



UCC AULA MAXIMA

PROJECT COST

Total Project Cost €1.4m

Amount raised to date €0.5m

Balance to be raised €0.9m

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Making a Financial Gift
- Becoming part of UCC's stewardship programme
- Making a Financial Gift to the Graduates' Heritage Fund

THE SYMBOLIC AND CEREMONIAL HEART OF THE COLLEGE

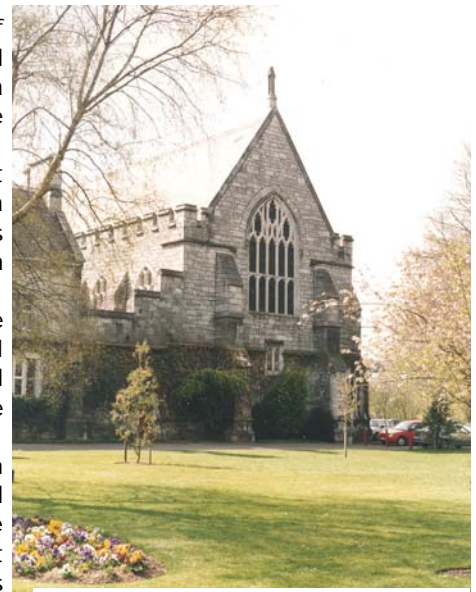
In 1846, the eminent architectural team of Deane & Woodward designed the great hall of University College Cork, the Aula Maxima. This was to be the "jewel" in the College's neo-gothic main quadrangle. Situated on a steep limestone escarpment with views of the river Lee, the Aula Maxima was described on completion as "one of the most magnificent rooms in Ireland".

Amongst the hall's noteworthy features are a high vaulted ceiling supported by graceful hammerhead trusses, an imposing full height Oriel window and elegant limestone tracery stonework.

The hall, measuring 27.5 metres in length by 10.9 metres in width, displays a splendid stained glass window dedicated to George Boole, the first Professor of Mathematics at UCC and creator of the mathematical basis of computer design.

The Aula Maxima has served for more than 150 years as the epicentre of college activities and as the main ceremonial and examinations hall. It has survived virtually unchanged in form over this period and now carries an air of aged grandeur.

The Aula Maxima was the centre of activity



where everyone assembled on opening day in 1849 and it has since served as a reading room, reception area, concert hall, dance hall, banquet centre and graduation hall. It is unrivalled as the symbolic heart of the University.



The east gable stained glass Boole window

RESTORATION & REFURBISHMENT

All the main elements of the Aula Maxima are taken from the historic precedent of the late medieval banqueting hall: the location of the entrance at the lower end of the room, the dais at the upper end, a large bay window for light and the hammer-beam roof hung with pendants. This 19th century building is of significant cultural and architectural importance and needed to be carefully restored and refurbishment by experienced professionals.

John J. O'Connell, Architect carried out extensive preservation and upgrading of the North Wing of the main quadrangle (see council room overleaf) in the early 1990's. He and his team were again selected to carry out a comprehensive study of the Aula Maxima and implement the restoration and refurbishment work. This has now been completed.

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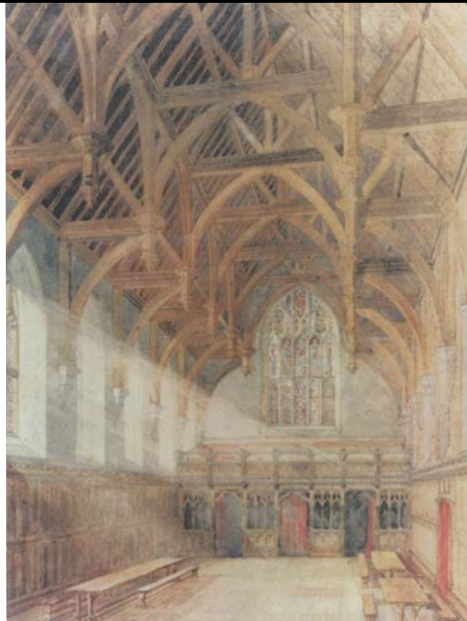
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TAX EFFECTIVE GIVING

The Development Office through the Cork University Foundation accommodates tax-effective giving to the University. Details and assistance are available from the Development Office.



Painting by architect (Deane)

OVERVIEW OF RESTORATION & REFURBISHMENT WORKS

- ◇ roof reinforcement and finishing
- ◇ repair of outer stonework
- ◇ specialist preservation of timbers
- ◇ damp proofing
- ◇ re-flooring
- ◇ strengthening of gallery
- ◇ repairing and re-leading of stained glass windows
- ◇ replacement of heating system
- ◇ rewiring
- ◇ construction of entrance lobby and doors
- ◇ internal decoration
- ◇ upgrading for access

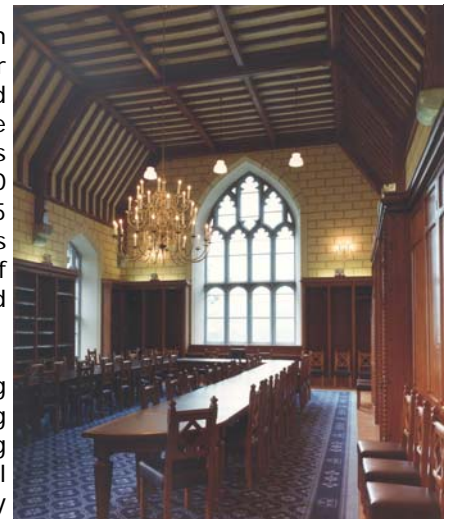
PROFILE OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

Founded in 1845, University College Cork is an internationally recognised university with four Colleges, over 60 academic departments and schools and almost 19,000 students. The University has an attractive city centre campus and brings a global dimension to Cork with 2,000 international students representing 85 nationalities studying at UCC annually. UCC is the principal university in the province of Munster, the largest outside Dublin, and Ireland's leading research institution.

UCC aims to be amongst Europe's twenty leading universities by reason of excellence in teaching and research over a broad field; including established disciplines as well as the professional and new disciplines that address contemporary and emerging needs. These are ambitious objectives but UCC's outstanding success in the area of research gives confidence that these objectives can be achieved and that UCC has the ability to deliver exceptional standards.

The focus on undergraduate teaching and the general undergraduate experience is to ensure that the minds of students are cultivated in a broad sense, providing them with essential skills and developing their special talents. The University also focuses on the development of strong postgraduate programmes that attract and support students of exceptional quality.

Through world class standards of teaching and research UCC plays a key role in cultural, social and economic developments both nationally and internationally.



Council Room—North Wing