BICS Awards 2015

The Results

Best Society Photograph (Large & Small)

Nominees
CIT: Photo, Cancer & Music Societies
DCU: Cancer Society
DIT: Reel Society
ITTD: Rainbow Society
IT Tralee: MAG Society
Mary immaculate College: Art Society
NUI Galway: GIG Soc
UCC: India Society
UL Photographic Society

And The Winner is….
UCC India Society:
Holi Festival of Colours

This photo was an action shot of participants, Nikesh Chopra, Jess O’Connor and Aurora Robles, in UCC Indian Society’s Holi Festival festivities. It captures the vibrancy and colour that Societies are all about as well as reflecting the diversity and variety of cultural experiences that societies offer to students.
Best Society Intervarsity

Nominees

Maynooth University: Elsa International Negotiation Competition
NUI Galway Potterfest
UL Comedy intervarsity

And the winner is…

NUI Galway Potterfest

PotterFest is a Harry Potter convention aimed at children and adults that took place between the 13th and the 15th of March. Throughout the weekend there were sorting ceremonies, panel discussions, classes including potions and ghoul studies, Quidditch matches, a family fun day and screenings, as well as intervarsity competitions between the visiting colleges. The Triwizard Cup went to Adam Miller from Trinity College with Ellie Mae Parfrey from NUI Galway coming in second place.
Best Poster

Nominees:

CIT: Music Society
DBS: Psychology Society
DCU: LGBTAA
DIT: Fashion Society
ITTD: Rainbow Society
IT Tralee: Games Dev Soc
Mary Immaculate College:
Harry Potter Society
Letterkenny IT: LGBT+ Soc
NUI Galway: Pottersoc
UCC: Dramat
UL: Photographic Soc

And the winner is…

DIT
Fashion Society

The DIT Fashion Show poster goes above and beyond conveying this year’s theme of ‘Cultural Fusion’. Our creative team channelled this year’s theme creating a portrait of the tangible through powerful and vivid imagery backed up with ethereal elements.
Best Promotional Video (Large & Small)

Nominees

DCU – Accounting and Finance Society
DIT – Reel Society
IT Tallaght – Radio Society
IT Tralee – SVDP Society
Mary I – MIDAS (Mary I Dramatic Arts Society)
Maynooth University – Pride Society
NUIG – Film Soc & Dramsoc
UCC – Musical Society
UL – Photographic Society

And the Winner is….

DIT: Reel Society

The video shows footage from the Standup4love pro-marriage equality event organised by DIT Societies. The purpose of the video is to encourage students to get up and to the polling booth come May 22nd to bring home a "Yes" vote.
**Best Publicity Campaign (Large & Small)**

**Nominees**
- DCU – Dublin City University Style
- DIT – Fashion Society
- IT Tallaght – Radio Society
- IT Tralee – Creative Media Society
- Mary I – MIDAS (Mary I Dramatic Arts Society)
- NUI Galway – Potter Soc
- UCC – LGBT* Society

**And the Winner is:**

**ITTD: Radio Society**

ITTD Radio Society run radio week every year. This year included a selection of different promotional strategies, along with several new ones, including a “Share the Love” campaign and a 33 hour cycling marathon, which saw the group cycle the distance between ITT Dublin and the University of Kent!
Best Society Fresher (Small College)

The Nominees
CIT – Stephanie Fogarty
IT Tallaght – Alan Crowther
IT Tralee – Dylan Doocey
Mary I – Robert De Brun

And the Winner is…
CIT – Stephanie Fogarty

Stephanie is a bubbly, social and extremely interactive person. As Chair of CIT LGBT she led a great team this year. She love being around people and helping them to become a better version of themselves.
Best Society Fresher (Large College)

DCU – Cait Ni Cheallacháin
DIT – Paul Furlong
NUIG – Edel Browne
Maynooth – Deirdre Ni Chearúil
UCC – Daisy May Pemble

And the winner is…

DCU – Cait Ni Cheallacháin

Media Production Society

Cáit is first year rep for Dublin City University MPS and winner of Dublin City University’s Best Fresher. She is an active member in societies such as Drama and RAG. But her first love is MPS and she is delighted to be representing them at this year’s BICS!
Best New Society (Small College)

CIT – Irish Red Cross Society
Dundalk IT – Circus Arts Society
IT Tallaght – Engineering & Technology Society
IT Tralee – Well-Being Society
Letterkenny IT – Public Speaking Society
Mary I – Art Society
NCI – Student Innovation & Development Society

And the winner is …

IT Tallaght – Engineering & Technology Society

We are a diverse society encompassing members from many different disciplines and nationalities. We are also the only academic society recognized by IT Tallaght. It’s been an amazing first year, we’ve had great fun and accomplished a lot, including growing to become the biggest society in our college this year.
Best New Society (Large College)

DIT - Art & Design Society
DCU - Cancer Society
NUIG - Baking Society
Maynooth - Access Society
UCC - Suicide Aware and Mental Health

And the winner is…

Suicide Aware and Mental Health (SAMH) Society
The Suicide Aware and Mental Health Society was founded by a group of students dedicated to the cause of raising awareness around mental health and suicide. The society has made great strides in its first year through a number of varied and innovative events.
Most Improved Society (Small College)

Nominees
Dundalk IT – Media Society
IT Tallaght Dublin – Rainbow Society
IT Tralee – Bang FM Radio Society
Letterkenny IT – LGBT+ Society
Mary I – LGBT+A
NCI – Gaming Society

And the winner is…

Letterkenny IT: LGBT+

LGBT+ Society
The LGBT+ Society aims to offer a balance of both social and awareness raising events. 'Rainbow Week', 'Ally Day' and 'Supporting Someone Coming Out' training go a long way to support this aim. These activities promote equality and awareness of LGBT+ students and their issues in the college.
Most Improved Society (Large College)

DIT - DJ Society
DCU - Cumann Gaelach
Maynooth – Literary & Debating Society
NUIG – DanSoc
UCC - Europa Society
UL - Racing & Motorsport

And the winner is…

Maynooth University: Literary and Debating society

Maynooth’s Literary and Debating society has been an established society for many years. This year they won a national Poetry Slam, attended every debating IV, and hosted the final of the Irish Times Debate. They also host regular weekly events which had never been seen before.
Best Society Individual (Small College)

Nominees
CIT - Megan Cronin
Dundalk IT - Joy McKeon
IT Tallaght - Christopher Mc Clelland
IT Tralee - Mairead Egan
Letterkenny IT - Katy Murphy

Joint winners

IT Tallaght Dublin: Christopher Mc Clelland

I'm a final year mechanical engineering student in IT Tallaght. At the beginning of this year I took on the challenge of setting up the Engineering & Technology society. This society has grown to be the biggest society in our college and I am very proud to have been involved with its development.

CIT: Megan Cronin

PRO of Music in 1st Year, Chairperson and revived it in 2nd earning the most improved soc at BICS. Best Society of CIT this year. Twitter and Photography for the Photographic soc and Presenter of CIT News, Battle of the Bands and the Fashion Shows. Dedicated and passionate about societies.
Best Society Individual (Large College)

Nominees
DIT – Diarmuid McCleary
DCU – Dylan Kehoe
NUIG – Aaron Molloy
Maynooth – Sidney Harshman-Early
UCC – Garrett Mulrain
UL – Ciaran O’Donnell
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Garrett Mulrain is a Law student from Buffalo, New York. He has been heavily involved in the International Relations Society throughout his undergraduate degree and this year was the auditor of IR Soc, leading his team through a highly successful year in which they competed successfully nationally and internationally.
Best Society Event (Small College)

CIT: Musical Society, ‘Carrie’ The Musical
IT Tallaght Dublin: Radio Society, Radio Week
IT Tralee – TV/Film/Photo Societies, Silent Disco
LYIT: Gaisce & LGBT + Societies, ‘This Is Me’ Fashion Show
Mary I: Art Society, Canvas Exhibition
NCI: Student Innovation & Development Society, SQS Software Testing Workshop

And the winner is…

CIT Musical Society: Carrie the Musical.
This year, the CIT Musical Society were proud to present the Irish Premiere of CARRIE the Musical. This daring choice of show allowed more members than ever to get involved, while also allowing the general public to come together and experience this thrilling retelling of Stephen King’s classic thriller novel.
Best Society Event (Large College)

DIT – Reel Society – DIT Film Festival
DCU – Esoc – DCU #BegBorrowSteal
Maynooth – Students for Charity– Galway Cycle
NUIG – Anime & Manga – Akumakon 2015
UCC – Sci-Fi – Kaizoku Con
UL – Comedy Soc – Stand-Up Intervarsity

And the winner is…

Maynooth – Students for Charity– Galway Cycle
The Galway Cycle was held on March 27-29th 2015 in aid of The Assistance Dog Programme with the Irish Guide Dogs from the Blind. Over 300 participants completed the 400km return journey from Maynooth University SU to Eyre Square, Galway. Our running fundraising total stands at €115,000.
Best Society in a Charity or Civic Field (Small College)

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Nominees
IT Tallaght – Harambee Society
IT Tralee – SVDP Society
Letterkenny IT – Android App Society
Mary I – One World Society

And the Winner is…

Mary I – One World Society

One World is one of the oldest societies in Mary I and year after year they prove their abilities with campus wide events including hosting Fair Trade Fortnight and many more. The society promotes social justice, debt and development issues, fairtrade and environmental sustainability.
Best Society in a Charity or Civic Field (Large College)

Nominees
DCU – Raising and Give Society
Maynooth – Students for Charity
NUIG – Voluntary Services Abroad
UCC – Saint Vincent de Paul Society

And the Winner is…

DCU Raising and Give Society

The Society was founded in 2011 and has developed a number of successful social projects in the university and the community since. We aim to engage students in the society, equip them with the skills to make a difference and empower them to actively promote change in society.
Best Society in a Cultural, Academic or Social Field (Small College)

Nominees

CIT – Music Society
IT Tallaght Dublin – Radio Society
IT Tralee – MAG Society
Letterkenny IT – Gaisce Society
Mary I – Writers Society
NCI – Intl. Friendship Society

And the winner is…

IT Tallaght Dublin – Radio Society

In its 11th year, the ITTD Radio Society continues to be one of the strongest and most active societies in ITTD. They frequently run Radio broadcasts, training days and have events such as Fresher’s Radio Week and February Radio Week, including a 33 hour broadcast marathon for charity and more!
Best Society in a Cultural, Academic or Social Field (Large College)

Nominees

DIT – Reel Society
DCU – Media Production Society
NUIG – GiG Soc (Gay in Galway)
Maynooth University – Pride Society
UCC – Dramat Society
UL – Out in UL

And the winner is…

DCU – Media Production Society

The DCU Media Production Society comprising of DCUtv and DCUfm is the home of media in DCU. The society has been going from strength to strength particularly in the past six years, winning three DCU Best Society awards and BICS awards for Most Improved, Best Online Presence and Best Society.