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Lorna, second year scholarship recipient

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Thank you for your support
Listening to our alumni talk about their memories of Sheffield is a great pleasure. For many the teaching and friendships which marked their time as students have stayed with them throughout their lives and as they went out into the world and built their own careers. I often hear a gratitude for the support they received that enabled them to gain the skills which set them on a path to successful lives.

Our graduates of all ages are also aware of how much has changed since their day. It is not just the buildings and facilities, the halls of residence and the wonderful Students’ Union building but the challenges in funding study and finding that crucial first job after university.

Some things have remained constant though. New graduates and those who graduated decades ago all speak of the warmth of the Sheffield welcome, an openness to ideas and a rigour in teaching which is a powerful preparation.

Then there is the University itself. Sheffield is home to students from 140 countries, and this diversity is a wonderful asset to our University and our community. Some of these students come to us well supported by families who have worked hard to give them this precious opportunity. Others come to us against the odds, from communities and families who have very little resource or even from nations facing perilous conflict. Yet these young people may be the very brightest and best, with talents we know we can nurture.

The philanthropic support of our global family of alumni and friends plays a significant role in ensuring that we are able to continue to offer students from all backgrounds the opportunity of a Sheffield education. For the help so many of you have offered in this way, my most sincere thanks. There is no greater investment than in such able and deserving young people.

Last summer, I was proud to walk in solidarity with refugees, along with staff and students and members of the local community, from the suburbs of Sheffield to the University. It was part of our commitment to helping students and academics who are fleeing from harm in their own countries, and in 2016, thanks to your support, the University raised funds to create six new scholarships for refugee students from around the world (read more about this on pages 12-13).

The spirit of philanthropy epitomises what makes Sheffield so special. The University was founded on the generosity of many individuals - famous Sheffield families, such as Firth, Mappin and Stephenson - but also the penny donations of The Citizens of Sheffield who in 1905 responded to a public appeal to found this University, raising £50,000 - £15 million in today’s money - to help the University gain its Royal Charter.

We have since grown to become a world top 100 University. In October the University recognised the generosity of an extraordinary supporter who has helped us to achieve this by inscribing its name on our Roll of Benefactors. The Denise Coates Foundation has supported the University of Sheffield with grants totalling over £825,000 to-date, helping to fund research into dementia and hearing loss, and most recently enabling 126 students to receive undergraduate scholarships.

Through the generosity of such donors, Sheffield has become a world-leading centre for research into neurodegenerative diseases. Our ambition in this area is underlined by our new campaign to raise money for an MRI-PET facility in Sheffield, which will help us to study human health and disease like never before (read more about this on pages 16-17).

I would like to sincerely thank all of our donors whose generosity helps us to continue to move forward and give our students the tools they need to head out into the world and continue to make a positive difference. Together I am proud that we are doing good in the world.

Professor Sir Keith Burnett OBE FRS FRSW
President & Vice-Chancellor
A LIFE-CHANGING IMPACT

Philanthropic gifts make a huge difference to the University of Sheffield. The generosity of our donors helps us to develop cutting-edge teaching and learning facilities, carry out breakthrough research, improve the student experience, address inequality and change the world for the better.

The impact of your donations is transformational. Thanks to our global family of donors, we’ve been able to fund 150 undergraduate and 36 postgraduate scholarships, giving these students the gift of a first-class education. Your donations have also allowed us to help 70 clubs and societies improve their extra-curricular activities and in the last year over £150,000 has been awarded to University departments for a range of exciting projects.

In Rio de Janeiro our Olympians and Paralympians, who have links with Sport Sheffield’s alumni-funded Elite Sports Performance Scheme (ESPS), achieved sporting success at the highest level (pages 6-7). In Tanzania a new field centre has officially opened in Kilimanjaro Region (pages 14-15). Closer to home, staff, students and a community of fundraisers raised more than £54,000 through a range of challenges to help refugee students at the University (pages 12-13). All of this would not have been possible without the support of our donors.

We are extremely grateful to all of our supporters who help us to continue to bring about positive change in the world; whether it’s through our first-class facilities, life-saving medical research or giving talented students, regardless of background, the opportunity of a university experience that is second to none.

As we look to the future, the University has bold plans to build on its world-leading research into neurodegenerative diseases. Through our campaign for an MRI-PET facility in Sheffield we hope to invest in the most advanced imaging technology available which will transform the way we study major diseases (pages 16-17).

So whether you make a single gift, set up a regular donation, remember the University in your Will or participate in fundraising events, remember that your support makes a real difference to our great civic University.

The Firth Circle

The Firth Circle was created in honour of Sheffield steel magnate, philanthropist and founding father of the University, Mark Firth, and recognises those who give £1,200 or more in a single year. Supporters are listed on our Benefactors’ Board*, receive an exclusive Silver Arrows lapel badge and benefit from priority invitations to donor and alumni events.

To speak to us about making a gift to the University of Sheffield, email giving@sheffield.ac.uk, call us on 0114 222 5598 or you can make a gift online at https://onlinepayments.shef.ac.uk/donations

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Guests at our Donor Thank You Event in November.

 Celebrating your generosity
One way that we recognise our donors is through our annual Donor Thank You Events, which provide an opportunity for students, staff and donors to meet in person. Our most recent event saw around 50 donors return to campus to celebrate the achievements of the University made possible through their donations. The evening was a great opportunity for scholarship students and representatives from clubs and societies to show their appreciation and included a speech from scholarship recipient, Joshua Allen (BA Business Management), a performance from the University of Sheffield Music Players Society’s Blues Band and tours of the campus and the Alfred Denny Museum of Zoology.

An update from DARE
We wanted to let our supporters know that Robert Dufton, former Director of Campaigns in the Development, Alumni Relations and Events Office (DARE), has now taken up an appointment as Chief Executive at Moorfields Eye Charity in London.

During his time at Sheffield he played a key role in expanding our fundraising capacity which in turn has generated increased funds, particularly for undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships. He said, “I have enjoyed working at the University of Sheffield because of the impact of its teaching and research on individuals and society as a whole, locally, nationally and globally. Enabling the University to do more of this and in the best way possible, thanks to record levels of support from alumni and other friends, has been a privilege”.

Robert’s energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his new role.

Miles Stevenson, who established the Development and Alumni Relations Office in 2002, will now become the sole director of DARE. As Director of Advancement, he will be leading the three teams in the office - alumni relations, fundraising and events.

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SUCCESS MADE IN SHEFFIELD

The achievements of Sheffield graduates at the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games was nothing short of spectacular, with our athletes bringing home one gold medal, two silvers and a bronze. This was in small part thanks to the donor-funded Elite Sports Performance Scheme (ESPS) which supports talented athletes at the University.

When Hollie Webb (BA Economics 2013) scored the winning goal at the climax of a dramatic penalty shootout which saw Great Britain’s women win their first ever Olympic hockey gold medal, beating defending champions the Netherlands, it was one of the most spectacular moments of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Hollie’s skill, precision and composure in that heart-stopping moment, and the elation that followed as her teammates ran to celebrate with her, was plain to see. But what’s often not so obvious at such times are the hours of hard work and dedication that it takes to reach the pinnacle of sporting achievement, and the unwavering support team behind every athlete that makes it all possible.

Throughout her time at the University, Hollie was supported by the ESPS. The scheme is partly funded through donations and so now our Alumni Fund donors can claim to be a small part of Olympic history!

Of the support she received from the ESPS, Hollie said, “It made a huge difference. This was one of the reasons that I chose the University of Sheffield in the first place. It came across as a university that supported its student athletes.

“The scheme enabled me to focus on both my academic studies and my sport. Without the scheme my sport or my degree would have suffered. It offered me the support to succeed in both areas.”

Hollie wasn’t the only Sheffield graduate winning medals in Rio. Bryony Page (BSc Biology 2015), Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill (BSc Psychology 2007, Hon LittD 2010) and Nick Beighton (BSc Natural Environmental Science 2004) also came away with two silvers and a bronze respectively, bringing the total Sheffield alumni medal count to four – a remarkable feat.

Bryony Page, who won the 2014 Chancellor’s Medal and graduated from the University in 2015, became the first British trampolinist ever to qualify for an Olympic final. She was overjoyed at winning a silver medal and, like Hollie, was grateful for the support she received at University.

She said, “Living my dream of becoming an Olympian filled me with pride and happiness. Winning an Olympic medal surpassed my wildest dreams. I will never forget the strength of emotion I felt that day in Rio!

“I can’t thank Sport Sheffield and the ESPS enough for the significant role they played in supporting me during (and after) my time studying at the University of Sheffield. Having their continued help and support allowed me to balance my academic and sporting commitments in order to strive for my potential in both.

“They helped me construct a timetable that worked with both calendars, gave me free access to Goodwin gym, including strength and conditioning, nutrition, and sporting lifestyle advice, provided financial support towards training, and motivated, inspired and congratulated me each step of the way on my journey to the Olympics.”

Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill – whose coach and fellow honorary graduate Toni Minichiello (LLB Law 1996, Hon LittD 2013) also studied at Sheffield – was defending the historic Olympic title she won at London 2012. Her hard-fought silver medal was a fitting end to a quite exceptional career.
Jessica has been a patron of the ESPS, a position which has also been held by Sheffield alumnus and broadcaster Dan Walker (BA History 1998, MA Journalism Studies 1999). The BBC Breakfast and Football Focus presenter was also part of the strong Sheffield contingent in Rio as the face of BBC Four’s coverage of the Games.

Sheffield also had success in the Paralympics, with Nick Beighton winning bronze in the men’s KL2 Canoe sprint. Nick was in the Officer Training Corps at Sheffield and lost both legs while serving in Afghanistan in 2009.

Joining Nick in Rio for the Paralympics, David Wetherill (BSc Biological Chemistry 2012) – also an ESPS recipient while at University – reached the final eight in the table tennis class 6 competition.

Miles Stevenson, Director of Advancement at the University of Sheffield, said, “Huge congratulations to all our medal-winning alumni. Their outstanding achievements are the result of years of hard work and dedication and we are extremely proud that their success has been in some part made in Sheffield.

“We are also proud that the University’s Elite Sports Performance Scheme, which started seven years ago, has helped lead to Olympic and Paralympic medallists. They are an inspiration to current students on the ESPS and their sporting legacy is something everyone in Sheffield is very proud of.”

Thank you to everyone who supports the Alumni Fund. Your donations ensure that our talented athletes can balance their studies with sport to make the most of their potential in both areas.

Nurturing talent: The Elite Sports Performance Scheme

The ESPS was launched in 2009 to provide financial and non-financial support to talented student athletes at the University. Thanks to donations through the Alumni Fund and elsewhere, the ESPS is able to offer athletes a scholarship of up to £1,000, which they can use to help fund their training and competitions. This allows many students the chance to take part in training camps and events that they previously wouldn’t have been able to afford.

If you would like more information on donating to the ESPS please contact David Meadows at d.meadows@sheffield.ac.uk.
A STUDENT EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER

In the National Student Survey (NSS) 2016, our Students’ Union was once again voted best in the UK and the University achieved an overall satisfaction score of 89 per cent – three per cent above the national sector-wide average. Donations to the Alumni Fund – which are awarded to clubs and societies and towards departmental projects – ensure that we continue to make Sheffield an exciting and fulfilling place to study.

Extracurricular activities have always been an important part of student life at Sheffield, and our Students’ Union is now home to over 300 student-led clubs and societies. Each year, our Alumni Foundation awards grants of up to £2,000 to as many applicants as possible and last year, thanks to your generosity, a record 70 grants (out of 106 applicants) were awarded, totalling £33,917.

Footprint Theatre
A £350 grant from the Alumni Foundation allowed Footprint Theatre to represent the University at the National Student Drama Festival 2016. The group’s debut production of Daniel won two awards at the festival and received outstanding reviews with The Sunday Times calling the performance ‘disturbingly brilliant’ and the prestigious West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds taking an interest in putting on a short tour of the production.

Enabling expeditions
The Duke of Edinburgh Society received £1,000 towards expedition costs which helped the group to fund walkers’ practice and assessed expeditions as well as a new group expedition for canoeists. The money helped to significantly reduce costs for club members and also contributed towards the purchase of new kit and equipment for the expeditions. This meant that more members were able to participate in the expeditions and complete the full award.

Sheffield Formula Racing
The Sheffield Formula Racing team – made up of undergraduate engineering students – builds and races cars in student competitions. Thanks to a £1,000 grant, the team was able to purchase a new KTM 500cc engine to use at the Formula Student competition which took place at Silverstone race circuit in July 2016. The engine is lighter and more reliable than those used in the past and will continue to have a strong impact on the team’s performance in the future.
Thank You Sheffield Donors

In 2016 the University’s Alumni Relations team invited student clubs and societies to show their appreciation for the support of alumni and friends of the University by submitting creative ‘thank you’ photos to a Facebook competition. The response was fantastic with lots of great entries. The four finalists were the Dodgeball Club, Fencing Club, Sheffield Marrow and the Cycling Club, with dodgeball winning the £500 Alumni Foundation grant after receiving 756 votes out of a total of 2,127 cast.

In the last year over £150,000 has been awarded to University departments, allowing them to improve learning and teaching facilities and fund a range of innovative projects across the campus.

**Transforming computer science teaching**

The Department of Computer Science received £7,046 towards the purchase of 10 advanced Brain Computer Interfaces – special headsets that allow users to control computers through the power of thought alone – opening up a host of exciting possibilities that will transform computer science teaching. The innovative headsets are portable and so can also be used for outreach and open-day activities to help promote the department’s work.

**Forte piano restoration**

The Department of Music received a £2,275 grant towards the urgent restoration of the department’s forte piano. The instrument was built by the Yorkshire piano maker Lawrence & Nash and is in demand for the teaching of early music – an area in which Sheffield specialises. The department owns a collection of 40 medieval and early modern musical instruments, making up one of the largest collections in the UK.

**Talk Life**

The Counselling Service received £10,000 towards its ‘Talk Life’ initiative which provides online peer-to-peer support to improve psychological resilience. The Counselling Service is working in collaboration with the School of Health and Related Research to design, deliver and implement an online course on the subject of emotional resilience for new students at the University. The course will improve student knowledge of local services as well as increase self-understanding, help students to develop better coping strategies and provide advice on how to become more integrated with the student community to reduce feelings of isolation.

**Preserving history**

The Alfred Denny Museum, which is part of the Department of Animal and Plant Sciences, received £2,870 which has enabled it to install a range of museum-standard specimen drawers for the bird eggs and insect collections on show. These new drawers replace the old, cramped display cases that were being used and improve the storage of these fragile specimens – many of which are over 100 years old – resulting in better viewing for the 5,000 visitors that the museum attracts each year.
In recent years the cost of a University education has increased, hitting students from lower income backgrounds the hardest. That’s why, in 2016, the University aimed to raise funds for 150 scholarships to bridge the gap between these students and their peers. We are fortunate that we attract talented students from a diverse range of backgrounds and we want to ensure that as many as possible can enjoy the full Sheffield experience. Our undergraduate scholarships are worth £1,200 a year for three years and contribute towards the cost of living for students. Your response to our campaign was incredible and meant that we were able to raise over £500,000 – enough to reach our target. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause. Every single donation makes a difference to the lives of students.

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The Hedley Howe awards mean that the University can continue to work to attract the brightest students, regardless of background, to study at Sheffield and support them to get the most from their experience, enhancing their career prospects while they are here. The UK is currently suffering from an engineering skills shortage but with 1,600 more young engineers expected to start at Sheffield by 2020, the awards will make a huge difference, significantly increasing the number of scholarships in the Faculty of Engineering.

If you wish to discuss making a gift in memoriam or a gift in your Will to the University, please call David Meadows, Development Officer – Legacies, on 0114 222 1079 or email d.meadows@sheffield.ac.uk

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Reece Eblet, Aerospace Engineering student (far right)

Transforming Lives

Ensuring that the brightest students from all backgrounds can participate fully in life at Sheffield is one of our core values and a crucial component of Sheffield’s success. By awarding financial support to those who need it most, not only do we ease the burden of financial pressure on students, but knowing that our donors believe in them also encourages our students to achieve more during their time at University.

From one engineer to another

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A group of our most recent Hedley Howe Scholars.
The gift of education

When alumnus Neil MacDonald (BA Economics and Accounting 1977) heard that every pound donated towards postgraduate scholarships was matched by the University (meaning a donation of £5,000 (or £4,000 with Gift Aid for UK taxpayers) will provide a student with a scholarship of £10,000) he knew it was something that appealed to him. However, when the thought occurred that a postgraduate scholarship would make a great 60th birthday gift for his wife, Julie (BA History 1977, PhD History 2005), he knew that it was an opportunity not to be missed.

Neil and Julie met during their first semester at Sheffield and together they have gone on to have successful careers in finance and archiving, as well as two children – Robert and Rachel. More recently they have become trustees of a number of local Sheffield charities and trusts and Julie is currently the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire. In 2012, Neil became Master Cutler of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire. Neil – whose memories of his time at the University include being Sorby Hall Treasurer, the Pyjama Jump, the Rag Parade, sherry parties with Sorby Hall warden Professor Clayton, and queuing up to make phone calls home on a Sunday evening – hopes the gift will give somebody the opportunity to pursue their dream at Sheffield and says, “Education can transform lives.”

If you are interested in making a donation for a scholarship, please call Ceris Morris, Senior Development Manager, on 0114 222 4512 or email ceris.morris@sheffield.ac.uk

Postgraduate qualifications can open doors to professions such as teaching, law and medicine, and our scholarships, worth £10,000, mean that we can continue to provide talented students with the opportunity to continue their studies.

Gifts to the University can also be used to create specific prizes for students. BMus Music student Emily Compton was awarded the Eileen Sellars Composition Prize for her composition Fanfare for the New Chancellor of Sheffield University. This was premiered in Firth Hall at the official installation ceremony of our Chancellor The Rt Hon Lady Justice Rafferty DBE (LLB Law 1971, Hon LLD 2005) in November 2015. The prize was established thanks to a generous legacy gift from Eileen Sellars (BA 1943, DipEd 1944).

“...I applied for a scholarship so that I could come back to Sheffield and continue my studies as a postgraduate. The financial assistance of receiving a scholarship means I can manage on a part-time job, so I can focus on getting the most out of my research areas and my course. Scholarships can make all the difference, and I really appreciate the kind help of the Dr Julie MacDonald Scholarship.”

Joe Diviney, MA Historical Research student and Dr Julie MacDonald Scholar
A DEEP COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING REFUGEES

The University of Sheffield has a long-standing tradition of welcoming refugees as students and academics. Sir Hans Krebs (Lecturer in Pharmacology 1935-45, Professor of Biochemistry 1945-54), who in 1953 became one of Sheffield’s five Nobel laureates for his discovery of the Krebs cycle, came to Sheffield as a refugee from Nazi Germany. The legacy he left in Sheffield continues to inspire students to this day and, likewise, the University’s commitment to supporting refugees remains firm.

In 2007, Sheffield became the UK’s first ‘City of Sanctuary’ for asylum seekers and refugees. Since 2015, due to ongoing conflicts and refugee crises across Asia and Africa, the world has seen the biggest displacement of people since the Second World War. The University has a deep commitment to do its part in helping keep safe students and academics who are at risk of harm in their own countries, and, thanks to our community of fundraisers, we have been able to raise more than £54,000 towards this cause.

These funds have helped to provide scholarships for six new students who are asylum seekers from countries such as Syria, Iran and Sri Lanka and have been forced to flee their homes due to war or persecution. The fully-funded scholarships will support four undergraduate and two postgraduate students.

The funds have been raised through a series of events organised by the University. On Sunday 5 June our President & Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Keith Burnett led a walk in solidarity with refugees, inviting staff and students from the University, as well as members of the local community, to walk with him from the suburbs of Sheffield to the University.

Then, from 12-17 June two teams took part in the Big Walk 2016 – our main fundraising event to help bring refugee students and at-risk academics to Sheffield. This year’s walk saw two teams cover more than 120 miles each along the Trans Pennine Trail – one setting off from Southport on the west coast, the other from Hornsea in the east – before meeting in the middle at Tankersley, north of Sheffield, to join friends and supporters for the One Day Challenge – a further 18-mile walk back to the University together.

Professor Gill Valentine, Vice-President & Head of Faculty (Social Sciences) and leader of the Hornsea Team, said, “The Big Walk was an amazing experience – absolutely mind-blowing. Everyone found it very challenging but we worked really well as a team.

“Whenever we had blisters or injuries we kept talking about how lucky we were that we had the right equipment, beds to sleep in and homes to go back to. Refugees and asylum seekers have to make much more challenging journeys, many carrying children with them.”

Find out more about the Big Walk at shef.ac.uk/big-walk.

Turn to page 17 to find out about our ambitious plans to secure Sheffield’s position as a leading centre for health research through the Big Walk 2017.
Fetched Home

In recognition of the University’s long-standing tradition of welcoming refugees as students and academics, acclaimed artist, ceramicist and author Edmund de Waal (PG Dip Japanese 1992, Hon LittD 2013) presented the University of Sheffield with a new work of art titled ‘Fetched Home’.

The Sheffield alumnus and honorary graduate – whose father was a refugee from Vienna who fled the Nazis in 1939 – presented the University with the specially made piece. The title ‘Fetched Home’ was taken from a poem by the Romanian Jewish poet Paul Celan on the subject of homelessness and displacement.

Edmund visited the University in May 2016 to speak about the gift and discuss place and displacement in poetry and the visual arts. His illustrated public lecture drew on his own family history and his practice as an artist and writer.

Of his new piece of art, Edmund said, "I thought very hard about what I wanted to do for us here – for Sheffield – and I was thinking about ideas around people and books and migration and homecoming.

"I've been working for a really long time with the poetry of this really amazing German poet, Celan. He was an extraordinary refugee – an exile, whose family was killed in the Holocaust. He wrote in German and French but writes all the time about homecoming. So that’s what I tried to do.

"The glass is slightly opaque – it's misty – so things are present and you can see them, but you can't particularly focus on them. You can’t quite work them out. I wanted to evoke a feeling about something really important which is difficult to get hold of, but is very present.”

He believes the work that the University is doing to welcome refugees is “critical”.

“The reality is universities have always been international and have always thrived and grown by accepting scholars from all around the world – from accommodating them, cherishing them and loving them – and saying that.”

Mr de Waal is best known for his large-scale ceramic installations and his bestselling book The Hare with Amber Eyes. His latest book The White Road is a journey through the world of porcelain. His work comes out of a dialogue between minimalism, architecture and music, and is informed by his passion for literature. Much of his recent work has been concerned with ideas of collecting and collections; how objects are kept together, lost, stolen or dispersed.
AN INNOVATIVE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

When Tanzanian-born Sheffield resident Murt Merali heard about a new international development project that would help Sheffield students as well as benefit the local community in his home country, he knew it was a project that he wanted to support. Now, thanks to Murt’s generosity, the University’s new SIDshare/KEDA Alumni Field Centre has officially opened for business.
The University’s new SIDshare/KEDA Alumni Field Centre, which will help to promote sustainable environmental and social development in Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania, was opened at a launch event in September 2016 by Professor Gill Valentine, Vice-President & Head of Faculty (Social Sciences), donor Murt Merali and Moshi District Education Officer Simon Mlacha. Fifty-three people attended and the event was televised on Tanzanian Channel 10 News.

The idea for the field centre was first conceived by Dr Deborah Sporton, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography and SIDshare Director. SIDshare is a student-run social enterprise that operates as a non-governmental organisation and aims to promote engagement and partnership through knowledge exchange in the area of international development. SIDshare teamed up with Kilimanjaro Environmental Development Association (KEDA) and its sister organisation Community Economic Development Empowerment (CEDE) – grassroots organisations focused on sustainable environmental and social development in Kilimanjaro Region – to establish the field centre.

Located in the village of Njia’panda close to Himo Junction, which lies at the base of Kilimanjaro, in the Moshi rural district of Kilimanjaro Region, the field centre provides an opportunity for students to engage with the local community in collaboration with KEDA, on a range of research projects. This in turn has a very positive impact on a community that has suffered from high unemployment and poverty for many years. The field centre is also used for running IT classes and workshops for local people, hosting educational groups from within and outside of the University, providing tourism opportunities and potentially running a field class for alumni teachers in the future. And as a result of the publicity gained by September’s launch, the field centre has already generated bookings for 2017.

The initiative was made possible thanks to the support of Murt Merali, a Tanzanian living in Sheffield, who first heard about the plans when he met Dr Sporton. Mr Merali donated £10,500 towards the building project in memory of his late wife Sanita. The project also received a small contribution from the University’s Department of Geography, a £10,000 grant from the Alumni Fund and a plot of land donated by KEDA. Mr Merali has subsequently organised with other donors to upgrade the field centre’s water system, including a solar heating system and the provision of funds for local carpenters to make additional furniture for the rooms.

Murt said, “As someone who has lived and worked in Sheffield for many years, I have always had a deep respect and admiration for the work of the University – particularly its research in medicine and in international development. When I heard about the field centre project it was of great interest to me as I was born in Tanzania and still regularly visit the country. I was delighted to make a donation through the Sanita Merali Trust to help this initiative as not only will it benefit Sheffield students but it will also have a real impact in the local community in Kilimanjaro Region.”

Professor Valentine added, “We are proud to be engaging with our partners in Kilimanjaro Region to give students the chance to supplement their studies with real work in the field, benefit the local community, and help to provide a source of income to support our social enterprises for years to come.

“I am delighted that the field centre is now officially open and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has given to the Alumni Fund and particularly Mr Merali for his incredible generosity, without which this project would not have been possible.”

For more information on the field centre, please visit fieldcentre.org.uk.

Left to right: Dr Deborah Sporton, Mr Murt Merali, Professor Gill Valentine and Mr Simon Mlacha unveil the new field centre in September 2016.
The University of Sheffield, in partnership with Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, has been chosen as one of 20 National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Biomedical Research Centres.

Over £4 million of government funding has been awarded to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals in partnership with the University to pioneer medical breakthroughs in neuroscience as part of a record £816 million package of national research funding.

The University’s Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SiTraN) is focussed on translational research – turning research findings into real benefits for patients. From basic neuroscience research to novel therapies and clinical trials, SiTraN’s aim is to improve the lives of patients with neurodegenerative disorders and their families worldwide.

SiTraN was founded through philanthropy and the support it receives means that it can continue to bring together world-leading minds and use revolutionary equipment and technologies to transform patient care, combining all the key expertise under one roof working together towards a single vision.

Professor Dame Pamela Shaw, Vice-President & Head of Faculty (Medicine, Dentistry & Health) and Director of the University’s Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SiTraN), said, “We are thrilled to receive this prestigious award from the National Institute for Health Research. This will take our research effort to a new level for the benefit of patients with neurological conditions. The funding will enable us to develop exciting discoveries emerging from basic neuroscience research into experimental medicine studies aimed at developing new treatments and better outcomes for our patients.”
Sheffield Scanner

MRI-PET: the future of imaging

The award for a Biomedical Research Centre in Sheffield was a major achievement. To secure our position as a leading centre for health research our ambition is to establish an MRI-PET facility in Sheffield. This innovative technology is at the forefront of imaging research and will allow us to develop new knowledge and treatments for patients more rapidly, leading to enhanced patient care, treatment and diagnosis in the hospital for patients suffering from a wide range of serious conditions including cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, diabetes, heart and lung disease and infectious diseases.

Professor Dame Pamela Shaw explains, “MRI-PET combines the simultaneous power of whole body Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) in a single scan to produce some of the most highly detailed pictures of the inside of the body currently available. The new MRI-PET facility in Sheffield represents the next leap forward in medical and imaging research and will have a crucial research and clinical role in many areas of medicine.”

The MRI-PET facility will be located at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital on the central University campus, ideally located for both direct clinical use and research programmes across priority disease areas. The facility will include the MRI-PET scanner as well as a Cyclotron and associated laboratories to produce the targeted tracers for PET. A team of specialist staff are required to operate the centre including radiochemists and technicians.

We need your support

The University of Sheffield is committed to bringing MRI-PET to Sheffield for the benefit of patients in Sheffield, across the UK and beyond. To make this vision a reality we are launching a major fundraising campaign and we need your support. To find out more about how you can help please visit: shef.ac.uk/alumni/sheffieldscanner

For more information please call Emma Davey on 0114 222 4518 or email e.davey@sheffield.ac.uk

The Big Walk 2017

In 2017 the Big Walk returns for the fourth year, this time supporting the Sheffield Scanner cause which aims to put Sheffield at the forefront of imaging technology. Staff, students, alumni and supporters of the University will walk up to 50 miles in 24 hours, starting at the University on 30th June and heading out into the Peak District before returning to campus the following day. The walk will follow a figure of eight route, with participants able to finish at any point, and a hot meal will be provided at halfway.

If you are interested in getting involved in The Big Walk, contact David Meadows at d.meadows@sheffield.ac.uk

Ground-breaking research needs ground-breaking facilities and that is where people like us can make a difference. The campaign for an MRI-PET facility in Sheffield is about investing in the forefront of imaging technology to provide insights into human health and disease that have never been possible before. I’m proud to support a project that will transform the way we treat major diseases in the future and save more lives.

Stephen Sly (LLB 1984), Partner and Co-Global Chair of Litigation & Regulatory, DLA Piper
Annie Bindon Carter was one of Sheffield’s great philanthropic entrepreneurs. During the First World War she volunteered at Wharncliffe War Hospital in Middlewood where she taught recovering patients, including many who had returned with limbs missing, to stencil as a pastime. She found that by attaching a paintbrush to the stump of an arm, she could employ them to decorate fabrics. And so in 1923 Painted Fabrics Ltd was born. The business was a huge success and transformed the lives of injured ex-servicemen by rebuilding their self-esteem and offering them paid employment.

Annie also aided the intellectual development of the students at our University by donating the sum of £1,000 to the Library in 1961, specifically for the purchase of beautiful artists’ books to inspire and engage interest outside of the curriculum.

She was awarded an MBE in 1926 in recognition of her work for disabled servicemen. In 1958 she was awarded an OBE and the following year she received an honorary degree from the University. Princess Mary, The Princess Royal and Countess of Harewood, was a notable supporter, helping to sell the painted fabrics at Claridges.

Annie’s incredible contribution to the city and the University was celebrated as part of Sheffield’s ‘Year of Making 2016’ activities – which celebrated the creative heritage of Sheffield – through an exhibition which ran from April to September 2016 at the Western Bank Library Exhibition Gallery, the refurbishment of which was funded with philanthropic donations.

The exhibition, ‘Business and Benefaction: the colourful life of Sheffield artist Annie Bindon Carter’, was curated by Jacky Hodgson and her team from the University’s Special Collections Department, in partnership with staff from Sheffield Archives, Museums Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University Library. On display were costumes, fabrics and designs from the company which were loaned to the University by Sheffield Archives and Museums Sheffield, alongside examples of the private press books bought for the University Library from her donation.

In September, the University’s Alumni Relations team invited local Sheffield alumni to a drinks reception showcasing the exhibition and providing an opportunity for them to mix with other alumni living in the Sheffield area. Attendees enjoyed a tour of the exhibition and heard from Claire Rundström, Head of Alumni Relations at the University of Sheffield, Anne Horn, Director of Library Services and University Librarian, and Jacky Hodgson, Head of Special Collections, who said, “We will always remember the great kindness shown by Annie Bindon Carter not only in helping injured servicemen but also through her encouragement of students here at the University.

“We hope that the exhibition has helped to rekindle the excitement and enthusiasm for making which she put to such good use during her life.”