

The Science Shop

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ABOUT QUB

Founded in 1845 and granted Royal charter in 1908

Member of the Russell Group

24,000 students and 3,700 staff from 70 countries

Ranked 8th in the UK for research intensity (REF 2014)



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History of The Northern Ireland Science Shop

Founded 1989

Joint between 2 NI universities-
QUB and Ulster

Works throughout NI

Centralised model working with all
faculties



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Our work with communities

We meet with community and voluntary groups to talk about their research needs. We help them design projects that are suitable for students to do as part of their degree and support them in working in partnership with students. We make sure that they get a final copy of any research done.



TYPES OF NEEDS

Creative Arts and History

Health, wellbeing and sport

Community & Social issues

Environmental Sciences and
Engineering

Planning, Architecture and
Geography

Management, Business
Planning and Marketing

Policy and Statistics



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ACTIVITIES 2013-2018

4,894 students

366 community based
organisations

1314 completed projects

Capacity building through
PERARES and EnRRICH
projects (European funding)



The Science Shop
Celebrating 30 Years



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IMPACTS

- How to avoid frozen reed beds
- Lessons learned from women in leadership positions in social enterprise
- Best place to site solar PV panels on community buildings
- Urban design for people with dementia



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PARTNERSHIPS

Living Knowledge Network

UK networks

Ireland networks



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EVALUATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Linking to ongoing impact agendas

- Benefits of research for communities
- Benefits to student experience
- Benefits for University



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IMPACT AND EVALUATION

- CUB Budapest
- Uni of Guelph
- QUB Belfast
- TUD Dublin
- VUB Brussels



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