Benefits of membership to College & Universities

- Research & Surveys
- Networking
- Ultimate guidebook
- Improve support for societies
- Enhance student experience
- Exchange of information
- Sharing ideas
- National Awards
- Co-operation
- Update on key developments
What is BICS?

BICS is a national organisation set up in 1995 dedicated to supporting student societies. The BICS Members are staff and students from Irish Colleges dedicated to the support and the promotion of student societies. Currently eighteen colleges are members of BICS giving their staff, societies and their members access to networks & resources related to running their societies helping them achieve their ambitions.

We Aim to:

- Provide a national forum for the administrators and governing bodies of college societies
- Foster contact and the exchange of information
- Promote collaboration and co-operation between societies
- Promote importance and benefits of student societies in 3rd level institutes
- Provide best practice for the support and facilities available to student societies
- Provide support for the development of societies
- Compile research and surveys relevant to student societies activities

Currently there are eighteen third level institutions represented on the Board.

Membership Benefits:

BICS National Awards:
The purpose of the National Awards is to recognise the huge effort made by the many individuals who run student societies across Ireland. The National Awards are a means of recognising this dedication and are an opportunity to celebrate the importance and value that societies contribute to college life.

All member colleges of BICS are entitled to nominate individuals or societies from their college for the awards, which are as follows:

The Awards are divided into the following categories:

**Large College** - Defined as having a full time undergraduate population of over 7500
**Small College** - Defined as having a full time undergraduate population of under 7500
Annual BICS Forum
Each year the forum is aimed at staff and students with varying amounts of experience and expertise. This year in Limerick and the theme is “Becoming Leaders, Being Heard & Including All”. Thursday and Friday the 21st and 22nd of January in DIT Kevin St, Registration 4pm
Check out details on www.bics.ie

BICS Student Network
The Student Network is a forum for the students leaders of Students Societies in the member institutes.
• Meet people
• Network
• Share Ideas

Website
Currently improving website and its features and benefits to societies
Resource for our members to connect with other colleges
• News
• Calendar of events
• Sign up to newsletters
• Training and resource section sharing best practice

Train the trainer weekend
Up skill to provide relevant training to your societies.

Benefits to societies
• Student reps in each college
• Making the organisation of intervarsities and intercollegiate events simpler
• Enhance networking amongst societies
• Share ideas

How do we join?
We are offering an introductory fee for full membership of €300 to new members or college that have not been involved for 3 years. Rates after the first year are annual - €500 for small college and €1000 for large society.

The Awards will take place in Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick, April 14th
STILL TIME TO ENTER!

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