



# EVENTUS, CULTURE & ARTS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

**W**elcome to this first newsletter from the Eventus, Culture & Arts team!

Eventus, Culture & Arts is part of the Student Plus Directorate and is made up of a number of small teams, with responsibilities that include:

- University core events, including Graduation
- external events, conferences and functions
- a bespoke conference management service
- the Academic timetable and management of internal room bookings
- Welcome Centre and SU Shop

• Naughton Gallery and Queen's Film Theatre (QFT)

Customer service is at the heart of everything we do and we are dedicated to delivering an exceptional experience to our internal and external customers.

We hope that this newsletter helps you to find out more about the team and keeps you up to date on everything going on around the department.

**Claire Baxter**  
Head of Eventus, Culture & Arts



## SECRETARY CLINTON'S GRADUATION CEREMONY

Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) in October for her 'exceptional public service in the USA and globally, and for her outstanding contribution to peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland'.

The Whitla Hall was at full capacity and the the Eventus team helped to deliver a wonderful, memorable event.



## CONFERENCES AT QUB

The Eventus team are happy to support your conference from the bid stage right through to delivery and to work with you, internal suppliers and city partners to find creative solutions for your conference or meeting. We have a number of venues suitable for conferences across the University but should we be unable to accommodate your preferred date or if your conference is too large for the University venues we can help identify the ideal location within the City. Event management can be offered for conferences and events held within the University or at external locations.

From April until September 2018 the Eventus team helped deliver 14 conferences across the main site and Riddel Hall.

A 1,700 delegate conference was delivered across five days during Easter week, utilising thirty-four classrooms and function rooms across the main site.

All but two of these conferences were University-led and overall there were approximately 2,350 delegates and conferences from all three Faculties.

Four of the conferences had their gala dinners in the Great Hall including two which held their main conference at Riddel Hall thus showcasing the Lanyon Building as part of their conference experience.

A number of the conferences availed of either full or partial event-management services provided by the Eventus team including managing registration and coordinating payments.

Additional University Services utilised included Elms Village accommodation and private screenings at the QFT.



# QFT 50

During a month long celebration in October to mark its golden anniversary, QFT hosted more than 30 special events including in-depth Q&As with The Observer's chief film critic Mark Kermode and Irish playwright, screenwriter, film director, and producer Jim Sheridan.

The Seamus Heaney Centre's Aislinn Clarke made the news as the first Northern Irish woman to write & direct a feature-length horror film, which screened to a sold-out cinema theatre.

Another highlight was a visit from the cast of Derry Girls including Lisa McGee, the creator, writer and executive producer

of the hit comedy. Lisa is a Queen's Drama graduate and was recently announced as the winner of the First Trust Queen's Graduate of the Year.

QFT also worked with Special Collections to preserve its first 50 years of programme brochures in a digital archive. The archive allows QFT's legacy to live on and for new and existing audiences to explore half a century of cultural cinema in Northern Ireland.

QFT50 was made possible by the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and the British Film Institute.

[www.queensfilmtheatre.com](http://www.queensfilmtheatre.com)



## STUDENTS' UNION SHOP'S NEW LOCATION

The Students' Union Shop has now relocated just around the corner from its original location to 3 Elmwood Avenue (old ELTC building).

As ever, the shop have all you need from pens and paper to hoodies and daily papers to cards and teddy bears.

There are new offers all the time, so check out what's available and if you think we're missing something, please let us know.

Some of the current offers include:

• The **Regular Meal Deal** (main, snack and drink) for £3.50. This

also includes the option of a microwavable ready meal or soup.

• The **Thrifty Meal Deal** (main, snack and drink) for £2.50.

The SU Shop also stock a comprehensive range of Vegetarian, Vegan and Dairy-Free products; and recently marked World Vegan Day with a range of products from The Hungry Vegan.

Follow them on Facebook and Twitter to hear about new offers, special deals and competitions!

Facebook.com/QBUSUShop  
Twitter.com/QBUSUShop



## UPDATE FROM TIMETABLING AND ROOM BOOKING UNIT

The Timetabling & Room booking Unit is responsible for the annual production of the academic timetable.

Over the summer, the team were very busy scheduling all the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Classes for 2018-2019.

This involved scheduling **160,130** hours of teaching into 158 centrally bookable teaching rooms, 7 centrally bookable computing rooms and a variety of specialist school rooms. **1,954** modules were timetabled which consisted of **10,737** classes.





## NAUGHTON GALLERY

The Naughton Gallery had an exciting Summer season, launching its second annual sports exhibition, Ready? OK!, in June 2018 as part of the Belfast Photo Festival, followed by Hero Worship, a solo exhibition of humorous, Greco-Roman inspired paintings by Open Call winner Sean O'Connor (New York). The Autumn term began with SCREEN/PRINT, a one-of-a-kind film

poster exhibition developed in collaboration with UsFolk illustration agency as part of QFT50. The gallery's current exhibition, Yummertime, is a social media-inspired project which tackles important LGBTQ+ issues and featured in the Belfast Telegraph as one of the highlights of the Belfast International Arts Festival. During the Summer, the gallery has welcomed over 5,000 visitors, and has delivered

an extensive events programme including Art in the A.M., The Book Club, and ISSUES magazine reading group.

In December, look out for the Gallery's new exhibition, a solo show by French artist Marie Jacotey, whose simultaneously

sexy and sinister coloured pencil works depict the familiar truths of relationships and intimate emotions. Opening Thursday 6 December. 5.30pm-8pm.

[www.naughtongallery.org](http://www.naughtongallery.org)



## QUIRKY BOUTIQUE WEDDING FAIR

On Sunday 7 October, Eventus Culture & Arts were delighted to be exhibiting at the 3rd Quirky Boutique Wedding Fair at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast.

This year we produced a fresh new stand incorporating our three unique venues: Lanyon, Riddel Hall and QFT.

The Quirky Wedding Fair is packed with wedding inspiration for those looking something

special for their big day. Couples get the opportunity to talk to us in person and find out more about our unique venues.

We have subsequently booked a number of campus visits for interested couples and have received two confirmed bookings for The Great Hall and the QFT.

[www.qub.ac.uk/events-at-queens/weddings](http://www.qub.ac.uk/events-at-queens/weddings)

## QUB WEDDINGS MAKE HISTORY

On Saturday 25 August 2018, history was made in Northern Ireland when the first legally-recognised humanist wedding took place between Emma Taylor and Paul Malone (who works within QUB) at Riddel Hall.

Humanist marriages – are non-religious ceremonies and differ from a civil wedding in that they are entirely hand-crafted and

reflective of the beliefs and values of the couple.

Did you know? “Tying the Knot” comes from a centuries-old Celtic tradition known as “handfasting” where two pieces of ribbon are loosely wound around the couple’s hands before they make their vow. Emma and Paul can be seen handfasting in the picture.



## WELCOME CENTRE NEWS

The Welcome Centre has developed a new range of



corporate gifts aimed at University staff who undertake international travel.

The new ranges can be viewed on the Welcome Centre website and we welcome your feedback on our new range.

Please contact Sara Johnston on ext. 5252 or email [queens.welcomecentre@qub.ac.uk](mailto:queens.welcomecentre@qub.ac.uk)

Remember! The annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Tuesday 11 December from 10am-2pm. Come and sample free mulled wine and shortbread!

[shop.qub.ac.uk](http://shop.qub.ac.uk)

## Upcoming Events

**11 December. 10am**  
**The Welcome Centre Christmas Craft Fair**  
 The Cloisters, Lanyon Building

**11 December. 4.30pm**  
**Christmas Carol Service**  
 Staff, students and their families and friends are all welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served at 4pm at the start of the Service. Admission will be on a first come, first served basis. Please come along to support this event and get into the Christmas spirit. Tickets are not required for this event.

**13-14 December. 10:30am**  
**Queen's University Belfast Winter Graduation Ceremonies**  
 Sir William Whitla Hall

