

BREATH Project

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BREATH Awarded 2020 Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in Research Culture



BREATH has been awarded the 2020 Queen's University Belfast Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in Research Culture. The Research Culture Prize is open to individuals or groups of staff who have made an outstanding positive

contribution to the maintenance and advancement of a creative, collaborative, supportive and inclusive 'research culture'. BREATH was identified as a group working towards a common purpose within the wider research community (including support staff and research students). The application demonstrated a vibrant and sustainable culture for research that promotes excellence, ambition, collaboration, and inclusivity.

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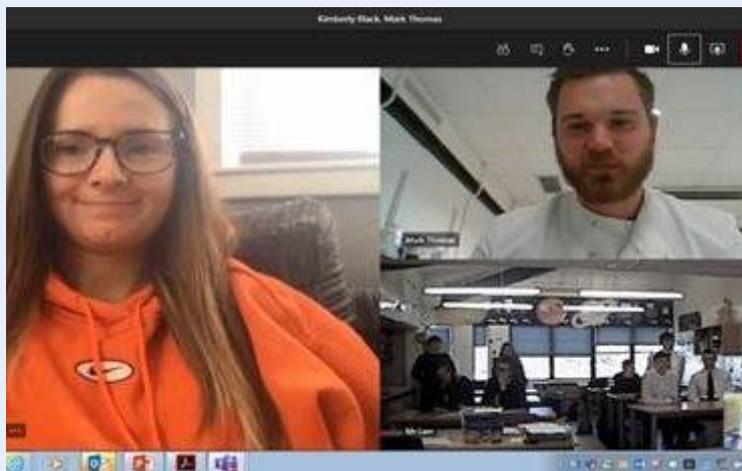
BREATH Outreach continues despite COVID restrictions

BREATH public engagement work with schools continues 'virtually' during current pandemic.

The recent 'virtual' visit by students Mark Thomas and Kimberly Black to Girvan Academy featured in the winter edition of the Ayrshire Chamber Magazine.

[Ayrshire Chamber Magazine article \(p 22\)](#)

The BREATH Team joined a session setup by Developing the Young Workforce Ayrshire to explain to N5 pupils the value of lab skills in their research on COPD. The teacher Stephen Lam commented on the enthusiasm of the presenters for their research, and explained what a good experience it had been for the pupils.



International Cough Symposium: Best Abstract Award

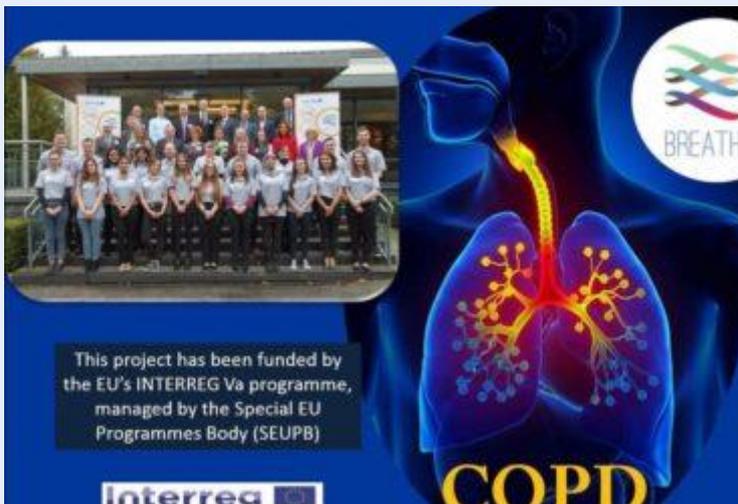


The Eleventh International Cough Symposium was held as a virtual event on the 21st and 22nd of January 2021. Clinicians and scientists gathered for pre-recorded talks, live lectures and poster discussion sessions relating to clinical disease, pathophysiological mechanisms, and emerging treatments for cough.

Dr. Anna-Claire Devlin closed the first day of the conference with her engaging talk entitled “Modelling neuroinflammatory mechanisms in chronic cough using induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)”.

On day 2 of the conference BREATH PhD students Nicola Roe and Orla Dunne presented posters, with Orla Dunne winning one of three awards for best abstract.

BREATH Presented at Scottish Parliament CPG on Lung Health



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Professor John Lockhart and

Clinical BREATH Affiliate Phyllis Murphie presented BREATH at the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Lung Health 21st September.

Presentation is available on the British Lung Foundation [Facebook page](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2774409922805506>



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