

Perth College Development Trust News

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Centre for Rural Childhood, based at Perth College UHI, given cash boost from Ann Gloag

The UHI Centre for Rural Childhood, based at Perth College UHI, has received a pledged cash boost of £200,000 from Ann Gloag's Balcraig Foundation towards its aims to improve the lives of children locally, nationally and internationally.

Established in 2007, the centre leads on all aspects of childhood issues including health, education, crime, drugs, abuse, sexual exploitation and the experiences of immigrant children - all in a rural context, which is largely ignored in favour of studies into childhood problems in urban situations. Ann Gloag's support will help fund the work of the Centre for the next 3 years.

Professor Rebecca Wallace, Centre for Rural Childhood director explained:

"We are absolutely delighted to have the continued interest and support of Ann Gloag through her Balcraig Foundation. This donation will assist in developing our strategy for the next three years and will consolidate and further develop the work of the centre focussing on child trafficking and exploitation."

Michael Bullough, Chair for Perth College Development Trust, which raised the funds to set up the Centre said "We are delighted to receive this most generous donation from the Balcraig Foundation which will help the Centre continue the excellent research work that they have started."

The Centre, which intends to meet the highest standards of academic achievement through teaching and research, also engages in political agendas relating to rural childhood.

The Balcraig Foundation is a charitable trust that aims to relieve human suffering and deprivation in the UK and overseas and, where possible, partners with other trusts and organisations to achieve this goal.



**Professor Rebecca Wallace,
Centre for Rural Childhood Director**

Visit us at the Game Fair at Scone Palace

Perth College Development Trust will have a presence at the Scottish Game Fair at Scone Palace this year on Friday 2 July to Sunday 4 July. We will be found on Malcolm Innes's stand No 5 in Stag Row.

Malcolm is a member of the Development Trust Campaign Committee and is "coming out of retirement" after six years. He had Galleries in London and Edinburgh for 30 years from 1973-2003. He will be exhibiting a selection of 19th and 20th Century Scottish, sporting and military pictures and will give a percentage of any takings to the Trust.

Perth College Development Trust entertain guests in London

Perth College Development Trust recently held a dinner in London to promote Perth College UHI. The purpose of the evening was to raise awareness of Perth College UHI as well as the work of the Development Trust.

The 22 guests who attended the evening had one thing in common – they all had a Scottish connection. Many of them live and work in London during the week and return to their Perthshire home for the weekend or on holiday.

Brigadier Melville Jameson, President of Perth College Development Trust, welcomed guests and explained how we are keen to widen our network of supporters. He also talked about the work of the Development Trust and how important it was to support the College especially as part of the University of the Highlands and Islands. The Trust over the years have helped make a difference to the student experience by providing better facilities and introducing a scholarship programme to support successful students in their studies.

Penny Brodie, Chairwoman of Perth College UHI, Board of Management informed guests of some of the exciting work taking place at the College. She explained how we would like to raise money to fund a Research Centre in Alzheimer's as well as continue to expand our scholarship programme and increase our Annual Fund to help plan for the future.

PHOTOS (top to bottom)

Brigadier Melville Jameson, President of Perth College Development Trust; Penny Brodie, Chair of Perth College UHI Board of Management; Lord MacLennan; Dr Thomas Moore, Principal Perth College UHI and Michael Bullough, Chair of Perth College Development Trust.

Peter Stormonth Darling; Sandy Bullough; Henry Angest.

Charles Butter and Fiona Leslie, Development Trust Manager.

Geoffrey Bunting and Michael Broadhurst.



Alumni News

A group of Music students from as far back as the eighties are holding a reunion in the Salutation Hotel in June. As many as 100 former students will meet to reunite with old friends and share stories of their time at Perth College UHI. Perth College UHI Alumni Association is delighted to be involved in this event and to hear how each student's career has progressed. We look forward to being able to report on the wide variety of careers paths that our former students have chosen after gaining their qualifications at Perth College UHI.

Sustainable Estates for the 21st Century



The 'Sustainable Estates for the 21st Century' project at the Centre for Mountain Studies (CMS) began in September 2007, thanks to funding from Perth College Development Trust. It is already making important contributions to our understanding of Scotland's upland economies, environments and communities.

PhD research on private estates is being done by Annie McKee and Pippa Wagstaff. In 2008, they conducted a survey of attitudes to environmental, economic and social aspects of sustainability, receiving responses from private landowners who own over 1.7 million acres of Scotland's uplands. Subsequently, Pippa has investigated landowners' motivations through in-depth interviews. Annie has focussed on the role of private landowners in facilitating sustainable rural communities, living and working with the communities on six 'good practice' estates community for several weeks. Rob Mc Morran is conducting post-doctoral research on four large community-owned estates, exploring whether community ownership leads to greater potential for sustainable rural development than other types of ownership. Jayne Glass, collaborating with 19 estate management professionals, researchers, policy-makers and members of representative organisations, has developed a 'Sustainable Estates Toolkit' as part of her PhD, and is piloting this on estates owned by non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

All members of the team have presented their work at meetings in the UK and Europe and through publications, and have developed good relationships with representative organisations such as the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association (SRPBA) and the Scottish Estates Business Group, as well as the Scottish Government. Annie was recently invited to join the SRPBA Housing and Communities Policy Group.

Next year, Jayne will continue at the CMS as a post-doctoral researcher, particularly to edit a book that synthesises the research findings, for publication by a high-quality press. Annie is currently seeking additional funding to produce a 'practitioner publication' presenting the results in a user-friendly format for use by estate management professionals, stakeholders and policy makers.

Whose National Parks Are They Anyway?

The International Mountain Conference 2010 will hold a public event on Tuesday 28th September to which all are invited. The event will be at Perth Concert Hall and will take the form of an informal panel discussion with local, national, international and political perspectives. Linda McMillan, WCPA Deputy Vice Chair, Publicity and Communications, will lead the panel on what national parks are delivering in Scotland and their future challenges and opportunities. After the discussion there will be a short film made by the primary school pupils from the Cairngorms National Park catchment area which looks at the impact that climate change will have on the Park and how people can adapt to those impacts.

The public event will commence at 7.30pm and will be followed by a reception to which all guests are invited.

For further information call us on 01738 877761 or email info.cms@perth.uhi.ac.uk

Many former students go on to do great things in their career and it is great to hear about their journey. In this edition we talk to Andrew Fairlie who has his own restaurant at Gleneagles Hotel.

1. Why did you choose Perth College UHI to study?

I started Perth College UHI while I was still at school. I had sat all my exams but as I was only 15 I was too young to leave, so it was agreed that I could attend College on a full-time catering course.

2. Where has your career taken you since leaving College?

At 17, I moved to London to finish my apprenticeship. While working in a gentleman's club I won the Roux Scholarship which gave me the opportunity to work in any 3 star Michelin restaurant in France. I chose to work with Michel Guérard then went to the The Crillon Hotel in Paris. I started at the very bottom of the ladder again which was really tough. I spent 18 months in Paris then moved to a small restaurant in Megeve in the French Alps. The restaurant won its first Michelin star that year. I returned to Scotland to work on a luxury train taking 28 very wealthy Americans around Scotland. After a winter at the Intercontinental Hotel in Sydney, I moved back to do a second season on board the Royal Scotsman. Next I was a chef consultant in Africa for Abercrombie & Kent, an American tour operator working in both Kenya and Tanzania. I returned to London as senior Sous Chef at the Ritz Hotel before being offered a head chefs position in Ireland. I went on to Euro Disney in Paris to open a 350-cover fine dining restaurant and a private members club. I then moved back to One Devonshire Gardens in Glasgow where I set up the kitchens in this small boutique hotel, we were awarded our first Michelin Star within months. I spent 7 very happy years there before Gleneagles approached me to open my own restaurant here in the hotel ten years ago.

3. What is your best and worst memories of the College?

I loved all of my practical classes at college, I remember the first time I made bread, I was so proud of myself. I can honestly say I can't think of any bad memories from that time.

4. Who inspired you to do what you are doing now?

The person who inspired me most was probably my first head chef Keith Podmore. I was a cocky sixteen-year-old when I walked into his kitchen. He immediately instilled a sense of pride in me for my newfound career, he worked me hard, he was fair, disciplined, a great teacher and a craftsman.

5. What do you plan to do next?

I am currently writing a book, which I plan to release next year.

6. What is the greatest achievement in your career?

It would have to be winning my second star from the Michelin guide. It was not only for me but I have built a very loyal team around me. There are lots of great chefs around but not all of them can manage a team, and without a good team its impossible to be consistent.



- Sat 26 Jun Alumni Reunion - Music Students
- Fri 2– Sun 4 Jul Game Fair – Scone Palace
Perth College UHI will be on Malcolm Innes's Stand
- Fri 24 Sep Graduation, Perth Concert Hall
- Mon 27– Fri 1 Oct International Mountain Conference 2010 "Global Change and the World's Mountains" Perth Concert Hall
- Tue 28 Sep Scotland's National Parks Discussion: "Whose National Parks Are They Anyway?" Perth Concert Hall
- Thu 9 Sep (TBC) Book Launch – Methven Castle: In Aid of Alzheimer's Research Project
- 12 Dec Carol Concert at Methven Castle: In aid of Alzheimer's Research Project

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