



MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Donor Update 2022-23



Recently I had the pleasure of hosting a special garden party on campus where I was delighted to meet so many of you. It is important that we have opportunities to celebrate all that you help us to achieve. We are proud of our diverse community of donors, volunteers and legacy pledgers, and the tremendous difference you all make.

THANK YOU

Our supporter community helps make the University of Liverpool the special place that it is, and we wouldn't be where we are today without your support, so on behalf of the entire University community, thank you.

The support you offer reaches far and wide. Your support of students, through scholarships and enrichment activities doesn't just end at graduation, it's something the students carry with them into bright futures. You are raising aspirations in the community by supporting IntoUniversity, which creates life-changing educational opportunities for local children in the Merseyside region.

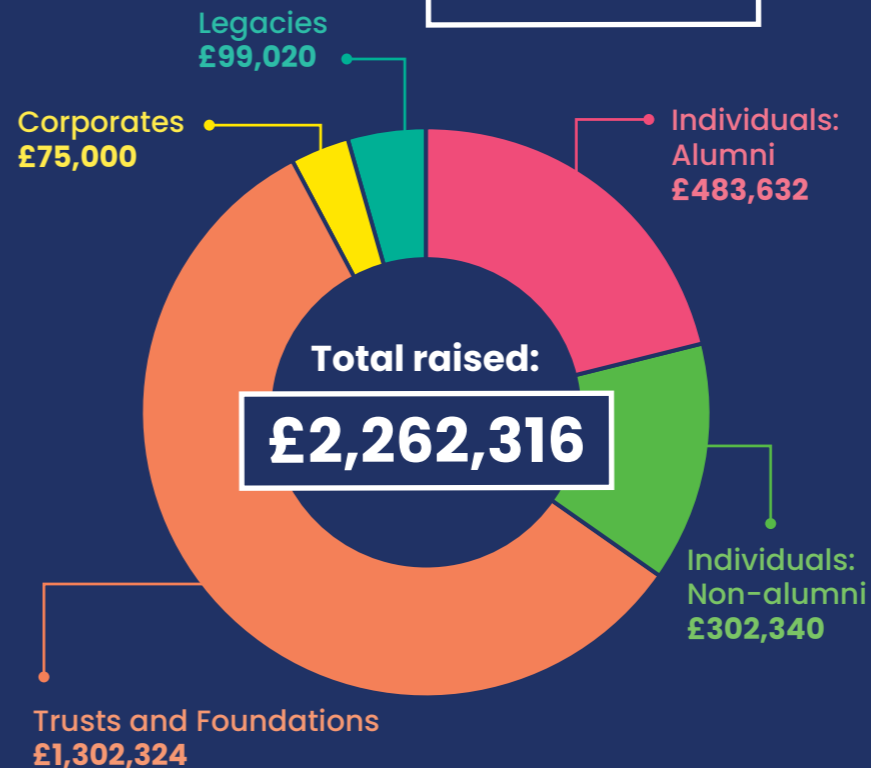
You are helping us to create global change by funding research. Our Pandemic Institute, which was launched two years ago following a transformative donation, is seeking to create a step-change in how the world prepares for, responds to, and recovers from pandemic threats with your help.

While it's important to reflect on what we have already achieved, I look forward to seeing the difference we can make in the future. Together, we are changing lives, the city and the world.

Thank you.
PROFESSOR TIM JONES
VICE-CHANCELLOR

YOUR IMPACT

2022-23



Number of donors:

1,236



New donors:

249

Our 864



Annual Fund donors raised:
£210,046



Number of volunteers:

1,999



Volunteer instances:

3,182

TRANSFORMING LIVES:

STUDENT FUND

Whatever shape your support takes – it has one thing in common: the power to change our students' lives. For the rest of their lives.

Whether it's helping with hardship funding and scholarships, providing much-needed equipment or funding educational tours and real-world experiences, every donation is a powerful show of support: a belief in the potential of our young people.

This year, you supported 680 students by providing hardship funding, scholarships as well as supporting 24 student and staff-led projects across a wide range of initiatives. From enabling the Liverpool choir to attend an international tour, to purchasing kits and equipment to help student clubs and societies, your kindness is leaving a lasting impact.



YOUR SUPPORT



If it wasn't for the fund I would have had to work every hour available outside of doing a full-time placement and undertaking the intense studying needed to make it through medical school. You provided a lifeline, which meant I was able to focus on studying and pass my exams. This summer I graduated as a doctor and will be working in the NHS; something that might not have happened without the fund. Thank you so much for your generosity. You've prevented my financial hardship stopping me achieving my dream."

Jake, FORMER HARDSHIP FUND RECIPIENT AND MEDICAL GRADUATE

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"This funding has come at the perfect time for us," says Anna, Neston Vet Yoga President. "The cost-of-living crisis has hindered so many people from participating in activities that they enjoy. Thanks to your help we will now be able to provide the best quality yoga classes to vet students in their clinical years, regardless of their ability to purchase equipment."

It's a sentiment echoed by Daniel, the Skydive Society Treasurer: "Your help has transformed our society and has allowed us to provide all essential equipment to our members. We are now able to provide equipment to our students, relieve the financial burden and encourage progression in the sport."

Singing and choral experience was an area that particularly suffered during the pandemic, Louise Ellinson, Choral Director for Liverpool Chamber Choir and Upper Voices Choir tells us.

"Many of our students missed out on performance experience. Your contribution will allow the choir to sing in some of Europe's most beautiful venues to international audiences, building their confidence, performance and presentation skills. Thank you"

Quite simply, your support plays a vital role in shaping the lives and futures of our students. Thank you, indeed!

SCHOLARSHIPS:

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING



Rudo Chawasarira Undergraduate scholarship recipient, 2015-18

THANK YOU

The support you provide scholarship students doesn't just end at graduation. Here, scholars past and present reflect on the impact of receiving a scholarship.

"Life after graduation has been a period of significant transition and growth. After completing my studies, I embarked on the journey of finding employment in my field of study in Aerospace and Aviation. While it may come with challenges, this phase of life has offered valuable opportunities for personal and professional development. I'm now working at Easyjet in Impact and Safety and it is all I could

have hoped for. It is an environment that hones talent and allows you to gain invaluable skills from industry experts.

Receiving the scholarship meant a great deal to me, as it provided financial support and recognition for my achievements, opened doors to educational opportunities and reduced the burden of expenses.

It is my wish that I can one day become a donor and make a difference to a student who was in the same position as me.

I would like to say thank you for your generosity and for investing in the future of individuals like myself. Your contribution is making a significant impact on the lives of students, providing them with the means to pursue their education, achieve their goals, and make a positive difference in the world. Your support is truly invaluable and greatly appreciated."

RUDO CHAWASARIRA
UNDERGRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Thanks to the support of our donors the University of Liverpool is pleased to offer tuition fee and maintenance support for undergraduate students who have sought protection in the UK, so they can succeed in higher education. The scholarships, supported by the Student Fund, cover the cost of tuition and provide support towards the costs of study.

"As a migrant, navigating the educational process was difficult, and I thought studying at a university level was an impossible accomplishment. However, it was through your generosity and support that my aspirations have been realised.

I can say that I officially graduated from the University of Liverpool with a First-Class Honours Degree in LLB Law with Politics. I will forever be indebted to this scholarship and anyone who participated in this generosity. Thank you so much!"

ANON, REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS
BURSARY RECIPIENT, 2019-20

To find out more about Scholarships please see:

liverpool.ac.uk/giving/student-lives/undergraduate-scholarships



The Law Humanitarian Scholarship is open to support people living outside the UK who have recognised status as refugees or are under humanitarian protection as per the 1951 Refugee Convention.

"I am pleased to say that this scholarship has changed my life tremendously. Being from a country like Afghanistan, where it is hard to get a quality education with most of the educational centres recently closed, I can only imagine how lucky and grateful I am to study at the University of Liverpool. The humanitarian scholarship has been a transformative force in my life, providing me with opportunities that would have otherwise been out of reach.

As a recipient of this scholarship, I have been able to pursue my passion for making a positive impact in the world and, through my knowledge, contribute to the betterment of society. Thank you."

ANON, HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Maureen Jones

MAKING BRILLIANT THINGS HAPPEN

LEGACY SUPPORTERS

Celebrating the amazing contribution of our legacy supporters.

Since our foundation in 1881, legacy gifts have played a vital part in the University of Liverpool's history. Our legacy community has enhanced campus, funded student scholarships, prizes and bursaries, and supported research projects and campaigns.

And it's thanks to supporters like Maureen Jones that makes all of this possible.

Since her graduation in 1951, alumna Maureen has enjoyed a lifelong affiliation with the University, and is a valued member of our 1881 legacy supporter community.

During her working life Maureen (BA 1951, Diploma in Education 1952), served on several university committees, and most importantly for her, many years on the Standing Committee of Convocation: *"I was Clerk for eight years, and then Chairman for three, it was an honour to be appointed Chairman,"* Maureen says.

In 1984, Maureen was invited to join the board of the newly formed, 'Friends of the University' where she helped raise funds for Liverpool students.

"When we started the Friends in 1984, there was a great surge of enthusiasm for the University," Maureen recalls. *"Our focus was on the difficulties facing us at the time. Every edition of our newsletter contained a request for bequests."*

Since then, Maureen has attended and processed many graduation ceremonies, enjoyed hundreds of University events and has forged many lasting friendships.

A member of the University of Liverpool's Women's Club, Maureen meets regularly with her friends for a catch up, to reminisce about Liverpool over a cup of coffee.

Maureen says: *"It seemed the natural thing to give something back."*

If you've been inspired to leave a gift in your Will to the University, please get in touch:

CAROLYN JONES, LEGACY OFFICER,
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CELEBRATING OUR INSPIRING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the lifeblood that keep our University thriving, our students' lives enriched and our wider communities connected.

Whether they're speaking at open days, mentoring students or helping with writing career profiles, volunteers share their time and expertise in so many valuable ways.

They also help to keep our alumni community up to date with the exciting developments happening here by hosting reunion events. Because, as we passionately believe, University life doesn't end with graduation.

Nicola Harris (LLB Hons 2004) has been giving her time to support the Liverpool Law Clinic at the University,

University life is a family thing. Our volunteers are at the heart of it.

which provides pro bono legal services in a variety of areas.

Nicola's a passionate advocate in promoting access to justice. For her, our newly established Law Clinic helps students to learn about the types of legal problems members of the public face on a daily basis.

"I recently mentored a single mother who'd left her daughter in her home country to pursue her studies," Nicola recalls. "She was such a warm, friendly and enthusiastic person, who just wanted to better her life for the sake of her daughter."

As Nicola says, the student had made many sacrifices to enable her to study with us. *"She was a very special young woman," Nicola recalls. "It was a privilege to help even in a small way on her journey to become a lawyer."*



Attendees at recent University of Liverpool Management School 20th anniversary event

Robin Hargreaves, (BVSc 1985), has been giving his time as Chair of the Committee of the University of Liverpool Veterinary Alumni Association for the past six years. This is his last year.



"Being Chair has been a pleasure," Robin says. "With such an enthusiastic and good-humoured committee, it's both enjoyable and fascinating."

Robin also represented the Association at Vet School and University events. *"A highlight every year is to introduce an esteemed graduate to present the Barrie Edwards Memorial Lecture, where we can remind alumni of the influence that University of Liverpool alumni have in the world, both in animal welfare and beyond,"* Robin explains.

"I loved my time at the University of Liverpool. Working with the Association is a constant reminder that we share a common thread, and through volunteering we help to keep it intact."

The Alumni Team would like to thank Robin and Nicola.

Would you like to find out more about volunteering opportunities?

Visit: alumni.liv.ac.uk/volunteer and email: alumni@liverpool.ac.uk



MOVING FORWARD

FUTURE GOALS



The first IntoUniversity centre in Anfield made such a positive difference to young people over the last five years, so I was very pleased to support a second Centre in the Liverpool City Region. I know how lives can be transformed through education and the opportunities and inspiration that it can bring."

KIRSTEN SUENSON-TAYLOR, DONOR

Thanks to your generous support, and the commitment of our partners; Liverpool Football Club Foundation, Everton in the Community, the Steve Morgan Foundation and IntoUniversity, we've almost reached the £3 million target set for the Future Goals campaign.

The money will allow us to fund the existing learning centre in Anfield for five more years, and open a new IntoUniversity learning centre in Kirkby in Autumn this year.

"We're very happy to support the campaign to expand IntoUniversity," says Sue Fell, one of the campaign's donors. "This will help children who need it most."

As Sue says, if young people are given the chance to flourish, Merseyside flourishes too.

"My husband and I were brought up and educated on Merseyside," Sue says.

"So we're keen to see every young person here given more opportunities and choices."

 **£3M**
ALMOST REACHED



I had previously sponsored some Liverpool students who had received a university offer but could not afford the fees, but when I understood that organisations like IntoUniversity can help young people from age 11 upwards get an offer in the first place it became clear that this was a significant initiative. I'm proud to be able to help such a worthy cause."

DR NICK EARLE,
BSC (HONS) COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE 1979,
HON DSC 1999

We would like to thank all our donors whose generous donations have helped us towards achieving the target. To find out more about the project visit:

liverpool.ac.uk/future-goals



SUPPORTING EMERGING TALENT: UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL MATHS SCHOOL

Giving every student the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Liverpool-born entrepreneur Dr Steve Garnett is passionate about helping young people develop their talents to the full. So, when he learned about the University's plans to open a specialised Maths School, he was delighted to offer his support.

The school is the only one of its kind in the North West. It aims to attract bright and ambitious sixth-form students keen to focus their studies in Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science and Physics.

"We're delighted to support these talented, determined and resilient young people," Steve – whose family has made several generous donations to the school – says.

"Many of the students have challenges similar to those I faced," Steve adds. *"We're incredibly fortunate to have such a school in Liverpool."*



Dr Steve Garnett with his wife Linda Garnett (centre) and Damian Haigh, Headteacher, plus three Maths School students.

Founded by and drawing upon the expertise of the University of Liverpool, the school offers students the opportunity to take their studies to the next level. It's thanks to donors such as Steve they'll have every opportunity to excel.

There are, says Headteacher Damian Haigh, many students dealing with significant barriers due to adversity: barriers that ultimately could prevent them from realising their educational potential.

"We can now guarantee that every student has the ICT equipment they need, that every student is able to go on visits around the UK and abroad, and that they have everything they need to live a full, rewarding and enriching student life."

None of this, Damian says, would be possible without the generous donations from people like Steve and Linda Garnett.

"It's made a huge difference to the support we are able to provide for our students," Damian says.



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DAMIAN HAIGH, HEADTEACHER.

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF MUSIC

Why the new Tung Auditorium is hitting all the right notes.

It's no secret that Liverpool is a city that loves music. So it was especially thrilling to celebrate the first anniversary of the impressive Tung Auditorium, in our new Yoko Ono Lennon Centre earlier this year.

Soundtracked by a concert of re-interpreted Beatles classics, the event featured Communards collaborator Sarah Jane Morris accompanied by the Solis String Quartet.

It's thanks to your incredible support that we were able to raise £3 million to give the city this much-needed new venue, showcasing the best established and emerging musical talent from around the world.

In just 12 months, the Tung has welcomed orchestral performances, jazz, folk, experimental music and even Eurovision stars!

Partner organisations include Liverpool Philharmonic, Allerton Brass, Milap, and the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra.

"During the Tung's first year, it established itself as an important asset both for the University and for the Liverpool City Region," say Campaign Ambassadors Nick Riddle and Robin Bloxside (BA Hons Geography 1969).

"Supporting its development has been enormously gratifying to us. We're sure it will be equally gratifying to future supporters who'll enjoy performances here."



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NICK RIDDLE & ROBIN BLOXSIDGE,
CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS.

With your help, The Tung Auditorium has also transformed the University's performance space for music students and societies

"Playing in a concert hall helps me gain courage when performing, being a stepping stone into a performance career," says music student Soraya.

"The Tung Auditorium has helped elevate our performances to a professional standard and has given us the opportunity for our members to perform in a world-class venue," added Josh of the Liverpool University Music Society (LUMS).

You can continue to contribute to the success of the Tung by supporting our fundraising for additional equipment at:

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Sarah Jane Morris



Photo: Mark McNulty

A NATURAL PARTNERSHIP

A 64 acre jewel in rural Cheshire, Ness Botanic Gardens is the green and flourishing heart of the University of Liverpool estate.

This year, the gardens celebrate their 125th anniversary. Their continued growth is thanks to donors like you who have supported this beautiful spot on the banks of the River Dee since its foundation.

Ness' founder Arthur Bulley, was one of the 20th century's greatest plant collectors and sponsors - commissioning botanists from around the globe to bring specimens back to his nurseries. Quite simply, with his passion - and vision - Bulley transformed British gardening.

After his death in 1942, his daughter, Agnes Lois Bulley, gifted her father's cherished gardens to the University of Liverpool and, ultimately, to the people of the city. It was an incredible act of faith and generosity. And it was one we were more than thrilled to accept.



Agnes Lois wished to ensure the gardens remained a cherished space for the public to enjoy, just as her father envisaged. It's an agreement we are proud to honour to this day.

For over 100 years, Ness has been cared for by its staff, volunteers, and supporters. Together we are committed to conservation with sustainability at its core. We are developing research and education programmes, and encouraging our communities to enjoy our wonderful green space.

This year also marks 75 years since we became custodian of what was affectionately known as 'Bulley's Garden'.

To mark the occasion, celebrations will include guided walks and an Anniversary Flower show.

More details can be found on our website:
liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens/whats-on



Two new commemorative books have recently been installed in the visitors' centre. These books will hold the names of those who have lovingly been remembered in the gardens and kind patrons who have supported the gardens through a gift in their Will.

You can continue to support Ness Botanical Gardens here:

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HEAD AND NECK CANCER RESEARCH – A DECADE OF PROGRESS

How your funding translates to front line care, and groundbreaking developments in cancer research.

Ten years ago, thanks to a generous donation from The Johnson Foundation, the University of Liverpool was able to fund a new initiative in cancer research, equipping a new laboratory for translational research and tissue banking in head and neck oncology at Aintree University Hospital, now part of Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Liverpool Head and Neck Centre was launched with local NHS partners in 2018 and the Centre is the largest collaboration in the UK for research and treatment of patients with disease of the head and neck.

There are currently 19 major trials being run from the Centre, involving more than 1,650 patients. Centre researchers have secured £30m in research grants, published 600 peer-

reviewed papers, and were first in the UK to trial a head and neck cancer vaccine in 2022.

Professor Richard Shaw, Professor of Head & Neck Surgery, said, *“This donation allowed us to deliver clinical trials and laboratory research, fundamentally improving the outcomes not only for cancer patients in Liverpool but also influencing care further afield. In particular the funding was an important step to the formation of Liverpool Head & Neck Centre in 2018.”*

“The funding provided by The Johnson Foundation has underpinned many of the successes we have gone on to achieve since. We will remain eternally grateful to the Foundation for providing such an important springboard,” said Professor Terry Jones, Director of Liverpool Head and Neck Centre.



600

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS



It was a personal connection to someone with this devastating disease that introduced us to Aintree and the University’s pioneering work back in 2013, and it is amazing to see the wider impact of a gift a decade on. It is very heartening to know that we have been able to support this expansion of research to help people with Head and Neck Cancer, which is such a major healthcare problem in the Liverpool City Region and beyond.”

KATE EUGENI, CHAIR OF THE JOHNSON FOUNDATION



FIRST EVER

IN THE UK TO TRIAL A HEAD AND NECK CANCER VACCINE IN 2022

PREPARING THE WORLD:

THE PANDEMIC INSTITUTE



Since the launch of The Pandemic Institute two years ago, which was founded following a transformative donation by Innova Medical Group, the Institute has focused on providing capability across three areas of connected work fundamental to controlling emerging threats. The Institute, which draws on a unique partnership between Liverpool's universities, NHS trusts and local government, is seeking to create a step-change in how the world prepares for, responds to, and recovers from pandemic threats, building on decades of research on emerging infections, as well as the city's pioneering work during COVID-19.

TO PREPARE:

The Pandemic Institute is identifying pathogens of pandemic potential before they spill-over to humans, which will help countries build their capacity for future threats. Lord Leverhulme's Charitable Trust is supporting two PhD studentships at The Pandemic Institute. Trustee Anthony Hannay said: "This is a really important area of research which may yet be critical to the future of humanity, and we are very pleased to be able to support outstanding institutions in delivering this work."

TO RESPOND:

The Pandemic Institute will be investing in facilities and research to accelerate the development of diagnostics, medicines and vaccines. Part of the founding donation has been matched by Research England to set up a 12-bed isolation in-patient human challenge facility at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in their Accelerator Building. This is a faster, more cost-effective way of assessing the efficacy and safety of new vaccines and therapeutics.

TO RECOVER:

In support of The Pandemic Institute's work to improve understanding of how we recover from, and build resilience to, future threats, leading UK insurer Aviva has donated £225k to support eight research projects to assess the longer-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on UK and global health. Projects include forecasting models for COVID-19 bed occupancy and admissions for individual NHS Trusts, and long-term impacts and implications of the pandemic on care for dementia.



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Part of Aviva's Sustainability Ambition is to make 10 million people more resilient by 2025, as part of this we're committed to help build health and wellbeing resilience by investing in the big challenges our customers and communities face. Funding research into how we can build stronger communities is so important. We are delighted to be able support The Pandemic Institute and look forward to the outcomes of this work."

DAVID SCHOFIELD,
GROUP SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR AT AVIVA

We would like to thank all donors for their generous support. If you would like to support the work of The Pandemic Institute, you can donate at:

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“The scholarship has opened a door and the prospect of a brighter future and will play a key role in shaping me into a successful person in future. Donors like you make life brighter for us. I cannot express my gratitude enough, and I want you to know that your generous support will see me achieve my dreams.”

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