

Building an Academic Career: *The Importance of Home and Away*

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**To me home was the only real flower,
which makes one wonder why it is
always the home lover who wanders.**

Patrick Kavanagh (1938) *The Green Fool*

Two Key Research Areas

Northern
Ireland
and the
European
Union

The dynamics of a
changing relationship



At Home in the
New House?

A Study of Ireland's First-Time TDs

BRITAIN **EXIT**

Forms of Mobility

Sabbaticals

Montreal; Belfast

Scholarships

Washington DC

Research Visits

Myanmar; Edinburgh; London

Teaching exchange

Albany

Conferences

National and international

The Benefits

Information

Ideas and insights

Networks

Personal development

The adventure ...

The Challenges

Personal circumstances

Administrative and technical issues

Financial burden

Daunting at the outset ...

Bringing it all back home

Strategic benefits for the university

Internationalisation

Publications

Funding

Successful research conference bids

Capacity to give back

Confidence and enthusiasm

Perspective ...