

## FireSERT at the University of Ulster

With a prominent long-established national and international research profile, FireSERT is a significant constituent of the Built Environment Research Institute at Ulster.

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Business Facilities

In 1999, FireSERT was awarded £5.5 million to build and equip a purpose designed environmentally-friendly, large-scale fire safety engineering research facility including a 600m<sup>2</sup> burn hall which allows full-scale fire research to be undertaken; a well equipped fire dynamics and chemistry laboratory; and extensive computer facilities for fire modelling, using computational fluid dynamics (CFD). Laboratories are also available for the investigation of human behaviour in fire,

allowing work to be undertaken on human responses to fire and evacuation simulations.

FireSERT staff are currently engaged in four core areas of activity – fire dynamics and materials; structural fire engineering; fire protection; and human behaviour in fire.

Examples of the type of assistance provided to companies include:

- Fire related research and consultancy.

- Advice on fire safety engineering in the design and construction of buildings.
- Fire risk assessment in buildings and structures.
- Modelling of fire and fire related phenomena.
- Analysis of the behaviour of people exposed to fire and emergency egress modelling.
- Fire testing.
- A wide range of MSc Fire Safety Engineering programmes, bespoke research and continuing professional development programmes and assistance with the development of fire safety curricula.

For further information, visit [www.firesert.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.firesert.ulster.ac.uk) or contact Professor Michael Delichatsios, telephone (028) 9036 8701 or email [m.delichatsios@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:m.delichatsios@ulster.ac.uk)

## Opportunity Knocks

for Social Enterprises and Community and Voluntary Organisations

- Are you involved with a social enterprise hoping to grow your organisation and secure a sustainable future?
- Would you like to network with other social enterprises to increase your business opportunities?
- Are you a social entrepreneur seeking funding to develop your big idea?
- Are you currently working within a community/voluntary organisation and have an enterprising idea that you want to get off the ground?

The University of Ulster in partnership with the Social Economy Network and UnLtd is running a series of roadshows, 'Opportunity Knocks' across Northern Ireland. The roadshows will promote the support available from the three organisations.



Dates and locations are as follows:

**18 June: Cookstown**  
**20 August: Armagh**  
**21 October: Ballymena**  
**2 December: Derry**



To register for any of these events, contact Alison Wilkinson, telephone (028) 9036 8019 or email [knowledgeclub@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:knowledgeclub@ulster.ac.uk)



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## People in Focus



Fergus Begley has been appointed as engineering manager of EpiCentre, based at the Intelligent Systems Research Centre on the Magee campus. Fergus is a graduate of Ulster and QUB and joins the University with over 15 years industrial experience across many business sectors.

Fergus has previously held posts with companies such as Seagate, B9 Energy, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, DuPont and Perfecseal. Much of his time was spent in customer facing engineering roles and business development. To contact Fergus, telephone (028) 7137 5636 or email [fm.begley@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:fm.begley@ulster.ac.uk).



Oonagh Lynch has been appointed as intellectual property executive within the Office of Innovation, based at the Jordanstown campus. Oonagh has a background in the life sciences and patent law/prosecution relating to biotechnology and biomedical sciences including immunology, virology and molecular biology.

She will be responsible for managing the University's portfolio of intellectual property. To contact Oonagh, telephone (028) 9093 0011 or email [ot.lynch@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:ot.lynch@ulster.ac.uk).