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ANNUAL REVIEW **2016**

THE YEAR IN FOCUS

It's been a tremendous year for us at UWS and I'm immensely proud of what we have achieved.

Our research in a wide range of areas, including our ground-breaking work in gravitational waves, is being recognised internationally. Our development of innovative, new technologies is helping to shape society in Scotland and throughout the world. And our internationalisation activities are helping to boost our reputation, with, for example, UWS being recognised for the first time in the Times Higher Education World Rankings, placing us in the top 5% of universities globally.

As we continue to work towards the goals outlined in our corporate strategy, our focus will remain on strengthening our academic excellence, providing dynamic 21st century learning environments for our students, and ensuring that we empower our students and staff to be the best they can be.

I hope you'll enjoy reading about our successes, and be inspired by our activity.

PROFESSOR CRAIG MAHONEY
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR



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University of the West of Scotland is an organisation that is really going places and I am delighted to witness the changes that are taking place. In my first year as Chair of Court, I've seen some great work being carried out to reach the targets of the ambitious and stretching UWS corporate strategy.

With the exciting work planned on the University's new Lanarkshire Campus, to see the first students move onto the new site in 2018, and recognising the tremendous achievement of UWS London Campus in reaching a student cohort of over 600 in its first year, there is a lot to celebrate.

Above all, I am particularly enthused by the approach UWS takes to putting its students at the core of everything that it does and in its work to ensure that everyone who has the potential to succeed in higher education is given the opportunity, irrespective of their background.

DR WAIYIN HATTON
CHAIR OF COURT

**RANKED
TOP 5%
IN THE
WORLD**



More than 1,300 universities, from 79 countries, took part in the 2016 survey data collection. UWS was placed in the overall band of 601-800 out of 980 institutions, which THE states as the top 5% of universities worldwide. We ranked joint 64th out of the 91 UK institutions listed. THE compile the rankings from 13 metrics across teaching, research, citations, international outlook, and industry income. Our highest ranked area was International Outlook, judged at 320 out of the 980 institutions listed.

4TH MOST IMPROVED UK UNIVERSITY

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE
SURVEY 2015-16 TOP 100

5TH OUR CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAMME WAS RANKED 5TH IN THE UK IN THE GUARDIAN UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2017

2016 IN FIGURES



In 2016 UWS was proud to break through into the Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings for the first time; the only global performance ranking that judges research-intensive universities across all of their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

8%

UWS RANKS 8% ABOVE THE SCOTTISH AVERAGE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES
DESTINATION OF LEAVERS FROM HIGHER EDUCATION (DLHE) 2014/15

96%

OF ALL UWS GRADUATES IN WORK OR FURTHER STUDY SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION
2014/15 HESA (HIGHER EDUCATION STATISTICS AGENCY) PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

91%

OF UWS POSTGRAD STUDENTS WOULD RECOMMEND US TO A FRIEND
POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2016

92%

OVERALL SATISFACTION FOR BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE AND COMPUTING & ENGINEERING COURSES
POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2016

100%

AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING

100%

FORENSIC SCIENCE

100%

MIDWIFERY

100%

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

100%

SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

**NATIONAL
STUDENT
SURVEY**

TOP 10

IN THE UK FOR
OUR EDUCATION
PROGRAMME



Top in the UK for overall student satisfaction:

100% of respondents studying

these courses state that

they were satisfied overall

with their course





NATIONAL RECOGNITION

ACROSS A RANGE OF SURVEYS AND AWARDS WE ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING IN 2016:

- The UWS and St Mirren football club partnership - which sees the University produce radio and TV programming for the club with input from creative industries students; and provides hands-on experience for sport and exercise science students and event management students - was the winner of the **OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT CATEGORY** of the Herald Higher Education Awards 2016 and shortlisted for the Times Higher Education Awards 2016 in the **MOST INNOVATIVE CONTRIBUTION TO BUSINESS / UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION** category
 - **BEST EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE** at Scotland's Dementia Awards for our innovative intergenerational project Dementia Class in a Bag[®] involving student nurses and local school children. The awards recognise the country's most innovative and ambitious dementia projects and are supported by Alzheimer Scotland
 - **ATHENA SWAN INSTITUTIONAL BRONZE AWARD** for encouraging and recognising our commitment to advancing the careers of women in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) in higher education and research
 - **EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S HR EXCELLENCE AWARD** for supporting research staff in their career development
 - **STONEWALL DIVERSITY ACCREDITATION** for our equality and diversity practices
 - **SHORTLISTED** in two categories of the Times Higher Education Leadership & Management Awards – **OUTSTANDING FINANCE TEAM** and **OUTSTANDING DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION TEAM**
 - **GLASGOW SHORTLISTED** as **ONE OF THREE FINALIST CITIES*** to host the 2021 European College of Sport Science congress thanks to a joint bid by the University and Glasgow Convention Bureau
 - Finalist for the **RENFREWSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD FOR INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY** for the online information services offered in the University's new Hub enquiry service
 - UWS Commercial Services team gained **ACCREDITATION FROM CUSTOMER FIRST UK** for its project to improve areas of customer service, customer experience and the development of team members
 - **SHORTLISTED** for a **DEVELOPING EXCELLENT PRACTICE AWARD** in the national Staff Development Forum Awards, supported by the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education for the University's 'Daring 2b Different' festival
 - Over the 2015-16 academic year, **UWS WAS RANKED 2ND IN THE UK** for its social media impact in the EduRank digital bench marking survey
- * At time of print, the results of the shortlisting still to be announced.



Scotland's Dementia Awards aim to recognise and showcase the vital contribution that professionals and community groups make across the length and breadth of Scotland. This year's winners have raised the bar, yet again, and I am delighted to see everyone congratulated for their efforts to support people living with dementia and their families.

Henry Simmons, Chief Executive, Alzheimer Scotland



STUDENT EXPERIENCE

At UWS we are here for our students. We want our students to achieve the best they possibly can, in terms of academic success, employability and personal development. And, of course, we want our students to have fun while they grow and learn with us, taking advantage of all of the extra-curricular activities available to them, such as sport, citizenship and volunteering. Our focus is on personalised learning experiences supported by internationally recognised research. UWS graduates will be work-ready, resilient and able to contribute locally and globally.

HIGH RANKING

In the Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017, our Education provision was ranked fourth highest among Scottish institutions (also highest in Scotland for Student Experience and Teaching Quality); Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering and Chemical Engineering gained the highest score in Scotland for Teaching Quality; while Biological Sciences was rated second highest in Scotland for Teaching Quality and Student Experience.

The National Student Survey 2016 rating

of 87.1% overall satisfaction places

UWS 48th out of 119 UK HE institutions

for student satisfaction, a significant

rise of 16 places from 2015.

The results of the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) 2014/15 survey saw UWS achieve an increase of 6.8% compared to the previous year for graduates in professional destinations six months after graduating. This rise saw UWS climb six places compared to 2013/14 and ranked us 6th in Scotland for this measure.

The survey also saw an increase in the percentage of UWS graduates who obtained their first degree on a full-time basis and are in employment or further study, rising to 94.7% for 2014/15.

The University's Aircraft Engineering, Community Education, Forensic Science, Sport and Exercise Science and Midwifery courses were all ranked top in the UK for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2016, with ratings of 100%.

In addition, our Chemical Engineering course was rated top in Scotland and 3rd in the UK.

Among those other courses to be ranked top of Scotland's student satisfaction results are Education and Psychology and drama related programmes, while Politics was ranked 2nd in Scotland.

Other highly rated courses were Applied Biosciences, Occupational Safety and Health, Chemistry and Civil Engineering courses.

A ROYAL VISIT TO UWS

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal officially opened the University's new technology-rich learning space, the Atrium, as part of her visit in February 2016 to UWS Paisley Campus.

Escorted on a tour of the campus by Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Craig Mahoney, Her Royal Highness met with staff and students to hear about new initiatives across the institution and to gain an insight into the significant investment the University has made to ensure that students are given a first-class learning experience at UWS.

The Princess Royal discussed plans for the new Student Hub (which opened in September 2016); visited the campus's new Interactive Learning Studios; met with UWS colleagues and business partners in the new research, enterprise and engagement zone; and heard about the University's projects around its multi-million pound investment in enhanced IT facilities and networks.



We are absolutely delighted and hugely honoured that HRH The Princess Royal officially opened the new state-of-the-art Atrium at Paisley Campus in 2016.

PROFESSOR CRAIG MAHONEY
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR



THE HUB – a new social and learning student space on Paisley Campus launched in September 2016 to offer a new route to the student-focused services offered by the University, as well as to provide a flexible area on campus for pop-up information events and workshop sessions. Students can come in to speak with the Hub team, who include student assistants, or use the self-help points in the Hub area. The virtual Hub was also launched allowing access to the Hub services online and by telephone to all UWS students across the campuses. The new Hub aims to put the student experience at the core of all that we do.



THE HUB: STUDENT-FOCUSED





ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE NEW LANARKSHIRE CAMPUS

**LANARKSHIRE CAMPUS
PLANS MOVE FORWARD**

The formal signing of the contract to take forward our new Lanarkshire Campus, in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council, was completed in October 2016, and the project is now officially underway.

Fit-out work has commenced and the first cohort of students on the new campus is planned for 2018.

The full business case for the new campus was approved by University Court in June. The new, ultra-modern campus comprises a 38-acre site at Hamilton International Technology Park and presents the opportunity to create a truly 21st century UWS learning environment with innovative teaching and learning facilities as well as specialist labs. Our students' experience will be central to the development with social spaces, high quality residential accommodation, top-end sports facilities and a new students' union also on site.

Our partnership with South Lanarkshire Council will see the University's current Almada Street campus in Hamilton become the focus of a large-scale regeneration project by the Council to stimulate economic growth in the area.

**LONDON CAMPUS
CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL
FIRST YEAR**

The University's London Campus celebrated one year since its 2015 launch, with over 600 students studying undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the heart of the city's capital.

A range of UWS courses is currently on offer in London, including Business, Health, Music, Quality Management, Project Management, and Education.

Students from the campus attended the University's Making the 'A' list: aspirations, ambitions and achievements event in the Houses of Parliament in January 2016. The event – which was sponsored by David Mundell, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland and MP for Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale – saw more than 80 guests from UK politics, education and industry join UWS colleagues and students, from our West of Scotland and London campuses.

Our students gave presentations to the guests on their UWS experience and were commended for their ambassadorial roles.



UWS HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT EVENT



SPORTING SUCCESS

UWS is committed to developing and supporting sport and wellbeing across the institution, including our work with high-performance athletes.

Notable successes include UWS marathon runner Callum Hawkins, who finished in an excellent ninth place in the Men's Marathon, the final athletics event of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Callum is a sports scholarship student and is in his final year of his Mechanical Engineering degree at UWS.

The UWS Sports Scholarship programme offers a range of tailored support packages to our highest performing students and aspiring senior performers, and we work closely with organisations such as Winning Students, national governing bodies and a range of other sports partners to ensure we provide the support needed to help our students meet their sporting and academic aspirations.

We aim to support all UWS students participating in sport, no matter what level – whether they are competing internationally or nationally, participating for recreation or simply keeping fit – to truly put sport at the heart of the UWS student experience.



UWS STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The University and the Students' Association of University of the West of Scotland (SAUWS) are playing a leading role in preventing sexual violence at university and college campuses across the country as part of an awareness-raising campaign launched in 2016.

The Standing Safe initiative will see students engage in a range of activities during the academic year to raise awareness of sexual violence and the support available to prevent it. Standing Safe includes focus groups, workshops, art projects, conferences and social events facilitated by students and supported by staff and external partners. Organisations involved include Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre, the NHS Lanarkshire Gender Based Violence and Health Programme and Glasgow Women's Library.

Led by Dr Kallia Manoussaki, a lecturer in psychology at UWS, the initiative's launch at the University was covered widely in local and national media, including the BBC and STV.

SEE PAGE 19 FOR NEWS ON OUR PROMOTIONAL WORK WITH NETBALL SCOTLAND AND THE NEW SUPERLEAGUE TEAM.



UWS BECOMES A CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

In May 2016 UWS became a local Children's University in a bid to inspire more young people to consider university study.

The Children's University is an international charity which encourages children aged 5 to 14 years to try new experiences, develop new interests and acquire new skills through participation in innovative and creative learning activities.

The initiative strives to raise children's aspirations, encourages them to learn in different ways, and rewards them for taking part in a wide variety of learning activities outside of school hours.

UWS Children's University – which will focus on raising aspirations of children from an early age – will operate from centres at our four Scottish campuses in Ayr, Dumfries, Hamilton and Paisley. UWS Dumfries Campus Children's University launched officially at an event on campus in September.



CAREERS IN STEM SUBJECTS

A June event at UWS, in conjunction between the School of Engineering and Computing and SmartSTEMs - a charity set up by Paisley firm Seric Systems, award-winning advisors in security & IT infrastructure - saw over 200 girls from Renfrewshire primary and secondary schools take part in workshops run by UWS and partner companies, including HP, Fujitsu, BT and Atkins Global, to give the students hands-on experience of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities to encourage them to consider careers in these areas. The pupils also undertook a project looking at ways to make their schools smarter using STEM, with prizes awarded for the best submissions.





In 2016 Professor Mesbahi launched UWS's new £1m fund to support research and enterprise and outlined the 10 accompanying principles of excellence for consideration for a funding award.

The 2015-16 academic year saw, amongst other things, our research academics achieve international recognition for their collaborative work in detecting gravitational waves, 100 years after Einstein's prediction in his general theory of relativity.

UWS also took the lead role in a 6.87m euro project with 12 European partners to develop a new, 'self-healing' 5G mobile network. We gained the European commission's HR Excellence award for our work in recognising the advancement of our research academics, and gained Athena Swan Bronze accreditation for encouraging women in STEMM roles. It was quite a year.

Our research culture and research environment aims to develop collaborative partnerships and ensure that UWS research has real world applications for industry and commerce to exploit. To take forward this strategic work, UWS appointed Professor Ehsan Mesbahi as our new Vice Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research & Enterprise) in Spring 2016.

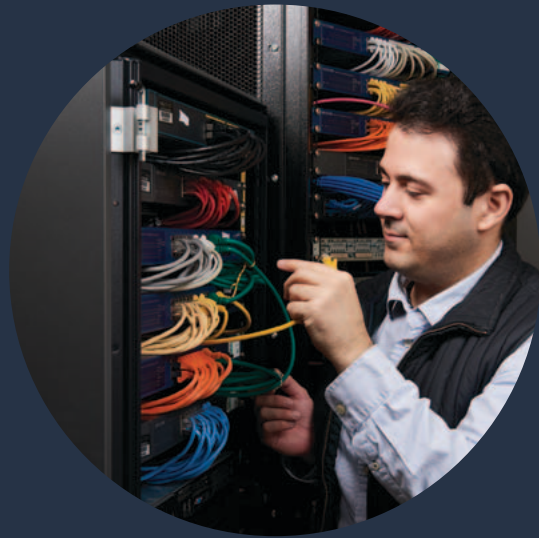
Formerly Dean and Chief Executive Officer of Newcastle University International Singapore, Professor Mesbahi has served in a number of strategic and policy-making committees including the United Nation's Marine Environmental Protection Committee and been a strategic advisor to many governments and universities for development of their research, academic and global policies and implementation plans. During his academic career he has been project lead on over 25 national and international research projects, generating research grants totalling over £10million.

RESEARCH, ENTERPRISE & ENGAGEMENT

UWS PRINCIPLES OF EXCELLENCE

1. The proposed project will generate research outputs of international or world-class significance
2. It will be relevant to our strategic themes of Health, Society and Sustainability
3. It should show inclusivity of early-stage research colleagues, teaching and enterprise sectors
4. A multi-disciplinary approach is preferred, across Schools as well as disciplines
5. The project should align with funding body and stakeholder agendas
6. It should create critical mass through ambition and scale
7. The project should be capable of leveraging external support and securing matching funds from industry
8. We expect a time horizon of at least 3-5 years
9. International collaboration is welcome and encouraged
10. The work should help develop partnerships with universities, institutes, businesses, government agencies and others

For more on our exciting research activities visit www.uws.ac.uk/research



UWS EXPERTS DEVELOPING 'SELF-HEALING' NETWORK FOR 5G SYSTEM

The University's work continues on a 3-year project to develop the new 5G mobile network, being undertaken by academics Dr Jose M Alcaraz Calero and Dr Qi Wang of the UWS School of Engineering & Computing, which could see remote surgery, driverless cars and smooth mobile HD streaming all become reality. And work to develop the 'self-healing' mobile network could even mean signal blackspots in rural areas are consigned to history as part of the Horizon 2020 funded project. The project promises to unlock a wealth of new possibilities and deliver dramatic improvements to quality of user experience, reliability and security. 'Self-protection' integral to the 5G system, for example, will be able to track denial of service attacks and shut down suspicious connections before they have a chance to cause damage.



UWS IS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN THE DELIVERY OF THE SIRENS

The Sirens, Scotland's brand new and only professional netball team will play in a UK-wide national league and generate international interest. UWS involvement with the Sirens builds on the strong links it already enjoys with Netball Scotland. The new national Franchise team, which will be developed in partnership with the University, will join the top flight domestic league when the new season gets underway in February 2017 and the Sirens will compete alongside one Welsh and eight English teams, showcasing the best of the UK's netball talent to the British public.

The partnership will also create superb opportunities for UWS students, with the potential for multidisciplinary project work by UWS research students which will see close involvement with the Sirens in sport performance support and sport and community development activities, events management projects and ongoing promotional support. For the University the collaboration will help raise awareness of UWS in new markets, at home and internationally.



FIGHTING HERPES WITH A NEW SYSTEM OF STUDY

Chickenpox, coldsores, shingles, glandular fever: the herpes family of viruses affects most of us and when we're infected, it's for life. That's because all eight human herpes viruses have the ability to establish lifelong persistence or latency – 'hiding' in the body with the possibility of reactivation at a later point. The latency is not widely understood and the field is relatively under-researched.

The work of Dr. Mandy Glass of the University's School of Science and Sport is currently unique in the world. Collaborating with the MRC Centre for Reproductive Medicine in Edinburgh, she is using stem-cells to manipulate neurons which can then be used as tools to act on cells. She aims to find what links neurons to viruses, and hopes her primary research will lead to a major breakthrough in treatment in years to come.

With strong industry links and an approach which aims to provide real-world benefits, the University aims to make advances in knowledge accessible and tangible for society quickly and effectively. Dr Glass's work may soon represent one of those significant advances.



SAVING ONE OF SCOTLAND'S MOST ICONIC BUILDINGS

The catastrophic fire at Glasgow School of Art in 2014 has inspired experts from all over the world to pool resources and work together for its restoration. A UWS team led by Dr. John Hughes of the School of Engineering & Computing is playing a key role by investigating the effects of the blaze on the surfaces and composition of stonework. Working with Historic Scotland and partners from Italy, Greece, Germany, France and the US, the team is undertaking petrographic analysis of stone, concrete and historic mortars using optical and electron microscopy.

As well as assisting with the conservation and repair of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's masterwork, the research promises to provide important new knowledge which will inform future heritage projects around the world.





This is the first direct observation of the final, and until now, the most elusive, prediction from Einstein's theory of general relativity. It opens up a completely new way to observe the universe, which will possibly change our entire understanding of the cosmos we live in.

Professor Stuart Reid

Ripples in the fabric of spacetime, called gravitational waves, were observed for the first time in September 2015. UWS researcher Professor Stuart Reid played a key role in the observation and has continued to undertake ground-breaking study into the phenomenon throughout 2016 with partner institutions on a global scale.

The gravitational waves were detected by the twin Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) detectors, located in Livingston, Louisiana, and Hanford, Washington, USA. University of the West of Scotland is a full partner of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration.

The UWS gravitational wave group, led by Professor Reid in the UWS Institute of Thin Films, Sensors and Imaging, aims to exploit the novel and unique thin film coating facilities available at UWS, to address some of the key challenges in technology required for upgrades to LIGO and other future planned gravitational wave observatories. Along with UK partners, UWS academics were involved in supplying the mirror suspension technology which holds the Advanced LIGO interferometer's mirrors in place – an upgrade component which makes the detection of gravitational waves possible.

UWS SCIENTISTS OBSERVE RIPPLES IN THE FABRIC OF SPACETIME





Research at UWS reflects our culture of doing practical, useful work that benefits individuals, businesses and society as a whole. Key to that approach is working with industry to develop new products and services, exploit competitive advantages and enter new markets. This work is stimulating our economy, creating jobs and making a real contribution to the prosperity of the country. It also provides invaluable opportunities for our students and collaborators.



AN INSIGHT INTO OUR WORK WITH SCOTTISH INDUSTRY

- **SNAP40** is an Edinburgh-based business designing and developing wearable medical devices. UWS helped them develop a device to monitor indicators including respiratory rate, blood pressure, heart rate and skin temperature. The data is transmitted wirelessly to a software platform which detects patterns and trends, automatically notifying healthcare staff when attention is required.
- The world's biggest fish vaccine delivery company, Stirling-based **Aqualife** approached UWS for help in developing more effective and accurate inoculation delivery. The company took advantage of an Innovation Voucher from Interface and the Knowledge Transfer Partnership Scheme from Innovate UK to subsidise the work. While the project had been to initially look at redesigning the vaccination tools used, the UWS project team in the School of Engineering & Computing identified that significant gains in efficiency could be made and potentially new avenues of business opened up by redesigning the company's whole vaccination process. Aqualife has now licensed the IP from UWS and is taking the technology to market at home and abroad.
- **Gas Sensing Solutions Ltd** in Cumbernauld makes carbon dioxide sensors for use in industry, building control, horticulture and subsea work. UWS world-leading Institute of Thin Films, Sensors and Imaging helped them to create a portable fast-response carbon dioxide sensor for use in exercise science and sports applications. The new product helps determine the correct intensity of exercise for individual athletes.
- A strategic partnership between UWS and **Loretto Care**, an organisation which provides support to people in need across the west of Scotland, has helped build and sustain a world-class facility for people with Alcohol Related Brain Damage (ARBD). Loretto has been able to transfer much of UWS' world-class academic research and knowledge to its own staff.
- Around 1.2million flights per year depend on **National Air Traffic Services' Prestwick Control Centre** for safe and efficient passage. In 2016 NATS formed a partnership with UWS to work on a range of projects covering joint research and knowledge transfer, collaborative education and training programmes.



**OUR STUDENT
BODY IS DRAWN
FROM A THIRD
OF THE GLOBE**

Although we are in the initial stages of our international development journey, UWS is a growing international university: our 15,084 students are drawn from a third of the globe, and the University has 130 European partners and an increasing number of transnational education agreements for programme delivery across the world.



**UWS BREAKS INTO
TIMES HIGHER
WORLD UNIVERSITY
RANKINGS**

The University was recognised in the top 5% of universities worldwide in the Times Higher World University Rankings 2016–17.



**WE NOW HAVE MORE THAN
20 TNE PARTNERS**

**ACROSS IRELAND, ITALY,
RUSSIA, FRANCE, GERMANY,
HUNGARY, CYPRUS,
SEYCHELLES, MAURITIUS,
SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA,
SRI LANKA, GHANA AND INDIA**



The University saw significant improvement in the Times / Sunday Times 2017 Good University Guide and is now ranked 48th for teaching quality across the UK out of 119 institutions.



**NEW VICE-PRINCIPAL AND
PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR
APPOINTED**

Andrew Disbury, has been appointed as UWS's new Vice-Principal & Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement), joining the University from Leeds Beckett University where he held the post of Director of the International Office. See page 36.



GLOBAL REACH



**UWS NOW HAS
ARTICULATION
PARTNERSHIPS
WITH 37 INSTITUTIONS
IN CHINA,**

**INCLUDING AGREEMENTS WITH BEIJING
UNION UNIVERSITY, BEIJING INSTITUTE
OF PETROCHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY,
AND NINGBO UNIVERSITY WHICH HAVE
BEEN IN PLACE FOR OVER 15 YEARS.**



EXAMPLES OF OUR GLOBAL REACH



SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & SPORT ACADEMIC WINS PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP IN CHINA

Professor Andrew Hursthouse, Assistant Dean Research & Enterprise, was awarded a three-year fellowship under the Hunan Provincial Recruitment Program of Foreign Experts.

The Fellowship (valued at 1.2M RMB) will provide Professor Hursthouse with support to establish a research programme at Hunan University of Science & Technology (HNUST), specifically within the Key Laboratory for Shale Gas Resource Utilisation. His expertise in environmental geochemistry will contribute to broadening the capability of the Key Laboratory to assess and mitigate environmental issues around resource exploitation which has created challenging pollution problems across China.

Professor Hursthouse also undertook a 'High-End Foreign Experts Fellowship', awarded by the State Administration of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China, which aimed to establish a research programme in collaboration with staff in the School of Civil Engineering at HNUST, to look at contamination in the urban agricultural food chain and local water and soil impacts from shale gas development.



GRADUATION SUCCESS FOR RUSSIAN STUDENTS AT UWS

As part of a partnership between UWS and Siberian State Transport University (SSTU), 12 Russian students graduated from UWS in July.

The University's popular MSc International Management programme – which is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Management – is delivered at SSTU as part of a Transnational Education agreement.

UWS has had partnership links with SSTU for over ten years, with this being the first cohort from SSTU to graduate with a Masters degree from the University. Six students graduated with Distinction and four of them were immediately offered promotions to Moscow HQ by Russian Railways after successful completion of the course.



VICE GOVERNOR OF SHANDONG PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT VISITS UWS

UWS has further strengthened links with Chinese partners, welcoming the Vice Governor of Shandong Provincial People's Government to Paisley Campus in September. The Vice Governor was joined by a delegation from the Shandong Education Commission.

Representatives from Shandong Education Commission and UWS signed Memoranda of Understanding with Qingdao University, Qingdao Vocational and Technical College of Hotel Management and Binzhou Medical University.

YOUTH YES PROJECT

The Youth Yes project has seen development of a smart game designed to help young people aged between 17 and nineteen make decisions about their future careers. Currently at evaluation stage, the game is a collaboration between a team at UWS and academic colleagues in the Netherlands, Romania and Iceland – with the gaming approach used to unite different cultures.



UWS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PREPARES ARTWORK FOR US UNIVERSITY

Sculptor in Ordinary to Her Majesty The Queen in Scotland Alexander Stoddart has been working on a statue of Joan of Arc, in his UWS studios. This work is destined for Longwood University in Virginia, USA. The face of the statue will be modelled on student ambassador Kiara Mayne, studying PGDE Primary at Ayr Campus. The full monument will be delivered to America in 2017.

GLOBAL REACH

NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY WORKSHOPS

Plans have been progressing for delivery of New York Film Academy (NYFA) workshops in conjunction with the University's School of Media, Culture and Society.

The practical sessions – which will cover high-def filmmaking – are scheduled to be delivered at Ayr Campus by NYFA staff.

The purpose of the NYFA is to further a global understanding of, and appreciation for, the art and craft of visual storytelling through the education and training of interested and qualified individuals, and to hone the skills of future professionals so that they may one day serve the visual storytelling arts as industry leaders.

The prestigious NYFA provides students with the tools and know-how in their chosen interest area, and students apply what they learn in class in the real world. Students based at Ayr will be able to use industry standard equipment in world-class facilities while being taught by industry professionals.

**NEW YORK
FILM
ACADEMY**



OVERSEAS EXCHANGE TRIP BY COMPUTING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING STUDENTS TO CHINA

As part of our internationalisation plans and in order for students to gain more international experience, the School of Engineering and Computing and the School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery teamed up with partner institution University of South China (USC) in Hengyang, Hunan Province, China, to organise a two-week summer field course for students in summer 2016.

Students had an invaluable opportunity to take part in Chinese lessons and cultural shows, visited hospitals and software companies, and also got involved in a range of recreational activities with USC students, including sightseeing to places such as Nanyue mountain, one of China's Buddhist holy lands.



PROFESSOR JULIEN BAKER ELECTED ONTO THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL BOARD

Professor Julien Baker, Director of the University's Institute of Clinical Exercise and Health Science, was appointed in 2016 to the executive board of the international science and football association (ISFAFA).

The ISFAFA's mission is to share science-based knowledge between scientists, technicians, medicals and field practitioners within a non-profitable association. The ISFAFA hope that with Professor Baker's prestigious background and his input he will help the Association strengthen the bridge it has established with academia.

OUR SUCCESSES

UWS staff and students continued throughout 2016 to be recognised for their drive and commitment to making an impact on the University environment, our local communities and in the national and international arenas. Here is an outline of just a few of the remarkable achievements they have made.

BEST LEADING ACTOR

UWS Contemporary Screen Acting graduate Christopher Martin won the best leading actor in a short film award at the Portsmouth International Film Festival. The film, 'Open Mike', written by Christopher, was also nominated for the best short award and saw Christopher playing the role of a mute adult living with autism. 'Open Mike' had previously been nominated for a BAFTA Scotland New Talent Award.

SCOTLAND'S DEMENTIA AWARDS 2016

A lifetime achievement award was presented to Dr Margaret Brown of the UWS School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery for her outstanding commitment to the field of dementia and mental health care for older people.



BEST FIRST-TIME PRESENTERS PRIZE

BSc Adult Nursing students, Lori Green and Agnieszka Pitula won the Best First-Time Presenters Prize at the UK Nurse Education Today (NET) 16 Conference 2016. The duo delivered a presentation on their perspective of ACORN, the University's Primary Care Simulation facility that they had experienced as part of their nursing training at Lanarkshire Campus.

FIRST FEMALE CHAIR

Margaret Hughes, Programme Leader for the BA (Hons) Journalism and Journalism (Sport) degrees of the School of Media, Culture and Society was elected as the first female Chair of the Association for Journalism Education, UK. AJE represents all of the Higher Education institutions that teach journalism in the UK and aims to promote and support research into journalism and journalism education.

BUILDING DESIGN COMPETITION

Fraser Carstairs and Catherine Campbell, fourth year UWS BEng Hons Civil Engineering students were named as winners of the inter-university building design competition, Interact, for students from UWS, University of Glasgow, Mackintosh School of Architecture at Glasgow School of Art, and Glasgow Caledonian University. The competition saw the students develop and present their design for a building to a live, specified brief, as one of 50 participating teams.

DUMFRIES CAMPUS SUCCESS AT PRESTIGIOUS SOCIAL WORK AWARDS

A UWS academic and student won a Scottish Association of Social Work (SASW) award in March.

John Sturgeon of the School of Media, Culture and Society was named 'Social Work Lecturer of the Year' for his commitment to quality social work education as well as his use of new technologies to create interactive and engaging learning.

Katie Armstrong, a 4th year Social Work student, won the Student Social Worker of the Year (Practice Award). As part of her placement with the Children's and Families Team in Annan, Katie authored a children's book to help young children explore their understanding of the world.



ACCOUNTING WITH DISTINCTION

Student Lewis Andrew, who achieved a degree in Accounting with distinction, was recognised by Glasgow's International Financial Services District for achieving top marks in his final exams. At the IFSD Glasgow Student Awards 2016, Lewis was one of seven students, representing each university and college in the west of Scotland, to be presented with a certificate and £250 to mark their achievements.

MICROSOFT INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR

Tony Gurney of the School of Engineering & Computing was announced as a Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert joining more than 4,800 educators in the programme worldwide. Each year, Microsoft selects innovative educators to share ideas, try new approaches and learn from each other as a global community dedicated to improving student outcomes through technology.

"Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts are inspiring examples of educators applying new ways of teaching and learning in their classrooms that motivate students and empower them to achieve more," said Anthony Salcito, Vice President, Worldwide Education, Microsoft.

OUR SUCCESSES

BEST PARTNERSHIP AWARD

UWS won the Best Partnership Award at the Student Money Advice Awards 2016, run by the National Association of Student Money Advisers. The University's Student Services Funding & Advice Team undertook work with Renfrewshire Wide Credit Union to raise awareness of credit unions' services and introduce the concept of credit unions as community based organisations to students. UWS was shortlisted in all six categories of the 2016 Awards.



ARQIVA COMMERCIAL RADIO AWARDS 2016

MA Broadcast Journalism graduate Shiona McCallum won a silver award at the Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards 2016 in the Journalist of the Year category for her news team work at Radio Forth in Edinburgh.

UWS ACADEMIC'S RESEARCH RECOGNISED BY PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS

Professor Rob Smith of the School of Business and Enterprise, Dumfries Campus, had three of his research papers classed as Highly Commended by the prestigious Emerald Literati Awards 2016.

The Emerald Literati Awards – now in their 23rd year – were established to celebrate and reward the outstanding contributions of authors and reviewers to scholarly research.

STUDENT NURSE OF THE YEAR

University of the West of Scotland student Steven Young was shortlisted in the Student Nurse of the Year: Mental Health category of the Student Nursing Times Awards 2016 for his outstanding performance.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Professor Ross Deuchar, Assistant Dean (Research, Enterprise and International), School of Education, was officially named as a Fulbright scholar with Florida Atlantic University's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice for the academic year 2016-17. An internationally recognised expert in the area of youth violence, Professor Deuchar has worked with some of the most marginalised young people in Scotland as well as with reformed and reforming gang members in several other European countries and in Asia.



UWS DEPUTE PRINCIPAL IN NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

Professor Paul Martin, UWS Depute Principal, was recognised for his services to healthcare and education in the Queen's New Year's Honours List, with a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award.

This marks Professor Martin's longstanding contribution to developing Scotland's NHS services, specifically in nursing and midwifery practices; to improving the wellbeing of the people of Scotland; and to his leadership in higher education.

UWS DIGITAL ART COMMISSION CREATES DIGITAL PAISLEY PATTERNS FOR EVERY CITIZEN IN THE WORLD

Professor Nick Higgins, Director of the UWS Creative Media Academy, has played a central role in the development of an ambitious digital art project to create unique digital Paisley patterns for every citizen in the world.

The 'Paisley Pearls' project – just one of the University initiatives to support Paisley's bid to become the 2021 UK City of Culture – was co-funded by UWS and Renfrewshire Council and is the final outcome of the UWS Paisley Digital Art Commission. The digital art commission – which was awarded to boredomresearch (artists Vicky Isley and Paul Smith) – was developed over a 12-month period and involved students and the local community of Paisley via three hands-on workshops, delivered by the artists in collaboration with the UWS Creative Media Academy.

The resulting installation transformed the world-famous Paisley pattern for the digital age using specially coded software created to generate digital patterns displayed on a high definition screen mounted within a 19th Century-style weaving loom. The installation was displayed in Paisley Museum and will leave a legacy of digital artwork to be held by UWS.



OUR PEOPLE

2016 saw a number of new senior appointments to UWS, with our new colleagues bringing a wealth of skills and experience to their roles.

SUSAN MITCHELL

Susan Mitchell, the University's Chief Operating Officer, took up post in January 2016 and holds one of the University's key Executive roles; one that plays a significant part in achieving the ambitious targets of the University's corporate strategy and placing our students at the heart of everything we do.

As Chief Operating Officer, Susan leads in the quality and strategic delivery of the student experience from recruitment to graduation. She also leads on delivery of the University's Information, Technology and Digital Services; People and Organisational Development; Marketing & Communications; and Estates functions. In addition, she is responsible for the operational management, efficiency and growth of the University's mainstream commercial activities.

Susan has wide-ranging experience in finance and transformational change across the private and public sectors. She has been accountable in her previous roles for leading the strategic direction of a broad portfolio of strategy, governance, infrastructure, corporate communications, organisational development and performance areas. Susan is a professional member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and a qualified teacher.



BRE EDWARDS

Bre Edwards was appointed as the University's new Director of Student Life in June 2016, joining UWS from University of Reading's Malaysia Campus, where she held the post of Director of Student and Academic Services.

In her new post Bre champions the student experience across the University campuses, ensuring the student learning journey, the student voice and the expectations of the corporate strategy are prioritised whilst also responding to the higher education strategies and policies that impact on student expectations and requirements. Bre works closely with the UWS Students' Association (SAUWS) and the student body to ensure that students are central to the University's thoughts and actions. In her role, Bre is working with over 100 staff, to build a team of professionals to deliver outstanding support for students on all campuses.



JERRY HEADLEY

Jerry Headley, formerly of Scottish Parliament and Edinburgh Airport, took up the post of Interim Director of Estates in August 2016.

In his new post Jerry's focus will be on leading the transformational change of UWS Estates, engaging with the team and with colleagues across the University to develop plans to determine how best Estates can support and influence innovative change to the research and study environments of the University as a whole. Jerry will also produce the required Estates enabling plan.



CLAUDETTE JONES

Claudette Jones joined UWS in the role of Chief Information Officer from the City of Edinburgh Council in September 2016. In her previous role, in addition to providing IT support to all City of Edinburgh employees, Claudette's team supported the Council's Education Service, meaning she has a strong appreciation of the importance of the digital experience for both learners and educators.

Claudette has previously held challenging IT posts within a diverse group of companies that include NHS 24, Scottish Media Group and Motorola.

Her position at UWS sees her extend beyond the ITDS function and is part of the Chief Operating Officer's senior leadership team, focused on improving the student experience.



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OUR PEOPLE

ANDREW DISBURY

Andrew Disbury has been appointed as UWS's new Vice-Principal & Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement), joining the University from Leeds Beckett University where he held the post of Director of the International Office.

Andrew, who has over 20 years' experience of working in the higher education sector, has held senior posts at Sheffield Hallam University, the British Council in China and the University of St Andrews.

Andrew will lead the development and delivery of the UWS Global Reach Plan, develop organisational approaches that encourage global citizenship amongst students and staff, and establish governance arrangements that secure appropriate control and protections for engaging in international activities, partnerships and collaborations.

KATHRYN WITTNEBEN

Kathryn Wittneben, formerly Director of Development for the College of Public Health at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, in the US, joined UWS in November 2016 as the University's Director of Advancement.

In her new role Kathryn will have responsibility for establishing, leading and delivering the new UWS advancement service, with a key aim of maximising the University's income to support strategic projects including estates developments, research activities, internationalisation and educational innovation. Kathryn has extensive international experience in developing and implementing fundraising strategies and campaigns for universities and colleges, foundations and not-for-profit organisations. She also helped develop two foundations (the Eurasia Foundation - focusing on the former Soviet Union – and The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, US – focusing on work with at-risk youth).



DR CLAIRE CARNEY

Dr Claire Carney was announced in October 2016 as the University's Associate Vice-Principal (Education).

As Associate Vice-Principal (Education) Claire will play a key role in ensuring UWS is positioned as a sectoral leader in learning innovation through the significant and consistent development of learning, teaching and assessment practice, ultimately positively impacting on learner attainment.

Claire has previously held roles at the Quality Assurance Agency (Scotland) where she was Interim Director and, prior to that, Head of Quality Enhancement. Claire has also held, and continues to hold, a number of external reviewer and expert panel member roles.



STARS AWARDS 2016

Our annual UWS STARS (Staff Appreciation and Recognition Scheme) Awards celebrate our achievements and acknowledge staff, chosen by colleagues and/or students, who have gone above and beyond normal expectations in their work. In 2016 we received over 200 nominations and our judging panel of colleagues from across the University, plus trade union and student representatives had a significant task in selecting the final winners from the high-quality shortlistings:

OUTSTANDING TEACHING

WINNER

Lisa McAuliffe: Lecturer, School of Education

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Sheona Brown: Lecturer, School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery

Gregory Morozov: Reader, School of Engineering and Computing

Tony Wales: Lecturer, School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH & ENTERPRISE

WINNER

Professor Stuart Reid: School of Engineering and Computing

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Liam Gafney: Postdoctoral Research Assistant, School of Engineering and Computing

Taranjit Singh Rai: Lecturer, School of Science and Sport

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO STUDENTS

WINNER

Tony Wales: Lecturer, School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Angela Dunlop: Lecturer, School of Business and Enterprise

Elaine Gifford & Helen Rainey: Lecturers, School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery

Heather Nesbitt: Lecturer, School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COLLEAGUES

WINNER

Henry Chung: Assistant Database Administrator, ITDS

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Matthew Gilmour: Conference and Events Co-ordinator, Commercial Services

Theo Tzanidis: Lecturer, School of Business and Enterprise

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

WINNER

Dr Anna Waugh: Lecturer, School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Professor Milan Radosavljevic: Assistant Dean, School of Engineering and Computing

Professor Kate Tedford: Head of Graduate School

OUTSTANDING TEAM

WINNER

Welcome Team: Business Support

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Digital Marketing Team: Marketing & Communications

Graduation Co-ordination Team: cross-University departments

HONORARY DOCTORATES 2015-16

In recognition of their work and significant achievements in their fields, recipients of University of the West of Scotland Honorary Awards were:



RICKY ROSS

LEAD SINGER OF DEACON BLUE

Ricky formed the band in Glasgow in 1985 and they have gone on to become one of the country's most famous and successful performers. Ricky has also established himself as a solo artist and songwriter releasing six solo albums and writing for, or with, artists including James Blunt, Ronan Keating, Jamie Cullum and Nanci Griffith.

December 2015, Ayr Town Hall



GRAEME OBREE

CELEBRATED SCOTTISH CYCLIST

Graeme, nicknamed 'The Flying Scotsman', is one of Scotland's best-known athletes. He first captured the public imagination when he broke the hour record in 1993 on "Old Faithful", a bike famously made from old washing machine parts. He went on to become a double world individual pursuit champion and claimed the hour record a second time in 1994.

November 2015, The Town House, Hamilton



LOUISE MARTIN CBE

PRESIDENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES FEDERATION

Louise, who is the former Chair of sportscotland, played a crucial role in the successful bid for the Commonwealth Games to be hosted in Glasgow in 2014 and, as part of the organising committee, ensured its successful delivery.

July 2016, Thomas Coats Memorial Baptist Church, Paisley



HARRY PAPADOPOULOS

ACCLAIMED MUSIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Harry, who studied Electrical Engineering at the former Paisley College of Technology (now UWS) in the early 1970s, began his photographic career as a sideline selling photos he had taken to gig-goers outside the former Apollo concert hall in Glasgow. From 1979 to 1984 he worked as a staff photographer for Sounds music magazine in London and defined an era by capturing images of some of the industry's biggest stars including David Bowie, The Clash and Joy Division.

November 2015, Thomas Coats Memorial Baptist Church, Paisley



STEVEN MOFFAT OBE

CELEBRATED SCOTTISH WRITER AND PRODUCER

Steven, who was born and bred in Paisley, is best known for his role as writer and executive producer on award-winning BBC programmes Doctor Who and Sherlock.

July 2016 at Thomas Coats Memorial Baptist Church, Paisley



GARETH GASTON

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF DIGITAL AND OMNICHANNEL BANKING FOR US BANK

Gareth, who graduated from the University in 1996 with a BA Marketing degree, leads all of the non-branch channels of US Bank including mobile, internet, ATM and 24-hour telephone banking.

November 2015, Thomas Coats Memorial Baptist Church, Paisley



CORINNE HUTTON

CORINNE HUTTON - FOUNDER OF FINDING YOUR FEET

Corinne established the charity following her own serious illness in 2013 which led to the amputation of her hands and feet. During her illness her family set up a fund to raise money for her to be fitted with bionic hands however Corinne promised that once she was well enough she would turn the fund into a charity to help other amputees.

November 2016, Thomas Coats Memorial Baptist Church, Paisley



ROSE REILLY

ROSE WHO WAS VOTED THE WORLD'S BEST FEMALE FOOTBALLER IN 1983, WAS INDUCTED INTO THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME IN 2007

Rose, who was born in Stewarton, Ayrshire, moved to Reims in France in 1972 having already played 10 games for the Scotland women's team, to become a semi-professional player and within six months was spotted by an AC Milan scout – marking the start of a 20-year career in Italian women's football.

December 2015, Ayr Town Hall



IAN WELSH OBE

CHAIR OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT FROM JULY 2013 TO FEBRUARY 2016

Ian is Chief Executive of the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland and has extensive experience in the public, private and voluntary sectors in executive, non-executive and consultancy roles.

November 2016, Ayr Town Hall

UWS FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016



INCOME



SURPLUS
FORECAST IN 2016*



CASH IN BANK



NET ASSETS

* In the financial year 2015-16 UWS projected a £3.5m underlying operating surplus prior to applying the cost of a voluntary severance/voluntary early retirement scheme and the new accounting standard FRS102.

UWS IN NUMBERS

15,084
STUDENT HEADCOUNT

1,447
STAFF HEADCOUNT

COURT MEMBERS 2016

University Court is the governing body of the University and collectively determines its future direction, fostering an environment in which our strategic aims are achieved and our learners succeed. Court comprises appointed and elected governors with a variety of interests and experience, to provide the balance of skills, attributes and knowledge required to enable the Court to function effectively. Staff and student governors are elected and have equal standing with the lay member appointees.



LAY MEMBERS

LAURA BARJONAS	Skills Development Scotland
ELIZABETH CONNOLLY	West College Scotland
MARGARET CURRAN	SQA
CRAIG DEVLIN	Seric Systems
FRED DINNING	formerly Scottish Power
MARGARET GIBSON	Women's Enterprise Scotland
ANDREW GORDON	Canmore Partnership
ASIF HASEEB	Audit Scotland
DR WAIYIN HATTON Chair	Wai Beyond Consultancy and formerly NHS Ayrshire & Arran
PROFESSOR CAROLINE MacDONALD	formerly Teesside University
ANN McKECHIN	Former MP
ALASTAIR MUIR	National Air Traffic Scotland
WILLIAM SMITH	Asda

STUDENT MEMBERS

HEATHER ARMSTRONG, SAUWS	President of Societies and Citizenship
JOHN BLACK, SAUWS	President of Education

STAFF MEMBERS

TOM DUFF	Head of London Campus
ANNE GIFFORD	Assistant Dean, School of Media, Culture & Society
DAVID JOHNSTON	Depute Director, Information Technology and Digital Services
PROFESSOR CRAIG MAHONEY	Principal & Vice-Chancellor (Ex Officio member of Court)
PROFESSOR PAUL MARTIN	Depute Principal (Ex Officio member of Court)



At UWS, we believe in our students' future.

We have a proud record in delivering work-ready graduates and developing effective partnerships with business, industry and the public and voluntary sectors.

With our cutting-edge courses, practical knowledge, and intelligent teaching, we help our students get ahead.

Through our innovative learning partnership we invest in people's potential to shape their future. Built on uniting students, professionals, industry and our communities, this partnership stretches from the West of Scotland around the world.

We believe in the transformative power of active learning and engagement. We treat our students as individuals, partners and potential leaders in their fields and professions, providing them with the globally relevant knowledge, skills and confidence to think critically and to challenge received wisdom.

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