

BICS Awards 2014

The BICS Awards 2014 took place in Titanic Belfast on April 10th. 420 people were in attendance for the presentation of the adjudication process and the awards. You can see full details of all the nominees and winners on the night. Thanks to all the society committee members in attendance, to the 48 adjudicators and to the chief adjudicators Aoife Kelleher and Paul Lee. Thanks to all the hard working BICS Awards Teams for making the whole night happen and congratulations to all involved.

The Results

Best Society (in a Cultural, Academic, or Social Field) in a Large College



The nominees are:

DCU Dance

DIT Drama

NUIG GIGsoc

NUIM Dance

QUB SCRUBS

UCC Economic

UL International

and the winner is...

UCC Economics

The UCC Economics Society held a wide range of social and academic events in the past year. They started with a fantastic GAAconomics event and went out on a bang too, as Economics Week featured Tim Harford, Megan Greene, David McWilliams and a celebration of Chinese New Year.

Best Society (in a Cultural, Academic, or Social Field) in a Small College



The nominees are:

CIT International Students

DBS Radio

IT Tralee Manga, Anime & Gaming Society

IT Tallaght Radio

Mary Immaculate Writers Society

NCI Peer Mentors

and the winner is...

CIT International Students

Cork Institute of Technology's International Student Society is a student focused and driven society. The society is filled with rich cultural and diverse backgrounds making the ISS a preferred society on campus. The Committee officers are focused and passionate to ensure all members are motivated and happy.

Best Society (in a Civic / Charity Field) in a Large College



The nominees are:

DCU RAG

NUIG VSA

NUIM SVdP

QUB Red Cross

UCC Surgeon Noonan

and the winner is...

DCU RAG

The Raising and Giving society aims to harness the energy of the student population and empower them to do good in their community. Students are engaged by innovative events run by RAG that encourage them to 'get stuck in' and volunteer with our wide variety of social projects which are set up and run by students.

Best Society (in a Civic / Charity Field) in a Small College



The nominees are:

GMIT Best Buddies

IT Tralee SVdP

Letterkenny IT Gaisce

Mary Immaculate One World

and the winner is...

Letterykenny IT Gaisce

LYIT GAISCE Society is a proactive society at LYIT, consisting of students who are focused on volunteering, fundraising and community engagement. Each year this group visits the 'Garden Of Eden Project' in Thailand. 'The Garden of Eden' is a rehabilitation community for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). Even though the PLWHA were still healthy, they were rejected by their families and communities. The goal is to create a self-supporting community of people living with HIV/AIDS.

The students from LYIT Gaisce Society 2013 interacted with children and adults with HIV/AIDS and built fish/frog farms to help the people in this project gain self sufficiency and some financial independence.

Best Event in a Large College



The nominees are:

Vodafone DIT Fashion Show (DIT Fashion)

DCUtv 24 hour broadcast (DCU Media Production Society)

The Drowsy Chaperone (NUIG Musical Society)

Mini-Musical Festival (NUIM Musical & Dramatic Society)

SWOT Fashion Show (QUB SWOT)

Relay For Life (UCC Cancer Society)

Women's Rights Conference (UL Law Society)

and the winner is...

Vodafone DIT Fashion Show (DIT Fashion Show)

The Vodafone DIT Fashion Show is not simply fashion societies performance but a spectacle encompassing students from across DIT involved in a variety of societies. The show was a star studded event this year attracting a crowd of celebrities and notable influencers in the fashion industry.

Best Event in a Small College



The nominees are:

Dance Intervarsities (CIT Dance Society)

Cash on Delivery (IT Tallaght Drama Society)

24 Hour Challenge (IT Tralee Enterprise Society)

Cats the Musical (Mary Immaculate Dramatic Arts Society)

PokéCon (NCI Pokémon Society)

and the winner is...

Cats the Musical (Mary Immaculate Dramatic Arts Society)

Cats the musical brought MIDAS to the next level in terms of production, design, costumes, location and promotion. As a completely student run event it demanded excellent teamwork and dedication from the students involved and was enjoyed by over 3000 audience members during its six show run.

Best Individual in a Large College



The nominees are:

Helene Duffy – DIT

Francine Kwan – DCU

Eamonn Doran – NUIG

Danielle O'Sullivan – NUIM

Laura Cashman – UCC

Tríona O'Sullivan – UL

and the winner is...

Tríona O'Sullivan – UL

Tríona is a final year student studying Business with HRM and has been involved in the Society for the last 4 years. She has been nominated by the UL Wolf Community for her outstanding dedication, constant positive demeanour and good nature that has brought the society from strength to strength.

Best Individual in a Small College



The nominees are:

Trish Elliott – IT Blanchardstown

Benjamin Henry – CIT

Joanne Mullins – GMIT

Emma Nolan – IT Tallaght

Róisín Harty – IT Tralee

Claire Cotter – Mary Immaculate

Josephine Andrews -NCI

and the winner is...

Emma Nolan – IT Tallaght

Emma has been involved with the Society for a number of years, hosting shows and organising events. Her year as Chairperson saw the society grow in numbers, engage with other clubs & socs, hit people with fish and add online streaming throughout the year. Affectionately referred to as “Momma Bear”.

Most Improved Society in a Large College



The nominees are:

DCU Africa

DIT Islamic

NUIG DJ

NUIM Pride

QUB Radio

UCC Amnesty

UL Music

and the winner is...

UCC Amnesty

The UCC Amnesty International society has grown from strength to strength this year. It has held over 40 events including the Amnesty Ireland National Student Conference which was held in UCC for the first time. The society also participated in the national student fundraiser #Jailbreak14.

Most Improved Society in a Small College



The nominees are:

CIT Music

GMIT Mature Students

IT Tralee Sign Language

IT Tallaght Mature Students

Letterkenny IT LGBT

Mary Immaculate Debating

and the winner is...

CIT Music

CIT Music strives to provide an outlet for their member's musical passions, all the while organising events that provide an unforgettable experience and showcase some of Cork City and County's greatest talents. They provide a rehearsal space for students equipped with amps and instruments, organise free monthly gigs, weekly Jam Sessions, drum and guitar lessons and run a highly successful Battle of the Bands.

Best New Society in a Large College



The nominees are:

DCU Friends Society

DIT PRPA

NUIG Astronomy

NUIM Enactus

QUB Michaela Foundation

UCC Engineers Without Borders

and the winner is...

NUIG Astronomy

Astro Soc seek to boldly go where no society has gone before inspiring students, staff and the general public to explore and look up at the night's sky. Our galactic variety of events to promote astronomy

across campus has awakened a curiosity to what the cosmos is all about. We even organised a Science Fortnight...

Best New Society in a Small College



The nominees are:

CIT Cancer Society

IT Tralee Enterprise

IT Blanchardstown Social Care Society

IT Tallaght Airsoft

Mary Immaculate Harry Potter Society

NCI Pokémon Society

and the winner is...

Mary Immaculate Harry Potter Society

This year, Mary Immaculate College welcomed its first Harry Potter society. Co-founders and co-chairpeople Emer and Claire decided it was time to gather students together in their mutual love for all things Potter. Overcoming the challenges of muggles and stubborn hippogriffs, the MIC Harry Potter society has had a magical first semester.

Best Fresher in a Large College



The nominees are:

Michael Batten – DIT

Eoin Lúic Ó Ceallaigh – DCU

Leah Heffernan – NUIG

Kelsey Neal – UCC

Darragh Keane – UL

and the winner is...

Eoin Lúic Ó Ceallaigh – DCU

Eoin Lúic is a 19 year old Journalism student from County Carlow. Since starting in DCU in September he has been extremely involved in society life. He was elected Events Coordinator and First Year rep of the Raising and Giving society as well as being Brand Development Officer for Cumann Gaelach and an active member of the Media Production Society.

Best Fresher in a Small College



The nominees are:

Jackie Ní Fhogartaigh – CIT

Jamie McMahon – IT Tallaght

Cliona Lawton – IT Tralee

Damien Kiely – Mary Immaculate

Eve O'Connor – NCI

and the winner is...

Damien Kiely – Mary Immaculate

Damien was nominated for his contribution to the One World Society in Mary Immaculate College. His enthusiasm towards the society and bringing fresh ideas for the society. His event of renown was the “Help for Heroes” initiative, which raised money to purchase toys for University Hospital Limerick.

Best Publicity Campaign



The nominees are:

DCU Redbrick

DIT Fashion

IT Tralee Tattoo & Piercing

IT Tallaght Radio

Mary Immaculate One World

NUIG Akumakon

UCC Cancer Society

and the winner is...

UCC Cancer Society

This year, the PR team at UCC Cancer Society were hard at work promoting Relay for Life UCC through YouTube videos, social media campaigns, on and off campus inclusive campaigns and trending hashtags!

Best Poster

The nominees are:

CIT Christian Union

DIT Fashion Society

GMIT Best Buddies

It Blanchardstown Social Care Society

IT Tralee TV & Film Society

IT Tallaght Radio

Mary Immaculate Harry Potter Society

NCI Pokémon Society

NUIG Dramsoc

UCC Dramat

UL Out in UL

and the winner is...

DIT Fashion Society



Best Promotional Video



The nominees are:

DIT Fashion

IT Tallaght Radio

IT Tralee Airsoft

Mary Immaculate One World

NCI LGBT

NUIG Film & Drama

UCC an Chuallacht, Choral and Traditional Music Societies

UL Music

and the winner is...

IT Tallaght Radio

IT Tallaght Radio run two radio weeks, Freshers and February as ITTFM, along with streaming online throughout the year. The Soc held numerous events including Killer Karaoke, and this video was used in promoting it.

Best Photo



The nominees are:

CIT Photographic Society

DIT DJ

IT Tallaght Radio

IT Tralee Metal Society

NCI Peer Mentor

NUIG Rover Society

UCC Medieval & Renaissance

UL Photographic

and the winner is...

NUIG Rover Society



Rover Soc is an outdoor society based on the scouting ethos. All our activities that we undertake are done through the scouting spirit! There are already many outdoor clubs in our college so we pride ourselves on being able to put our own spin on things!