

## THE GREAT HALL PORTRAIT COLLECTION

Step into the grandeur of the Great Hall, where a curated selection from the University's extensive Portrait Collection is displayed. This impressive array features highly distinguished sitters painted by artists of international acclaim. Among the illustrious subjects are former Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors, as well as notable figures connected to the University, including the esteemed poet Seamus Heaney, pioneering nephrologist Professor Mollie McGeown, cardiologist and inventor of the portable defibrillator Professor Frank Pantridge, and former President of Ireland Mary McAleese. Each portrait not only captures the essence of these remarkable individuals, but also reflects the rich history and legacy of Queen's University Belfast.

Designed by Sir Charles Lanyon in the tradition of the medieval Great Halls of England and the renowned Oxbridge colleges, the Great Hall is a tribute to timeless architecture. Though Lanyon's original grand vision was curtailed by budget constraints, the restoration by Consarc Design in 2000 referred directly to his original designs, earning the space a RIBA award. This restoration transformed the Great Hall into an impressive and versatile venue, now at the heart of University life, hosting everything from performances and conferences to wedding receptions and special events. A highlight is the beautifully restored organ, originally from Christchurch where Lanyon and his wife worshipped, brought back to its former glory through support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

For many years, the only portrait of a woman to hang in the Great Hall was that of Queen Victoria by Sir George Hayter. The Queen's Gender Initiative, however, has taken bold steps to redress this imbalance, actively commissioning portraits of influential women associated with the University. The first of these, unveiled in 2002, was of Professor Mary (Mollie) McGeown, one of the University's most distinguished medical graduates who was named as one of the fifty women who had contributed most to the success of the NHS. More recent additions include Professor Carol McGuinness by Jennifer Trouton (2021) and Her Excellency Dr Raja Al Gurg by Catherine Creaney (2024), with the University continuing to commission portraits of remarkable women who have contributed to the legacy of Queen's.

### NORTH WALL

Numbered by column, left to right

- Sir Robert Hart** (1835 – 1991), Inspector General of China's Imperial Maritime Custom Service and Pro-Chancellor, by Frank McKelvey, 1943  
**Baroness May Blood MBE** (1938 – 2022), Community campaigner, member of the House of Lords, member of Queen's Senate, by Nicola Russell, 2007
- President Mary McAleese** (b.1951), First female Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of Law; President of the Republic of Ireland (1997 – 2011), by Carol Graham, 2003~  
**William David Trimble**, Baron Trimble, PC (1944 – 2022), Politician and First Minister of Northern Ireland (1998 – 2002), by Colin Davidson, 2022
- Seamus Heaney** (1939 – 2013), Poet, Nobel Prize-winner, Queen's graduate, and lecturer, by Tai Shan Schierenberg, 2004
- The Murder of St Peter the Martyr after Titian** by James Atkins, c.1825  
**Rev Thomas Hamilton** (1842 – 1925), Third President and First Vice-Chancellor (1889 – 1923) Bronze Plaque by Rosamund Praeger, 1907
- Sir John Lavery** (1856 – 1941), Artist and honorary graduate, Self-portrait, 1935  
**Queen Victoria** (1818 – 1901), Founder of Queen's College, by Sir George Hayter, 1838

- 6 **Professor Mary (Mollie) G. McGeown** (1923 – 2005), Nephrologist and physician, by Laurence Coulter, 2002

#### WEST WALL

Numbered by column, left to right

- 1 **Professor Patrick Johnston** (1958 – 2017), Twelfth Vice-Chancellor (2014 – 2017), Physicist and renowned in cancer research, by Gareth Reid, 2019  
**Dr Thomas J. Moran** (1952 – 2018), Chancellor (2015 – 18) and Chairman Emeritus of Mutual of America, by Colin Davidson, 2019
- 2 **Sir Peter Gregson** (b. 1957), Eleventh Vice-Chancellor (2004 – 13) and engineer by Colin Davidson, 2013  
**Kamalesh Sharma** (b.1941), Chancellor (2009 – 14) and Fifth Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations (2008 – 16), by Ian Cumberland, 2015
- 3 **Sir George Bain** (b.1939), Tenth Vice-Chancellor (1998 – 2003), by John Keane, 2003  
**Senator George Mitchell** (b.1933), United States Senator and Chancellor (1999 – 2009), by James Hanley, 2012
- 4 **Sir Peter Froggatt** (b.1928) Eighth Vice-Chancellor (1976 – 86) and epidemiologist by Michael Noakes, 1986  
**Sir Gordon Beveridge** (1933-1999), Ninth Vice-Chancellor (1986 – 98) and chemical engineer, by Raymond Piper, 1995

#### WEST WALL WINDOWS

Busts numbered left to right

- 1 **James Johnston Shaw** (1845 – 1919), Court Judge and recorder of Belfast, Pro-Chancellor and educationalist, by Albert Power, 1913
- 2 **Professor John Hull Grundy** (1907 – 1984), Artist and medical entomologist, by Mark Batten, 1958
- 3 **Robert Wilson Lynd** (1879 – 1949), Irish writer, editor of poetry, urbane literary essayist, socialist, and Irish nationalist), by Kathleen Young, 1929
- 4 **Seamus Heaney** (1939 – 2013), Poet, Nobel Prize-winner, Queen's graduate, and lecturer by Carolyn Mulholland, 1968

#### EAST WALL

Numbered by column, left to right

- 1 **Professor Rev George Hill** (1810 – 1900), first Librarian at Queen's, historian, and poet by Harry Douglas, 1896  
**Lord Ashby of Brandon** (1904-92), Fifth Vice-Chancellor (1950-59), Chancellor (1970-83) and botanist, by Ruskin Spear, 1960
- 2 **Sir John Newell Jordan** (1852 – 1925), Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peking, and Privy Councillor, by Frank McKelvey, c.1946  
**Professor Margaret Mullett OBE**, Professor of Byzantine History and former Director of the Queen's Gender Initiative, by Stephen Johnston, 2016
- 3 **Baroness Arlene Foster of Aghadrumsee, DBE, PC** (b.1970), Queen's University Belfast graduate, politician, broadcaster, and First Minister of Northern Ireland (2016 – 17, 2020 – 21), by Kathryn Warden, 2024  
**Field Marshal the Viscount Alanbrooke** (1883 – 1963), Third Chancellor (1949 – 63), by Patrick Phillips, 1957

- 4 **Professor Estyn Evans** (1905 – 1989), Geographer, archaeologist, and founder Professor of Irish Studies, by Raymond Piper, date unknown  
**D. B. McNeill** (1911 – 2010), Physicist, businessman, writer, and local historian, by Raymond Piper, 1990  
**Professor Karl George Emeleus** (1901 – 89), Physicist, by Tom Carr, c.1965
- 5 **Sir Samuel Dill** (1844 – 1924), Professor of Greek, Classical scholar and academic, by Frank McKelvey, 1944  
**Professor Carol McGuinness** (b.1947), Emeritus Professor, School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, by Jennifer Trouton (2021)
- 6 **Garden of Remembrance (Queen Elizabeth II and President Mary McAleese)**, by Michelle Rogers, 2013  
**Professor Elizabeth Meehan** (1947 – 2018), Political scientist and Founding Director of the Institute of Governance, by John Kindness, 2008
- 7 **Richard (Dickie) Henry Hunter** (1885 – 1970), Anatomist, embryologist, Secretary of the University, and circus impresario, by Sir James Gunn, 1942  
**Sir John Byers** (1953-1920), Gynaecologist and paediatrician, by Henrietta Rae, c.1904
- 8 **John Renshaw** (1877 – 1955), Educator, member of Senate, and MP for Queen's by Alfred Baker, c.1918  
**Sir Ian Fraser** (1901 – 1999), Surgeon and medical pioneer, by Carol Graham, 1994
- 9 **Professor Edna Longley** (b 1940), Literary critic and cultural commentator, by Jeffrey Morgan, 2011  
**Sir Richard Winn Livingstone** (1880 – 1960), Second Vice-Chancellor (1924-33) and classicist by Phillip de Laszlo, 1934
- 10 **Professor John Purser** (1835 – 1903), Mathematician and Registrar, by Sarah Purser, 1890  
**Professor Ruth Lynden-Bell** (b. 1937), Chemist, lecturer and Fellow of the Royal Society, by Jennifer Trouton, 2016
- 11 **Professor Sir Douglas Lloyd Savory** (1878 – 1969), politician and Professor of French and Romance Philology, by Robert Taylor Carson, date unknown  
**Sir Frederick Wolff Ogilvie** (1893 – 1949), Third Vice-Chancellor (1935 – 38) and political economist, by W Gordon, c.1945
- 12 **Sir Joseph Larmour** (1857 – 1942), Mathematician and physicist, by Frank McKelvey, 1945  
**Her Excellency Dr. Raja Al Gurg** (b.1947), Emirati businesswoman, chairperson and managing director of the Easa Saleh Al Gurg Group, by Catherine Creaney (2024)
- 13 **Professor Samuel James MacMullan** (1842 – 1900), Professor of History and English, by Henry Marriott Paget, 1901 – 02  
**Cardinal Daly** (1917 – 2009), Irish Philosopher, Theologian, writer, international speaker and Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church, by David Hone, date unknown  
**Professor Charles MacDouall** (1813 – 1883), Founding Professor of Latin (1849 – 50) and Professor of Greek (1850 – 78), by Richard Hooke, 1879
- 14 **Professor James Francis (Frank) Pantridge** (1916 – 2004), Physician, cardiologist, and inventor of the portable defibrillator, by Martin Wedge, 2009  
**Professor Dame Ingrid Allen** (1932 – 2020), Neuropathologist, by Tom Hallifax, 2007
- 15 **Professor Thomas Andrews** (1813 – 85), Vice-President and Founder Professor of Chemistry, by Richard Hooke, 1880  
**Professor Robert James Johnstone** (1872 – 1938), Obstetrician and gynaecologist, by Frank McKelvey, c.1945

16     **Professor William Blair Morton** (1868 – 1949), Physicist and member of Senate,  
by Frank McKelvey, 1945  
   **Sir David Lindsay Keir** (1895-1973), Fourth Vice-Chancellor (1939-49) and historian,  
by HM Carr, 196

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