



Annual Report

2020/2021

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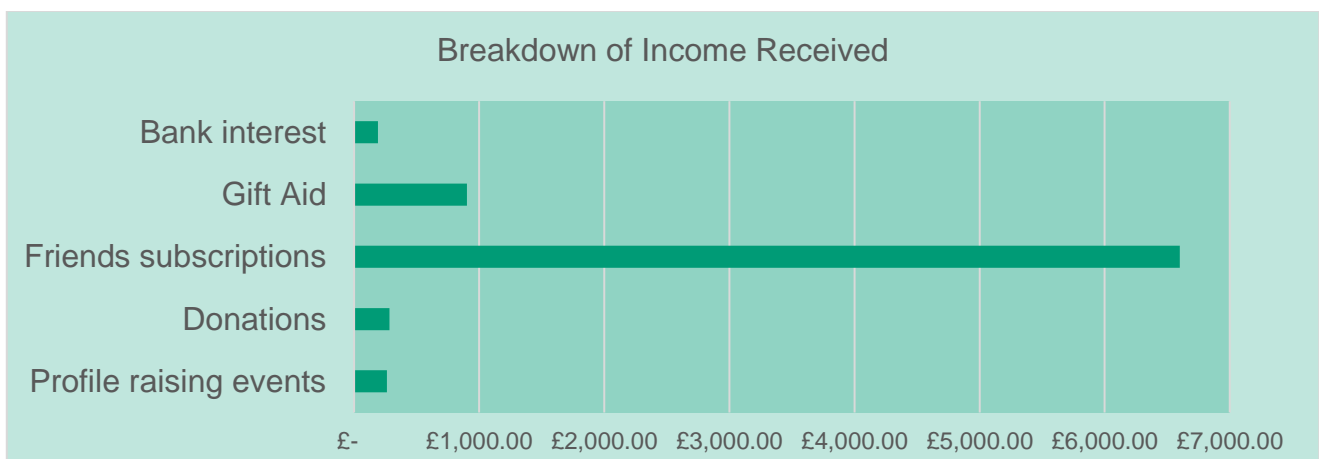
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Accounts

The results for the year to 31st March 2021 are set out in the statement of financial activities. These are available to view and print on the Foundation's website. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact the Foundation Office.

Incoming Resources

Income from donations, subscriptions, fundraising and profile-raising activities is used to support the awards distributed throughout the year. The income received during the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 was £8,235. All surplus funds are applied 100% to further the charitable aims of the Foundation.



CONVENOR'S REPORT



Pandemics are wretched things. They disrupt society in unimaginable ways, they kill millions and massacre economies. But they inevitably end, and although that time is not yet here, the light we saw at the tunnel end earlier is much brighter and stronger now. A new normal is establishing itself in the world. How we go about our business is changing rapidly and radically. However education remains fundamental and although its methods of delivery are altering, acquisition of knowledge remains essential for progress.

And that is why the Crichton Foundation exists. We are here primarily to support the students and institutions of the academic campus. Coupled with that we have, over the twenty-one years of our existence, helped to fund major developments and supported preservation of precious assets as well as promoting the Crichton to the wider local and national audience. Our colleagues in the Crichton Trust share our vision and it has been a delight in recent months to see so many more members of the public enjoying the beautiful facilities that our very special place offers. The Trust is to be commended for its tremendous efforts in this regard.

Disruption was the main theme throughout the past year of course. We had no fundraising functions but our supporters continued to be generous and our financial advisers ensured that there were adequate funds available for those students who found themselves in difficulty. As you will read elsewhere in this report we were able to enjoy two successful Crichton Conversations thanks to use of technology. Although they lack the interplay and nuanced discussions that face to face meetings allow, Zoom events do let you stay at home on a miserable winter's evening yet be part of a large participating audience. They are not to everyone's taste and we will be resuming "real" Conversations as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. Virtual events do have a place however and have certainly allowed us to conduct many successful Committee meetings over the last year ensuring that business has continued uninterrupted.

As ever I am hugely grateful to those who have helped to keep the Foundation going during these strange times. Pam Stokes our Company Secretary, initially furloughed, has been a tower of strength keeping things going smoothly. Garnet Parker has continued to provide invaluable assistance as we transition the office into the electronic age. To both of them and to all our Patrons, Trustees and that small army of Committee members, thank you for all you have done for the Foundation, it is greatly appreciated.

Andrew Walls FRCS
Convenor

EVENTS

Fundraising Events

Due to the ongoing disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic the Foundation were unable to host any fundraising events during the reporting period. The event Committees have continued to work behind the scenes and dates have been set for 2022. The Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch will take place on Friday 18th March with the Crichton Foundation Autumn Lunch taking place on Friday 18th November. Mark the dates in your diaries and more details will follow for both events.

Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch Committee

Miranda Leslie (Chairman)	Corrina Duncan	Mary Gladstone	Robyn Gladwin
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Totty Rotheroe	Kim Wilson	Emily Sweerts de Landas Wyburgh	

Crichton Foundation Lunch Committee

Andrew Walls	Liz Griggs	Fiona Kerr	Fiona Lee
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CRICHTON CONVERSATIONS

The 2020/2021 series of Crichton Conversations lectures were disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. For the first time we hosted virtual events via video conference. These were very successful and well attended. We were delighted to be able to welcome guests from France and the United States of America as well as across the United Kingdom.



On the evening of **Tuesday 3rd December 2020** we were delighted to welcome back **Professor Dame Anne Glover** to deliver her timely lecture on the **Value of Evidence**.

In a world where we are commonly faced with dramatically different views and unchallenged fake news, we need to be able to have confidence in trusted sources of evidence. Evidence can be generated from lots of different sources but much of it comes from the knowledge generated by research. This Conversation will explore what value such evidence might have for society and when it should and shouldn't be used to develop government policies.

Anne Glover is a molecular biologist who has studied how we respond to stress at the molecular level. She was the first Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission (2012-2015). Prior to that, she was the first Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland (2006-2011). She has been an effective and well-respected ambassador for European science. She is a trustee of many charities and has a particular interest in how knowledge can be used to transform lives in Africa. She is President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and took up office in 2018. She is currently Special Adviser to the Principal of the University of Strathclyde.

This lecture was sponsored by:
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The second Crichton Conversation webinar was delivered on **Tuesday 16th February 2021** by **Hamish MacRae**.

The global economy is continually evolving in response to the changes and challenges posed by social, financial and political issues. The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented pressure on the world's economy. Hamish MacRae, one of Britain's leading economic and financial commentators, returned to the Crichton Conversations to discuss this issue.

Hamish is principal economic commentator for the online edition of *The Independent*, and a columnist in the *i* newspaper. He also writes the weekly City Comment column in the *Mail on Sunday*. He is the author of the acclaimed work on the future, *The World in 2020: Power, Culture and Prosperity*. Hamish's other books include *Capital City – London as a Financial Centre*, co-authored with Frances Cairncross, *Wake-up Japan*, co-authored with Tadashi Nakamae, and *What Works: Success in Stressful Times*. He is writing a book on the future of the world economy over the next 30 years, to be published later in 2021.

His awards include the senior and junior Harold Wincott Awards, the David Watt Prize for outstanding political journalism, and Business and Finance Journalist of the Year in the 2006 British Press Awards. He has been a visiting professor at UMIST and Lancaster University, and is currently an adjunct professor at Trinity College, Dublin. He has also been a council member of the Royal Economic Society and a trustee of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research.

Hamish is married to Dame Frances Cairncross. They live in London and Sandyhills.

ACADEMIC CAMPUS

The Crichton Campus has students from Dumfries and Galloway College (including Stranraer campus), Scotland's Rural College, the Open University in Scotland, the University of Glasgow and the University of the West of Scotland. In 2019/2020 the numbers of students enrolled to study at the campus were as follows:

Institution	Course/Level of study	Number of students			Total
Scotland's Rural College	Postgraduate students	5			5
Open University*	Undergraduate students	620			660
	Postgraduate students	10			
	Access students	25			
*N.B. Student numbers have been rounded by student type. This means the sum of individual student groupings will not match the total student figure.					
University of Glasgow	MA Primary Education with Teaching Qualification	187			458
	MSc Enhanced Practice in Education	17			
	MA Health and Social Sector Leadership	40			
	Postgraduate Diploma in Education	19			
	BSc Environmental Science and Sustainability	68			
	MSc Tourism, Heritage and Development	2			
	MSc Tourism, Heritage and Sustainability	8			
	MSc Management and Sustainable Tourism	18			
	MLitt Environment, Culture and Communication	13			
	MSc End of Life Studies	14			
	Postgraduate Research	32			
	Other undergraduate	7			
	Other postgraduate	8			
University of West of Scotland		Part time	Full time	Total	344
	Business - BA	0	15	15	
	Childhood Practice	4	6	10	
	Childhood Studies	0	14	14	
	Computing	0	10	10	
	HLS CPD UG Programmes	1	0	1	
	Pre-Reg Nursing BSc – Adult	0	162	162	
	Pre-Reg Nursing BSc – Mental Health	0	51	51	
	Professional Health Studies	5	0	5	
	Social Work	2	74	76	

Fresher's Fair

The Crichton University Campus Student's Association (CUCSA) hosted a Covid compliant Fresher's Fair in September 2020. The Foundation were present at the event to advise students of the funding available, especially important during these challenging times. We held a prize draw for the students who attended with a prize of a goody bag filled with groceries, stationery and a few treats. The lucky winner was Yanhui Zhuo.



AWARDS

The proceeds of the Foundation's fundraising activities throughout the year are used to support a range of awards made to individual students as well as contributing to the success of various projects carried out by Campus partners. During the reporting period very few awards were disbursed as our activities were severely curtailed by coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

Carson Reaching Potential Award

No applications received.

Crichton Foundation General Education Award

These awards are open to any student studying at one of the Universities on the Crichton Campus. Awards are made from the general education fund to students who present a case that the Committee agree is worthy of support. Three applications were received and awards totalling £700 were made to these three students.

Crichton Foundation Hardship Grant for Students

Open to all students who are able to demonstrate the need for financial help as a result of unforeseen or ongoing difficult financial circumstances. One award of £100 was allocated to the sole applicant.

Sir David Landale Prize

This prize is awarded annually to the university student who has made an outstanding contribution to the Crichton Campus in the Dumfries and Galloway region. It was established following a bequest from the late Sir David who was the founding Convenor of the Crichton Foundation and it is awarded in his memory.

The 2020 winner of this prize is Ruairi Turner. Ruairi was nominated by Dr Alistair Hunter, Senior Lecturer in Health and Social Policy. Ruairi was a member of the Student Staff Liaison Committee, has trained student ambassadors, worked within employability, marketing and recruitment roles for the University of Glasgow, and represented the University of Glasgow internationally through the Clinton Foundation, a global initiative established by President Clinton for public service.

Ruairi was also responsible for the creation of the Professional Mentor Scheme. He developed this scheme while on placement in the NHS and received support from senior colleagues in the NHS and University of Glasgow. This scheme enables third and fourth-year Health and Social Sector Leadership students to be paired with senior managers in the NHS, who share insights and career guidance in areas of expertise which align with students' future ambitions. The Professional Mentor Scheme is now embedded into the Health and Social Sector Leadership degree programme. This scheme has, and will, offer many students a valuable practical employability experience, building crucial work-based networks that encourage young people to recognise that they can pursue a fulfilling career in Dumfries and Galloway after they graduate.

The Terry Prize

Two prizes are awarded to a first, second or third year undergraduate on the BSc Environmental Science and Sustainability Course. These prizes are made in the name of the late Professor Roland Terry following a bequest from his wife, the late Dr Anne Terry. The recipients are selected by a panel from the University of Glasgow. In 2020 only one prize was awarded as the second nominee withdrew from the course. The winner was Edwina Dominic.

Edwina was chosen as she has great potential to go further in the field, as evidenced by her sustained level of interest and achievement. She has consistently supported her peers through her participation in, and leadership of, extra-curricular environmental science-related activities within the student community. Additionally, Edwina has shown a high level of willingness to engage with ongoing research activities within the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. She has been a particular help with ongoing fieldwork on the persistence of degradable plastics in agricultural environments over the past months.

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The Foundation encourages local people, businesses and organisations to take an active interest in the Crichton. The Friends Scheme enables people to demonstrate their support for the Foundation by donating an annual subscription to help us achieve our charitable aims. During the year to 31st March 2020 the scheme had 51 members, generating a total of £6,600 in subscriptions. Gift Aid is added where applicable.

We are grateful to all our Friends who continue to support our activities, those who are listed here and many more who wish to remain anonymous: (Individual, Joint, Associate and Life Friends)

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