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SUPPORTING STUDY & HERITAGE First Visiting Professor for Foundation

The London trustees of the NZ-UK Link Foundation, in collaboration with the University of London, are very pleased to announce that, following an open competition, the first Link Visiting Professorship to the UK has been awarded to Professor Margaret Wilson, Professor of Law and Public Policy at Waikato University.

Professor Wilson has had a distinguished career as an academic and also in public life being an MP, Minister and - from 2005-2008 - Speaker of the NZ Parliament.

The Visiting Professorship, lasting three months, will begin in October 2010.

In addition to carrying out research and engaging with staff and students at the School of Advanced Study at the University of London and elsewhere, Professor Wilson will give at least four public presentations or lectures in areas in which she is

considered as an expert both as an academic and as a practitioner. These will include electoral systems, taking into account NZ's experience with MMP (a form of proportional representation), the role of the relatively new Supreme Courts in both countries and the role of human rights institutions and their relationship with Parliament. Details of these events will be announced in due course.

The School of Advanced Study at the University of London is the UK's national centre for the facilitation and promotion of research in the humanities and social sciences. The School brings together the specialised scholarship and resources of ten prestigious research institutes to offer academic opportunities, facilities and stimulation across a wide range of subject areas for the benefit of the national and international scholarly community.



Professor Margaret Wilson.

The member institutes of the School are the Institutes of Advanced Legal Studies, Classical Studies, Commonwealth Studies, English Studies, Germanic & Romance Studies, Historical Research, Musical Research, Philosophy, Study of the Americas, and the Warburg Institute. www.sas.ac.uk.

Eighth Clark Collection/Creative NZ Scholar

Justine Olsen has been named as the latest Clark Collection/Creative NZ Scholar. Making the announcement at the NZ Link Friends' annual meeting in Wellington in March, British High Commissioner His Excellency George Fergusson said that the Scholarship supports the sharing of cultural links and expertise between the two countries.

Justine is curator, decorative art (contemporary) at Te Papa museum in Wellington, where she is responsible for collection and exhibition development in her field. Her previous positions include decorative arts curator at Auckland Museum, researcher for NZ Historic Places Trust and art advisor for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

She is excited at the opportunities the Scholarship will provide to develop greater knowledge of decorative arts collections in museums and historic buildings in Britain, and to examine new ways of interpreting and promoting decorative arts collections.

"I am particularly looking forward to deepening my understanding of the complexities of the buildings, interiors and their social contexts and their implications for interpretation to the public. I want to develop ideas beyond those that I have already considered. For example, thinking about new strategies for presenting Te Papa's decorative arts collections on the internet," she says.

With the support of Scholarship benefactor Errol Clark, Creative New Zealand, British Airways, the NZ-UK Link Foundation and Museums Aotearoa, this Scholarship has advanced the body of expertise on the decorative arts and built heritage in NZ. Now in its eighth year, previous Scholars are building on their Attingham experience and making significant contributions in their fields.

2009 Scholar reports page three.



Justine (centre) pictured with Scholarship benefactor Errol Clark and outgoing British High Commissioner HE George Fergusson after the announcement at the NZ Friends of the Link annual meeting at Homewood in March.

SUPPORTING FILM ARCHIVISTS , MBA...

Lux...ury for Mark



Mark at his editing bench.

NZ film archivist, Mark Williams, was one of the two to receive Link Foundation NZ Discretionary Awards in 2009, enabling him to travel to the UK to take up an internship at a top British film-makers co-operative Lux.

He reported on his three month experience, from August to October last year, at the annual meeting of the NZ Friends of Link in Wellington in March.

During his time at Lux he was offered a very specific project; to begin the archiving processes

necessary for a book, exhibition and DVD on the 50-year career of British film artist Malcolm Le Grice. As a long-time fan of Le Grice's work, he leapt at the opportunity.

"My first job was to catalogue 50 unidentified films that Malcolm had left at Lux in a couple of old suitcases," Mark explained.

"Working alongside Malcolm, I also opened up boxes of ephemera that had been unopened for decades and discovered two slide-based works from the mid-1960s, previously thought

lost. I catalogued his 1960s and 70s paintings, music and drawings which expanded our notion of his practice and are possible material for exhibition."

During the project, Malcolm, Mark and several other Lux curators spent three days watching Malcolm's films back to back. "In explaining the development of his art practice from the 1960s to the present, he cited his recurrent interest in new technologies and the formative influence of other artforms.

"It was an amazing learning experience. Subsequently, I have arranged a tour of NZ for Malcolm Le Grice in late 2010, where he will show a survey of his film-making career.

"My thanks to the Link Foundation who very generously funded my airfare for this project."

Please note that there will be no NZ Discretionary Awards offered until November 2010, due to a change in accounting procedures.

Molloy comes up for air

John Molloy, the 2009 Cranfield NZ Alumni Scholar, reports hot from the Cranfield campus with only four months remaining of his MBA.

John's experience at Cranfield so far has pushed him to his limits, personally as well as academically, he says

"At the personal level, we have all been faced with working in teams of people we have not selected, under constant deadline pressures, late nights, early mornings, family commitments and the infamous UK weather. Academically, the majority of the pressure has come from the volume of work that we are required to get through, rather than the complexity of it."

Students are encouraged to focus on the 'softer' relational aspects of the MBA, rather than being consumed by the academics. This is something that sets the Cranfield MBA apart worldwide, says John. However, most on the course are only now, in the

third semester, realising what was meant.

"The rationale is that it is a person's ability to form relationships and to lead people that separates them from others who are equally (or more) skilled technically."

He has met his own academic goals of becoming significantly more business-literate as the result of this MBA. He also understands himself better and has gained an ability to get beneath the surface of others to get a better appreciation of what drives them. "I certainly intend to continue my own personal development using the tools and awareness gained at Cranfield."

Aside from the heavy side of study, there has been much to enjoy too on the extra-curricular side for John and his wife and two young children who are with him in the UK.

Going to Cranfield certainly would not have been possible without the support from the Link Foundation.



John, together with his young family pictured here sightseeing in Brussels, have benefitted hugely from the experiences offered by the Cranfield experience, he says.

"As has been echoed by the alumni I spoke to prior to coming here, it truly feels like a life changing experience."

NZ top of the Cranfield class (again!)

Last year's Link supported Cranfield NZ Alumni Scholar, Scott Riddle, came top of the business

school's MBA programme, it was confirmed recently. This is the second year running for the NZ

Cranfield Scholars, setting quite a precedent!

FUTURE TEACHING LEADERS & DESIGNERS

Linking Minds: Immersed in Language



The 2010 Linking Minds Scholars (left to right) are: Aimee Warrender, Alison Derbyshire, Tim Watson and Zoe Bridewell.

Four winners have been selected for the prestigious Linking Minds award - open to emerging NZ teachers who identify themselves as upcoming leaders.

The award is sponsored by the NZ-UK Link Foundation, the British Council, the New Zealand Teachers Council and the NZ Ministry of Education.

Winner **Zoe Bridewell** works at Henry Hill High in Napier - a decile 1B school comprising more than 50 percent Maori students. Zoe is the information and communication technologies (ICT) facilitator, which involves helping other teachers and students with a range of internet skills and strategies across the school, and maintaining the school webpage. The school currently has four whanau classes, which promote Maori language and tikanga (protocol).

"I believe that this award will be an amazing opportunity to

gain valuable ideas and knowledge that will inform my teaching in all areas and further develop my own leadership style, to compare the ways that ICT is used in education in the UK and to see how Welsh language immersion schools are structured and organised," says Zoe.

Linking Minds aims to recognise and promote effective teaching by providing international experience for teachers early in their careers. The award funds four New Zealand teachers to spend two weeks over a school holiday period exploring best practice in a UK region. An additional component examining language immersion settings in a Welsh language school has now also been included in the programme.

Winner **Tim Watson** is the assistant head of English at Wellington Girls' College. He applied for the award to

develop his leadership skills and to experience a different educational system. Tim works with gifted students, literacy at a secondary level, embedding the new curriculum and assessment marking and moderation.

Aimee Warrender from the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centre in Rotorua is the first Linking Minds winner to come from the early childhood education sector. Aimee impressed the selection panel with her special interest in at-risk children, and her commitment to learning Te Reo, which would make the Welsh component of the award of particular relevance.

Finally, **Alison Derbyshire** of Botany Downs Secondary College in Auckland specialises in education for boys and hopes to learn how teachers in the UK cater for boys in their teaching delivery.

Recognition Paid to Designers' Role

2009 Clark Collection/Creative New Zealand Scholar Josephine Hughes says she was heartened that recognition was being paid to the role designers play in shaping the museum experience.

"As an exhibition designer my central task is to translate curatorial intent into a lively and engaging spatial and temporal experience, providing conceptual and visual context in which each item displayed may be understood for its own significance."

Working predominantly in the Decorative Arts, the opportunity the scholarship provided to experience pre-20th Century architecture, interior schemes, furniture and furnishings with such



Mark Wakelen, the V&A's clerk of works (right) with 2009 Scholar Josephine Hughes.

depth and variety has expanded Josephine's knowledge of design history immeasurably while also being able to view superb examples of contemporary exhibition design, she says.

"The 3,500 photographs I returned with will provide a rich resource of information, ideas and images that will be invaluable in meeting design challenges in the years ahead," she says.

Our People

Farewells on NZ Management Committee

Recently the NZ Management Committee farewelled two of its valued members -George Fergusson and Ali Spencer.

George Fergusson has been an ex-officio member of the Committee since his appointment as The British High Commissioner in 2006. At the annual meeting of Friends I noted that George had been a very supportive member of the Committee and all of his colleagues on the Committee have greatly appreciated his advice, encouragement and assistance. Margaret Fergusson has also been an active supporter of Link activities and extremely generous in making available the reception rooms and garden at Homewood for several of our functions over the years. An azalea bed featuring evergreen varieties, which I understand are particular favourites of George and Margaret, is to be planted at Homewood and the bed will be attributed to the NZ-UK Link Foundation to honour George and Margaret Fergusson. Both of them leave our shores in the knowledge that they have enriched the appreciation of the respective links between NZ and the UK. George and Margaret will be residing in London on their return to the UK and they have assured me that they will continue their interest in the activities of the Link Foundation.

Ali Spencer has resigned from the Committee after an association with Link spanning nearly 20 years. Ali's association with Link started in London in 1990 when she assisted with the organisation of the Meat Board's first Waitangi Fellowship. Ali joined the NZ Management Committee in 2002 under the chairmanship of Brian Lynch. During the last eight years, Ali

has been responsible for publicity and promotions in New Zealand, as well as editorship of this newsletter, which is distributed to Link supporters in both the UK and NZ. Ali leaves the Committee with regret, but she will continue in a professional capacity with the production of the newsletter.

Last year **Giff Davidson** and **Lawrie Bryant**, other long serving members of the Committee, also retired. The Foundation is extremely grateful for all the work that each of the retiring Committee members has done over their many years of service.

The Management Committee is in effect the NZ agent for the London-based trustees of the Foundation. In addition to those responsibilities, the Committee promotes the NZ Friends of Link and seeks to raise money to fund the NZ Discretionary Awards to New Zealanders wanting to advance their careers in the UK.

If any of our readers would like to join the NZ Committee I would very much appreciate hearing from them.

Mark Horton

Chairman, NZ Management Committee, NZ-UK Link Foundation



Mark Horton (right) pictured with Friend Howard Duff and 2009 NZ Discretionary Award recipient Mark Williams (centre) at the NZ Management Committee's annual meeting in Wellington in March. Mark Williams reported on his experiences to the 80 or so Friends present at this successful event in the NZ calendar (see page 2).

Trustees

Having worked and lived in NZ for over nine years of his 25-year career with Shell, **Sjoerd Post** brings a trading and commercial background to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Sjoerd, born and raised in Holland, has been the vice-president of Shell's aviation business since September 2006. Before this, he held a variety of roles including commercial sales manager for part of NZ, project manager for the creation of NZ's Customer Service Centre (winning an external award for customer service excellence), senior marketing advisor for the East, general manager aviation in Northern Europe (Scandinavia, Benelux, Germany, Switzerland and Austria), eCommerce vice-president for oil products and vice-president of Downstream's internal management consultancy.

Living now in London, Sjoerd considers NZ home after his time in that country. During the weekends, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters. He also enjoys classical music, the arts, sailing and watching the All Blacks.



Sjoerd Post, the Foundation's newest Trustee.

Congratulations also go to former Foundation Trustee **Patricia Alston** who was awarded an ONZM in the New Years Honours for services to NZ-UK relations.

Francis Getting Better

Many might have heard that UK Executive Officer Francis King is recovering from a stroke he suffered before Christmas last year. You'll be pleased to hear that he's now at home and doing well. Our thoughts are with you Francis.



George Fergusson, a valued ex-officio member of the NZ Management Committee.



Ali Spencer

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