



University of the
Highlands and Islands
Perth College

Development
Trust

Annual Report 2018





Chairman's Report

It is with pleasure I bring you my first Chair's report since becoming a Trustee and Chair of the Development Trust earlier this year. It is my firm intention that we continue to foster and develop the strong links that the Development Trust has with the Campaign Board, the Perth College UHI community, and the Board of Management of Perth College UHI. We must also continue the great work that has been done in forging durable links with individuals, charitable trusts, and businesses, locally and in the wider world. It is only by demonstrating the great things that Perth College UHI delivers that we can hope to attract new donors in these challenging financial times.

I am pleased to confirm that the Academy of Sport and Wellbeing (ASW) is thriving and is of great benefit to the College and to the wider community, a perfect example that bold investment brings great rewards. The ASW is literally putting Perth on the map as we host national and international events as well as providing state-of-the-art facilities for the college and local communities. Our scholarship programme continues to benefit those students most deserving of our help and is a significant contribution to the vibrant college life we want to promote.

Looking to the future, we have a major opportunity to help Perth College UHI continue and enhance its role as a centre of excellence for Aviation Services Training. The new Aviation Academy is in the planning stages, and while the capital building grant will be assured, there is a gap with respect to funding provision for all the equipment the new centre will require. Thus, the next major objective for the Development Trust is to generate funding to fill the equipment gap. A tough task, but one that I am sure we shall rise to as we put our minds and heart to it.

There are always worthwhile projects that need funding help, and we are fortunate in having many helping hands. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the willing and committed volunteers who work so hard to help us achieve our targets, and of course, thanks to all donors large and small who help make Perth College UHI an even better place to study, learn and grow.

**Dr. Brian Crichton,
Chair, Board of Management, Perth College UHI**

New Aviation Academy for Scotland planned for Perth College UHI

Perth College UHI has provided Aeronautical Engineering Courses, in conjunction with Air Service Training (AST) to students from across the globe since 2000.

The AST Aeronautical Engineering School opened in 1934 at Hamble in Hampshire, to join the flying school that had commenced operation in 1931 making it, arguably, the longest established organisation of its kind. It subsequently relocated to Perth in 1960 and became a wholly owned subsidiary of Perth College UHI in 1996. In 2015, AST achieved the Queens Award for Enterprise: International Trade for its global operations in the field of aviation training. AST is the only training provider in the UK approved to offer aircraft maintenance training, recognised worldwide, and form the basic qualifications for employment in aircraft maintenance engineering.

Perth College UHI now have the opportunity to work in partnership with Air Service Training Ltd and Tayside Aviation, together with other key stakeholders, to take forward an innovative Tayside wide partnership project in the creation of the Aviation Academy for Scotland (AAS).

The key objective of this project is to provide specialist training, skills and knowledge to enable the growth in the global industry of aviation, emerging clean technologies, and low carbon transport sectors. It will create additional training places, create new jobs and further boost the economy to make Perth and Tayside leaders in innovation within the Aviation Industry.

The funding secured through the Tay Cities Deal will create the Aviation Academy for Scotland and see the construction of a purpose built facility on the Perth College UHI campus from which to deliver the key objectives outlined above.

The Development Trust aims to raise funds from private sources to be able to equip the centre.

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Report on the Academy of Sport and Wellbeing

The Academy of Sport and Wellbeing (ASW) is the student leisure and wellbeing facility. The multi-storey Academy - which opened in September 2016 - provides modern training facilities for students studying Sport and Fitness, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy courses.

We also have exciting leisure, gym and climbing facilities open to staff, students and the public, as well as offering discounted hair, beauty and wellbeing treatments to our local community.

The ASW gives students' access to state-of-the-art equipment, enhances the education of our students in sport and fitness, and improves the health and wellbeing of students, staff and the wider community. It has also enhanced our reputation and given us a platform to engage with regional, national and international partners.

Our commercial activities have demonstrated year-on-year growth. Since we opened commercially in February 2017, gym membership has grown to over 1000 members and over 3500 registered climbers.

We have seen an overall increase in income of 36%. Between 2018 and 2019, gym attendance has increased by 61% and fitness classes have gone up by 35%.

As the ASW grows, we have developed a new range of services and initiatives including Personal Training and a wide range of fitness classes. We also offer a variety of holiday camps, including climbing and multi-sport. An increase in services on offer will help attract new customers and retain loyal members.

We currently work with over 45 partners, which help us uphold good practice and maintain a competitive edge.

We are continuing to look at potential areas of development. In September 2019, we plan to open a sports injury clinic, run by students. This will offer them valuable experience and make them more employable.



Scholarships

In 2017/18 over £30,000 in Scholarships were awarded to Perth College UHI students. We are extremely proud to be able to offer so many awards and we are immensely grateful to all the benefactors who support the programme. Each year the awards are advertised on our website and are promoted on the basis that they will help towards student living expenses and other costs related to their course. In many cases, it also gives the student the opportunity to work in industry - giving them a link with businesses and the chance to improve their employability skills.

The scholarships have a really positive impact on both the College and on the individual student providing a clear value to both.

Hear what the students think:

"I was delighted to have been awarded the Copperfield's Scholarship and learned a great deal from my time in the salon. I was trained in many areas from bouncy blow-dry to bridal hair-up."

Alison Gordon

Copperfields Hair and Beauty Scholarship

"A huge thank to the Norman Fraser Design Trust for their generosity over the year. The scholarship has been a huge aid to supporting me in my course. It has meant I was able to concentrate on my studies and reduce my part-time work. I believe without the scholarship it would have resulted in me being less successful in my course subjects."

Ruraidh McKenzie

The Norman Fraser Design Trust Scholarship

"I would like to thank my benefactors once again for the generous gift that gave me a great confidence boost. It allowed me to purchase additional learning materials that I could use for my academic work. I felt honoured to be the recipient of the Balhousie Care Group Scholarship and would like to thank them once again for continuing to support and encourage students in achieving their goals."

Aleksandra Pietrasik

Balhousie Care Group Scholarship

Providing a Scholarship

The Scholarship Programme is designed to support students who are committed to their studies and keen to develop their skills to reach their full potential. A gift of this nature will make a great impact on our students, and for our supporters, the ability to help individuals to realise their full potential is extremely rewarding.

Each year we offer an increasing number of awards across the curriculum. For more information on this year's scholarships you can look on our website:

www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/scholarships

By providing a scholarship, businesses and individuals can benefit from:

- More diverse opportunities to promote your business
- Investing in Scotland's economic future
- Recruiting the best graduates to meet your business needs
- Enhanced company perception
- A fresh insight into your business

To find out more, visit
www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/support/scholarships

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Photos from the Scholarship Lunch, which is held in November each year to celebrate the student's success and thank the donors for their generous support.



Perth College UHI Campus news

You can see the full stories on our website: www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/news



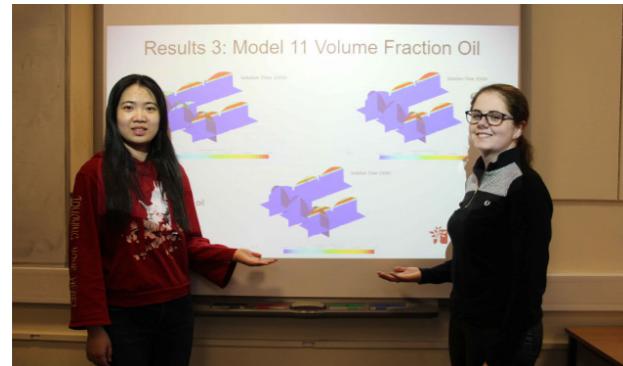
We welcomed Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon to our Academy for Sport and Wellbeing.

She announced an investment programme, which includes a New Aviation Academy and the Cross Tay Link Road as part of the Tay Cities Region Deal.



Our 'Ball in the Wall' campaign helped raised over £165k to equip the Academy of Sport and Wellbeing.

We invited donors to a showcase event to thank them for their generous support and demonstrate the success of the facility.



Two of our mechanical and energy engineering students have been working on a high-profile project with an oil and gas operator in the North Sea.

They said:

"This is experience we couldn't get from a textbook."



Our Professor of Engineering, Andrew Rae, led the design of a new aeroplane that 'breathes', making it completely self-sufficient and could be developed to act as a satellite.

Andrew said:

"Current equivalent aeroplanes are very complex and very expensive, air vehicles based on this technology would provide a much cheaper option for telecommunication activities."

Leave a legacy to Perth College UHI Development Trust

Your gift will help future generations of students to enjoy the rich benefits of an excellent education.

This could be the most significant gift you ever make.

- **Pledge to help future generations**
- **Give something back to your community**
- **Leave a lasting legacy**

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Annual Report Financial Activities

Income - 2017/18

Donations	£32,817
Investment Income	£16
Merchandise	£1,635
Total income	£ 34,468
Expenditure	£191,069
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Balance Sheet

Current Assets

Stock	£2,500
Debtors	£309
Cash @ Bank	£213,539
Total Current Assets	£216,348

Liabilities

Falling Due within 1 Year	£165,403
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Net Assets

Represented By	£50,945
Unrestricted General Funds	£18,350
Restricted Funds	£32,595
Total Funds	£50,945



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