

# 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

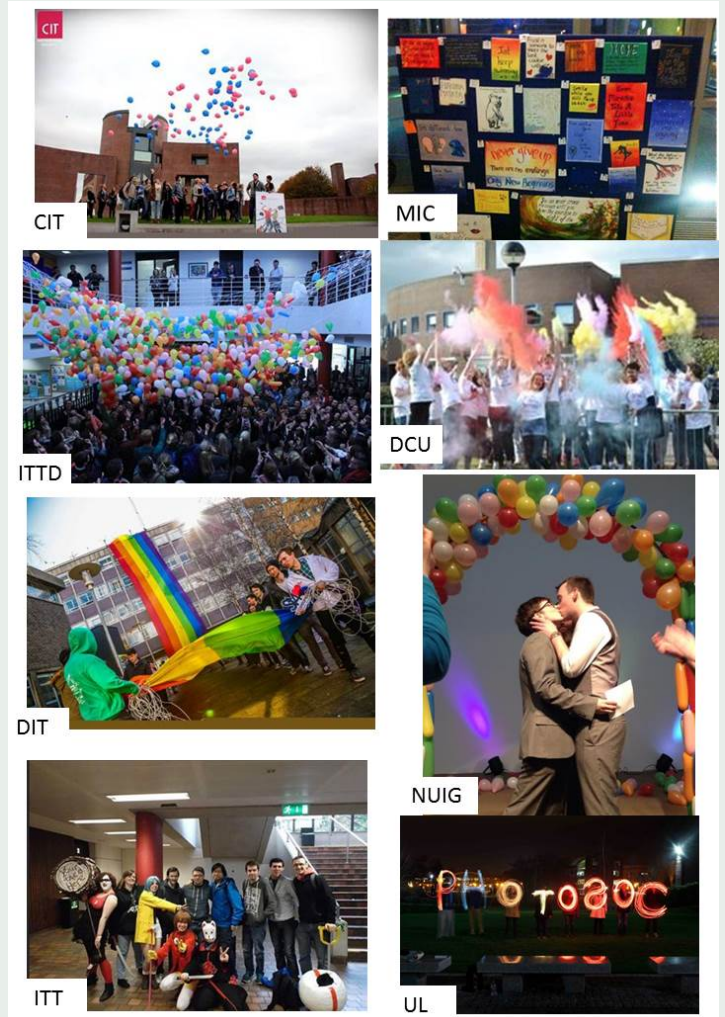
UL Photographic Society

#### 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 ghoulish 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: LGBT+  
 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.



DCU



NUIG



CIT



ITTD



UL



LYIT



ITT



MIC



DIT



DBS



# 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

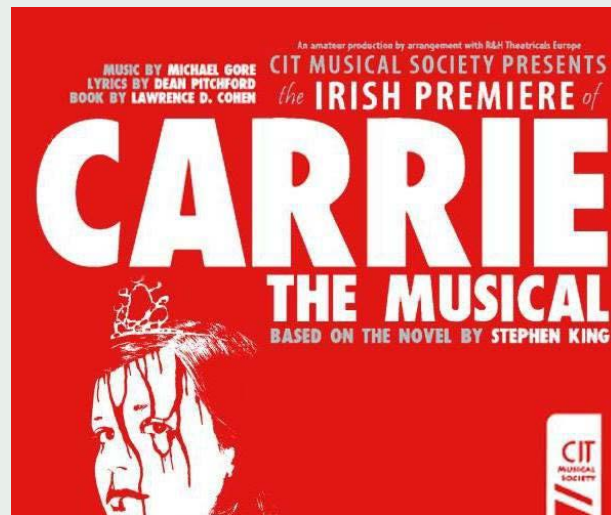
Mary I: Art Society, Canvas Exhibition

NCl: 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.

