

# Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland

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## **Pharmaceutical Society honours Dr Kate McClelland**



President Ms Ann Bowen presenting Dr Kate McClelland with her Fellowship medal, looking on are Mr Raymond Anderson and Mr Jim Wells MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly's Health Committee

On Thursday 25 November 2010 the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland honoured one of its' outstanding member Dr Kathryn McClelland,

more widely known as Kate, by conferring on her the honour of being a fellow of the Society.

In a citation given by Mr Raymond Anderson, Past President of the Pharmaceutical Society of NI, Kate's enormous contribution to pharmacy, both as a community practitioner and as an active advocate for the pharmacy profession was highlighted.

“Kate is first and foremost a community pharmacist, yet a community pharmacist with a passion for the profession. In her 25 years on the register, Kate has been the President of the Pharmaceutical Society of NI, a council member, has served as Head of the British Delegation to PGEU, (pharmaceutical group of the European Union), been a Council member of CHRE (Council for healthcare regulatory Excellence) and has served on a myriad of boards and panels at the local level. Her passion and drive is incredible and a shining example to all. ”

In handing over the official certificate and medal the President of the Society, Ms Ann Bowen, warmly congratulated Kate on being awarded her fellowship and thanked her for her ongoing contribution to pharmacy in Northern Ireland.

In reply Dr McClelland thanked the President and Mr Anderson for their kind words and paid a warm tribute to the support of her family, particularly her husband Tom, her mother and late father.

“I became for a while the pharmacist who couldn't say ‘no’ to anything that sounded interesting Practice pharmacist, locum pharmacist, training assistants, teaching for NICPLD, training technicians, then council, the presidency, PGEU, the lot but now I'm where I actually wanted to be – running a village pharmacy. Though I can't take credit for all that – I have an enthusiastic team who pull together and look after their ‘half a job director’ and are teaching her to say ‘No’”

In conclusion Kate spoke of her enthusiasm and support for the new Professional Forum and gave a word of encouragement to young pharmacists;

“I would strongly advise all the young pharmacists to say yes - you just never know where a ‘yes’ will take you and it will probably be outside any box you imagined you might live or work in.”

## Ends

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### Editors Notes

Dr Kate McClelland

Gain her PhD researching and developing a topical anesthetic cream now commercially available as Ametop

Joined the PSNI register in 1985

Lectured at Belfast College of Technology from 1982 – 1997, training pharmacy assistants and pharmacy technicians

Open her own community pharmacy in Magheraberry Co Antrim in 1993

Served on the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society NI from 1996 -2010

Was elected President for the years 2003/4

Represented the Pharmaceutical Society of NI on the Council of Healthcare Regulatory Excellence from 2005 – 2009

Served on the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union from 2005 – 2010 being Head of the UK Delegation 2008/10