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## **Welcome to our BREATH eZine**

Thank you for subscribing to the BREATH Project eZine. This publication will be released on a bi-annual basis and its objective is to keep interested parties informed about the Project's progress and opportunities to engage with us.

We hope you enjoy our eZine and should you have any comments please contact us!! <https://www.breath-copd.org/>

## NEW BREATH Team Members!

The BREATH Team would like to extend a big welcome to its newest members: UWS PhD students Carly Woods (Air Quality) and Bryn Short (Microbiome) and new QUB PDRA Lisa Douglas.



L - R: UWS new students Carly Woods and Brynn Short and QUB PDRF Lisa Douglas.

**Welcome to the BREATH Team Guys!**

## Media Coverage

BREATH schools Public Engagement drive has been featured in UWS news article:



UWS BREATH experts educated young people in Dumfries & Galloway about lung physiology in a cluster of school events organised with help by Ms Deborah Trotter (Stranraer Academy) and Ms Karen Creighton (RAiSE). This involved building their own simple lung model and conducting a range of experiments to assess lung function. The team will also discuss COPD risk factors with the pupils, which include smoking and air pollution.

<https://www.uws.ac.uk/news/uws-academics-go-back-to-school-for-lung-health/>

## The 1st Annual BREATH Meeting

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the BREATH project took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in the Ballymacscanlon House Hotel. Over 45 delegates attended the event from a wide range of disciplines.



**L - R:** Dr. Keith Thornbury (DkIT BREATH Lead) opens the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual BREATH conference. Guest speaker Prof. Paul McLoughlin (UCD) gave a great talk on “The pulmonary vascular bed in COPD - the other side of the story”.

Thank you Prof. McLoughlin for being our first guest speaker!!

Well done to all the students who gave great presentations followed by questions from the audience.

## Some Serious Science taking place on the BREATH Project!!

### Outreach Activities:

The Outreach Programme is also continuing actively and all institutes are involved in multiple activities (DkIT: St Joseph’s Primary School, Carryduff, QUB: NI Science Festival and UWS: St Joseph’s Academy Dumfries, St John’s Primary Stevenson, Stranraer Academy). Outreach to date has been hugely successful with specially designed, interactive family and student COPD activities.

**We will keep you posted!!**



### Scientific Meetings:

Many on the BREATH team submitted abstracts of novel research to the upcoming Irish thoracic Society Meeting which takes place in the Europa Hotel Belfast on the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Well done ALL!!**

<http://irishthoracicsociety.com/scientific-meeting-2018/>



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