



# CRICHTON FOUNDATION

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Supporting a diverse Campus  
and innovative centre for  
learning and enterprise

## Annual Report

2010/11

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Crichton Foundation Trustees

## Obituaries

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of two of our patrons, Mr Andrew Dalton and Dr Campbell Christie CBE. We greatly valued their support of our work at Crichton.

We are also very sad to report the loss of Kay Macfarlane, a dedicated member of our Gala Committee who contributed hugely to the success of this event over the last five years.



Photo by Alan Cairns

In my report this time last year, I commented on the anxiety here at the Crichton as we all coped with the recession. That has continued to preoccupy us because, in many respects, the impacts have been even greater in 2010/11. We have seen the academic institutions tackle the problems caused by the reduced funding regimes and are grateful that the Scottish Funding Council

has maintained its support for the Higher Education provision on the campus. However, we are concerned at the potential impact of the further reduction in support faced by the Dumfries and Galloway College as the main provider of Further Education in the region.

In attempting to measure what it means for the future of the Crichton as a whole, the Crichton Foundation has played an active role in co-ordinating debate; identifying the issues we must tackle; encouraging more effective co-operation between the partner organisations; consulting with the local authority on its wider responsibilities and arguing the case for continuing investment by both local and national government.

I sense that after fifteen years of development, we are at something of a crossroads and the Foundation welcomes the comprehensive review being undertaken to look at the future sustainability of the site. In this complex jigsaw puzzle, the review must address the big issues facing the academic, health and business interests as well as the wider Dumfries and Galloway community. At the same time it must deal with more domestic issues around its future funding and administration.

I am clear that there are both challenges and opportunities. We are encouraged by the present government's manifesto promise to ensure that there is good access to Higher and Further Education across Scotland. There is no doubt that the Crichton Campus with all it has to offer, is playing a major role in supporting local people by giving easy access to education and training opportunities designed to equip them for when the economy picks up. We need to make sure that in future our geographic importance as a southern centre is recognised and properly resourced so that we can continue to build on the considerable achievements to date. It is stating the obvious that with 7,787 students studying part or full time here on

the Campus, there are significant economic and social benefits to the area.

Despite these difficult times the Foundation's fundraising continues and we are constantly finding new ways in which we can support development. We are proud of our track record in the last decade of raising over £3.8 Million all of which has been invested 100% in Crichton activity. We continue to maintain our commitment to the development of the Crichton as a world class centre of excellence.

We seek to strengthen the collaboration and cooperation of all the stakeholders on the Campus in building a vital and vibrant community asset. We are grateful to Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education, who encouraged and helped us to plan and deliver a major strategic conference in June 2010 setting an agenda with all the Crichton partners to look at the future opportunities for the Campus and how these should be delivered.

Our regular activities have continued throughout the year. A highly successful Gala Evening was held in November 2010 and early this year, the Foundation played host to the ninth Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch. The Crichton Conversations attracted good audiences to hear our distinguished speakers. Almost all participate without taking fees and the list of eminent experts who have visited us continues to grow most impressively.

None of these activities would happen without the tremendous support of our volunteer Events Committees; a special thank you to Maureen McKerrow and the Gala Committee and to Vicky Jardine-Paterson and the Women's Lunch Committee for their help and enthusiasm. Without them we could not raise the very substantial sums which go towards the awards and grants we make to individual students and projects.

We are also enormously grateful for the ongoing financial support we receive from our many subscribers and friends. Donations, sponsorships and legacies make up an important part our income.

Thank you to all our loyal and hardworking Trustees and to Bruce Clarke and our small staff team who work so diligently to keep the show on the road. We welcomed one new employee, Pamela Stokes, and said farewell to Jacqui McLaren who left to set up her own business. In conclusion, let me say that it has been a busy year but I remain confident that we have the capacity to continue to deliver our objectives effectively and efficiently for the future.

Dame Barbara Kelly Convenor



The Charities Commission 4th Economic Survey in 2010 confirms 62% of Charities have reduced income and investment income is the most affected source. This situation also applies to the Foundation and has meant

that keeping a tight control on operating costs has needed to take precedence over development work. Despite these recessionary constraints I am delighted to report that our fundraising performance has held up remarkably well and we have achieved a great deal this year in terms of preparing for the future.

### **Living within our means**

Our policy for many years has been to fund our staff and operating costs from the interest and dividends that we receive on our investments. This policy allows us to use all donations and profits from fundraising events for our educational and charitable objectives. Low interest rates and a volatile stock market have made it difficult to achieve a decent return on investments but Brewin Dolphin, who manage our portfolio have done remarkably well in the circumstances. Our Executive Committee has monitored the ups and downs during the year and made sure that we run a tight ship.

### **Questioning the way we do things**

We have not been afraid to turn things on their head and ask ourselves whether there isn't a better way of operating. An example of this was an Away Day organised for Trustees in June 2010. This was an opportunity to re-examine how we do things and resulted in a number of new ideas being brought to the table. That said, the approach we have taken to developing the Foundation's activities this year has been one of evolution rather than revolution

### **Examining the outcomes of our Awards & Grants support**

During the year we began the process of reviewing our Awards and Grants activities and their related procedures. We completed an evaluation of the Crichton Universities Scholarship Scheme (CUSA) which had been running since 2002 and has

attracted no less than 272 enrolments at the two Universities during this period. The outcomes of the evaluation are covered separately in this report but concluded that CUSA had achieved its objectives and run its course; the committee decided to close the scheme to new enrolments from the end of 2010/11 academic year. This action does not affect support for the Summer Schools which continue to attract students from within the region and other areas. Our evaluation concludes that 86% of students attending the Summer School go on to enrol in courses at the two Universities.

As we begin to rationalise what we offer an invitation has been sent to the Universities and College to suggest new ideas for small grant schemes and bursaries that will attract students, encourage progression of studies and fill gaps in current provision.

During the year the committee has also supported a Business Development post at the Crichton Carbon Centre and the Healing Spaces arts project at the new Mental Health Unit of the Infirmary.

### **Refreshing our promotional materials**

We have become aware of the need to update our promotional materials and the way we communicate with our audience. The Board agreed a budget for this purpose in 2011 and at the time of writing we have completed the production of a new logo and printed materials. A Friends brochure promotes the new scheme, which was agreed at the last AGM; a Bequests brochure has filled a gap in our materials and we have a fresh format for the Crichton Conversation and Events brochure. The Foundation has a fresh image that projects a professional, forward looking approach which I am confident will prove to be an investment. It is already yielding additional Friends and our target for Friends subscriptions for 2011-12 of £5,000 has been exceeded.

We are now tackling the website with similar vigour so that it can be used as a more effective communication tool by students, partners and friends and attract wider interest in the work of the Foundation. The new website will be launched at our AGM in November 2011

### **Planning ahead with our partners**

Our initiative to bring partners together in a Visioning Group now re-named Crichton 2020 has been well received. We held a conference in June

2010 to build upon the collaborative developments identified at the Visioning meetings. Mark Batho, Chief Executive of Scottish Funding Council and Michael Russell MSP Cabinet Secretary for Education, Scottish Government, played a key role in guiding the Agenda and encouraging us to articulate what makes the Crichton unique and the factors that we must address to assure a sustainable future for the Campus.



Our partners have acted on the outcomes of the conference. Collaborative projects have been taken forward and are now bearing fruit. Three developments are particularly worthy of note:

1. A new integrated Degree programme accredited by The University of the West of Scotland focussing on enterprise, citizenship and sustainability will attract its first intake in 2012. Modules will be delivered in collaboration with The University of Glasgow and Dumfries and Galloway College.
2. The China project led by the College who had their first intake of Chinese students in 2009-10 suffered a setback this year due to problems with visa requirements. This has now been resolved and a collaborative initiative is being taken forward. The Crichton Foundation will host a China Day Conference in November 2011 which

will also involve local secondary schools. We are grateful to Carol Turnbull at the College and Dr Judith McClure for their enthusiasm and help in planning this event.

3. The Crichton Institute has been championed as a research and policy initiative by University of Glasgow in collaboration with Scottish Agricultural College and South of Scotland Business Solutions at Dumfries & Galloway College. The Scottish Funding Council is very supportive of this proposal which will add value to the Crichton and fill the gap that exists for research. Other sources of funding are currently being sought to get this innovative rural initiative off the ground.

The Foundation has drafted new terms of reference for Crichton 2020 group which is now positioned as a collaborative "think tank" setting out a vision and framework for the Crichton in the next decade.

### **Keeping a close eye on the future**

The critical issue of leases for the universities post 2016 and the sustainability of the wider Crichton estate are the subject of discussion with Dumfries & Galloway Council (DGC) who have been very supportive of the value of the site, recognising the link to regeneration of Dumfries town and the contribution the Crichton makes to economic, environmental and community wellbeing. The Foundation has played an active part in tripartite discussions with DGC and the Crichton Trust. DGC will commission a fundamental review of ownership and governance arrangements alongside the production of a business plan for the future of the Crichton Campus and wider estate. The outcomes of this review will determine the direction that is taken and the role that the Foundation will play in the future. Meanwhile, the Foundation will continue to work with its Academic Partners and the Scottish Funding Council to influence the adoption of the right funding model to secure a sustainable future for the campus and highlight its significance as a diverse and innovative centre of learning and enterprise.

Bruce Clarke, Chief Executive

# Fundraising and Outreach Events

## Gala

Another memorable Opera Gala event was held on 5 November 2010 at Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus, Dumfries. The evening was generously sponsored by Adam & Co. The theme was "Gunpowder, Treason & Plot" and the musical programme was delivered by John Pumphrey and associates followed by a candlelit meal.

An exciting and varied selection of auction items and a raffle added to the evening's festivities. A committee of enthusiastic volunteers led by Maureen McKerrow organised the event. The Gala proved to be a great success and generated a fundraising profit of £11,270.71 (an increase of £3167.71 on the previous year).



Opera Gala Evening, November 2010

## The Ninth Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch

The Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch was held in March 2011 at the Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus, Dumfries. The 276 women who attended were entertained by two speakers, The Honourable Mrs Justice Gloster DBE, the first woman Commercial Court Judge, and

Professor Anne Glover CBE FRSE, Chief Scientific Officer for Scotland. Vicky Jardine-Paterson led the committee of volunteers who organised the event. The Women's Lunch received generous sponsorship of £2,000 from Bonhams and generated a fundraising profit of £8,439.54.



Prof. Anne Glover, The Hon. Mrs Justice Gloster, Dame Barbara Kelly, Ms Miranda Grant of Bonhams and Mrs Vicky Jardine-Paterson



Br Stephen Smyth



Prof. Anthony Cohen



Prof. Anne Glover



Dr Stuart Housden



Prof. Dame Barbara Monroe



Lady Susan Rice

## Autumn 2010 and Spring 2011

The Crichton Conversations programme continues to play an important part in maintaining the links between the Crichton and the wider community. As in previous years the 2010/2011 events attracted a range of interesting, high calibre speakers. Audiences were afforded the opportunity to raise questions and enter into discussions on a variety of topical subjects.

The Charteris Lecture in September 2010 welcomed Br. Stephen Smyth, who reflected on the Edinburgh World Mission Conference which took place in June 2010. In October 2010 Professor Anthony Cohen exploded our fondly-held misconceptions about the nature and purpose of universities. Professor Anne Glover posed the question "Science and Engineering: What's the Point?" in November 2010 bringing the Autumn programme to a close.

In the opening lecture of the Spring 2011 series, Dr Stuart Housden discussed whether reward or compulsion was the most appropriate method of ensuring landowners' take action to ease pressure on biodiversity. End of Life Care was the subject of Professor Dame Barbara Monroe's lecture in March 2011. The 2011 series closed with the inaugural Henry Duncan Bicentenary Lecture in which

Lady Susan Rice, CBE, FRSE discussed "Banking Beyond 2011."

The small charge made for the Crichton Conversations lectures helps to cover the cost of hosting the events. We are most grateful to the sponsors of individual lectures, whose support ensures the events are maintained and audiences continue to grow.



Lady Susan Rice with Dame Barbara Kelly

### Major Events Sponsors 2010-11



# Crichton University of Southern Scotland Action Group

Without the Crichton University of Southern Scotland Action Group (CUSSAG) there would be no Crichton Campus; establishing a University in the South of Scotland on the Crichton site was the sole aim of the Action Group and its Trustees when it was established in 1995 and is their continuing legacy.

CUSSAG has been working closely with the Foundation for a number of years and is represented on the Awards and Grants Committee by Charles Anderson and by Alexandrina Anderson whose book entitled "Crichton University - A Widow's Might" provides a fascinating account of the early attempts in the nineteenth century to establish a university in Dumfries.

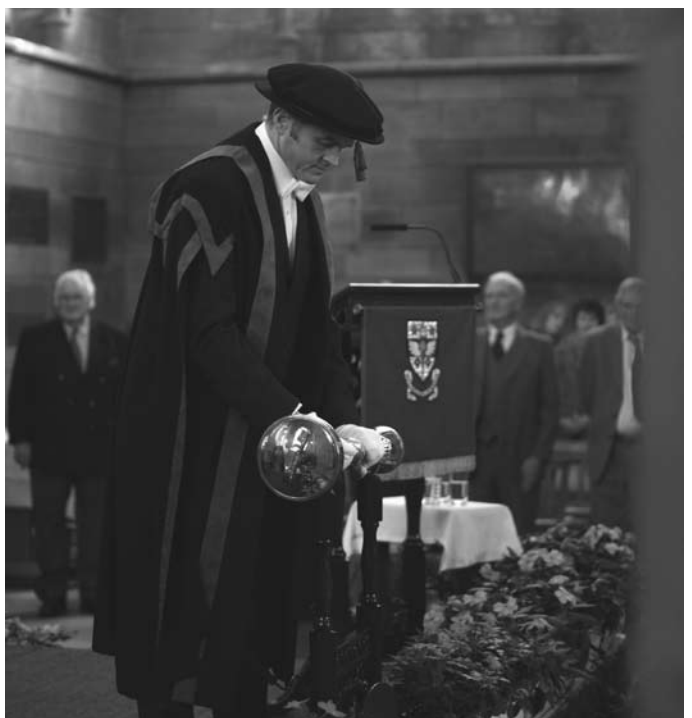
The Trustees have decided to transfer the remaining assets of CUSSAG to the Crichton Foundation in the autumn of 2011. This will enable the CUSSAG Award to continue to be given each year to deserving undergraduates at the Crichton Campus.

The annual Award of £350 is given in alternate years to a case of hardship or academic excellence. It is given on grounds of need, merit and local considerations and the most deserving case is selected from the range of applications for bursaries or scholarships that are received by the Foundation. The Award is accompanied by a brochure documenting the history of CUSSAG.

The Foundation is grateful to the former Trustees of CUSSAG for enabling us to continue to be a custodian of their remaining assets and to continue to make this Award each year to undergraduates with a reminder of the origins of the Crichton Campus and the University facilities that they now enjoy.

## Fourth Time Lucky!

At a Graduation Ceremony in August 2010 Barbara Kelly reminded the alumni that in the past 800 years, we failed three times to create a University here. The first when Lady Devorgilla Countess of Galloway chose to found Baliol College in Oxford rather than in Dumfries; the second when Elizabeth Crichton failed to persuade the Government in the 1840s, and the third, in the 1960s when we lost out to Stirling. Today we have every chance to succeed. As James Barrie said 'Dreams do come true if only you wish hard enough'. Now we are past the wishing and must build on the foundations laid in the last fifteen years to secure the future.



In 2010/2011 a total of **£60,336** was awarded to support the students and institutions of the Crichton Campus. The awards are generally made through grants and bursaries to individuals with additional support given to Partners for specific projects on the Campus.

## **Crichton University Scholarship Agreement (CUSA)**

CUSA started in 2002 and has attracted students from secondary schools spread throughout Dumfries and Galloway to enrol on Higher Education courses at the two Universities at the Crichton. It has also supported students attending Higher National courses at Dumfries and Galloway College that link to undergraduate courses at the Universities. The results to date are as follows:

Number of CUSA enrolments by Institution

Academic Institution	2002-11
Dumfries & Galloway College	32
University of Glasgow	54
University of Paisley / Bell College / University of West of Scotland	186
<b>Total from all the above</b>	<b>272</b>

CUSA was run in conjunction with a guaranteed place on the Summer Schools which have given school leavers a taste of the University courses available at the Crichton. The scheme has undoubtedly been successful in achieving its initial objectives which were to provide greater access to Higher Education in the Region and encourage more young people to stay in the area. It has also enabled the two Universities to attract more students to the Campus contributing to sustainability of the Crichton Campus.

Since 2002 The Crichton Foundation has supported 272 students with scholarships of £200 per year for each year that they attended an undergraduate/access course at the Crichton. This represents a considerable investment in excess of £150,000.

After nine years it was felt appropriate to complete an evaluation of the scheme to find out how it is currently valued by staff and students and whether its original objectives are still valid.

The key results of the evaluation were as follows:

- The scheme has been greatly valued by past students and staff at each of the Academic Institutions
- Numbers studying at the Crichton have progressively increased year on year
- Numbers enrolling for CUSA have decreased each year from a high point of 42 in 2008 to 26 in 2011
- The scheme is no longer making a real difference to recruitment and both the College and Universities are unable to justify continued investment in administering the scheme

The evaluation concluded that although CUSA has attracted 272 school leavers from the Region to access

Higher Education at the Crichton there are a number of indicators which confirm that CUSA has run its course. There are also a number of other support schemes and hardship grants which were not available when the scheme was introduced.

After careful consideration, the Board of the Crichton Foundation endorsed the recommendation of the Awards & Grants Committee to cease promoting CUSA to secondary schools and close the scheme to any new applications from the beginning of the academic year 2011-12. This decision does not impact on the Summer Schools or on those students who are currently enrolled who will continue to be supported as they progress through each year of their studies. In the current year to 31 March 2011 the Foundation invested £9,000 in 45 students who each received £200. The College and Universities have also been invited to submit new ideas for future scholarship and grant schemes that could be considered for support.

## **Hardship Fund**

Students who experience financial difficulties as a result of their full or part time studies may be awarded a grant from this fund. This year 19 hardship bursaries totalling £4,220 were awarded to help undergraduate students. A further two bursaries of £1,000 each were given to postgraduate students experiencing difficulties continuing their studies without additional support.

## **Carson Reaching Potential Bursaries**

Students who have completed an HNC or HND course at Dumfries and Galloway College and who wish to progress to degree level study at a Crichton Campus institution are able to apply for one of these bursaries. A total of £4,000 was awarded in 2010/2011 to eight students who received £500 each.

## **Post Graduate Academic Excellence**

As the number of post-graduate students on the Campus continues to grow there is increasing demand for these awards. In 2010/2011 a total of £8,000 was awarded.

## **CUSSAG Award**

Recipients of CUSSAG awards are selected from the students who apply to the Foundation for support. The CUSSAG representatives on the Awards and Grants Committee make an award where a student has clearly demonstrated their case for support. In April 2010 it was agreed that one student was particularly worthy of support and a higher award of £500 was made.

## **Other Individual Grants and Awards**

A number of other grants were made including a Crichton Foundation Scholarship of £500 to a student from Dumfries and Galloway College, University of West of Scotland Dumfries Campus awards £75, and general awards totalling £750.

## Grants to Partners for Crichton Projects

In addition to the grants and bursaries given to individuals the Foundation has supported a number of initiatives on the Campus:

### Summer School

The Annual Summer School raises awareness of the Campus and provides students a taste of courses being run by the Universities. Their value to the Universities is that they provide an important opportunity for student recruitment and for widening access to Higher Education at the Crichton Campus.

The Crichton Foundation normally makes an investment of circa £8,000 to support summer school students which equates to a contribution of around £200 per student. This is used for accommodation, travel, childcare and associated costs including promotional leaflets and the provision of student mentors. The two Universities have declared that without funding support from Crichton Foundation they would find it hard, if not impossible to run the Summer Schools.

The Foundation receives an annual report of the outcomes of each Summer School. These confirm the value of the Foundation's investment.

Since 2000 they have attracted attendance by 829 students and 717 (86%) of these students went on to enrol on courses at the two Universities at the Crichton, an impressive conversion rate. However, numbers attending the Summer Schools have decreased by 50% over recent years. Demand reached a high point of 80 in 2005 but decreased to an average of 41 from 2007 onwards.

In 2010 subjects delivered by the University of Glasgow included Literature, Environmental Stewardship and Health & Social Studies. University of West Of Scotland delivered a Computing Summer School introducing students to computer programming but the Business School programme did not run due to a lack of demand. This resulted in exceptionally low attendance at the 2010 summer school of just 24 students.

UWS attracted 12 Students from as far afield as Gretna and Newton Stewart for computing studies. Eight of these students subsequently progressed to full time courses and one part time at UWS; a further student elected to pursue a course at Dumfries and Galloway College. University of Glasgow attracted 12 students including 1 from Cumbria and 2 from Edinburgh. Of these 7 decided to take-up full time courses, 1 a part time course and 1 is considering entry in 2011.

The Foundation contributed £8,000 to the 2010 Summer School. A reduced investment of £4,791 has been agreed for 2011 taking account of an under-spend in 2010. For the Foundation supporting the Summer Schools continues to represent an investment in encouraging access to Higher education at Crichton Campus, one of our key objectives.

### Additional grants to organisations

- A total of £20,000 was awarded, spread over three years, to the Crichton Carbon Centre to help fund the post of Business Development Specialist.
- A total of £9,000 was awarded in two tranches of £4,500 to Dumfries and Galloway Arts Association for elements of the Healing Spaces project in association with the new mental health unit.



UWS Summer School Students

The Crichton Campus continues to perform well in terms of student recruitment and retention. The Campus is maintaining steady growth in importance as a centre of learning at a local, national and international level.

## Dumfries and Galloway College

Due to a number of factors Overall, enrolments at the Dumfries and Galloway College (DAGCOL) in 2010/11 declined from 8,142 in the previous year to 6,343. Funding in 2010/11 had been slightly reduced and the College was asked by the Scottish Funding Council to focus on prioritising Full Time (FT) provision, especially for 16 – 24 year olds, within the reduced funding. At the same time funding rules were changed so that the College was no longer able to offer non-vocational and certain short part-time courses. Full time numbers were maintained with 1,548 enrolments, only 2% lower than the previous year. Within this there was a 10% growth in Higher Education (HE) provision with 345 students studying Higher National provision on a FT basis.

## The Open University

The number of students studying with the Open University (OU) in Scotland in Dumfries and Galloway has been increasing year on year. The undergraduate headcount in April 2011 was 503. The OU access and outreach programme, launched in the region in 2007/08 with help from the West Forum for Wider Access for its first year, has had a significant impact. Student numbers are up 34% over the course of the initiative.

## The University of the West of Scotland

The University of the West of Scotland (UWS) remains the largest Higher Education operator on the Campus with an overall total of 710 students in 2010/2011.

Health, Nursing and Midwifery continued to attract the greatest numbers. In 2010/2011 there were 237 full time and 110 part time enrolled students, a total of 347. The Business programmes had a total of 89 enrolled students in 2010/2011 of which 49 were full time and 40 part time. These totals include 5 full time Honours students and 2 part time PHD research students.

A total of 50 students, 33 full time and 17 part time, were enrolled in Computing courses in 2010/2011. Childhood Studies had 28 full time and 10 part time students, giving a total of 38. There were 23 full time Social Work students. In addition, in 2010/2011 UWS had 151 lifelong learning students and 12 people studying science on a part time basis.

## The University of Glasgow

This has been an excellent year for undergraduate recruitment, certainly the best in recent times. The funded places have been filled. About 30% of all new students are from Dumfries and Galloway, the majority from the rest of Scotland, and around 12% from the rest of the UK (mainly Northern Ireland). The University will continue to work closely with local schools, DAGCOL and other organisations in order to attract well qualified local students from the region. The University is also addressing the implications for recruitment of students from the rest of the UK, now the fee levels have been set by the University.

In 2010/2011 the MA Primary Education with Teaching Qualification had a total of 60 students, of which 2 are studying part-time. The MA Liberal Arts programme had 16 full-time Literature students, 7 full-time Philosophy students, 15 full-time and 1 part-time History students, and 12 full-time and 10 part-time Humanities students. These, along with 7 part-time non-graduating and 2 full-time, 6 part-time Erasmus exchange students, gave a total of 76 studying Liberal Arts. MA Health and Social Studies had 17 full-time and 2 part-time students. The BSc Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability degree is in its infancy and had 4 full-time and 4 part-time students.

Post-Graduate Research had 6 full-time and 3 part-time PhD students and 1 full-time and 3 part-time MPhil students. The Post-Graduate Taught MLitt programme has a total of 9 full-time and 8 part-time students studying Managing Health and Wellbeing; Tourism, Heritage and Development; or Scottish Folklore. Notable here was the arrival of three students from Azerbaijan, all taking the MLitt in Tourism, Heritage and Development. New Post-Graduate Taught offerings in Environment, Culture and Policy are also passing through University approval and it is intended that two new postgraduate degrees will commence in 2012. International links are also being explored with institutions in India (Bangalore) and Azerbaijan (Baku) following visits made by members of academic staff in the early part of this academic year.

The Post-Graduate Taught MSc Applied Carbon Management, which is delivered in partnership with the Crichton Carbon Centre, has by far the greatest number of post-graduate students with 40 full-time and 23 part-time in 2010/2011.

## Crichton Carbon Centre

The MSc Applied Carbon Management now in its fifth year of operation continues to attract a good number of students comparing very favourably with numbers registering for Masters degrees throughout the UK. The numbers of students are included in the totals given for UoG above.

A new lecturer will be taking up post in November 2011 to provide additional expertise in sustainable energy technologies, reflecting the growing importance of this sector in the Scottish economy. The Centre is about to appoint a post-doctoral research assistant, funded by Scottish Government as a result of the Centre's selection as a Principal Investigator in the Scottish Centre of Expertise on Climate Change. Finally, a full time sales and marketing manager will be joining in autumn 2011, helping to accelerate growing success in attracting commercial contracts in Scotland and further afield. In anticipation of continued growth, the Crichton Carbon Centre has moved offices to Maxwell House on the Campus.



## Scottish Agricultural College

The Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) continues to have a small but important presence on the Campus. The SAC works with a number of students in Dumfries, who are undertaking a range of post graduate studies. The total at April 2011 was 5 students.

In the year 2010/2011 there was a total of 7,787 students studying at all of the institutions across the campus. Of this total there were 6,343 Further Education students and 1,444 studying at Higher Education and Post Graduate level.

## The Crichton Foundation Prize

The Crichton Foundation prize is awarded annually to outstanding students who have completed a course of study at Dumfries and Galloway College and progressed to a degree course on the Crichton Campus. In 2010 the Prize was shared by two students at the College graduation ceremony – Vincent Macierzynski and Kirsten Lindsay.

Vincent came direct from school as a Christmas leaver, progressed through the Advanced Certificate in Computing, then the HNC and HND and has now embarked on year 3 of the UWS degree in Computing.

Kirsten arrived at College feeling rather disillusioned and suffering from low self-esteem. The College created an individual programme of study which allowed her to progress onto a degree at the University of Glasgow to follow her goal of becoming a primary school teacher. Her tutors describe her as a remarkable individual whose enthusiasm, dedication and genuine love for learning will inspire many pupils in the future.



Winners of the Crichton Foundation Prize 2010

Details of the Crichton Foundation Financial Statement are available to view and print on the Foundation's website [www.crichtonfoundation.org](http://www.crichtonfoundation.org)

If you would prefer a hard copy of the accounts please contact the Foundation Office.

**During 2010/2011 a total of £62,032 was raised through event fundraising, donations and subscriptions. These funds are applied 100% to the work of the Foundation.**

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