provision in his Will for a 'place of useful learning'. That is why I am so encouraged and inspired to read of everyone who has supported Strathclyde over the past year: I know the incredible impact your gifts make. Your financial support is an investment in our students and their future.

All of the alumni, staff, organisations, trusts and funds named on these pages have played a vital part in our successes. There are many more who have also played an important role and are not named here. This includes those who have given anonymously, made provision in their Will, or offered support in other ways such as volunteering their time or expertise.

We continue to offer a growing programme of events for alumni and we are indebted to everyone who has supported these by attending, assisting in the running of the events, and through providing venues and prizes.

To everyone who has supported Strathclyde over the past year, I would like to offer my sincere thanks on behalf of the University. You can be assured of our commitment to use your financial gifts wisely as we strive to provide a place of useful learning as a leading international technological university.

Thank you

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**Principal and Vice-Chancellor**

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# A lasting legacy

Valerie Clough helps us focus on the future



## Tell us a little about your experience studying at Strathclyde

*The University staff – both academic and administrative – were super. They were enthusiastic and inspiring, and made us all feel that we could ask for anything, at any time. They seemed to really want us to succeed and realise the potential we maybe weren't even aware of when we started.*

*Studying and working at the same time, especially in my profession, sounds like a bit of an ordeal. Even my family and friends raised eyebrows when I told them what I was doing, but the supportive environment made it so easy, and it was such an uplifting and empowering time for me. Without it, I'd never have had the confidence to set up my own business.*

## So this inspired you to donate a legacy to Strathclyde in your will?

*Absolutely, because what I've achieved with Strathclyde's help has transformed my life. I now work for myself, and I have the freedom to choose my own path with real confidence. I want to give others, who might not have the resources or external support that I've had, the opportunity to change direction, wherever they are in life. And I can't think of a better place to do this than Strathclyde.*

## How easy was it to set up your legacy gift?

*As with everything else about my experience at the University, the people there made sure it was simple and straightforward. They even supported me in deciding what the money should be used for. I think it's a great way to give others an opportunity to access the same experience I've had, and I've no doubt there are others just like me who'd love to give something back.*

*To them, I say 'do it'! Strathclyde is at the cutting edge in so many aspects of what it does, and this is clearly built on its people. So this is a great way to help ensure they can continue offering others like me such brilliant education and support.*

Valerie's business, which she set up in 2011, is going from strength to strength – she provides legal advice on land registration issues, which will be in high demand as a new Land Registration Act takes effect at the end of this year. She stays connected with the University through the Alumni & Development office and by attending events whenever she can.

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