

Starting out: Launching a new School of Medicine

Professor Louise Dubras talk to Ulster Medical Society 18th November 2021

In this talk, Professor Louise Dubras outlined the work she has undertaken in the 3.5 years since arriving at Ulster University as Foundation Dean of the School of Medicine. Her inspiring talk focused on leadership, strategy, planning, and serendipity. Prof Dubras demonstrated how she applied some of her favorite leadership theories to her work and reflect on the journey to date resulting in the medical school opening its doors to 73 new students in August 2021. The audience received an insight into many of the behind the scenes aspects of setting up a new medical school including the vision for the school, developing the business plan, engaging with the GMC and the unique challenges during the period of a non functioning executive. She described the process of engaging with local doctors and services to ensure the right students are recruited and that the medical school can provide a GP focus. Her personal stories and insights woven into the talk ensured that all attendees gained some new and valuable insights into medical education and how Universities work. The evening finished with some insightful answers to a number of thought provoking questions from the audience.