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## THE BRYDEN CENTRE

#### OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BRYDEN CENTRE



ADVANCED MARINE AND BIO-ENERGY RESEARCH

## Hello from the Centre Director

Welcome to the first edition of the Bryden Centre ezine. This is an exciting time for us as we have eleven students embarked on their PhD journeys, with more joining our team in Northern Ireland, Western Scotland and Donegal over the coming months. It is also an important time for the sustainable energy sector in the region. As the summer in the UK and Ireland has been uncharacteristically hot this year, we have been hearing news every day about the impact of climate change, and the immediate need to decarbonise our energy supply. The important contribution that our students, the future leaders in the marine and bioenergy industries, will make in this endeavour cannot be underestimated. We hope you enjoy the read!

Sam McCloskey (Interim Centre Director)

### A Newsletter for All

Starting with this issue, the Bryden Centre will be sending an e-magazine via email for all those individuals involved or interested in the projects being undertaken.

This newsletter will be sent out twice a year to our GDPR-approved mailing list, in order to give updates about the happenings of the Bryden Centre, its students, and its projects.

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Our research focuses on harnessing the power of the sea, cultivating the power of the land, and working with the environment.

The Bryden Centre Launch event happened back in January 2018, with over 80 delegates coming along to the Clayton Hotel in Belfast, UK.

Our Staff & Student Symposium was held in June 2018 at Queen's University Belfast. This event helped introduce the students to the staff and vice-versa, and for the students to present their projects.

The goal of this symposium was also for the Student Council and the Supervisors to meet, discuss any related matters, and network with each other.

## Bryden Centre's future leaders...

The first cohort of students at the Bryden Centre have started their projects between November 2017 and May 2018.

There are currently 5 bio-energy and 5 marine energy research projects being undertaken by our students.

Ultimately the Bryden Centre will have 34 PhD students working on various marine and bioenergy projects, all working with the different partners of the projects in Northern Ireland, Ireland, and Scotland.

We will have new faces added to the Bryden family soon, as new students are due to commence before the end of 2018.

# Innovation is change that unlocks new value.

