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# Strathclyde people



Royal opening  
of the Technology and  
Innovation Centre



# Welcome

Welcome to the 2015 edition of Strathclyde People magazine. This has been another momentous year for us and we would like to share with you – our international community of alumni and supporters – some key developments and successes. I would also invite you to complete our alumni survey (p.12) to help us improve our services.

We recently celebrated the official opening of our Technology and Innovation Centre (TIC), by HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. In TIC, our researchers are working to improve people's lives, in areas including health, energy, manufacturing – and in making our cities even better places to live in.

We also – like all UK universities – went through the Research Excellence Framework process, which assesses research quality and impact. We were ranked among the top 20 universities for research intensity – a huge step forward; this included our Physics Department being ranked number one in the UK for the quality of their research.

A double triumph was also secured at Glasgow's 2015 Inspiring City Awards, including – for the second successive year – the Business and Industry award, in recognition of the major contribution of our Technology and Innovation Centre. We also won the Education award, for our pioneering work in launching Scotland's first Children's University, in partnership with Glasgow City Council.

We couldn't achieve any of this without you, our valued friends, supporters and alumni. You are at the heart of our founding ethos as the "place of useful learning", providing continuing inspiration and generosity to future generations of students.

A fitting example of the impact of your support is the success of our undergraduate scholarship programme which celebrates its 20th anniversary, having awarded more than 400 scholarships to students in financial need.

On behalf of the Strathclyde community, thank you for your terrific support.

Best wishes

Professor Sir Jim McDonald  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

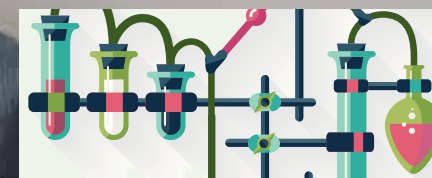


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## The view from here

# Di Gilbert

## The height of success

How mountaineer Di Gilbert has built a career on her personal passion – and joined elite sporting alumni in Strathclyde’s Sports Hall of Fame.



## It’s about the journey

“It’s as much about the obscure trips and the people you do them with, as it is about climbing the famous peaks everyone’s heard of,” Di emphasises. “I’ve climbed Everest and the Seven Summits, but it’s when all the other factors come together – like the weather, the group vibe, the unexpected challenges and small victories – that climbing really comes into its own and becomes such a joy for me. Plus, you can’t climb the big ones every day, and I wouldn’t want to!”

## Recognition for a modest mountaineer

That said, Di’s achievements haven’t gone unnoticed. Earlier this year, the University inducted her into the Sports Hall of Fame. “I was amazed and honoured,” Di says. “It was out of the blue, so it was a great thing for me – and for the pastime I love and share with people – to be recognised in this way. And to join the ranks of such famous sporting alumni as Craig Pollock and John Rutherford is just incredible.

“It won’t go to my head, though. My life is simply about sharing my passion for climbing with others, and enjoying the great outdoors. I’m so lucky to have built a career on my lifelong passion, and I have to look back to my time at Strathclyde and say that’s where it really began. It gave me the focus and helped me appreciate the practicalities of doing this for a living.”

## “Because it’s there.”

This famous quote from explorer George Mallory, on his persistence in conquering Everest, rings true for Di Gilbert. “It’s hard to explain why I love climbing so much, but this kind of sums it up. You feel drawn to it, and the achievement it represents.”

Di Gilbert’s love of climbing has led her to scale new heights in a remarkable career. Di has always been a fan of the outdoors, ever since her childhood. She is at her happiest when exploring the landscape – especially when it presents a challenge – so studying for a BA in Outdoor Education in the Community at Strathclyde gave her the opportunity to forge a career from her deep-seated love of climbing.

## Practical help for pursuing a passion

“I studied at the Jordanhill campus in the early 90s. It was a great place for me to start establishing the practicalities to perhaps teach climbing one day,” Di explains. “Until then I was just focused on climbing and exploring for myself, and hadn’t really considered what I’d have to do to make a career of it – but at Strathclyde I was surrounded by really helpful and supportive staff and colleagues. Realising I could make a living doing what I love, if I played my cards right, was a great moment.”

## Steadily growing a business

Shortly after graduating from Strathclyde, Di was working at Glenmore Lodge in the Scottish Cairngorms, and within a year or so had set up Di Gilbert Mountaineering. “At that stage, it was really just a name for my freelance work, but it has grown a bit over the years,” she says.

Indeed it has. Today, her business is booming, and has taken her all over the world on organised expeditions. She’s still based in her beloved Cairngorms, where she specialises in bespoke courses for individuals and groups, providing training and instruction in all mountain activities: hill walking, scrambling, rock climbing, winter hill walking and mountaineering, snow, ice and mixed climbing and ski mountaineering. When we spoke with Di, she had just returned from an epic – and mostly wet – trip to Skye.

Strathclyde has a proud history of supporting its sporting talent. The Alumni Fund has been the backbone of the Elite Athlete Programme. This year alone, the programme has been awarded £30,000 to support Strathclyde’s brightest sporting stars to help them achieve their academic and sporting potential.

Find out more about Alumni Fund projects at [www.strath.ac.uk/alumnifund](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumnifund)



# News



## Research quality continues to rise at Strathclyde

Impressive ranking reflects a commitment to research quality

The University of Strathclyde has jumped 14 places in national rankings, and has the No.1 Physics Department in the UK. That's according to the Government's latest Research Excellence Framework (REF) findings.

The REF measures the quality of research in higher education institutions, with the latest results illustrating our strengths in science, engineering, business and the humanities. We are 37th overall in the whole of the UK, and have the best Business School in Scotland.

These latest figures reflect our commitment to research excellence across the University, and to putting research at the heart of everything we do. Half of our REF submissions were awarded a top 20 placement, with many departments moving up several places since the last national assessment of research six years ago.

"These results show we have both breadth and depth in our research, and that we are playing an important role in the research landscape of the UK at the highest international quality levels," says Professor Sir Jim McDonald, Principal of the University. "To have the number one Physics Department in the UK is a stunning outcome, and it shows that our strategic investment in key areas is paying dividends."

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## Strathclyde People Award

Alumni group leader wins volunteering award

The annual Strathclyde People Award celebrates the contributions of alumni who choose to give their time, experience and expertise in support of the University community. This year's winner is Mr Guan Kiat Goh, President of the alumni group, the University of Strathclyde Alumni in Singapore (USAS). His expert leadership helped USAS to win Alumni Group of the Year 2014/15 and achieve excellent results from student recruitment and enterprise efforts. Guan Kiat is also a founding member and committee Chairman of the Strathclyde Business School Learning Expeditions and Cultural Exchanges programme. He was presented with the award during our autumn graduations.



## Alumni Group of the Year

Singapore alumni group come out on top

We're truly privileged to have such a strong international alumni community, including 20 active alumni groups around the world. The efforts and achievements of our alumni groups are supporting the delivery of University objectives in the areas of student recruitment, enterprise, career development and the generation of philanthropic income. Each year, an alumni group sets itself apart from the rest by going that little bit further to support strategic activity. This year's winner, the University of Strathclyde Alumni in Singapore group, has been instrumental in helping with our recruitment and enterprise agendas. Organising several key events, the group has forged strategic working relationships between local alumni entrepreneurs and business advisors, and helped turn many prospective Strathclyde students into fully-fledged ones.

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## Technology and Innovation Centre gets Royal seal of approval

Landmark £89m Centre formally opened by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh

Glasgow city centre was abuzz on Friday 3 July as Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh visited the University to officially open the new state-of-the-art Technology and Innovation Centre.

Meeting with several researchers, engineers and project managers at the new Centre, they got a first-hand look at some of the initial projects underway – including those concerned with future cities, manufacturing, health and energy.

"The formal opening of the Technology and Innovation Centre, by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, is a defining event for the entire Strathclyde community," said Professor Sir Jim McDonald.

"Our partners, students, and the global community we serve, have responded with overwhelming positivity to the incredible opportunities the Technology and Innovation Centre will open up – today, and for future generations."



## Alumna of the Year Award

Dedication to public service earns prestigious award for former student

Dame Susan Bruce is this year's recipient of the Alumna of the Year Award – the highest honour we can bestow on a former student. In recognition of her contribution to local government and public service in her roles as Chief Executive of various councils in Scotland, Sue was presented with the award during our autumn graduations. Sue led on the Edinburgh Tram turnaround and The Edinburgh Guarantee, an initiative that creates work and education opportunities for the young people of the city – just two highlights of an exceptional, award-winning career dedicated to improving city life.



## Strathclyde Alumni Community Scholarship

Alumni 'bear' the cost of a scholarship

Alongside the wider alumni community, Strathclyde graduates have funded a full undergraduate scholarship of £5,000 by purchasing merchandise and alumni bears at graduations over the last year, and by attending the annual Summer Fayre in Glasgow.

Financial support enables talented students to have the opportunity to attend university. The Strathclyde Alumni Community Scholarship will help a student meet the cost of living, essential learning materials and travel expenses. It will be awarded next summer, and we'll keep you updated on its first beneficiary when the student has been selected. In the meantime, find out more about the Alumni Fund and scholarships at [www.strath.ac.uk/alumnifund](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumnifund).

## Strathclyde research aiming to restore sight to the blind

University of Strathclyde academics are part of a team of scientists developing a bionic eye that could restore sight to sufferers of the world's most common causes of blindness

In an international partnership with California's Stanford University, Strathclyde academics are creating a thin, silicon, prosthetic retina that electrically stimulates neurons for people with retinal blindness. It's hoped clinical trials could start as early as next year.

Dr Keith Mathieson, of Strathclyde's Institute of Photonics said, "The significant medical challenge posed by these diseases requires an innovative approach to move beyond current technological capabilities and develop a device that can restore sight to people around the world." The Institute of Photonics is based within the Department of Physics, which is ranked number one in the UK for research.

Health is a key area of expertise at the University's £89 million Technology and Innovation Centre. Our health research supports more effective treatments and advances in health through technology, and we're now among the top 20 research-intensive universities in the UK, according to the latest Research Excellence Framework.

## Strathclyde research exposes threat to cod stocks

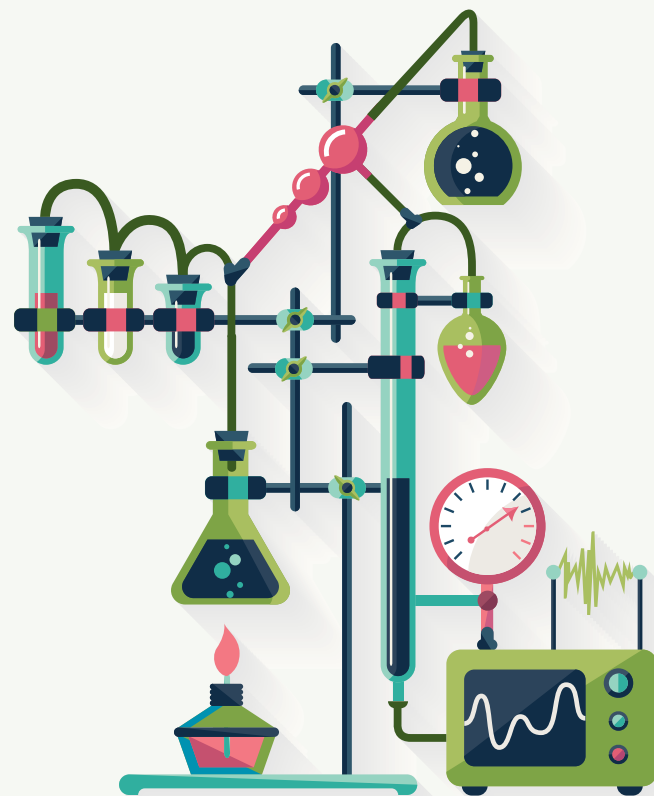
Despite the EU introducing strict measures to curb cod fishing and help numbers recover, research led by Strathclyde academics shows stocks off the Scottish west coast are still under serious threat. The culprit? Grey seals

Conducted with partners Marine Scotland Science and the Joint Research Centre, the study found that despite fishing halving over recent years, the natural predatory instincts of the grey seal are having a devastating effect. In fact, it suggests they're eating more than 40% of the total stock. That's nearly 7,000 tonnes of cod every year.

Dr Robin Cook, Senior Research Fellow in Strathclyde's Department of Mathematics and Statistics, in charge of the study, says, "We found that cod stocks off the west coast of Scotland are barely 5% of 1981 figures."

Co-author of the report, Dr Steven Holmes, of the European Commission Joint Research Centre, added, "Seal populations have increased and they seem to be able to find the cod easily, even though the stock is now small. This makes the remaining stock very vulnerable."

Although cod forms only around 10% of seals' total diet, these figures are still enough to have a significant impact on surviving stock.



## Want to boost morale, performance and satisfaction? Pay a Living Wage

New report shows employers the benefits of paying at least the minimum wage

Commissioned by Barclays, and conducted by the University of Strathclyde and the Living Wage Foundation, the Living Wage report shows that paying staff a Living Wage leads to many business benefits – such as staff retention, more efficient business processes and better staff performance.

"While the report accepts the initial costs of implementing the Living Wage are an issue for some companies, it demonstrates clearly the business benefits of becoming a Living Wage employer, and provides working examples of how businesses can mitigate those additional costs," says Mike Kelly, Chairman of the Living Wage Foundation, and Director of Living Wage at KPMG.

Using real-life case studies and evidence collected from more than 327,000 employees working at five accredited Living Wage employers, the report highlights a strong link between the Living Wage and improvements in staff retention levels, job satisfaction, morale, absenteeism and overall business reputation.

"Not only is paying people a wage that supports a decent standard of living a responsible thing to do, there are also clear business, societal and economic benefits," says Barclays Employee Relations Director, Dominic Johnson.

Living Wage employers also report increases in job applications for advertised vacancies and more efficient business processes, as a result of higher staff satisfaction levels.

## Entrepreneurial student enjoys double celebration

Strathclyde student wins prestigious nationwide award then graduates with honours

Before attending the graduation ceremony for her BA honours degree in Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Rebecca Pick took the undergraduate prize at the 2015 Santander Universities Entrepreneurship Awards. A student in the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship, Rebecca received the award for the work of her personal safety alarm company, Pick Protection, having received support with her award application from the Strathclyde Entrepreneurial Network (SEN).

Pick Protection has developed a wearable device that triggers a response from a round-the-clock monitoring service in the event of a personal safety threat. "I'm mainly marketing the device as a personal alarm for lone workers and students," says Rebecca. "It's designed to be attached discreetly to clothing, and sends a silent alarm to the monitoring centre when activated."

Released in October 2015, the alarm helped Rebecca win the £5,000 prize, and has garnered support from several investors and publications.

"I've had fantastic support from Strathclyde, through the Hunter Centre and SEN, and from angel syndicate Gabriel. They introduced me to experienced business people who were well-placed to help, and I hope to be in a good position to grow the business."

Find out more about the package of support available to entrepreneurs emerging from our student, alumni and research communities: [www.strath.ac.uk/sen](http://www.strath.ac.uk/sen).



## Preventable blindness could be a thing of the past

New smartphone adaptor and software can make expert eye care accessible to all

Eighty per cent of the world's blind population lost their sight needlessly – and for many, the sole cause was a lack of access to care. All too often, preventable illnesses aren't treated quickly enough, or at all.

That's where Peek can make all the difference. Engineered at the University of Strathclyde, Peek is a portable eye examination kit, comprising smartphone apps and an adaptor that clips over a smartphone's camera. This adaptor, called Peek Retina, gives health workers a clear shot of a patient's retina, which they can save and send to experts for diagnosis.

"Peek Retina is the optimal combination of solid engineering experience, ingenuity and outlook to social impact," says Dr Mario Giardini, Lecturer in the University's Department of Biomedical Engineering. "The Peek Retina adapter is the most exciting thing my group has ever designed."

To get this technology to the areas of the world that need it most, the joint efforts of the University of Strathclyde, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the NHS Glasgow Centre for Ophthalmic Research, need financial support. Visit [www.peakvision.org](http://www.peakvision.org) to find out more.

## Performance-enhancing sensor ready for commercialisation

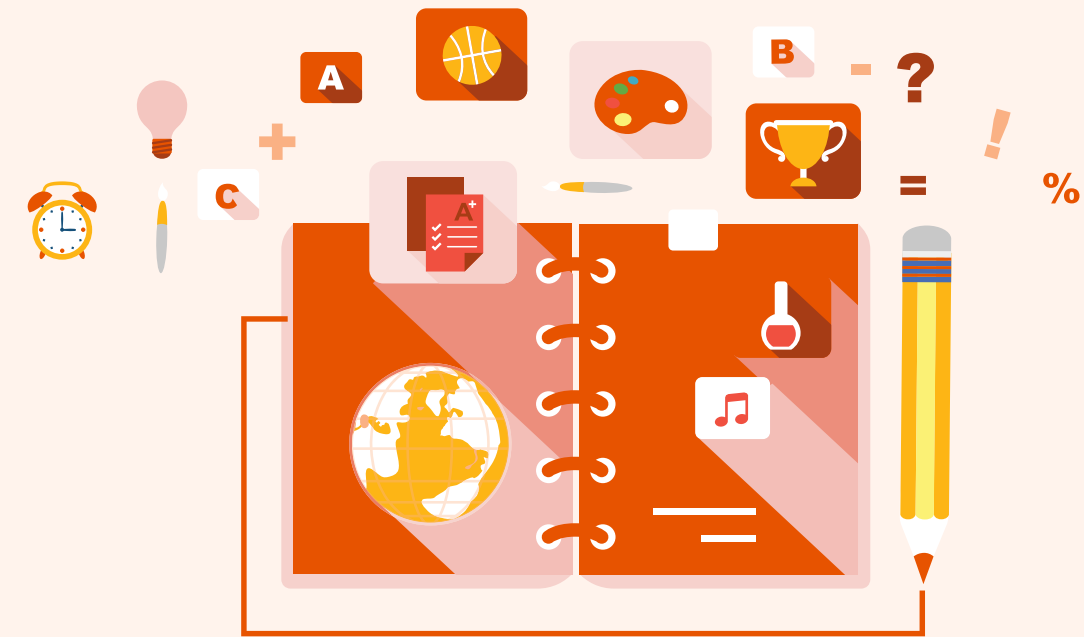
Monitoring fluid loss in real-time could prove invaluable for fitness enthusiasts and athletes

Following successful trials in the UK and Qatar, a wearable fluid-loss monitor could soon be available to consumers and professional athletes. Developed by the University's Department of Biomedical Engineering, the device will be the latest addition to a competitive market of performance-enhancing devices such as heart monitors and pace calculators.

"Whether you're a serious athlete or someone who simply likes to keep fit, it's important to make sure you get the right amount of fluid before, during and after exercising," says Dr Stephen Milne of the Department of Biomedical Engineering. "The sensor we've developed analyses the sweat produced during activity and provides feedback immediately to a smartphone or computer."

Availability of this kind of personalised information could have a significant effect on overall performance. Water regulates body temperature, lubricates joints and helps transport nutrients for energy and health – while insufficient hydration during exercise can allow fatigue to set in much faster.

Strathclyde is currently working with sportscotland to find ways real-time technology like this can provide a competitive advantage for Scotland on an international level.



## Strathclyde research proving multiculturalism is here to stay

Study examines multiculturalism's impact on creating inclusive societies

The study compared citizenship programmes in the UK, the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark. It concluded that despite the term 'multiculturalism' being used less positively, policies designed to help ethnic minorities integrate are actually growing.

Dr Nasar Meer, a Reader in Comparative Social Policy and Citizenship at Strathclyde, said, "As European societies have become more diverse, the task of developing an inclusive citizenship has become increasingly important. In recent years, however, there has been a backlash against multiculturalism as a way to achieve this."

The research found that some public policies were being developed to recognise minority communities and help them get involved in work, education and other key social areas. In countries with historical multiculturalism, such as the UK and the Netherlands, the research showed newer approaches, such as citizenship education, naturalisation ceremonies and language classes develop multiculturalism, rather than remove it. The research has been published in the journal *American Behavioural Scientist*.

## Strathclyde research proving lack of justice

Strathclyde researchers have found that introducing employment tribunal fees has prevented people in Scotland from challenging their employers – and getting justice

In a joint study with Citizens Advice Scotland, they discovered fees – anything up to £1,200 – were not having the planned effect. Rather than reducing the cost to the taxpayer by encouraging workers and employers to settle disputes instead of having a full hearing, the cost of cases is now the main consideration for people when deciding whether to pursue a claim. In fact, the number of tribunal cases lodged between January and April 2014 fell by 81%.

Dr Emily Rose, a Research Associate at the Law School, is co-author of the study. She said, "People are now having to think about whether it's worth them taking a case to an employment tribunal. The decision has become a financial one, as opposed to one based on the merits of their case. This makes access to justice difficult for many workers."

The study is part of a European Research Council-funded project, by the Universities of Strathclyde and Bristol, investigating the role of advice agencies in mediating between citizens and the practices of law.

## Travel notes

# Alex Nicolson

## Many giant steps for NASA engineer Alex

From Portree to Burbank, stopping in Glasgow, Toronto and Montreal, Alex Nicolson's lifelong journey is characterised by an instinct for opportunity, and the courage to take chances. From humble early years on the Isle of Skye to heady days working on NASA's Mars Rover projects, Alex's career has taken him all over the world – and taken spacecraft to another planet.

### The spark of inspiration

"My sister's boyfriend was an engineer, and the things he told me sounded really interesting," Alex says of his youth on Skye. "That was all I needed to decide on studying it at Strathclyde."

### And so the epic journey began...

"I moved to Glasgow in 1961 and, as an island boy, I was overwhelmed at first. It was a bit of a culture shock, but I soon found friends and overcame that. I had a great time studying there, growing up quickly and making my own decisions," Alex reflects. "But perhaps the biggest effect Strathclyde had on me was helping me realise skills and abilities I wasn't aware of, and seeing that there are endless opportunities out there to apply them."

So Alex had taken one leap of faith in going to study Engineering at Strathclyde, and soon took another – this time, transatlantic. "After five great years at Strathclyde, I was wondering what to do next. My friend Malcolm said he was going to Canada to find work. I thought, 'Why not?', and went with him."

Alex worked in Toronto, and then in various engineering and marketing positions with a gas turbine manufacturer in Montreal,

### Have you been back to Strathclyde since 1966?

"Yes, I visited back in 1992, and I remember how much cleaner the city was then, compared to in the 1960s. It reminded me of my first trip to Glasgow back in 1961, when I noticed the sheep on the hills seemed to be getting darker in colour. I realised it was the soot from coal-fired industry sticking to their fleece! Maybe that's why I'm focusing on new energy sources today."



from where he travelled all over the world utilising his fast-growing technology expertise. But after 10 years or so, although he enjoyed skiing, the Quebec winters were wearing thin, and he fancied some sunshine. California, here we come.

### Settling down

"I'd been to LA on business and liked it a lot," he recalls, "and while I was supposedly there on holiday I started a high-tech diffusion coating business with three friends, which took off really well. Immigration was less strict back then, so with a little 'creativity' I managed to sort out my Green Card without too much fuss. And I've lived in California ever since."

### The final frontier – but not for Alex

By the mid-80s, Alex had moved on from the business he co-founded, and was a manager of an engineering company, designing engine components for NASA's Space Shuttle. But despite an already

enviable series of wise moves and notable achievements, after eight years Alex's thirst for change and challenges took him into another engineering adventure. But he wasn't done with NASA just yet – in 2006, he joined the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in LA. "I worked on some really interesting satellite projects during my five years there, and eventually on the Mars Rover Project, Curiosity. I worked mainly on radar discs for the lander itself, which carried the Mars Rover to the surface of Mars and landed it."

That's a pretty amazing achievement on top of many others and, even since semi-retirement in 2011, Alex remains busy as a consultant, as well as jointly founding a new energy company focusing on alternatives to fossil fuels and improving the environment.

### Inspiring the next generation

As he has done all his life, Alex continues to study, and has taken an interest more

recently in the arts. He's also a mentor to young people, "I work with about 20 young people, mostly through my church and social connections. For kids, the world now has so many opportunities to explore and get involved in. No matter what your interests, talents and purposes, you will find a career that will be fun and fulfilling at the same time!"

There isn't much finer an example to follow, really.

### One small leap for Strathclyde students

The Alumni Fund recently awarded £5,500 to StrathSEDS, a student-led space exploration project.



# Alumni survey

Tell us your views today

The opinions and needs of the alumni community are very important to the University. We want to improve and develop the services we offer to our alumni and would really appreciate having your input into this process.

We would like to find out your views on the services and communications we offer and to gauge your reactions to some of our ideas for the future. We also value the opportunity to stay in contact with you and would like to confirm if the details we have for you are still correct.

## Complete the survey

Help us to help you to stay connected, access benefits and get involved with Strathclyde by completing our online survey:

[www.djsresearch.co.uk/strathsurvey](http://www.djsresearch.co.uk/strathsurvey).

We know that your time is valuable, so the survey will take no more than 10 minutes, and to say thanks, everybody who completes a survey will be entered into a prize draw to win £200 in Amazon vouchers\*.

## How to complete the survey

Visit [www.djsresearch.co.uk/strathsurvey](http://www.djsresearch.co.uk/strathsurvey) and simply enter your Alumni Membership Number, which can be found on the letter accompanying Strathclyde People, ~~along with your date of birth.~~ Don't worry if you can't find your Alumni Membership Number, ~~we will help you to access the survey when you log in.~~ The survey is being administered by DJS Research Ltd, a Market Research Society (MRS) Company Partner, who are partnering with the University. **The survey closes on 9 December 2015.**

\*or equivalent retailer vouchers in countries not covered by Amazon.



“My relationship with Strathclyde did not end when I graduated. Being able to give a little back to a place that had given me a lot has been very satisfying. The University wants to keep in touch with all of us to offer services, help us contact friends, or provide the opportunity to contribute in some way. Please help Alumni & Development to find the best ways of doing this, by completing the survey.”

Alumnus Dr Jeff Fergus MIPA BA DUniv  
BA Business, 1969  
Doctor of the University (Honorary), 2009  
Strathclyde People Award winner 2013



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# Strathclyde's new Technology and Innovation Centre

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Leading the world  
– with a Royal seal  
of approval

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Staff watch as the Queen  
officially opens the  
Technology and Innovation  
Centre (TIC)

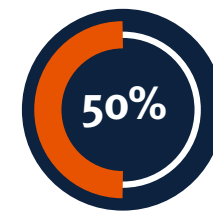




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Professor Sir Jim McDonald, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

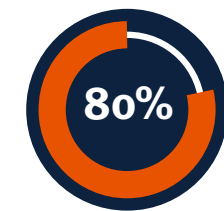
This has been another landmark year for Strathclyde, with the opening of our world-leading Technology and Innovation Centre (TIC). The £89 million project puts the University firmly at the forefront of international research and development, and is the single biggest investment in research and knowledge exchange in our history. TIC is a landmark building not only for the University, but also for Glasgow – and it’s redefining the way Scottish Higher Education works with industry.



Around 50% of building spend was with SMEs – the majority based in the west of Scotland



15% of construction materials came from recycling



80% of construction waste was recycled



The building covers 26,100 square metres



The building uses 50% less heating energy than required by Scottish building regulations



TIC has the largest rooftop installation of solar panels in the Glasgow area

### A setting rich for research

The Centre provides the perfect environment for academics, researchers and industry partners to work together, in state-of-the-art research and innovation facilities that are helping solve some of the world’s major economic, technological and societal challenges. With £50 million of specialist research equipment and facilities, world-leading researchers can respond directly to these challenges, in partnership with business, government agencies, and other universities and technological institutions.

### A visit from the Queen

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh visited the University to perform the official opening. The occasion was a fitting endorsement of the Centre’s significance, and highlights our emphasis on tackling global challenges.

The visit also showcased how the Centre’s expertise will help boost the Scottish economy and have a positive impact on the wider global society. Dr Graham welcomed the Queen’s visit, “Having the Queen open TIC was a great celebration of what makes Strathclyde special. Her Majesty’s presence raised our profile, and recognised our achievements and prominence as a world-leading research and technological university.”

### Showing off our facilities

Researchers have been in the Centre since February, working on a number of new projects, as well as continuing in the new facility with on-going research. The visit by The Queen marked the official opening and announced to the world that the Technology and Innovation Centre is fully open for business, creating productive partnerships with business, industry, public bodies and the third sector – and further expanding its number of projects and collaborations.



## TIC research themes

Tackling some of the biggest challenges facing humanity is what the Technology and Innovation Centre is all about. To achieve this, it addresses major innovation challenges across our four priority domains.



TIC is creating 700 new jobs

### Health

Our health research supports better disease prevention, more effective treatments, and advances in health through technology. It looks at each health issue from science, engineering, economics, social and psychological perspectives, and works with health services, businesses and policy-makers to address a wide range of worldwide needs.

TIC Health is particularly strong in medtech, biomedical imaging technologies, medicines, assistive technologies, and global public health, and is ideally suited to building multidisciplinary research teams to respond to the specific needs of clinicians and businesses.

Dr Graham says, “Thanks to the work of our researchers, pharmaceutical companies can produce drugs faster, cheaper and more efficiently. This benefits patients, as they can get hold of patented drugs more freely and affordably.”

Our partners include the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service, Cancer Research UK, GlaxoSmithKline, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and MGB Biopharma.

“Our research is already being felt in prediction, prevention and early detection of diseases, helping transform the treatment of everything from colonic cancers to cardiovascular conditions and diabetes.”

Dr Steve Graham, Executive Director, TIC

### Manufacturing

Manufacturing is part of every product and service in our everyday lives. TIC Manufacturing looks at high-value manufacturing, advanced engineering and continuous pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Thanks to strong links with industry, innovation and technology, developments at TIC are always relevant to global industrial challenges – from design, prototyping, fabrication and operational deployment, to management and optimisation.

#### Making the world a better place

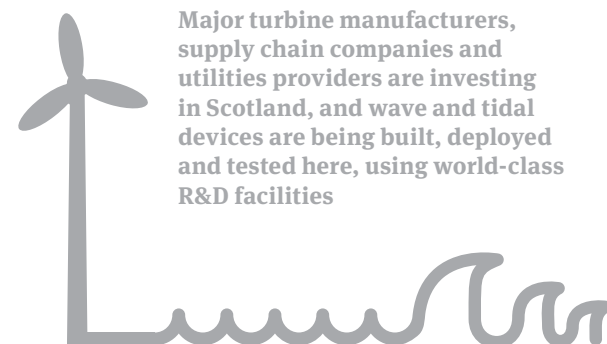
This wide-ranging expertise benefits high-value manufacturing and advanced engineering – including for marine turbines for clean energy, continuous medicine manufacture, and food and drink processing. TIC research has already helped develop lightweight aerospace materials, advanced fluid dynamics in pump technology, and streamlined the manufacturing process.

We bring together chemists, engineers, pharmaceutical scientists and supply chain management researchers to explore the possibilities of continuous manufacturing.

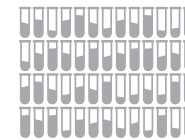
#### Greater levels of collaboration

Researchers within the Centre are working with UK and international industrial partners to find new ways to tackle engineering challenges, including water purification and desalination, and drag reduction in aerospace. Their multidisciplinary research is at the forefront of engineering science.

Our industry partners include Boeing, Rolls-Royce, Barnes Aerospace, GlaxoSmithKline and AstraZeneca – and all benefit from access to world-class facilities and leading researchers’ expertise.



Major turbine manufacturers, supply chain companies and utilities providers are investing in Scotland, and wave and tidal devices are being built, deployed and tested here, using world-class R&D facilities



TIC includes 105 specialist laboratories

### Energy

Strathclyde is home to Europe’s biggest electrical power engineering and energy research group. The group is working with industry in areas of global importance, looking into everything from advanced renewable energy technology and smart grids, to cutting-edge design for electrical networks in the marine and aerospace industries.

With a current shortage of engineers in the energy sector, the University is playing a pivotal role in research, teaching and knowledge exchange, and is a member of the Energy Technology Partnership (ETP) – an alliance of Scottish universities chaired by our Principal, Professor Sir Jim McDonald.

Through its partnerships, TIC Energy is getting behind new technologies, helping companies compete on the world stage, informing public policy, and ensuring secure, sustainable and affordable energy for the future. Our partners include EDF, ScottishPower, Babcock, SSE, and the Weir Group.

#### Combining our energies

TIC Energy has several centres researching different areas of energy. The Advanced Forming Research Centre (AFRC) is a collaborative venture between Strathclyde, Scottish Enterprise, the UK Government and leading multinational engineering firms. The Institute for Energy and Environment is one of the leading centres for research and teaching internationally.

#### Making a global difference

TIC Energy works with the Weir Group on a range of projects, including designing new and improved energy products for the global market. Another partner is the International Public Policy Institute (IPPI), which aims to make a difference to the quality and impact of public policy in Scotland, the UK and internationally.



TIC received financial backing from Scottish Enterprise, the European Regional Development Fund and the Scottish Funding Council

### Future Cities

Future cities research focuses on improving our city experience and quality of life, through developing a better approach to using city assets.

The role of cities and how they affect our lives has never been more important. With more than half the world’s population now living in cities, our aim is to improve quality of life across the world and help understand current and future cities in new ways.

#### Improving lives in cities

Ultimately, we want to make cities across the world better places in which to live, work, learn and invest. Working with commercial organisations, and local, national and international governments, our key research themes include sustainable city planning and implementation, risk and resilience, urban health and e-health, and business models, finance and economic analysis.

#### Research felt around the world

The Institute for Future Cities enables policy-makers, citizens, service providers, investors, businesses and researchers to analyse, model and understand cities in new ways. In the unique City Observatory, researchers can create large volumes of data from Glasgow and other global cities, which in turn supports policy-makers in creating positive strategies and reducing risks for people living in the urban environment.

#### Partnerships making a difference

Our partners include Step Up, Historic Scotland, the Economic and Social Research Council, Arts and Humanities Research Council, Innovate UK, Glasgow City Council and EPSRC. Dr Graham says, “The days of closed-off R&D departments at companies is in the past. Now it’s all about reaching out to work alongside others with the same goals. It’s more efficient and drives faster change and innovation.”



## Centres based in the Technology and Innovation Centre:

- Atoms Beams and Plasmas
- Centre for Ultrasonic Engineering
- Oil and Gas Institute
- Centre for Microsystems and Photonics
- Centre for Excellence in Signal Imaging Processing
- Centre for Intelligent Dynamic Communications
- Intelligent Lighting Centre
- Institute of Photonics
- Fraunhofer UK Research Ltd
- Fraunhofer Centre for Applied Photonics
- Institute for Energy and Environment
- Institute for Future Cities
- Satellite Applications Catapult
- Strathclyde Space Institute
- Weir Advanced Research Centre
- Centre for Innovative Manufacturing in Continuous Manufacturing and Crystallisation
- Bionanotechnology
- Energy Technology Partnership

“The regional impact for the city and Scotland as a whole is worth £300 million in new jobs and new business.”

Dr Steve Graham  
Executive Director, TIC

### Conference hire

TIC's flexible, state-of-the-art conferencing facilities are available all year round:

- Main Auditorium seating 450 – subdivides into two theatres for 300/150 or three theatres for 150
- Tiered auditorium seating 150
- 10 conference rooms seating 10-100
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+44 (0)141 553 4148 or [conferenceglasgow@strath.ac.uk](mailto:conferenceglasgow@strath.ac.uk).



## Preparing the landmark Technology and Innovation Centre for occupation

As Head of Operations, Anne-Marie Campbell played a vital role in the run-up to the official opening of the Technology and Innovation Centre (TIC). Strathclyde People spoke to Anne-Marie about the preparations she and her team made for the big day, and her thoughts on the Centre's significance.

### What did getting TIC ready for occupancy entail?

First, we had to put together a team of 10 and induct them to make sure they were familiar with TIC and the new policies and procedures. Then it was a case of providing induction for the 650 people relocating there. We did all this while liaising with Moveplan, the company responsible for working with all the relocating departments. We also had daily chats with the contractor, weekly meetings to review testing and commissioning, took care of snagging, and worked with departments to ensure relocation was as smooth as possible.

### Sounds busy. Did you manage to get everything done in time?

We did! Right until the last minute we were working with Estates Services and IT to ensure everything needed to run the building was in place and working. This included reviewing access arrangements, because TIC is run slightly differently to other buildings.



### Which challenges did you face?

It has been one huge challenge! We received the keys to the building on 24 February, and we were up and running straight away. We've been busy every day since the doors opened. We hosted a meeting of senior academics on 26 February, ran our first paying conference on 1 March, and hosted inductions from 16 to 20 March. Then staff moved into the building over six weeks. All this time, we were working with the contractor to ensure everything was finished and ready to use.

### Why is TIC so special?

It's of huge importance to the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow and Scotland. It's a showcase of the fabulous research, development and industry engagement currently being undertaken here. The building is designed for collaboration and innovation – within the University as well as with external partners. Add the excellent Conference and Events facilities, and it's unique.

### What do you see as the future of TIC?

As the departments bed down and get used to the new building, we'll see other departments and external organisations also using its fabulous facilities.

### Was it a proud moment when the Queen officially opened TIC?

Absolutely – there was plenty of organising and planning to make sure her visit went as smoothly as possible.

### What's next for you and TIC?

Testing and commissioning of the building has been completed, I hope to have an opportunity to review and refine the building's operational procedures. We're already being inundated with requests to work here. It was a huge undertaking and challenge that's only been possible thanks to the fantastic team we've been fortunate enough to pull together. They've worked tirelessly over the past eight months.



## As I Remember It

# Dr Tom Black

## Linking inspiration and opportunities

Alumnus Dr Tom Black looks back on his student days in Strathclyde's Physics department, which was recently rated top in the UK for research quality in the Research Excellence Framework results for 2014.

We also meet Steven McAuslan, who graduated this year with a First Class degree in Maths and Physics, and has recently joined Dr Black's Digital Barriers business after completing a successful internship.



### A life-changer

"My four years at Strathclyde, from 1977 to 1981, changed my life," says Dr Black. "I learned how to absorb and retain knowledge effectively, and how to think analytically and critically. I expanded my horizons, simply by being around academic staff of the highest calibre."

Dr Black went on to achieve a doctorate in Nuclear Physics at the University of Oxford, and has since been a successful businessman on many fronts. "I learned my business acumen by osmosis, along the way," he says. "I think academia today is cottoning on to the inextricable link with business, but it wasn't so in tune with it in my day. During a recent visit to Strathclyde's Physics department, it was obvious how links with business play a much more significant role, and how technologically advanced the department is now. Learning is far more current, relevant, and immediately applicable to careers."

"In many ways, I was given all the pieces of a jigsaw and left to create the bigger picture. Nowadays it's great to see young people with fantastic potential getting more help in making those vital connections between skills and careers, and I'm more than happy to be a part of that."

### Nurturing talent and turning it into careers

Steven McAuslan's experience is a great example of how the University's business connections create opportunities for students. Steven's studies were supported by the Black Family Scholarship, funded by the Black Family Trust. Thanks to this opportunity to study at Strathclyde, Steven developed skills and abilities that were more than enough to secure a chance to intern at Digital Barriers.

Steven has since been offered a full-time position – a positive outcome for any graduate. Dr Black commented, "Steven did very well with us. I had no hesitation offering him a job. My Trust is all about supporting individual talent rather than ideas, and it's harder for individuals to fund their own undergraduate studies than it's ever been. My education at Strathclyde cost next to nothing in comparison, and it meant so much to me – so I wanted to give others opportunities they might otherwise miss out on."

### Preparing for the future

As for Steven, he's thrilled at the opportunity. "I've been a technology guy ever since I was a kid. I used to take things to bits and figure them out, and put them back together again – with varying degrees of success, but I improved as I got older! Strathclyde helped me find my academic focus while learning the importance of managing time and thinking ahead. It's easy to immerse yourself in the learning and forget that there's more to it than that if you want to be successful. As well as studying in such an excellent environment, thanks to Dr Black, I've also had invaluable help thinking about my career. The internship and job offer at Digital Barriers was the icing on the cake."

The University's alumni community are generous supporters of the scholarship programme; making it possible for students, like Steven, to consider a degree and gain real life experience of their subject, which contributes to job opportunities on graduation. Scholarships can kick-start exciting journeys and unlock potential.

A Physics lecture in the 1970s



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Support from our alumni community has helped us to award 45 undergraduate scholarships in the new academic year.

Scholarship students, from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds, are awarded £5,000 to help cover the essential costs of university.

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## Worldwide

With 20 alumni groups around the world, faculty, and Alumni & Development supported events, we have a packed annual calendar of global activity for alumni. Don't miss out on hearing about events – update your location and contact details!



# What's happening

Strathclyde and our alumni community have been busy hosting events around the globe – here are some highlights of recent events and a snippet of what's to come.

## Want to know more about upcoming events?

Visit [www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/youralumnicommunity/events](http://www.strath.ac.uk/alumni/youralumnicommunity/events) for event listings and ticket information.

To receive invitations by email to events happening in your area please provide us with your location and email address:

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

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Follow us on social media for event listings and photos:



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## Recent events: UK, Glasgow

### Summer Fayre

Our annual family event, Summer Fayre, took place on campus on 2 August. We were blessed with a little bit of sunshine and a lot of generosity – more than £1,400 was raised for the Alumni Fund through ticket sales and fundraising activity. Thank you.

### Public Health Lecture by Sir Harry Burns: We know what causes illness but what causes health?

In September, Sir Harry Burns – Professor of Global Health at Strathclyde's Institute for Global Public Health – delivered this year's prestigious Sir Alexander Stone Lecture, an annual lecture series made possible by the support of a distinguished local benefactor, the late Sir Alexander Stone.

### Family Business Lecture Series: An Evening with Edwin White

Edwin White, Managing Director of John White & Son Ltd, Scotland's oldest family business, joined us in October as guest speaker in our Family Business Lecture Series. This annual lecture series is supported by the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation.

### Tech Club Lecture: You can't manage what you don't measure – Integrated water resources management in Malawi

Alumni of the Royal College of Science and Technology (Tech Club) joined us in October for a lecture on water resources presented by Professor Robert Kalin, Professor of Environmental Engineering for Sustainability at Strathclyde. Tech Club is a biannual lecture and lunch.

### Celebrating Scholarships

At the end of October, Strathclyde held its annual scholarship celebration event. The evening was hosted by alumnus Iain MacRitchie and gave supporters the opportunity to meet the students who benefit from the programme.

## Upcoming events: USA

### US Telethon

Reaching out from Scotland to America! Alumni in the US are being called by current Strathclyde students at the weekends during the Autumn Telethon which is taking place from 19 October to 26 November 2015.



### California alumni events

The Principal, Professor Sir Jim McDonald, together with colleagues from Alumni & Development, will be hosting an alumni reception in San Francisco on the 1 December 2015. There will also be an informal alumni get together in Los Angeles on 2 December 2015.

## UK, Glasgow

### Inaugural annual David Stow Lecture by Diane Mayer: Transitional teacher education in globalised and neoliberal contexts

Professor Diane Mayer, Dean of Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Sydney, will deliver the inaugural David Stow lecture on 19 January 2016 at the University's Technology and Innovation Centre. To register, email: [corporate-events@strath.ac.uk](mailto:corporate-events@strath.ac.uk) or call: +44(0)141 548 2245.

### Celebration of Enterprise (CoE) Week

This annual event celebrates enterprise and commercialisation activity across the University. CoE Week will kick off on 16 November 2015, culminating with a special finale – the Enterprise Awards Dinner – on 24 November. Visit [www.strath.ac.uk/sen/coeweek](http://www.strath.ac.uk/sen/coeweek) for event listings.

Interested in enterprise news? Email [enterprise@strath.ac.uk](mailto:enterprise@strath.ac.uk) to register for the enterprise e-newsletter.

## Gala dinner in aid of the Malawi Project

The Graduates Association (Glasgow) will be holding its biennial black tie gala dinner on 21 November 2015 in the Barony Hall. Come with a party of friends, a class reunion or come alone – everyone is welcome.

## UK, London

### Burns Supper

The annual Burns Supper hosted by the Strathclyde University Down South alumni group (SUDS) will take place at the Caledonian Club, London on 29 January 2016 and will raise funds for the Alumni Fund. Tickets are on sale now.

## UAE, Dubai

### Dubai marathon and alumni reception

Alumni in Dubai are raising funds for University projects by taking part in the Dubai marathon, 10K or 4K race on 22 January 2016. Last year our alumni raised £3,700 by sprinting for Strathclyde. The UAE Alumni Association will also be hosting a reception for alumni on 23 January. To register your interest in the reception or in sprinting for Strathclyde please email Karen Ryan: [karen.ryan@strath.ac.uk](mailto:karen.ryan@strath.ac.uk).



## India, Kolkata

### Glasgow Auld Students 62nd Annual Reunion Celebrations

Celebrations include the Annual Dinner on 9 January 2016 in Kolkata, and a picnic at Dhulagarh on 31 January 2016. Email [alumni-relations@strath.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-relations@strath.ac.uk) to register interest.



# Grapevine

Alumni & Development are here to help Strathclyde alumni to stay connected, access benefits and get involved. Our Grapevine service shares your messages and reunion announcements to help you to reconnect with former classmates.

If you would like to respond to a Grapevine message, or to contact a former classmate but do not have their contact details, send your message c/o:

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## 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 you provide an update when your circumstances or contact information change.

Messages received throughout the year will be published on 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. Due to data protection regulations we can provide your message and contact details but we are not permitted to print messages which name another individual.

## Helping you to stay connected

Please contact us if you would like to:

- Organise a reunion or visit the University
- Get back in touch with old friends
- Change or update your contact details
- 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



## 1950S

Anderson, George  
(ARTC BSc Mechanical Engineering 1953)

Any old friends out there? It would be great to hear from you!

## 1960S

Curry, Thomas  
(BArch Architecture 1968)

We recently had a class reunion for Falkirk High School, and I would love it if we could arrange a reunion for the Architecture class of 1968. If you're interested please contact me at: [tbcurry4885@yahoo.com](mailto:tbcurry4885@yahoo.com).

Greaves, John  
(PGDip Personnel Management 1968)

Greetings from the Thames Valley to all graduates and lecturers from the Postgraduate Diploma in Personnel Management course, 1967-1968. You can email me at [JFGSales@BTconnect.com](mailto:JFGSales@BTconnect.com).

Norris, David  
(BSc Pharmacy 1969)

I would like to contact anyone from the School Of Pharmacy, graduation year 1969. Please email [david.l.norris1@btinternet.com](mailto:david.l.norris1@btinternet.com).



## 1970S

Dickson, Barry  
(LLB Hons Law 1977)

I graduated LLB (Hons) in 1977 and Graduated LLM in Criminology in 1982. I've been a Procurator Fiscal since 1979 – now doing three days! Is there anyone from my vintage about? It would be great to hear from you!

## 1980S

Alexander, David  
(BSc Hons Applied Physics 1980)

Just had a great reunion of the Applied Physics class of 1980 in Edinburgh, November 2014! That's 34 years! The next one will be in 2016 – be there!

Nicholson, Peter  
(PGDip Personnel Management 1985)

Contact from any postgraduate diploma in Personnel Management graduates from 1984 to 1985 would be appreciated. You can contact me on [nicks45fr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicks45fr@yahoo.co.uk).



## 1990S

Andriotis, Konstantinos  
(MSc International Hospitality Management 1995)

After four years as Head of the Hotel and Tourism Management Department and Associate Professor at Cyprus University of Technology, I have moved to Middlesex University Business School as Professor in Tourism. I would love to hear from any of you by email: [k.andriotis@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:k.andriotis@mdx.ac.uk).

Mattsson, Tord  
(Erasmus Business 1995)

I would absolutely love to connect on LinkedIn with all that I met at Strathclyde! [www.linkedin.com/in/tordmattsson](http://www.linkedin.com/in/tordmattsson)

van der Kamp, Lisa  
(MEnvS Environmental Studies 1997)

I'm looking to get back in touch with my former classmates from the MEnvS Environmental Studies class of 1997. It would be great to catch up with you all. Email me at [staartmees@yahoo.com](mailto:staartmees@yahoo.com).

Badran, Laila  
(PhD Pharmaceutical Sciences 1998)

I would like to say hello to all my friends and colleagues that I have met while doing my PhD degree studies during 1993-1998, and I would like to hear from you all. This is my email address: [dr\\_ljb@go.com.jo](mailto:dr_ljb@go.com.jo) (the Jordanian PhD student).



## 2010S

Sioulas, Evangelos  
(MSc Technical Management of Ship Operations 2010)

I would like to get in touch with some of my Nigerian mates from the Department of Naval Architecture, Ocean and Marine Engineering MSc class of 2010. You can email me at [starmarine78@yahoo.gr](mailto:starmarine78@yahoo.gr).

Mwenye, Jimmy  
(MSc Investment and Finance 2013)

I would like to get in touch with my former classmates.

## Reunions

Then and now: the 1990 graduates of Strathclyde's Civil Engineering course celebrated their 25th anniversary this year. Some of the former classmates gathered at the University in June for a walk down memory lane and to see how times have changed.

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).



Then: 1990



Now: 2015

You made it happen

# Pakistan 50th Anniversary Scholarship

Providing opportunities for talented Pakistani scholars to study overseas

The Scottish Pakistani Association established a scholarship to mark the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of Pakistan, and to give talented students the opportunity to study at Strathclyde and in turn grow the skills base of their home nation. Dr Yaqub Ali, a Patron of the Foundation and an Honorary Graduate of the University, gave a gift to make this vision a reality.

Since then, 20 Pakistani scholars have had the chance to study at Strathclyde and put their knowledge and skills to work following their return to Pakistan. The scholarship provides comprehensive support for talented students who would not otherwise be able to consider studying overseas. Strathclyde alumni also support and advise in the selection of the best candidate.

## Today's top scholar

Ammara Javed, the 2014-15 scholar, has recently completed her MSc in Human Resource Management. HR is a relatively new concept in Pakistan and Ammara's application for the scholarship made an interesting point: good people management is essential for the success of any business. We caught up with her in the midst of completing her dissertation.

## A whirlwind year

"The past year has been a great experience for me. I'd never been to the UK before, and it was a bit of a culture shock at first, but I've thoroughly enjoyed living and studying here. Everyone at Strathclyde, and the people of Glasgow, have been great," she says. "I was already working in HR in Pakistan, and I'm really looking forward to putting my qualification and knowledge to good use when I return home. I want to spearhead the concept of HR and help it grow in Pakistan.

"Having a qualification that's certified by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development will be a huge boost for me – and hopefully for HR in my country. I also aim to get into lecturing on the subject, and my long-term plan is to run an HR consultancy."

## An agent for change

Ammara's initial plans involve getting younger people more in tune with the concept of HR and professional development. "I want to challenge the idea, in Pakistan, that HR is just about recruitment and payroll. My country needs to take a more global view, and to realise HR is about so much more. I'd like to be behind that change."

## Sharing experience

"Thanks to the scholarship, I've been able to do something I simply couldn't do otherwise," Ammara explains. "So I'd like to use what I've learned to help others. I'll be sharing my knowledge with other young people, and at the same time I'll be learning more from them – and I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together."

Of course, Strathclyde will be staying in close contact with Ammara to see how her plans develop over the coming years. Like all beneficiaries of this great scholarship, she has become a vital member of our global alumni community.

## Previous beneficiary of the Fund

"On my return to Pakistan, I joined a university as a lecturer, where I was teaching undergraduate Chemical Engineering students. I implemented my knowledge and skills, which I learnt from Strathclyde, to educate and train many students in Pakistan."

Zaman Sajid  
MSc Chemical and Process Sustainable Engineering, 2009-10

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Ammara Javed



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On behalf of the University, I would like to express our gratitude to all those who have made a gift in the last year – alumni, friends, trusts, businesses and anonymous donors.

We are confident that we will see this community of supporters continue to grow and be an essential part of Strathclyde's future.

Thank you

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# Advocate for change

How a gift is helping the Law Clinic to grow



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Professor Donald Nicolson of Strathclyde Law School explains how a recent gift in the Will of alumnus Robert Smith is set to have a huge impact on the University's student-led Law Clinic.

## Firstly, what does the Law Clinic do, exactly?

We're the largest and most successful law clinic in Scotland, and probably also in the UK. We offer advice and representation to help clients with restricted finances deal with their legal problems. We provide Public Legal Education to groups of people to help them to understand their rights. We also work in partnership with other organisations, such as the Refugee Survivor Trust and Rape Crisis Scotland, to help vulnerable groups.

## The Clinic is no stranger to awards – tell us more

Recently, we made the shortlist in all four categories of the LawWorks & Attorney General Student Awards – a first for any law clinic. We won the Best Contribution by a Law School and Jacob Hay was runner-up for the Best Contribution by an Individual Student. We were also commended for Best New Student Pro Bono Activity for our new online advice project – which was made possible with funding from the Alumni Fund. No other law clinic has had as much success at these awards.

## What kind of cases can the Clinic help with?

Cases mainly involve issues of employment, housing and consumer, but we've seen a steady increase in social security cases, and recently we've expanded to offer help to victims of gender violence and failed asylum applicants.

## How will this gift help the Clinic?

Robert Smith's legacy will help us continue to grow and serve the local community.

It will support additional supervision, so we can increase the number of students advising clients. By having more student advisors, we will be able to help more people have access to justice.

The gift has also allowed us to develop new 'associate' members, who respond to online enquiries, provide public legal education in schools and prisons, and investigate miscarriages of justice.

## Can you give us some examples of the impact this kind of legacy gift can have?

Law Clinic students recently fought and won a Statutory Appeal that saw almost £21,000 deducted from a Demand for Payment. We secured a £5,000 settlement for a client at an Employment Appeal tribunal, and a backdated repayment of £7,200 in Employment Support Allowance for a client with mental health and addiction problems. That's just a snapshot of the positive things we can do with generous donations from alumni.

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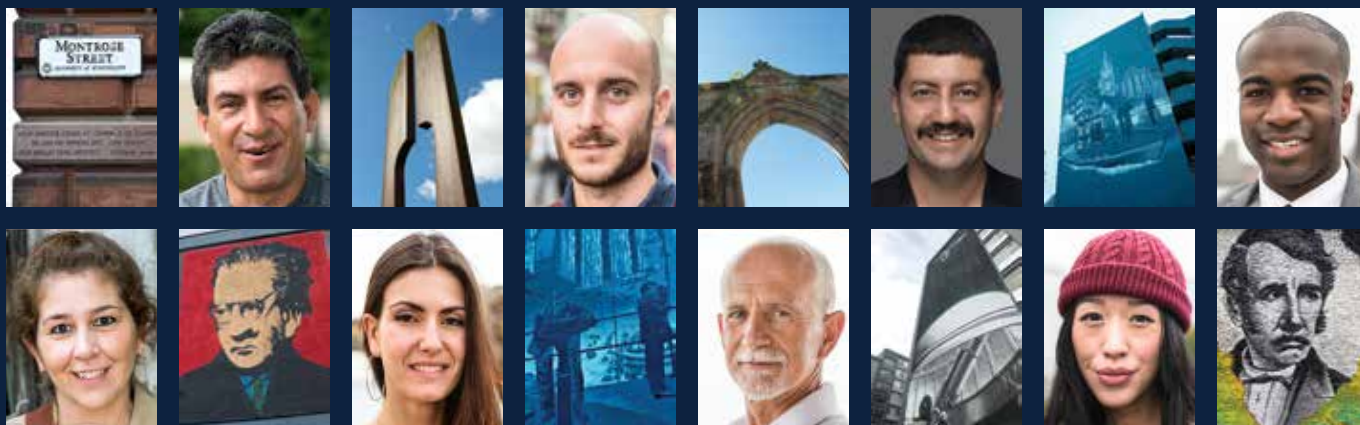
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