

# CAFRE Loughry Campus

## Food Technology Branch

## Staff Profiles

## Head of Food Technology



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**Qualifications:**  
BSc (Hons) Food Science,  
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**Areas of interest:**

- Meat technology
- New product development
- Quality assurance
- Food business incubation

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# Dairy Technology Team



## Head of Dairy Technology

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BSc (Hons) Food Technology Management  
PhD Food Microbiology

**Areas of interest:**

- Milk and milk product processing
- New product development
- Sensory analysis
- Food microbiology
- Dairy technical and bespoke training delivery

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**Name:** Gary Andrews  
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**Qualifications:**  
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**Areas of interest:**

- Dairy product and process development
- Sensory analysis, training and screening
- Quality management systems and process management
- Dairy technical and bespoke training delivery
- Milk quality analytical techniques
- Cheese and artisan dairy manufacture

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**Name:** Claire Heron  
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**Areas of interest:**

- New product development
- Sensory analysis
- Ice cream workshops delivery

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**Name:** Ruth Hogg  
**Title:** Food Technologist

**Qualification:**  
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**Areas of interest:**

- Dairy ice cream, yoghurt and dairy products development.
- Sensory analysis
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery
- Legislation and labelling of dairy products
- Health and safety advice and training
- Quality management systems

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**Areas of interest:**

- Food safety
- Sensory analysis
- Project management
- Consumer decision making process
- Barriers to innovation adoption
- Food Technology Centre Manager

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# General Food Technology Team



## Head of General Food Technology

**Name:** Christine Haydock  
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**Qualifications:**  
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### Areas of interest:

- General food processing (fruit, vegetables, egg, bakery, confectionary, beverages and convenience foods)
- Projects supported by innovation vouchers from Invest NI or Enterprise Ireland
- New product development
- Sensory analysis
- Clean labelling of products
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery



**Name:** Milan Havlicek  
**Title:** Food Technologist

**Qualifications:**  
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Postgraduate Diploma in Business and Communication

### Areas of interest:

- General food processing
- Sauce technology
- New product development
- Sensory analysis
- Food packaging
- Beverage processing

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**Name:** Audrey Kelly  
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### Areas of interest:

- Beverage processing
- FMCG processing
- New product development
- Food legislation, labelling and auditing

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**Name:** Zita McNaughter  
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**Qualifications:**  
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### Areas of interest:

- Technical and legislative requirements
- Food vulnerability and supply chain risk assessments
- Quality management mentoring and support
- Food safety
- Quality control
- Traceability

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**Name:** Victoria Shiels  
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### Areas of interest:

- General food processing
- New product development
- Food labelling
- Sensory analysis

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# Innovation Team



## Head of Innovation

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**Areas of interest:**

- Technical business support
- Food development projects
- Food security and integrity
- Quality and process management
- Management of Food Business Incubation Centre

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**Name:** Caroline Hammond  
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**Qualifications:**  
BSc (Hons) Environmental Health  
Postgraduate Certificate Food  
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**Areas of interest:**

- Health and nutrition
- New product development
- Sensory analysis
- Legislation and labelling of all product categories
- HACCP and food safety
- KTP, Fusion and Innovate UK
- Industry projects

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**Name:** Russell Ramage  
**Title:** Food Technologist

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**Areas of interest:**

- Food microbiology
- Food safety
- Teaching
- New product development
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery

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# Meat Technology Team



## Head of Meat Technology

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**Areas of Interest:**

- Food safety
- HACCP
- Auditing and inspection
- Allergen awareness
- Retail management
- Business improvement

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**Name:** Ruth Hyndman  
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BSc (Hons) Food and Nutrition

**Areas of interest:**

- Meat and seafood processing
- New product development
- Artisan food production
- Diet and nutrition
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery

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**Name:** Clare Campbell  
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**Areas of interest:**

- Meat and poultry processing
- New product development
- Nutrition
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery

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**Qualifications:**  
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**Areas of interest:**

- Meat and seafood processing
- New product development
- Sensory analysis
- New food business approvals
- Legislation and labelling of meat products
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery

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# Training and Capability Development Team



## Head of Training and Capability Development

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**Areas of interest:**

- Food safety
- Allergens
- Instructional techniques
- Train the trainer
- Assessor and Internal Verifier training
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery

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- Food safety
- HACCP
- Allergens
- Instructional techniques
- Train the trainer
- Bespoke industry training programme delivery

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- HACCP
- Auditing
- Sensory analysis

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