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## Her Majesty The Queen visits Coleraine

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Coleraine campus on Friday 1 June to attend a garden party hosted by The Rt Honourable Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

The theme of the garden party, held on the campus cricket pitch, was 'The Community and Voluntary Sector' and was attended by around 2000 guests.

Arriving at the University, Her Majesty and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh were greeted by The Lord-Lieutenant of County Londonderry, Denis Desmond CBE, and were introduced to the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor before mingling with guests.

To mark the occasion, Her Majesty accepted an invitation from the Vice-Chancellor to unveil a plaque commemorating her visit and to sign the visitors' book.



Her Majesty The Queen

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## 'Thinking' computers for your home

In 2006, the University won a competitive bid for a EU-funded 'blue skies' research project to develop a new generation of communication networks – networks that can 'think' for themselves. The project has a budget of over £3.3 million and involves 14 partners from across Europe.

Researchers from the University have already realised some significant results in this challenging research area and the first prototype of their software has recently been released.

The University's research team on the CASCADAS project

(Component-ware for Autonomic Situation-aware Communications, and Dynamically Adaptable Services) is based at the TRAIL laboratory (Technologies for Rurality, Ageing and Independent Living) in the School of Computing and Mathematics. TRAIL carries out research in pervasive computing, an emerging computing research area where sensors and computers support people in their home or work environments.

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