



University of the
Highlands and Islands
Perth College

Development
Trust

Annual Report 2017







Chairman's Report

This has been a quieter year for the Development Trust. As I anticipated in my contribution to the last annual report, we have been drawing breath following the opening of the Academy of Sport and Wellbeing and reviewing the Trust's governance and structures, with a view to ensuring that we meet modern standards of charity governance and are fit for the next set of challenges. This work is currently underway and should be completed later in the year. As part of this process, we are addressing our longer term strategy and examining how we can most effectively support the work of Perth College UHI in the future. A close and effective working relationship with the College will be essential.

The scholarship scheme, which has now been operating for several years, is a core part of our work to support Perth College UHI students. Over the last year, some 38 scholarships have been available to students, and as you will read later in this report scholarships are available in a wide range of disciplines. We are extremely grateful to the many local businesses and individuals who have generously supported this scheme, offering not only financial help but also in many cases opportunities to gain invaluable work experience, as students prepare for their future careers. Special thanks are due to Fiona Leslie, the College's Development and Alumni Relations Manager, for the continued success and expansion of this scheme. Fiona has developed an impressively wide range of contacts and supporters in the local business community, and it is due to her energy and initiative that so many scholarship opportunities are now available to the College's students.

Thanks are also due to the members of the Trust's Campaign Board, who give their time, energy and resources free of charge to benefit the College. They recognise the key role which the College plays in the Perthshire community and more widely by offering a remarkably wide range of educational opportunities to the younger generation, and their continuing support will make a vital contribution to the Trust's future work.

Howard J S Pearce CVO

Chairman, Perth College Development Trust and Campaign Board.





Perth marks its University City status

As part of Perth College's partnership with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), Perth has gained the status of being a university city. To celebrate this, Perth & Kinross Council have installed new boundary signs on the roads leading into Perth welcoming people to the university city.

In partnership with Perth College UHI, the local authority has been working to accelerate growth and development in Perth to enhance its economic, social and cultural impact, to make it an exciting and cosmopolitan city.

Margaret Cook, Principal of Perth College UHI commented: "It was good to see the updated signs officially recognising Perth as a university city. It raises the profile both of the city and of Perth College UHI."

John Bullough Chairman of Perth City Development Board added: "One of the key themes of the Perth City Plan, our 20 year vision to make Perth a great small European city, is to enhance our status as a university city. Every successful city in the world has a thriving university at its heart and Perth City Development Board look forward to assisting Perth College UHI in the continued development of their further and higher education curriculum."

Perth & Kinross Council is also supporting Perth College UHI in achieving its aims which include: Extending its education offer in areas including sustainable resource management, advanced engineering, applied health and the creative industries; Becoming a more visible and influential presence in the city centre and encouraging other universities and research centres to establish a presence in Perth through satellite learning centres, commercialisation units and other facilities.



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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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Teamwork at Diverse CiTay Festival

On Saturday 23 June, Diverse CiTay Festival took place as part of the Scotland's Year of Young People celebrations happening throughout 2018. Perth College UHI was proud to be a key partner in the event, in collaboration with Perth & Kinross Council and Horsecross.

Students and staff from several departments including Food Studies and Hospitality; Sport and Fitness; Hairdressing; Creative Industries; and Beauty Therapy showcased their talent in the Health, Sport and Wellbeing Village, which was co-organised and supported by staff from Perth College UHI's Academy of Sport and Wellbeing.

Activities included mock tails, hair ups, climbing, bubble football and yoga. Also on display was a piece of artwork produced by Creative Industries students, originally commissioned for the BBC Biggest Weekend event held at Scone Palace earlier this year.

Collaboration between local young people, charities and organisations, resulted in a vibrant procession from South Inch to North Inch with over 15 partners involved including; Perth and District Pipe Band; Fair City Rollers; Pink Saltire; Letham Majorettes; SHIP; RASAC; Perthshire Pride - Glow; Fair City Baton Twirlers; Adventure Circus; Mindspace; Adlib Dance; Girl Guiding Perth and Kinross; and Alpha BC.

The Perth College UHI carnival float was designed by BA (Hons) Visual Communication and Design students, Sarah Mathew and Sofia Olearova, in collaboration with the Perth College UHI Marketing team and staff from the Built Environment department. Students, apprentices and young people who are staff at the

College brought the float to life with help from local band Rhythm Wave - founded in 1993 by Ronnie Goodman, a music lecturer at Perth College UHI.

Veronica Lynch, Vice-Principal, External Engagement at Perth College UHI, said: "Perth College UHI were delighted to be one of the key organisers of this festival. It was inspiring to see so many young people show their talents in music, sport, design, creativity, and enterprise. This event provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the skills of young people and inspire the next generation to achieve their full potential. This event would be a welcome addition to the cultural calendar in Perth city."

Gareth McKenna, co-organiser of the Diverse CiTay Health, Sport and Wellbeing village and Commercial Director of the Academy of Sport and Wellbeing at Perth College UHI, added: "It has been a great pleasure to have worked with so many young people who have brought this event alive including our incredible students. To highlight diversity in Perth and provide a great day of activities for the community of Perth and further afield is a tribute to the innovation and hard work of so many young people and other partners. Many thanks to Event Scotland for having faith in this event and to Perth and Kinross Council who have been fabulous to work with."

Thank you to the following companies for their help with the Carnival Parade and Health, Sport and Wellbeing Village: McLaughlan Transport; Morris Young Ltd; Mindspace; SHIP; Sign Plus; Perth High School; Murrayfield Hay and Haylage; and Dragonfly Yurts.



Alumnus of the Year

Scott McGregor

In August 2014, I began the SVQ level 2 Professional cookery at Perth College UHI, but unfortunately due to the asthma attacks that I have suffered from a young age, I couldn't complete the course. However, this didn't stop me carrying on with my career. I started at The Old Cross Inn, Rattray, as a Sous Chef, working 5 day weeks covering for the Head Chef and assisting at weekends.

I recently got the opportunity to undertake a Modern Apprenticeship in the SVQ 3 Professional Cookery, and completed it with the highest mark and in the shortest time. I was delighted to win the Modern Apprentice Award and Apprentice of the Year Awards 2016/2017, and the qualification helped me to progress to the position of Head Chef.

When the Old Cross Inn came up for lease earlier this year, myself and my business partner decided to take on the venture - something I had always dreamed of. Since then, the business has flourished.

I am now supporting my sous chef through the SVQ level 3 Professional Cookery course. I take great pleasure in giving back the knowledge and skills I have learned, by enabling a member of my team to benefit from the support and training I received myself.

My career path has not been easy, but it has been enjoyable and rewarding. I can't believe that after 8 years of training as a chef, I am now following my dreams as a business owner. There is no doubt that the opportunities and support provided by Perth College UHI have given me the skills and confidence to get to where I want to be.

Scholarships

A scholarship is a gift which could make an enormous difference to people's lives. 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, you benefit from:

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- **Recruiting the best graduates to meet your business needs**
- **Enhanced company perception**
- **A fresh insight into your business**

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Perth College UHI students shine at prestigious UK Universities Sales Competition

Two students studying HND Business at Perth College UHI, Anna Bloch and Matthew Leitham, attended a UK Universities Sales Competition organised and hosted by Edinburgh Napier University. The event was attended by over 60 masters, postgraduate and undergraduate students from 12 UK based universities and 1 university from Kansas.

Left to right: Anna Bloch, HND Business Student; Chris Peach and Sarah Ballard, judges from the sponsor organisation Gartner; and Dr Tony Douglas, Head of Marketing, Sales and Entrepreneurship at Edinburgh Napier University.

The event was sponsored by Gartner, who were judging the competition alongside industry specialists, sales professionals, recruiters and university coaches. Anna Bloch won the speed-sell event on the first day and also won the sales pitch event in her category on the second day. Matthew Leitham also achieved very high scores, and both students have been given an opportunity to follow up on employment opportunities with Gartner, who are looking to recruit graduate sales and account management positions in the UK and Europe.

Caroline McCall, coach for the Perth College UHI students, commented: "This was an excellent opportunity for our students to network with real employers and apply their knowledge and skills in a professional sales environment. Scott Innes, HND Business Personal Academic Tutor and myself are definitely looking forward to offering next year's HND students this exciting opportunity".

Anna Bloch reflecting on behalf of both students stated: "The UK Sales Competition was a great experience. It challenged us and gave us the opportunity to experience real life corporate situations. I enjoyed networking with the corporate sponsors, other university lecturers and students. I would love the opportunity to do something similar again and to provide support and advice to students hoping to compete next year. I was offered positions within two companies through this event, have found this as an asset to both my CV and LinkedIn profile and the prizes were great too!"



Professor Martin Price elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh

Professor Martin Price, Director of the Centre for Mountain Studies based at Perth College UHI, has been elected as a fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh for his contribution to public engagement and understanding. He joins 66 new members including leading figures from academia, public service, business and the Arts.

Professor Martin Price said: 'I am honoured to receive this recognition for my work in communicating science to diverse audiences. Some scientists are excellent researchers, focusing on producing new knowledge; some, like me, focus much of their effort on making sure that science can be understood and used. This has long been a key principle for me, whether writing, speaking, or organising conferences and other meetings.'

Dr Margaret Cook, Principal and Chief Executive at Perth College UHI, said: 'I would like to congratulate Martin for his recent election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Through his life's work, Martin has provided an outstanding contribution to the field of Mountain Studies. I am delighted that he has received this recognition of his hard work and dedication.'

Professor Clive Mulholland, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Highlands and Islands, added: 'I am delighted that Martin has been elected as a fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh. Martin is the first of our Professors to receive this honour and it is a fitting recognition of his commitment to sharing knowledge on and inspiring passion about our mountainous regions.'

Annual Report Financial Activities

Income and Expenditure Account

31 July 2017

£117,632

in Donations

+

£22

in Investment Income

+

£1222

in Merchandise Sales

Total Income =

£118,876

31 July 2017

£36,427

in Charitable Activities

Total Resources Expended =

£36,427

31 July 2016

£104,332

in Donations

+

£307

in Investment Income

Total Income =

£104,702

31 July 2016

£46,574

in Charitable Activities

Total Resources Expended =

£46,574

Balance Sheet at 31 July 2017

Current Assets

Cash at bank
Debtors
Stock

2017

£210,612
£1,974
£1,315

2016

£145,737
£4,442
£0

Total

£213,901 £150,179

Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

2017

(£6,355)

2016

(£25,082)

Net assets/ (liabilities)

£207,546 £125,097

Represented by

Unrestricted general funds

2017

£17,495

2016

£23,565

Restricted funds

£190,051

£101,532

Total

£207,546 £125,097

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