

# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first edition of the Widening Access and Participation Annual Review. The WAP team operates within Academic Business Development Directorate under the leadership of Interim Dean Professor Ruth Fee.

This Review outlines some examples of the Widening Access and Participation activities and engagements we have undertaken to promote fair access, progression, and success at Ulster with our students, staff, community partners and potential learners.

teams.

- Catherine O'Donnell, leads the Policy and Community Partnerships team, and has responsibility for Access Ambassadors, Fostering Aspirations, Virtual Campus, Science Shop, Pass, and Community Scholarships as well as supporting our return of Widening Access and Participation Plan.
- Claire Gordon, who has recently joined Ulster, from Business in the Community, will lead the New Educational Partnerships Team, who will have responsibility for the WAP school engagement, Options Plus, the Discovery Academy and creating new collaborative opportunities with our Further Education partners.

The collective WAP team are proud to contribute directly to the Ulster University's People, Place and Partnership strategic plan and lead on our statutory commitments to the Widening Access and Participation Plan for the Department of Economy. In the new academic year we will develop a more collaborative approach to delivering WAP activities in partnership with schools, faculties and departments, increasing the ownership of Widening Access and Participation across the University.

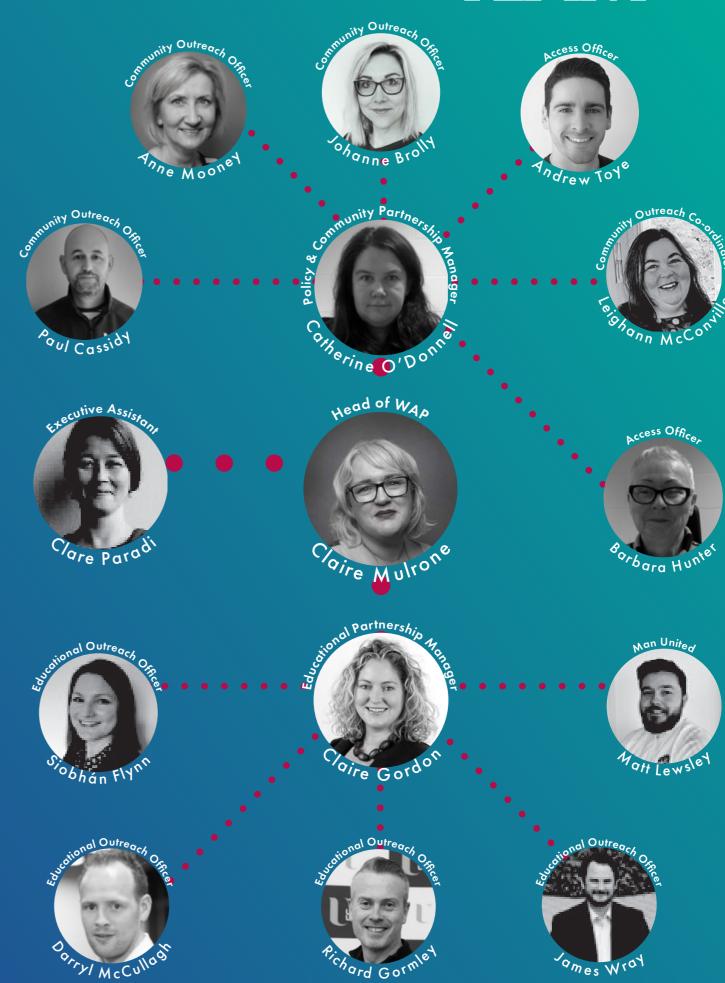
If you require any further information on our We have split WAP activities across two distinct WAP engagement activities or want to discuss a potential collaboration, please contact us.

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# MEETTHETEAM



# EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS OPTIONS PLUS

To encourage young people from under-represented groups and in particular those from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to participate in higher education, we have created "Options Plus". This flexible aspiration raising and pre-entry programme can be delivered over six or eight

weeks. This programme has core elements and optional sessions based on the needs of each school. The programme provides two visits to two different Ulster campuses. For further information please contact schools@ulster.ac.uk

# **Options Plus will:**

- Facilitate workshops in study skills, building confidence and completing the required documentation for applying to university.
- Work with University colleagues to provide relevant information about the breadth of the university experience.
- Provide young people with information about the application process for university.
- Provide up to date information on fees and finance options, helping families make informed decisions about the financial commitments and support available for young people at university.

# **The TOPS Project**

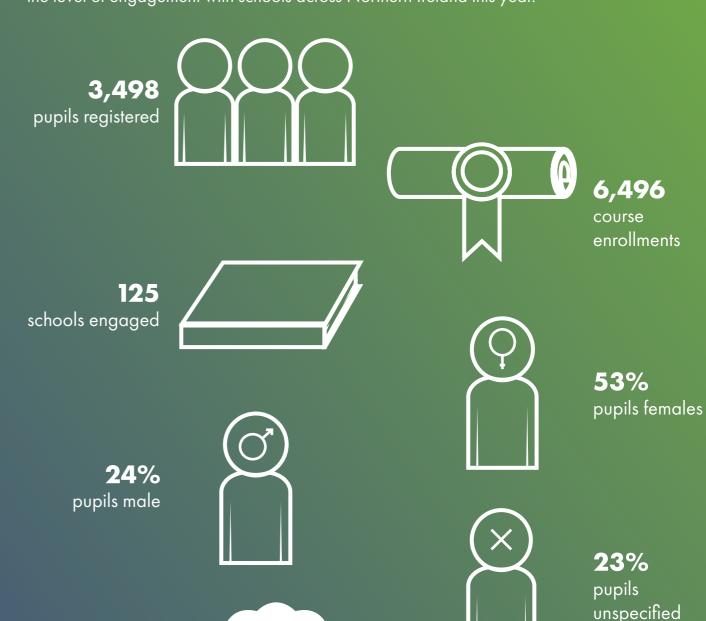




TOPS Project (Time Out for Positive Steps), part of Belfast Hospital School is a specialised educational Unit for young pupils presenting with emotional health, well-being issues and anxietybased school refusal. We delivered a 6-week programme which focused on personal development skills & supporting transition in education, including visits to the Belfast and Coleraine campuses.

The Discovery Academy offers an extensive range of free, online, subject-specific courses and programmes for young people in the Key Stage 3-5 age groups. The infographic below outlines the level of engagement with schools across Northern Ireland this year.

DISCOVERY ACADEMY



667

awarded

scholarship pins

Claire Gordon

# EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

# ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

# Finding Your Voice - Lyra's Literacy Legacy

These workshops celebrated the legacy of Lyra McKee exploring the art and craft of storytelling, led by our Lecturers in Journalism Leona O'Neill and English, Frank Ferguson. Aimed at GSCE level/A Level the workshops enable participants to hone their skills in developing engaging essay writing styles, communication skills, and narrative techniques.









# Silversmith Workshop

Seliena Coyle, delivered a workshop for year 13 and 14 pupils on Product Design, and creating jewellery. Pupils had a campus tour visiting the Silversmith Studio where they used specialist equipment to finish their design. This visit provided invaluable insight into one of our newest courses on the Belfast School of Art.

# **Show Up Final Year Degree Show**



The SHOW UP initiative supports access and progression, enabling widening access pupils to make informed decisions by touring Belfast School of Art, End of Year Show. It raises pupils awareness of all of the artist disciplines and of future employment opportunities in the creative industries.

# What is History?

What is History, had 550 enrolments the highest number of enrolments on the Discovery Academy. The course aimed at Year 8 history pupils, dispels the myth that 'history is boring', by providing a series of lessons that teaches key concepts and skills needed to be successful in studying History.





# **Snapshot Journalism Project**

Using Mobile Journalism (Mojo) equipment, software and training, pupils were trained and challenged to create a newsworthy story from their community themed 'Extraordinary People'. The result was a snapshot of Northern Ireland as seen through the eyes of the next generation of leaders.









# **Word Fest**

Word Fest is an initiative promoting literacy in schools, for GCSE and A-Level pupils. It offers courses and workshops providing pupils with the tools to excel in their studies through the 'Discovery Academy'. It offers weekly opportunities to engage with literature and an insight into what to expect studying English at Ulster.

James Wray

Educational Outreach Officer

# EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

# COMPUTING, ENGINEERING & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

# **Bridge Building and Brush Monster STEM Workshops**

The School of Engineering, School of Architecture and the Built Environment welcomed 25 year 10 pupils, from Ashfield Boys High School to the Belfast campus. The pupils took part in two interactive workshops; challenging pupils in Bridge Building and creating a Brush Monster.





### **Generative AI Computing STEM Event**





The Schools of Computing in Belfast welcomed 50 year 13 pupils from St. Genevieve's High School and De La Salle College to the Belfast campus. Pupils participated in two talks by Kainos and Ben Bland on Artificial Intelligence and how AI continues to change the world around us! Pupils also witnessed demonstrations of virtual reality, a simulation car and the robot NAO.

# **Amelia Earhart STEM Computing Event**

Schools of Computing Engineering, Intelligent Systems with The Royal Academy of Engineering welcomed 75 pupils to the Derry ~ Londonderry campus. Celebrating the 92nd anniversary of Amelia Earhart solo crossing of the Atlantic. Pupils took part in a STEM challenge designing carboard aircraft, flying them and creating a poster on her life and legacy.





# **STEM Coding Workshops - LEGO Robotics**





80 pupils from St. Genevieve's High School took part in a LEGO robot workshop. The pupils programmed a robot to move forwards, backwards, turn left and right, respond to sensors and make a sound. The pupils were challenged to compete against each

# STEM Coding Workshops - BBC Micro:bit and LEGO Robot

30 pupils from Breda Academy took part in engaging STEM coding workshops. Pupils learned how to programme the BBC Micro:bit to flash images and text across the screen, act as a 'step counter' to track steps, and a LEGO robot workshop and learned how to programme a LEGO robot. The pupils were challenged to compete against each other on a football mat.





# STEM Coding Workshops - BBC Micro:bit and Makey Makey





Rosstulla Special School took part in engaging STEM workshops with pupils learning to programme the BBC Micro:bit and how to use the Makey Makey as circuit board. Plugging the Makey Makey into their computer pupils were able to use objects like play-doh, coins and fruit.

**Siobhán Flynn**Educational Outreach Officer

# EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

# Discover Sport Science (BASES- British Association for Sport and Exercise Science)

Pupils from multiple schools across
NI studying A-Level, and BTEC sportrelated subjects participated in mental
preparation for sports performance,
exercising to enhance mental wellbeing, fuelling sports performance,
analysing and improving sport
movement, as well as strength and
conditioning for sport workshops.





# Year 10 STEM Day (North Coast Integrated College)



Year 10 Pupils from North Coast Integrated College learning about robotics and coding, the importance of teamwork and communication in Outdoor Education as part of a STEM Day at Ulster University Coleraine Campus.

# Year 13 STEM Day (North Coast Integrated College)





Year 13 Pupils from North Coast Integrated College getting put through their paces learning about the importance of aseptics Labs with Dr Nermeen Ali and taste testing with Dr Dawn Sugenor in Ulster's hospitality workshops.

# **Aspirin Synthesis Workshop (Blessed Trinity College)**

Year 13 Blessed Trinity College pupils undertaking the synthesis of Aspirin and percentage Purity Determination workshop enhancing and enriching their chemisty curriculum, at the School of Pharmacy, Coleraine Campus.



# Year 8 STEM Day (North Coast Integrated College)

Year 8 Pupils from North Coast Integrated College learning about engineering by making and testing their very own parachutes as part of a STEM Day at Ulster University Coleraine Campus.





# **Inter Professional Education Day**





Year 13 pupils from Lisneal College and St Mary's College Derry ~ Londonderry experiencing the various healthcare pathways on offer at Ulster and how they are all interdependent in the wider healthcare context. These include Nursing, Paramedic Science, Sport Physical Activity & Health, Occupational Therapy and Social

**Darryl McCullagh**Educational Outrach Officer

# EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS ULSTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

# Department of Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management

Campus Experience Events were designed to introduce 85 pupils to various aspects of degree provision within the Department, with four targeted schools attending the Coleraine Campus. Pupils engaged in a competitive activity to inspire pupils to consider studying a degree programme.



# **Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics**



170 pupils enrolled on the popular Accountancy is Boring course.

Developed in partnership with Charted Accountants Ireland, it breaks down barriers to the world of accounting and dispel the myths that it is a boring topic. Launched in 2020, over 500 pupils have taken part.

## **Department of Global Business and Enterprise**





Educational Partnerships facilitated the delivery of Department of Global Business and Enterprise Campus Experience events. Held on the Derry ~ Londonderry campus 90 pupils were challenged in enterprise and design skills through a scenario based schools competition.

# Ulster University Business School, Youth Business Hub







# Department of Management, Leadership and Marketing

189 pupils enrolled on the Being Entrepreneurial Discovery Academy course delivering interactive, dynamic lessons where pupils apply theory to practice. Pupils were encouraged to develop critical thinking and analytic skills for new businesses or products which solve a problem for a target audience.





# Social Mobility Business Partnership (SMBP)





Educational Partnerships with A&O
Shearman and PWC delivered an
award-winning Social Mobility
Business Partnership Work Insight and
Skills Experience (WISE) for pupils
aged 16 - 18. Pupils were introduced
to key employability, resilience and
personal skills through interactive
teaching sessions.

Richard Gormley Educational Outreach Officer

Educational Officer

# MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION

## **Tackling Mental Health**

30 students took part in the Tackling Mental Health programme. The programme is part of the Foundations response to the Covid 19 pandemic, which has had significant impact on young people's mental health. This free after school programme gives young people the tools to better understand and look after their Mental Health.





# Ulster United

6 Primary schools engaged through Ulster University and Manchester United Foundation partnership and approximately 450 books were distributed. The books were distributed as either World Book Day or as Halloween Reading Circle initiative through MU Foundation partner secondary schools and intern through their feeder primary schools.

**Reading Initiatives** 





# **Female Development Programme**



Each school identifies two female students from ages 12 - 16. The sessions run weekly, incorporating basic football skills along with team building and personal development activities. 25 girls from 10 different Foyle Learning Community Schools attended on a regular basis.

# **Volunteer / Work Experience**

Ulster University and North West
Regional College partnered to
offer students the opportunity to
gain real world experience through
volunteering. Students were recruited
from FE sport courses and UU
Cinematic Arts supporting the delivery
of practical sessions along with
recording sessions for reports and
social media.





# **Ability Counts**

15 participants from 5 Foyle Learning Community Schools took part in the Ability Counts programme providing young people aged 12 - 16 years old with special educational needs with the chance to be physically active within an inclusive, safe environment. Sessions support mental well-being and improves their social understanding.





# Youth Ambassadors





Each school identifies 2 representatives
(1 male/1 female where possible)
who will form an MU Foundation
Youth Voice. This group will inform
all programme activity in the
partnership with new members each
year. 15 Students are now Youth
Ambassadors and have taken part in
social actions, ambassador launch as
well as environmental sustainability
workshops.

Matthew Lewsley
Outreach Manager

# WIDENING ACCESS & PARTICIPATION ENGAGEMENT

# Home Boy Industries - Father Gregg Boyle

The WAP team with School of Law partnered with Turnaround project to host an evening with Father Gregg Boyle founder of Home Boy Industries and is an advocate for the inclusion of people who have served sentences in the justice system. 300 guests including two government ministers and the US counsel attended the Belfast campus. This event aligns with the work of the Social Justice Hub and the Ulster Law School as we support a new prison education initiative starting in 2024.





### **UU - Youth Fest**

Our inaugural UU Youth Fest on the Belfast campus was aimed at youth groups and young people to recognise the pivotal role youth leaders have and to explore their options after school. We showcased faculty interactive activities, student support and accommodation and Northern Regional College. Ulster students were also available to explain their journey to Ulster. Youth leaders received UG prospectuses, details on community scholarships and virtual campus tours.

# YOU ARE EXACTLY

# **Pantry Cookbook Launch**

In partnership with the Ashton Trust and Micheal Gillies Culinary Arts team, we created a new cookbook for The Pantry, a social supermarket in the heart of North Belfast. The volunteer team at The Pantry enjoyed a cooking workshop and lunch at our state of the art training kitchens at the Academy Restaurant on the Belfast campus.







# **Campus of Hope**

In partnership with Resilio and North West Community Network, we were delighted to host an event on our Derry ~ Londonderry campus. We opened a poster exhibition, enjoyed contributions from Ulster University Choir, and planted sunflowers to celebrate becoming a campus of hope.

# **Community Research Collective**

The Community Research Collective is a community and university research collaboration supported by the Ideas Fund with funding from the Welcome Trust. In March we held our first event at our Derry ~ Londonderry campus showcasing seven distinctive collaborative research projects with community partners. We also had the opportunity to hear from professor Jill Hughes from the University of Hull about the participatory research framework they have developed for community-led research.





# **Promoting Access**

With WAP funding Dr Dominic McSherry, a Reader in Psychology, created an Early Adversity and Developmental Trauma course, designed to encourage those who have experienced of early adversity attend University. The course aims to help attendees pursue a career in psychology, community work and social work. BBC NI showcased the course across its television, radio and social media outlets.

Claire Mulrone Head of WAP



# WIDENING ACCESS & PARTICIPATION ENGAGEMENT

# **Healthy Innovation and Sustainable Futures Conference**

With Developing Healthy Communities we facilitated the Healthy Innovation and Sustainable Futures Conference at our Derry ~ Londonderry Campus conference. Delighted to welcome Kira Fortune from the WHO in Europe as the key note speaker. The programme included presentations and discussions on how health innovation and research are making it easier to live a healthy life.



## Global Business Leadership Programme 2024 San Fransisco



We were delighted to support through
the WAP Fund first year students from
the department of Global Business and
Enterprise and the School of Computing
visited San Francisco as part of the
Global Business Leadership programme
in 2024. Students visited Invest NI, Grant
Thornton, Handshake, Meta Logistics,
Facebook and Google. Students also
attended a Consulate General of Ireland
networking event and visited Stanford
University's D School.

# **Enterprise Placement Year**

19 students undertook an enterprise placement year as an alternative to a traditional employed placement year in industry which leads to a Diploma in Professional Practice. Students engaged in master classes ranging from personal branding, managing finances, business development, and sales generation.

15 of the students received bursary payments to support cost of living expenses and business development activities from Widening Access and Participation funds.



# **Taking Boys Seriously**

Over 1,000 educators across formal and informal settings have engaged with Taking Boys Seriously research over this past year.



Research engagement day at St Joseph's Boys' School in Creggan involving whole school staff and representatives from across the educational ecosystem including EA, ETI, CCEA, North West Youth Services, Séan Dolans GAA, Old Libraries Trust, Churches Trust, MU Foundation.



Taking Boys Seriously research featured on BBC Radio 4 series 'About the Boys'.

5 Boys Impact Hubs have been established across England using Taking Boys Seriously principles.



New links established with schools, universities, and youth organisations in Kosovo exploring opportunities for staff and student mobility and collaboration on research and practice to improve equity in education. The visit included a meeting with the Prime Minister.



Taking Boys Seriously presented at Coleraine Area Learning Partnership Conference with 500 educators.

Claire Mulrone Head of WAP

# SCIENCE SHOP

# Providing real world connected learning projects for students with community and voluntary partners

## **Legal Practice**

Second year Law students from the Belfast and Derry ~ Londonderry campuses undertake their Legal Practice module with Science Shop partners who provide advice and legal support. Ellie-Rose Glover and Megan McAleer were the recipients of Science Shop prizes this year for obtaining the highest mark in this module.



Our long-term partner and neighbour The Belfast Charitable Society celebrated their 250th anniversary this year. The charity challenged Fine Art and Print students from the Belfast School of Art to capture a painting of the beautiful Georgian Clifton House.

This project celebrated the work of social activist and campaigner Mary Ann McCracken who started the Poor House in 1774 and offered children art classes while they were in residence.

### **Creative Celebration Commission**

# **Quaker Gate Design**

Working in partnership with The Fredrick Street Quaker Meeting House and second year students from Belfast School of Art's Product Design degree, students were challenged to design a new set of gates for the entrance of the Meeting House. Amy Titterington's design was chosen as the winning design by members. Amy's design is now in production and will be installed in the coming months.









# **Project Social**

In June 2024, we hosted the End of Year Show at the Coleraine campus, celebrating the work of final year Interactive Media students who worked with eight Science Shop community partners. This forty-credit module saw students produce professional media outputs including: new visual identities, logos, websites, video, motion graphics, merchandise, and corporate communication guidelines.

### **VOYPIC - Action Research**

Amy Boyle, BSc Communication and Counselling Studies student, completed her final year dissertation with Science Shop community partner Voices of Young People In Care. The project was entitled "Relationships, Belonging and Friendships Among Care Experienced Children and Young People from the Perspectives of VOYPIC Staff Members".







135 Science Shop Projects



168 Students

**Community Partners** 



Science Shop prizes





13 Academic staff



3 Campuses

**Claire Mulrone** 

# FOSTERING ASPIRATIONS

### Tick The Box

Our #TickTheBox campaign launch in Northern Ireland was held on Monday 30 October 2023 at Ulster University, Belfast. The event included an information fair, tours of the university, presentations by The Fostering Network, Ulster University, a looked after young person and a foster carer.





# **VOYPIC 30th Anniversary Conference**





On Friday 20th October 2023, Ulster University invited Voypic\* onto our Belfast Campus to celebrate their 30th anniversary celebration. \* Voice of Young People in Care was created up in 1993 by a group of young people in care and professionals. The conference heard the voices of YoungReps and the impact VOYPIC has had on their care journey.

# **Fostering Aspirations Summer School**

Fostering Attainment and Achievement is a unique programme in Northern Ireland that works to improve educational outcomes for looked after children in foster care. An ongoing partnership between Ulster University and Fostering Network NI has created a bespoke summer residential program which offers 15 young people a chance to experience a week at Ulster University's Coleraine campus in July.





# **Universities UK 100 Faces Campaign**

100 Faces celebrates those who were the

first in their families to attend university

campaign by our team as she recently graduated from Ulster University's Belfast

School of Art with a first-class honours

with Distinction in Professional Practise. Since graduating, Holly now works as a resident graphic designer and production

assistant at Ibrand, where she's given

the opportunity to immerse herself in the merchandise industry. Every project is

an opportunity for growth and creative

degree in Graphic Design and Illustration

Holly-Jayne was nominated for the

and is led by Universities UK.



brand FACES

students Ticked The Box on their UCAS application form





expression.

young people took part in Ulster's Fostering
Aspirations Summer School at Coleraine









**Paul Cassidy**Community Outreach Officer

# ACCESS AMBASSADORS

The Access Ambassador Programme offers academic staff funding to promote fair access, progression and success at Ulster

# **Bridging Futures**

The Bridging Futures project designed by Dr Gaby Nugent-Stephens in collaboration with Belfast Metropolitan College, highlighted diverse career pathways and demystified the routes to higher edcation, through a series of interactive engaging workshops.









# **Belfast Feminist Film School**

Participants of the film school led by Dr Jolene Mairs Dyer, Dr Jennie Carlsten, Oonagh Parish and Jan Uprichard, were introduced to feminist film theory and got to take part in hands-on workshops, enabling feminist-themed short films to be produced and screened.





# **Psychology on the Street**

Dr James Houston, School of Psychology partnered with On Street Community Youth Group and invited group members to our Coleraine campus to learn about the basics of psychology and the human mind, through participating in interactive fun activities.

## **Drama on Campus**

Workshops led by Dr Jen Goddard, Lecturer in Drama and supported by undergraduate student mentors engaged members of REACH Across youth organisation to devise and showcase their acting scenes on our Derry ~ Londonderry campus.





# **HIVE of Activity**

An introduction to basic jewellery skills led by Seliena Coyle, Lecturer, Belfast School of Art enabled participants from the HIVE Cancer support group to create two pieces of silver jewellery and visit our Derry ~ Londonderry campus.





# **Brain Health Strategies for Care Givers**





Dr Patricia Kelly from Ulster University's Personalised Medicine Centre, provided an evidence-based workshop for dementia prevention on brain health, aimed at informing and empowering adult caregivers.

> Anne Mooney Community Outreach Officer

# ACCESS AMBASSADORS

# **Empowering Teens with Autism and Learning Disabilities**

In partnership with Circle of Support for Autism Families, Dr Ryan Harkin, Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering created a collaborative platform to empower teenagers through engaging in hands-on engineering workshops, fostering an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives.









# **Community Quilt Creation**

In support of young care leavers,
Hazel Bruce, Lecturer in Textile Art on
our Belfast campus has partnered with
Quilts for Care Leavers in Northern
Ireland to produce quilts using
recycled and upcycled materials, for
young people who are leaving foster
care or a children's home placement to
transition towards independent living.



Aishling Meenan, a Lecturer in Social Work collaborated with Voypic to deliver a 'Shared Narratives - Journey to Success' event aimed to help participants with a lived experience of care, to make informed decisions on progressing to Higher Education.



# **Fuelling Futures**

In partnership with Include Youth and led by Dr Denise MacDermott, Reader in Social Work, the project aims to support and empower care experienced young people to enhance their advocacy and presentation skills through on campus workshops and a residential 'think tank'.



### **Irish Education Awards**

The Access Ambassador Programme was introduced to provide WAP funding, allowing academic staff to share their knowledge and expertise with community partners. We were delighted the programme was recognised as a finalist under the Best Education Outreach Award category at The Irish Education Awards 2024.





Anne Mooney Community Outreach Officer

# POLICY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# **Community Scholarships**

In September 2024, we were able to support 28 students with a scholarship of £3,000 a year, for each year of their degree (with placement year excluded), up to a maximum of £9,000. Supported by our generous

donors, these scholarships aim to increase access to higher education for new students entering first year of an undegraduate course at Ulster University. This year we celebrated the graduation of our first 6 Community Scholars.



"Being a recipient of a Community Scholarship has made a significant difference to me, I didn't have to worry about working extra hours, and I was able to focus on my degree. Regular mentoring provided support for all aspects of university life, including career planning and post-graduate opportunities. This additional guidance has enhanced my university experience and I am so grateful."

Megan Farrelly, BSc Hons Sociology with Crimonology Graduate

# **WAP Financial Support**

2,612

students received **WAP Bursaries** totalling

£1,230,252

100

students received Accommodation vouchers totalling

£100,000

226

students received travel bursaries for placements totalling

£113,000

# **Peer Assissted Study Sessions**

- 65 student PASS leader mentors delivered Peer Assissted Study Sessions. Each leader has received certification, EDGE and/or academic credits.
- 3 new staff were funded to complete the training this year bringing the total to 8 staff.
- WAP Staff attended the International Forum for Peer Learning and Support in Technological University Dublin on the 25th March 2024, delivering a session entitled 'PASS@Ulster: an evaluation from the perspective of a range of key stakeholders'



# **Step Up Fund**

# Provided by NIO/DfE we support two Initiatives at Ulster University

### 1. Step Up Travel Bursary

214 Ulster University students received Step Up The Student Success Centre (SSC) was Travel Bursary for placement. Students were Care Experienced, had Caring responsibilities (Allied Health and Nursing courses only), and had active reasonable adjustment requirements (Allied Health and Nursing courses only).

### 2. Student Success Centre

established in January 2024 with 100K from DfE/NIO Step Up Funding, allowing the creation of a skills centre, that will include target academic, maths and study skills, to enhance successful student transition and increase equity in engagement.



SSC aims to empower students to achieve their personal best, to develop the mindset and strategies they will need to engage within independent learning at university. The Centre will develop sustainable scaled delivery to provide a range of enhanced support for increasing diversity.

We are working in partnership with

SEN secondary schools and community

organisations, who support young people

tour aims to alleviate concerns and boost

aspiring to attend higher education. This virtual

confidence about transitioning to university life.

## **Virtual Campus (Adapt)**

Virtual Campus supports young people and adults with disabilities or Special Educational Needs, empowering future students to virtually connect with their campus, explore on campuses facilities to include lecture theatres, teaching spaces, sports facilities, and accessible locations.

- Virtual Campus has won five awards
- 12,000 views in its first six months







Catherine O'Donnell

Policy and Community Partnership Manager

# SUSTAINABILITY GOALS WE MET

The Widening Access and Participation team supports Ulster University in meeting its Sustainable Development Goals. As a team we deliver across three campuses working to develop WAP engagements in collaboration

with local community partners, schools, and FE colleges, funding transformative solutions, supporting staff, students and communities to build sustainable futures for all.

















# STUDENT PLACEMENTS & INTERNS

Every year we provide opportunities for Ulster students to undertake placements and internships across our Widening Access and Participation team. These students are actively engaged in a range of activities promoting fair access, progression and success at Ulster.

This year the students co-created and delivered a range of events including UU Youth Fest, VOYPIC Conference, WAP school engagements, Access Ambassadors, PASS, Campus of Hope, Tick The Box and Fostering Aspirations.













