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Dear Tom

Research Centres Award: End of Award Report
Project Title: The AHRC Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies
Our Reference: RC / PID number: 6726 / AID Number: 11192

Thank you for your End of Award Report for the above Research Centres award which we received in March 2006.

End of Award Reports for Research Centres awards are assessed and graded initially by 4 peer reviewers, whose role within the assessment process is to provide specialist expertise. The peer review assessors are asked to consider whether the conduct and delivery of the Centre's research activities were, in their view satisfactory.

If they consider that they were satisfactory, the AHRC Research Committee will then be asked to make, on the basis of papers provided, a final indicative assessment of the quality and the potential importance and value of the Centre as a whole. This latter assessment, which will take account of all aspects of the Centre and of the information provided in the End Award report, together with the peer review assessors comments, will inform the allocation of one of three grades: Satisfactory, Good or Outstanding. Please note that the grade is a judgement of the research process and the *potential* importance of the research activities. It is not a judgement of the quality of any outputs produced.

I am pleased to inform you that your report has been allocated a final grade of **Outstanding**. Please find enclosed anonymised copies of the 5 assessments.

I would wish to remind you that, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award, due acknowledgement of support received from the AHRC should be made in or about any publication (printed or electronic) or public output - including exhibitions and performances - resulting from the funded research. In the case of outputs which involve collaboration with other organisations, you should ensure that all parties are aware of the need to incorporate an acknowledgement of AHRC support in all publicity material. It is also a condition that a selection of the major publications or outputs should be sent to the Council. Where the research programme results in a non-permanent output; such as an installation or performance, photographs or reviews, these constitute an acceptable record of the output. I should therefore be grateful if you could arrange for a selection of any relevant outputs to be forwarded to the Council once they are available.

Congratulations to you, and everyone who was associated with the AHRC Phase 1 Centre, on this wonderful achievement.

With kind regards

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