BICS FORUM NOV 2018
“Celebrating Diversity: Creating safe spaces for building communities

Day 1: Thursday 15th November
Venue: DIT Aungier St.

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| 5:00 - 6:00PM | Interactive Discussion  
(Emmet Jordan Kelly, DIT Societies Office) |
| 6:00 - 7:30PM | Panel Discussion  
(RuPaul Ryder (Gender), Martin ‘Beanz’ Warde (Ethnicity, Sexuality), Vivian Rath (Disability)) |
| 7:30PM        | Refreshments  |
| 10:00PM       | Social Event  |

Day 2: Friday 16th November
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<td>9:30 - 10:00AM</td>
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| 10:00 - 11:00AM| First Session (Parallel):  
GDPR in Socs / Canva 101  
Rooms: (2-064 & 2-066) |
Cameron Keighron (NUIG)  
Room: (Coutyard) |
| 12:15 - 1:00PM | Lunch         |
| 1:00 - 2:00PM  | Third Session (Parallel):  
Smart Concent - Padraic Mac Neela (G-024)  
Awards Hints & Tips - Kaytee Behan (DIT) (Courtyard) |
| 2:00PM         | Wrap-up & Feedback |
MEET THE SPEAKERS

RuPaul Ryder
Joining us to speak on ‘Celebrating Diversity’, Paul has been a performer for over 10 years. His androgynous/drag character of ‘The Ringmaster’ has taken him nationwide around Ireland and beyond. He recently completed a UK and Ireland tour with the stage show ‘Heels of Hell’ which returns in October 2019 touring 8 locations. He is about to release his first solo single ‘Complicated’ in December 2018. In Summer 2019 he returns with his epic drag competition ‘The Ringmasters Drag Race’ which is in its 9th consecutive year. He has been the Creative Director/Choreographer for Anthem Productions and the Cheerios Panto for 9 years now.

Martin ‘Beanz’ Wade
Martin is a stand up comedian from the Irish Traveling community and has performed across Ireland, drawing on his experiences from growing up both a Traveler and Gay. He has spoken at pride events in Ireland, the UK and Slovenia around racism, intersectionality and mental health issues. Martin has a degree in Sociology and Politics through NUI Galway and has conducted a study with Exchange House Ireland and the School of Sociology in NUIG, looking at the correlation between being an LGBT+ Traveler and poor mental health. He was also one of the core founders of LGBT Pavee, Ireland’s only LGBT+ Traveler led group. Martin is a poet, Comedian, actor, writer, animal lover and keen Liverpool FC fan.
Vivian Rath
Vivian is currently undertaking a PhD researching the social experiences of students with disabilities in higher education. Previous to that he completed an MSC in Business Management where he researched the employment of graduates with disabilities. Vivian has extensive experience in student life. He worked in UCD in the Office of the Vice President for Students’ for five years and also served as a director of the board of AHEAD. As a student he was a founding member of the national third level mental health campaign Pleasetalk.or and was elected Welfare Officer of UCDSU. He has a wealth of experience in providing supports for people with disabilities accessing education and employment opportunities. Vivian has recently been appointed by the Minister for Disability to the National Disability Stakeholders Group. In his spare time, he likes to train sheepdogs, attend toastmasters and is a keen Fly fisher.

Cecily Giles
Cecily is the information Officer at Institute of Technology, Tallaght. Cecily will talk us through the ‘ins and outs’ of Data Protection for Societies Committee members and Societies Staff.

Cameron Keighron
Cam has been a long time advocate for the LGBT+ rights throughout Ireland having worked with LGBT+ societies in third level institutions. He is also the first openly trans chairperson of AMACH! LGBT+. He has worked for the last 3 years in the societies office in NUI Galway as well as having spent the last number of years on the BICS executive. Cam’s workshop will look at breaking down stereotypes we may have and how to achieve open and inclusive societies.
Padraig Macneela

Dr. Pádraig Mac Neela is a senior lecturer at the School of Psychology, NUI Galway. In 2013 he began a research program on sexual consent with Rape Crisis Network Ireland, which led to a practical, short sexual consent workshop in 2015 - the SMART concept workshop. That workshop is currently in use in a number of third level institutions in Ireland, with over 3,000 students now having participated. The workshop is based on small group activities and doesn’t ask for any personal experiences. It is based on promoting active, positive consent, supported by survey and qualitative findings from thousands of other students on their views about consent.

The BICS session will be a SMART consent workshop that you will take part in as an active participant. You will be asked about your understanding of what is meant by consent, to read and talk about short scenarios where consent is relevant, and learn about what other students think about consent. The session will touch on issues concerning sexual health and sexual activity. It does not include explicit references to sexual violence or trauma.
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