

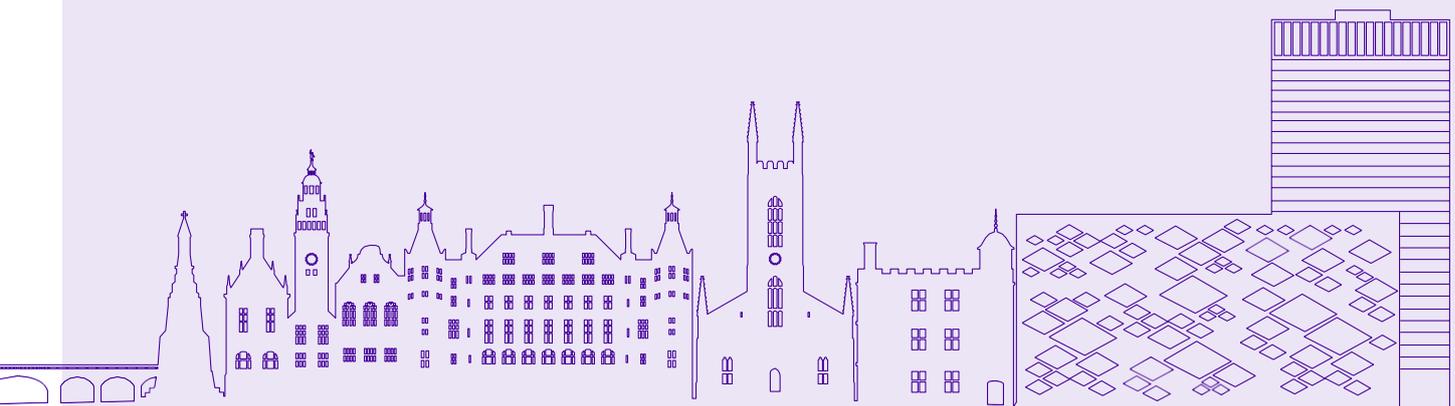


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Legacy of Rosemary Sales

Impact Report
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The University of Sheffield are very grateful for the donations received in the Will of the late **Miss Rosemary Sales (Rose)** worth £5,000 towards medical research in Neuroscience and £1,000 to the Turner Museum of Glass.

Turner Museum of Glass

Professor John Parker, Emeritus Professor of Glass Science and Engineering and curator of the Turner Museum, was in charge of allocating these funds donated by Rosemary to purchase 'Glow' by Tracy Nicholls.

Professor Parker knew Rose well and was keen to purchase a piece that would speak to her memory. He especially wanted to find something innovative made by a young female artist, to honour Rose's pioneering work as a woman in the glass industry.

He has written the below text which explains more about the piece:

The piece selected was on display at the International Glass Biennale in Stourbridge in August 2022. Entitled simply 'Glow', it was made by the UK artist: Tracy Nicholls. Tracy is a previous prize winner for best in show in 2008; she graduated with an MA from UCU Farnham in 2009 achieving a distinction in contemporary glass craft. She has also exhibited in Germany and Portugal.

Simplicity is the key to her work which showcases fused, slumped and cast kiln formed art glass. She favours a monochrome colour palette, using light, shape and form to capture the eye. This piece has a mat black external finish which sidesteps our stereotypical image and challenges our perception of what glass is, while its reflective golden internal coating is the source of its name.

In his own words, the purchase of 'Glow' was "a deliberate choice because Rosemary would have approved."

The piece is now on display at the Turner Museum of Glass, along with a label giving visitors information about Rose's legacy.



Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SITraN)

Established in 2010 and opened by HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SITraN) was designed from the outset as a translational institute that would push the boundaries of conventional research and represents an ideal environment for academic led drug discovery. They do this by bringing together multi-disciplinary teams of scientists and clinicians within a single building, working towards the same goal: to harness scientific discoveries and translate these into breakthrough treatments for neurological disorders.

Motor neuron disorders are notoriously difficult to treat because the causes of the disease vary in different patients. In some cases the disease is inherited but in others there are complex genetic and environmental interactions which are not well understood.

Genetic therapies are pioneering new treatments. They involve the insertion of a missing gene or molecule into target cells to silence, replace or manipulate a faulty gene. And they have the potential to provide new therapies for patients with diseases that currently have few other treatment options.

SITraN is a unique translational research centre. It houses both basic scientists and clinicians working together to understand the underpinning mechanisms of neurodegenerative disorders and develop new treatments. If we know what is going wrong, we can identify new ways to prevent damage to cells and slow down the disease.

The dedicated team at SITraN have used disease models to identify ground-breaking new genetic therapies. And these are producing some of the most exciting results in medicine, including pioneering stem cell therapy for multiple sclerosis, the creation of the innovative Head Up collar for MND patients and state-of-the-art drug screens for neurodegenerative diseases.



Rosemary Sales' legacy gift of £5,000 to support Neuroscience research is making a real difference in the lives of current patients, supporting cutting-edge technology and contributing to life-saving innovations.

“As the Director for SITraN, I am so grateful for the legacy gift made by Rosemary Sales. Donors like her hold such a special place in our work. As without their support, Sheffield wouldn't be the world-leading centre of research it is today.”



*Professor Dame Pamela J Shaw,
Director of the Sheffield Institute for
Translational Neuroscience*



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“The University are very grateful for Rosemary’s foresight and generosity to support these initiatives in her Will.”

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