



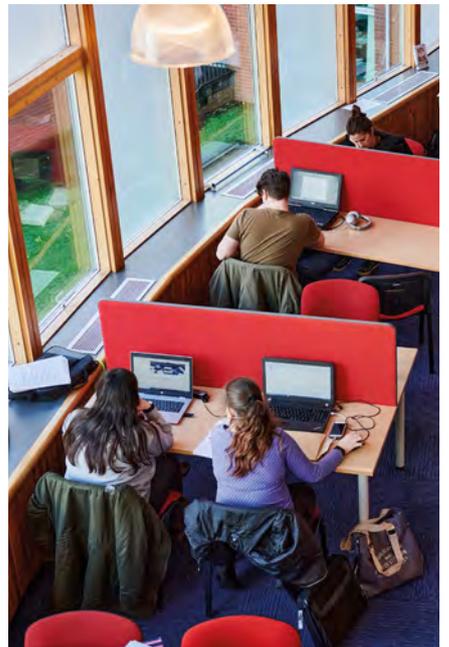
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Development
Trust



Annual Report 2019

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Chair's Report

I am writing this report during the third week of the Coronavirus lockdown, and this necessarily colours my world view of our future prospects, and the continued reliance we shall place on the proactive and supportive engagement of the Development Trust.

Despite the difficult times, and the uncertainties over the future, I believe we must remain positive. We must continue to develop ideas and concepts that will help the College, and above all we must come out of this ready for a continuing round of creative and vital fund raising.

Our world has changed and will not be the same for a while, but nevertheless some constants remain. In my last report, I signalled my firm intention that we continue to foster and develop the strong links that the Development Trust has with the Development Committee, the Perth College UHI community, and the Board of Management of Perth College UHI. We have done that and more - our links with individuals, charitable trusts, and businesses, locally and in the wider world, continue to expand, and this can only help us in a future context of continuing financial stringency. This has been helped by establishing a refreshed group of trustees and a diverse group of Development Committee members who are all well-known and respected in the community. This is timely, as my expectation is that we shall need help, and it will not all be delivered from the public purse.

In some ways this has been a "quiet year" for the Development Trust. We have consolidated the investment made in the Academy of Sport and Wellbeing (ASW), and the facility continues to develop and be recognised as an excellent venue with a compelling value proposition for external users. Our scholarship programme is vibrant and expanding year-on-year - we should not underestimate the social impact and the contribution to student growth that is facilitated by this programme.

Our future immediate priority for new fundraising continues to be on the new Aviation Academy. Significant progress has been made in developing the business plan, and should capital funding eventually be granted through the Tay Cities deal we shall need to raise funds to equip the facility. I am pleased to confirm the Development Trust has made steady progress in planning fundraising for this eventuality. However, there will inevitably be high demand for public funding as we emerge from the current crisis, and today's priorities may change. Thus we have developed a strategic view of fundraising that identifies key projects for developing the College, and this will enable us to be flexible in shifting our focus should the need arise.

There are always many ideas and projects that help deliver our fundraising, and we are fortunate in having so many folks giving their time to help move things forward. I would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to help us achieve our targets, and of course, thanks to all donors large and small that help make Perth College UHI a vibrant learning centre - we would be a lesser institution without you.

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



The aerospace industry has undoubtedly been negatively affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. However, there is still a need for the industry to attract and train new engineers, partly due to the age profile of staff currently involved in aircraft maintenance, many of whom will retire within the next 10-15 years.

To guarantee that we have a trained workforce, we need to enhance the current skills level and train more people to meet the needs of the industry - ensuring an ability to keep our Aircraft well serviced, safe and secure. We are asking for your support to play a vital part in the next major phase of the College's history.

We are committed to offering the best education in the industry by making sure that our training is relevant to this rapidly changing market. By 2022 - thanks to the Tay Cities Deal, which is providing

funding of £6million - we will have on-campus a fantastic new facility to take forward an innovative Tayside wide partnership project to build a new Aviation Academy for Scotland (AAS).

In doing so, we will create the only internationally recognised facility in Scotland and along with other partners, form a hub for Aviation in Tayside - significantly enhancing the current skills levels and training, improving the capacity and capability of the sector.

This centre will provide large modern facilities to accommodate increased student numbers and allow us to augment traditional training methods by introducing increased simulation, moving towards virtual reality which is more current and economic.

Within the building there will be a space providing product development, design and business network connections. The space will be targeted at both the



aviation and other engineering sectors developing areas of synergy and collaboration, including clean technology in energy and electric aircraft.

With our long history of training, we are supported by a pool of fully qualified instructors with years of expertise who are well placed to provide first class training and to cater for the continued growth in our student population.

To meet the severe skills shortage, we will continue to attract students from all over the world and at the same time provide excellent educational routes from secondary school through College, University and into industry.

An additional £1.2 million is required to equip the academy to be able to provide the latest technology to train students in aircraft engineering including research in emerging clean technologies and low carbon transport sectors.

Perth College UHI has been serving students of all ages for over 60 years providing first class education and training to create a highly skilled workforce for our community and further afield. Supporting local businesses to meet their needs and helping students succeed in their chosen career is at the heart of everything we do.

In 1996, Air Service Training, which has been home to Aviation Training since 1931, became a wholly owned subsidiary of Perth College UHI and is well known throughout the world in Aeronautical Engineering - achieving the prestigious Queens Award for Enterprise: International Trade in 2015.

By creating this new facility, the AAS will embrace the skills shortage, modernize the teaching and technology-training base for these sectors and provide research opportunities to ensure that it remains competitive and relevant within a global industry. In the community, it will create a positive economic impact through increased revenue generated by International students and visiting trainees.



Welcome to our new Trustees

From left to right:

Mr Andrew Ritchie, The Hon Mrs Catherine Drummond Herdman, Major General Adrian Freer and Fiona Leslie - Development and Alumni Relations Manager.

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

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Andrew Fairlie
Alumnus of the Year 2019
(Awarded posthumously)

Andrew's appetite for cooking was evident from a young age, and at fifteen he began a classical apprenticeship in his hometown of Perth under his first mentor Keith Podmore.

It was Keith who encouraged Andrew to go to College, and so Andrew enrolled in a City in Guilds Course at Perth College. At twenty (having followed Podmore to London and the private Members Club, Boodles) Andrew became the first recipient of the prestigious Roux Scholarship and remains to this day its youngest scholar. Andrew further cemented his relationship with the Scholarship by joining the prestigious judging panel in 2006, and his role with the Scholarship gave him immense satisfaction.

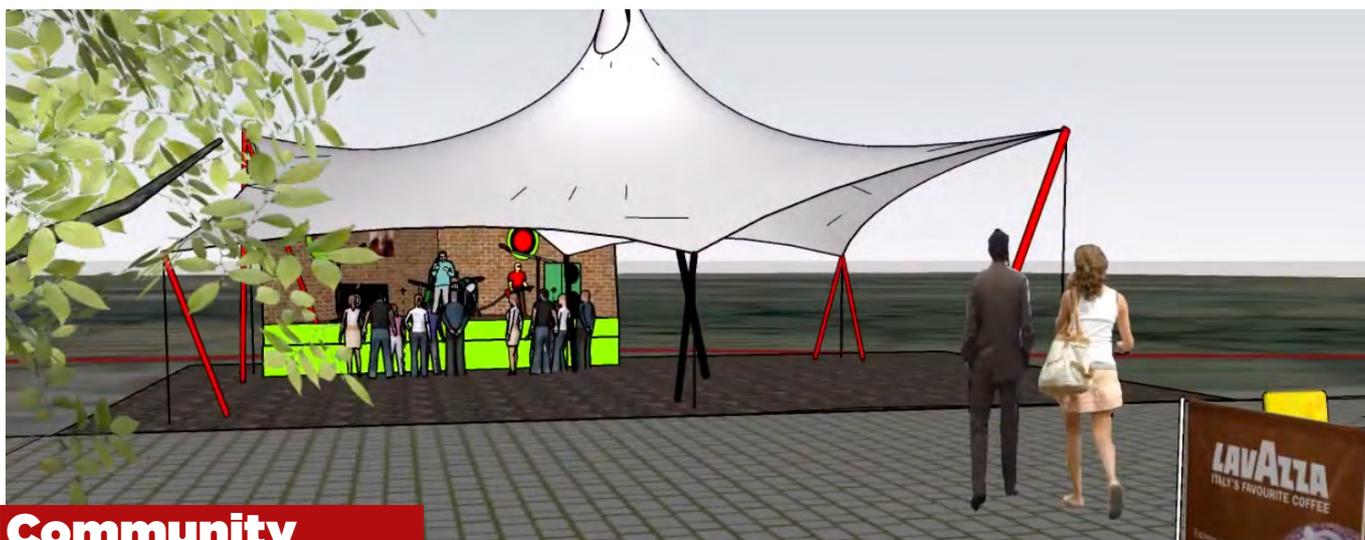
The Roux scholarship radically altered Andrew's perception of both his life and his craft, and with it came an unprecedented honour for a British chef – to work in the kitchen of Michael Guerard, one of the great masters of French culinary tradition. Pres d'Eugenie inspired Andrew for the rest of his career and drove Andrew to establish his own kitchen garden at Restaurant Andrew Fairlie. Guerard's approach to cooking was inspirational and Andrew adhered to his mentor's ethos of 'simple food, brilliantly done'. After his time in the Landes with Guerard, Andrew moved on to world-renowned Hotel de Crillon in Paris for 14

months of gruelling training, which he referred to as his equivalent of military service. After a further two years in France (at Chez Nano in Megeve), Andrew returned to his native Scotland to spend two seasons aboard the luxurious 5-star Royal Scotsman train. He then journeyed south to the Ritz Hotel in London to take up the position of senior Sous chef, then west for a spell as Head Chef at Adare Manor under Executive Chef Ian McAndrew - before returning to France and the opening of Euro-Disney, specifically to take advantage of what he believed to be some of the best management training in the world.

Andrew returned to his native Scotland in 1995 where he both took up the mantle of Executive Chef at Glasgow's One Devonshire Gardens Hotel, and received not only acceptance into the esteemed Academie Culinaire de France, but also his first Michelin star which he held till his departure in 2001. Edging ever nearer his Perth birthplace, 2001 saw the opening of Andrew's eponymous restaurant within the heart of the iconic Gleneagles Hotel and Resort. Within its first year the restaurant was awarded a Michelin star and a stream of awards followed - along with the honour of being named in the US publication "Hotels" as one of the top ten hotel restaurants in the world, the only British restaurant to be included.

In 2005, Andrew was tasked with cooking both a state banquet and the dinner for Her Majesty The Queen and world leaders as Britain played host to the G8 Summit where he was proud to showcase the best of Scotland's Larder. 2005 proved challenging outside the restaurant, when Andrew was diagnosed with a brain tumour. After successful surgery, and a period of recuperation, Andrew was able to return to the kitchen and cook for the dignitaries. Good news was to follow when Restaurant Andrew Fairlie was awarded its second Michelin Star in January 2006, despite Andrew's enforced absence. It was and currently remains the only two-star restaurant in Scotland. The restaurant flourished from 2006 onward, with more awards for the restaurant and Andrew personally. Taking membership of Les Grandes Tables du Monde, following a period as a Grande Chef du Monde for Relais et Chateaux. The AA Chef's Chef of the Year was one that gave him huge personal pride, to be recognised by his peers in the industry he loved.

Andrew retired from the kitchen in December 2017 to spend more time with his family, and passed on 22nd January 2019 - survived by his daughters Liona and Leah, and wife Kate, and step daughters Rosie and Kitty.



Community Wellness Garden

Perth College UHI is committed to the health and wellbeing of its students, staff and community and we have seen this in one way with the creation and operation of The Academy of Sport and Wellbeing (ASW). This is a fantastic facility which provides opportunities to improve our health and wellbeing in many different ways. We are now looking to enhance this provision further by creating an outside area between ASW and the Webster building which aims to improve our general wellbeing by providing space to relax, reflect and rejuvenate and subsequently improve health and care practices.

The intention is to create a wellness garden - offering an area of exercise, social interaction, events, tranquillity and reflection, supporting a range of curriculum areas to enhance the student experience. It will enrich the educational experience, as well as create a space which people can enjoy in a multitude of ways.

We see the garden playing a pivotal role in the wellbeing of our students, staff and the local people - and at the same time, enriching the experience of the community in which we live. Research of "urban green projects" shows that places to reflect made a significant contribution to improving community relations and links, and so we want to create an area which allows the people we serve the opportunity to escape from the daily pressure and gather their thoughts in a quiet and peaceful corner of the campus.

Breaks from studies, workshops, meetings and lunch hours could be spent enjoying the tranquillity of the garden - Allowing people to gather their thoughts, and renew their energy.

Further studies have shown that gardens are much more than just "pretty places". They have therapeutic qualities for people from all backgrounds who have stresses in their lives which can lead to more complex issues. Having a place of solitude, interaction and healing can create time and space for reflection and contemplation - which research has shown leads to enhanced resiliency levels. Within today's society, we are all aware of - and appreciate - the huge pressures of life which at times can be hard to bear.

Approximately one in four of us in the UK will experience a mental health problem. Each year, greater demands are placed on our student engagement officers due to the increase stresses of our student body. In many instances this leads to young people going 'off track' and sometimes developing more serious issues such as mental health problems, thoughts of suicide and disengagement. Enhancing the campus environment with an accessible sanctuary will help address the student's wellbeing and enhance the student experience. Our engagement officers do fabulous work supporting our students in every possible way and the addition of a wellness garden would assist them immensely - providing real benefits to vulnerable individuals.

We already work in partnership with organisations such as SAMH, Active Aged and Scottish Disability Sport - who believe it will add to the quality of support they can give to their user groups and so are highly supportive of the project.



As humans, we need to socialize to maintain psychological and emotional health through interacting with one another and the proposed café area linked to the communal gardens would provide an ideal space to interact with each other, enhancing the garden's sense of community.

The garden would be created by horticultural students, who would design the layout and incorporate a variety of flowers and herbs which will add to the wellness impact of the garden. The relaxing properties of lavender and camomile are well-known. Colours also help to brighten the mood and spirit of many, and the creation of herb corner could offer additional flavours which can be used by our hospitality students in cooking.

Regular Yoga and Tai Chi classes would be timetabled to take place in the garden providing a relaxed environment to explore the mind, body and spirit. The Academy of Sport and Wellbeing accommodates modern Hair and Beauty Therapy facilities which provide opportunities to try a plethora of therapeutic therapies such as massage and meditation, addressing the wider health and wellbeing agenda.

It would be a preference to have a water feature further generating a sense of calm and tranquillity.

In summary, the Wellness Garden aims to meet the following needs:

- Play a pivotal role with our academic colleagues, inspiring students to reach their full potential
- Providing a space for social contact with individuals and groups within the University and the Perth community in a fun, relaxed, healthy environment - which promotes cohesion, partnership working and shared knowledge

- Assisting in creating fit and healthy members of the 9,000 strong University and members of the local community, enhancing the ability to deal with the pressures of daily life
- Providing meaningful opportunities to engage students, staff, community groups and partners through our health and wellbeing agenda
- Enhance student and curriculum experience and delivery, and provide enhanced practical opportunities including placements and employment

We will work closely with the student engagement officer, and others at the College, to monitor on a bi-annual basis the use of the garden and the effect on student and staff wellbeing. We will also consult with partners to identify practical results achieved from using the Garden.

It's very evident in our young people - as they strive to make their way in today's world - balancing the pressures of study, finance and job prospects is challenging. Enhancing the campus environment with an accessible sanctuary will help address these challenges by enriching the student experience and benefiting the health of our students, staff, partners and community of Perth.

We believe it will add significantly to the quality of work we carry out, and enhance our capability of supporting our students even further - ensuring they maximise their potential.

Fiona Leslie
Development and Alumni Relations Manager



Scholarships

My name is Rachael Carr and I am currently studying for a BA Degree in Hospitality Management at Perth College UHI. Over the past two years, I have created strong relationships with both staff within the College, and within the hospitality department. Hospitality is an industry I have a great passion for although you all might be thinking: “how could you have a passion for serving tables?” This is a cliché that many have of the hospitality business - however during my time at Perth College UHI my opinion has changed.

Last academic year, I was lucky enough to be awarded three scholarships, the first was two days at the amazing École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) school in Switzerland courtesy of HIT Scotland. This was one of the most amazing experiences of my life so far. EHL is one of the leading hospitality schools in the world with students from across the globe attending. To be able to attend and study in the school for two days was an out-of-this-world experience. Not only did I get to meet amazing people who share the same passion for hospitality, but I was able to learn about the different and varied routes you can take when studying hospitality.

The second scholarship I was awarded was by HIT Scotland. This scholarship allowed me up to £1,000 in expenses to carry out work experience in any aspect of hospitality. I chose to gain four days' work experience in Edinburgh with Lux Events. Once again, this was an amazing experience getting to see how large events are run, ranging from conferences for 20 people to dinners for over 200 people. This is an opportunity I would have never been able to have if it wasn't for HIT Scotland offering scholarships like this to people like me who are passionate about the industry.

The Lord Forte Scholarship was the third and final scholarship I received this year. This scholarship allowed me to work for up to two weeks in a department of my choice within the Prestigious Balmoral Hotel in Edinburgh. The area in which I choose to carry out my work experience was front office, as this acts as the backbone of any business. My time there was so eye-opening as it allowed me to learn more about one of the top hotels in the capital as well as learn about the ways in which the Balmoral runs its business. As well as the work experience a financial reward was also provided. Now - I know it's tempting to go and spend it all on a shopping spree but turns out there are so many more beneficial ways to spend the money than getting new matching bag and shoes! The money I was given went toward books to help me in studies throughout my third year, as well as covering my accommodation and travel for the time I carried out the work experience. Lastly, I spent some of the money on a trip to Macallan whisky distillery. I chose to spend my money on this as whisky is a growing industry and the demand has increased massively over the years. This was a great opportunity to learn more about the process as a whole as well as being able to have a little taste of some of the products. The Lord Forte Scholarship provided me with fantastic opportunities, and I am so thankful I was able to work in such an impressive establishment - and be able to see how it is run behind the scenes.

On behalf of all the students who were awarded scholarships this year, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the donors for their generous support - because without them, we would not be able to experience such amazing opportunities. Lastly, I hope all the scholars take full advantage of these opportunities as they don't only provide a great opportunity to learning about the industry they have chosen and are passionate about, but also provide an experience that will last a lifetime and build a pretty impressive CV.



Scholarship Lunch



Our Scholarship Lunch is held in November each year as a celebration of our student's success and as a thank you to the donors for their generous support.



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:

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- Enhanced company perception
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Your gift is extremely important to us at Perth College UHI. Gifts of any value, whether a modest or a major donation, will help to ensure future generations of students benefit from the best education and facilities the College has to offer. We want to help future generations of students benefit from the best up-to-date facilities and teaching possible, and so we need your help. Perth College UHI aspires to provide an excellent experience for our students but, in order to do this, we need to maintain and improve our great reputation and enhance our academic programmes to reach academic excellence.

Funding from alumni, friends and supporters has the potential to make a life-changing difference to many students every year. With this support, we will be able to plan our developments and better support our students. As a Friend of Perth College UHI, your continuing support allows us to raise funds for a number of exciting projects, develop key areas within the College and provide a first-class education.

Whether you want to make a single gift, set up regular donation, or make a major contribution - every single penny is vital to help our students, staff and the community. There are many ways to give:

- Single Gift: Cheques should be made payable to the Perth College Development Trust.

- Regular Giving: Join our "Circle of Friends" by donating to our regular giving programme, allowing us to provide the "margin of excellence" for our students. These unrestricted gifts establish a flexible pool of funds helping the College provide financial assistance to student and allows us to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Alternatively, they can go towards a specific project.
- In Kind: Many companies can give gifts e.g. equipment, books, auction prizes.
- Volunteering (to help).

Join our exclusive "Circle of Friends" and help fund the following:

- Aviation Academy for Scotland - A innovative TAYSIDE-wide partnership project to provide specialist training in Aircraft Engineering.
- Wellness Garden - creating a tranquil space to enrich the experience for students, staff and the wider community as well as playing a pivotal role in our wellbeing agenda.
- Unrestricted funds to use where the need is greatest
- To support curriculum area

Scholarships

- For those who excel in their studies
- For students from care-experienced backgrounds
- For those needing a helping hand

By giving a donation, you can make a real difference.

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Perth College Development Trust, Perth College UHI,
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To: the manager	Bank / building society:
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Please pay Perth College Development Trust from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with Perth College Development Trust and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank / building society.

Signature(s):

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Date:

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Annual Report

Financial Activities

Income and Expenditure Account

31 July 2019	31 July 2018
£35,113	£32,817
in Donations	in Donations
+	+
£0	£16
in Investment Income	in Investment Income
+	+
£950	£1,635
in Merchandise Sales	in Merchandise Sales
Total Income =	Total Income =
£36,083	£34,468

31 July 2019	31 July 2018
£33,640	£191,069
in Charitable Activities	in Charitable Activities
Total Resources Expended =	Total Resources Expended =
£33,640	£191,069

Balance Sheet at 31 July 2019

Current Assets	2019	2018
Cash at bank	£52,592	£219,539
Debtors	£16,567	£309
Stock	£1,849	£2,500
Total	£71,008	£216,348
Creditors	2017	2016
Amounts falling due within one year	(£17,640)	(£165,403)
Net assets/ (liabilities)	£53,368	£50,945
Represented by	2019	2018
Unrestricted general funds	£117,835	£18,350
Restricted funds	£35,533	£32,595
Total	£53,368	£50,945



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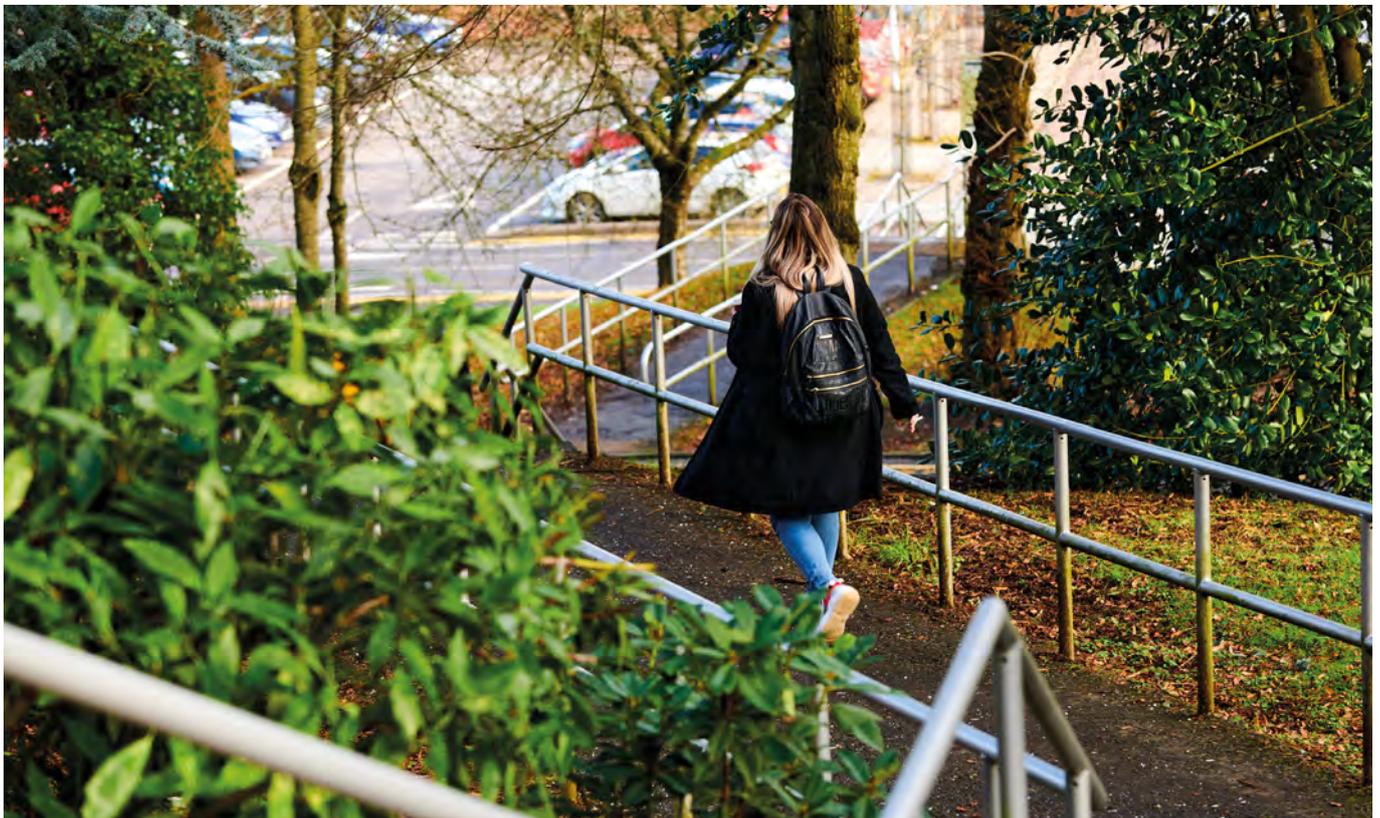
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