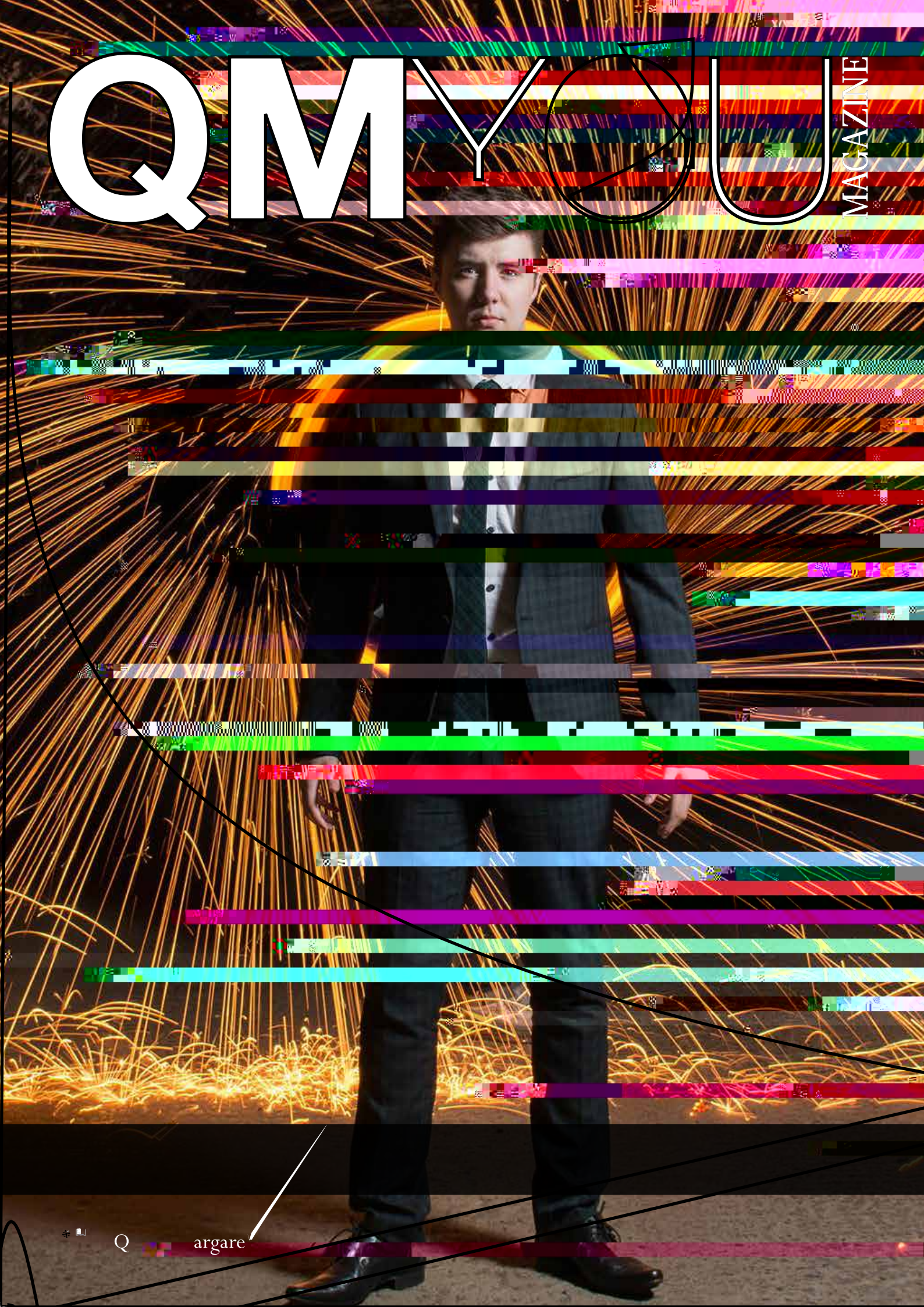


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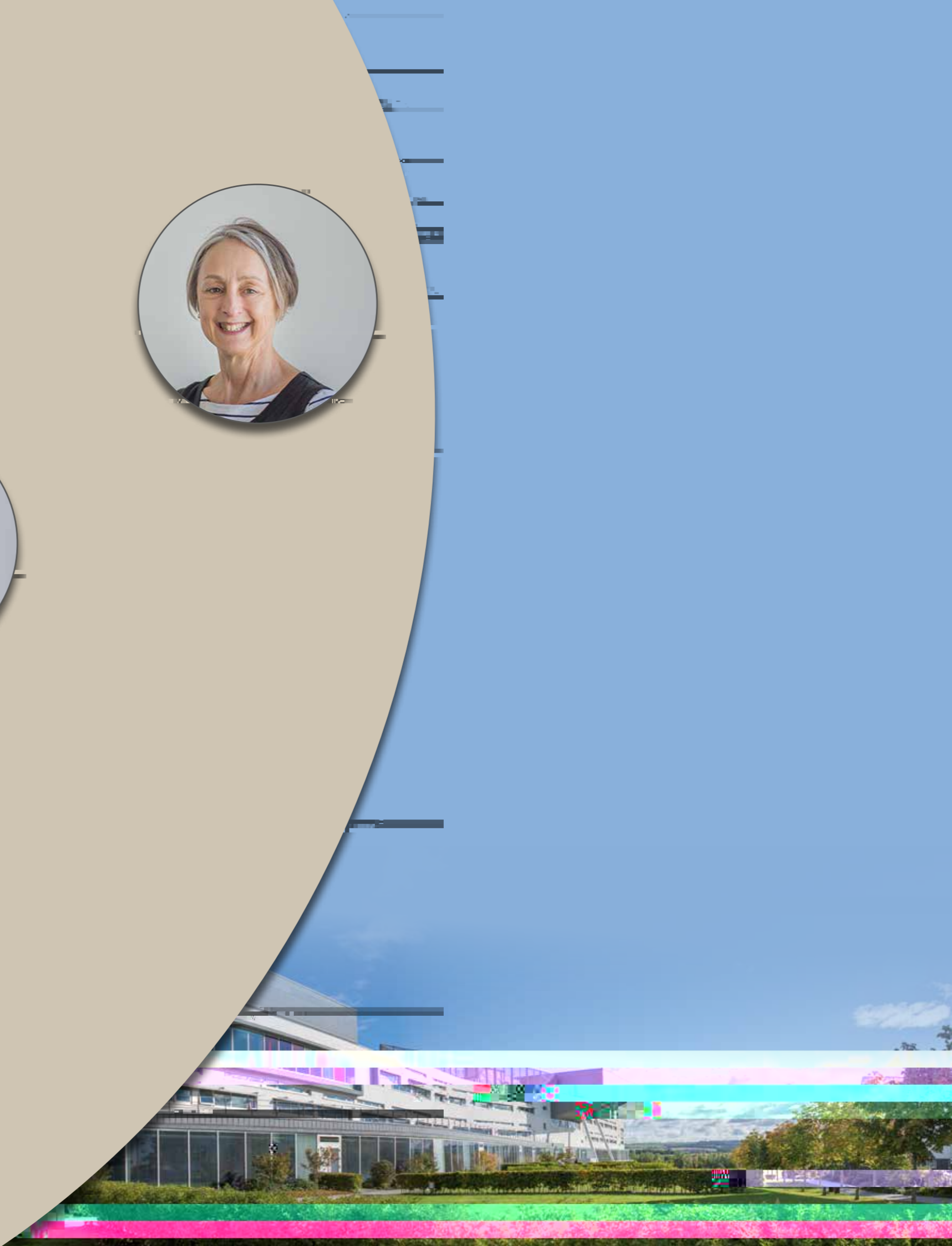
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Welcome to this issue of QM which, as ever, offers us a wonderful opportunity to share with you news about the support we offer our students, gradual successes, and highlights of your work at home and abroad.

We are delighted that your hard work in the area of global employment is paying off. The latest figures from the Migration Statistics Agency confirm that the job market is improving in our country.







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**A** GRADUATE FROM QMU's Institute for Global Health & Development (IGHD) has been appointed Director of Nursing at Gullford County Jails in North Carolina, USA.

Sheila Burns, who is originally from Linlithgow,

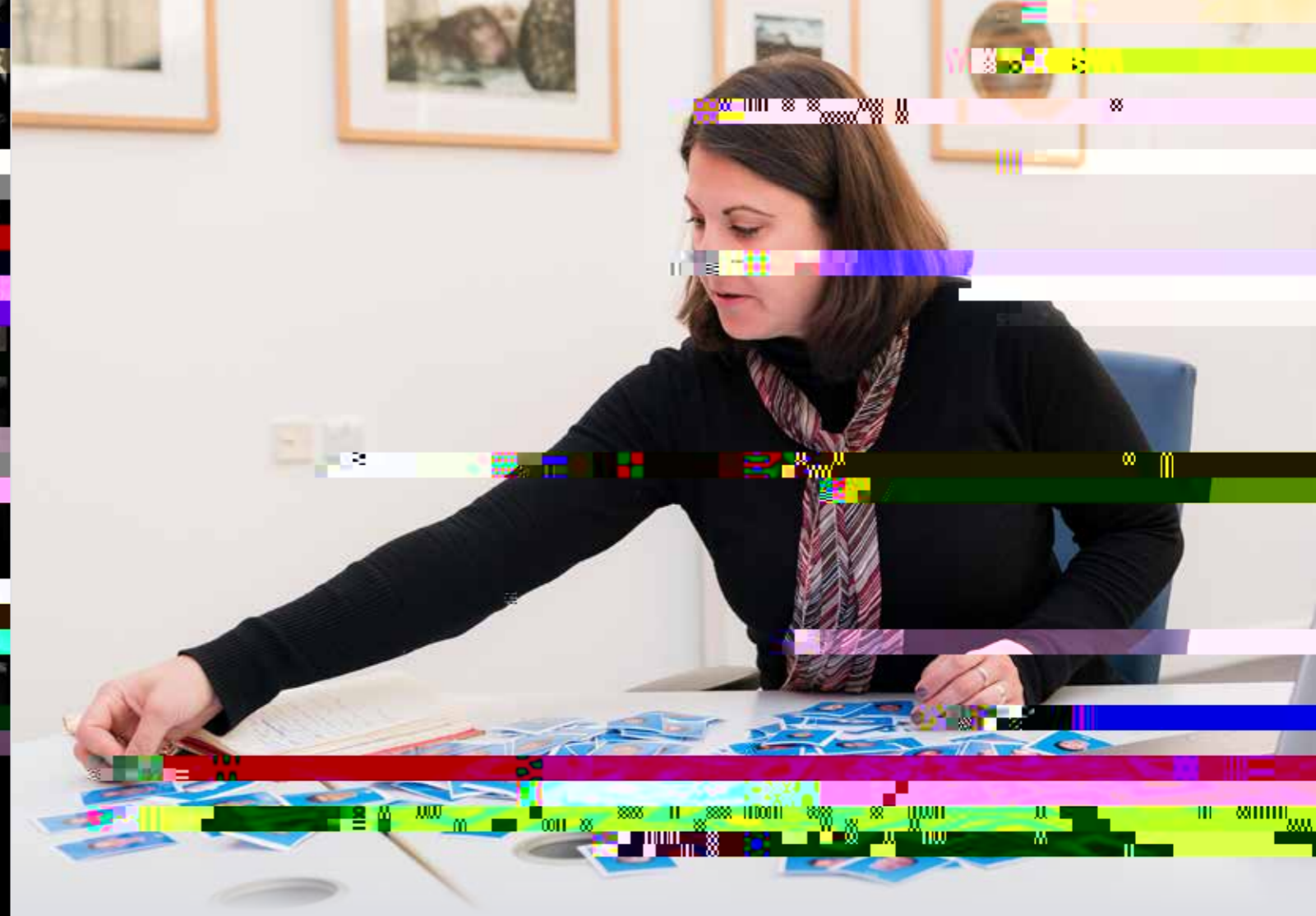
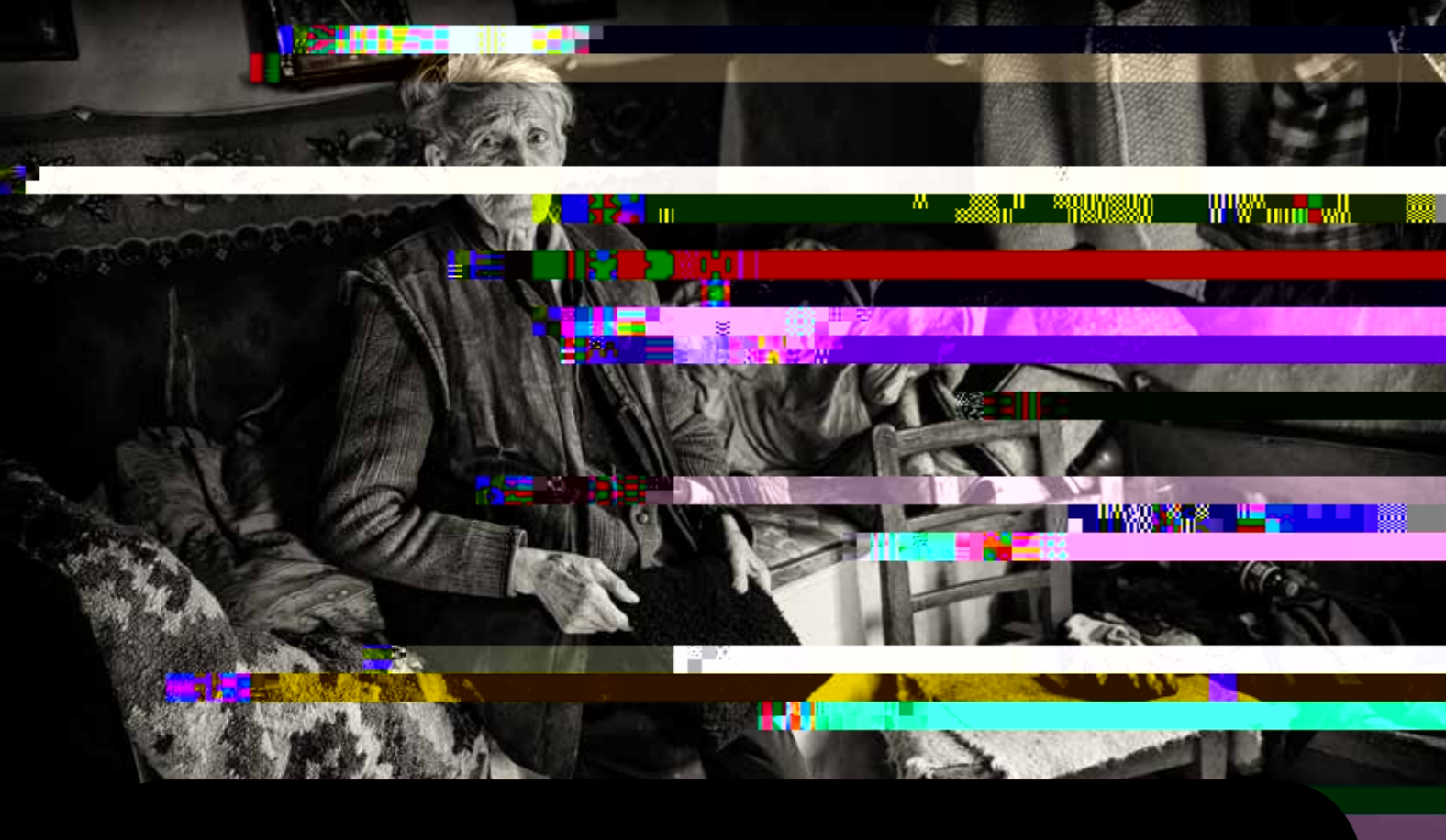




**A** NEW REPORT examining the best approaches to ensure effective consumer representation in the



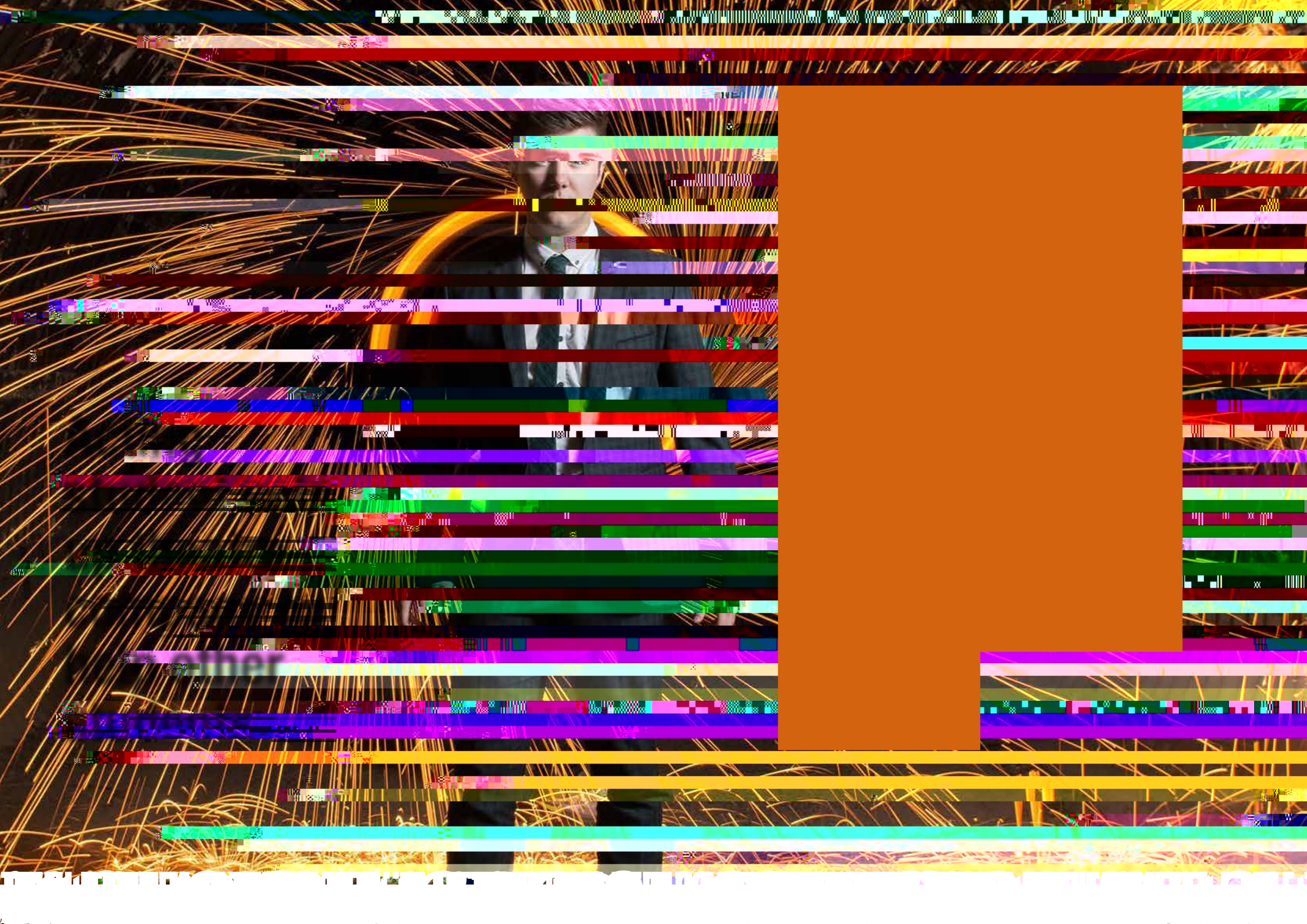






# Partnership with Theatre

Trust aims to enhance  
Edinburgh's cultural sector



# ‘Foster experienced’

student's life is transformed because

## “QMU believed in me”

**A** FINAL YEAR Podiatry student who transformed his life through university education has been presented with an award from the UK's leading fostering charity, The Fostering Network.

“I am incredibly lucky to be where I am today, and am particularly grateful to my lecturer, Evelyn Weir, who is one of the most vital people I have ever met. Her contribution to the university and her influence on the student experience is immense. Evelyn and QMU make me believe I can do it!

Evelyn said: “Daniel has made a positive contribution to the University and is working hard to achieve his goal of becoming a podiatrist, possibly working within the NHS. He is an absolute inspiration to me, to my foster children and to all of our other students at QMU. We are all delighted that his hard work and positive attitude have been recognised by the Fostering Excellence Awards. I could not be more proud of or pleased for him.”

Daniel really enjoyed meeting people at the awards ceremony and his message to everyone he met at the event was: “Promote education for kids and make sure they have the support they need to take full advantage their learning opportunities.”

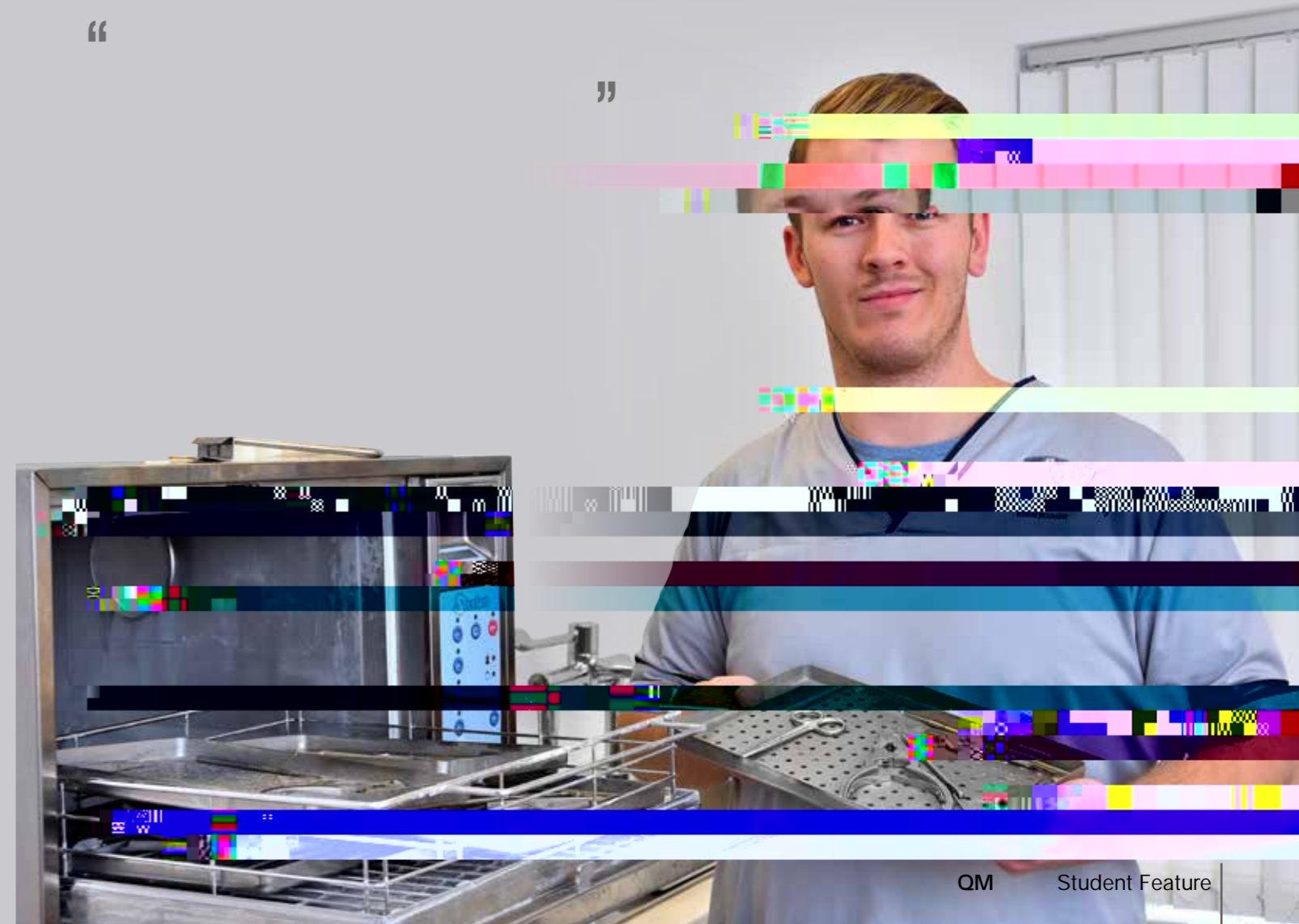
Daniel concluded: “If I can do it, they can too.”

QMU is fully committed to widening participation amongst students who have previously been inhibited from entering higher education and we work hard to increase student numbers from under represented groups.

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## Crerar Hotels helps secure university opportunity for Lanarkshire student

**A** HOTEL ORGANISATION has helped reduce the financial pressure associated with going to university by providing a new student from Lanarkshire with a generous grant. The £8,000 award from The Crerar Hotels Trust is helping 18 year old Megan Gillis (Falconer) move a step closer to pursuing the career of her dreams.

Megan is the first person in her family to go to university and she is delighted to have secured a place on the BA (Hons) International Hospitality & Tourism Management (IHTM). The Crerar Hotels Hospitality Bursary will make a significant difference to Megan's university experience, allowing her to concentrate on getting the personal development practical experience and skills needed to help achieve her career aspirations.

Megan did not think she could afford to go to university until she heard about the grant, which is helping fund her university studies at QMU over the next four years. She grew up in a single-parent family with a low household income, and so she has first-hand experience of how restricted finances can be a struggle and limit personal development opportunities.

Despite undergraduate fees for Scottish students being covered by the Scottish Government, coming to university can be expensive, particularly if it involves moving away from home. Even when students have just enough money to live on, a lack of money can prevent them from participating in educational projects or exchanges that will enrich their education and make them more attractive to employers.

## Botanical exhibition raises funds for students' big ideas

**T**WO AWARD WINNING botanical artists turned QMU into an art gallery to mark World Earth Day in April. Friends and graduates were invited to the opening of the exhibition of work by QMU's former Head of Nursing, Dr Kathleen Munro, and Atholl Crescent alumna, Lady Ann Fraser. Together, the artists displayed over 20 pieces of original work with the proceeds going towards the Student Development Fund.

Local resident Ann studied drawing and painting at Edinburgh College of Art and went on to specialise in botanical painting at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. Following retirement from QMU, Kathy also took the opportunity to hone her painting skills at the Botanic. Both artists created several exquisite pieces which transformed QMU's piano bar into a colourful floral spectacle.

Many of the drawings have been inspired by flowers and plants in the artists' own gardens.

Guests at the event were given the opportunity to purchase the original artwork with the 'gallery commission' going directly to the Student Development Fund. The Student Development Fund provides QMU students with the opportunity to get their big ideas off the ground and to develop projects that reflect their enthusiasm, creativity and initiative.

Sir Charles and Lady Fraser also very generously donated one of the framed pieces called 'Flaming Tulips' to the University. This artwork now takes pride of place in the main foyer as a bright, colourful welcome to all visitors to QMU.

# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS ON CAMPUS

In October 2017, QMU celebrated the 10th anniversary of its move to the Musselburgh campus. In the next few pages, we highlight some of the graduates who have studied at the campus in East Lothian and look at what they are doing now.

## Sheila Murray

MA Arts, Festival and Cultural Management (graduated 2015)



**W**HILST STUDYING FOR her master's at QMU, Sheila was appointed to the board

## Stuart Duncan

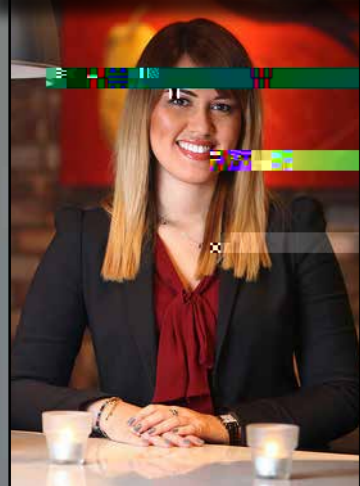
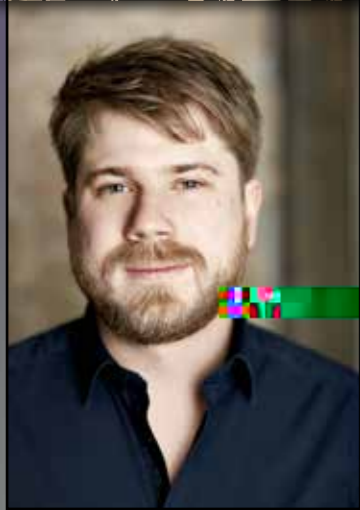
Executive Master's Public Services Management  
(now Master of Public Administration – MPA) (graduated 2010)



## Michael Grant and Agata Jagodzinska

BA (Hons) Film (2007 - 2011)





**S**AMANTHA HAS DEVELOPED her career with Dakota, a unique, award-winning UK boutique hotel brand. Now Group HR Manager, she has spent several years focusing on recruitment and talent development and is helping to identify and nurture future leaders who can advance Scotland's hospitality sector.

Speaking of her MBA, Samantha, who is from Fife, said: "Returning to study my MBA whilst working in industry really heightened all of my theoretical learning. I also benefit greatly from

being given the autonomy to challenge the way we do things and explore ways to improve our operation at Dakota as we continue our expansion throughout the UK."

Samantha has stayed connected with QMU

## Zoe Roxburgh BSc (Hons) Speech & Language Therapy (2007 – 2011)

**Z**oe, from Burntisland, Fife, was one of the first students to study at QMU's new campus in Musselburgh.

Since graduating she has worked with a pioneering team of speech and language therapists at QMU to investigate the effectiveness of ultrasound technology for people with intractable speech sound disorders.

She said: "I really enjoyed working on QMU research projects which helped children who had long standing speech difficulties. I now work as a community paediatric speech and language therapist for NHS Grampian and am in the final stages of writing up my PhD thesis."







**Are you a current QMU student or graduate?**

**Did you know that you can get a fee for referring a student who goes on to study certain QMU courses at postgraduate level?**

If you know anyone who'd like to

