

# Application

<b>Name of Event</b>
<b>Fighting the Dementors</b>
<b>Name of Society</b>
<b>Harry Potter Society</b>
<b>College</b>
<b>University College Cork</b>

<b>Please provide a brief description of the event.</b>
<i>Include if this was a new event, if not how did it improve on last year. Did you face any challenges, What you were most proud off? How does this event fit in with the aims of your society?</i>
The concept of the event was that a simple piece of black card represented a dementor (in the Harry Potter series the dementor feeds of all hopes and happiness). In order to repel them you cast your patronus which we represented post-its which people could write positive messages or something that made them happy as the spell is a manifestation of happy thoughts. Rowling admitted that the dementors were an embodiment of her depression which she faced before and while writing this series. Having this knowledge added to the relevance and importance of this event to promote positive mental health. We offered pieces of chocolate (in the movies this is a cure!) as well as tea and coffee. This kept with the Harry Potter theme and also provided well needed relief during the strains of study

<b>1. Describe how your event promoted positive mental health on your campus and any positive outcomes.</b>
This event was held during our college study week, a time when students can feel dejected and be mentally weaker from the strain of studying for exams and completing assignments, so it was a prime opportunity for us to hold this event at that time. This event is held during both study weeks throughout the academic year. People enjoyed the chance to have some tea and chat free of charge as they left the library for some air and came down to the front of the library where our stand was set up

<b>2. How many were involved in the event</b>
<i>Include number on the organising committee, how many students attended, if applicable how many members of the public attended.</i>
All 14 members of the committee were involved in the organisation, promotion and production of this event. All necessary supplies were bought in Musgraves through an allowance provided the Societies' Guild Executive. Hundreds of students passed by and interacted with the stand. Each committee member spent only a half hour managing the stand so as not to take them away from their studies for too long – we need to take care of ourselves too. Our motto is 'you can't pour from an empty cup!'

<b>3 How did you fare financially?</b>
<i>What grant did you receive, how successful was your sponsorship/ fundraising. What was your overall income and expenditure?</i>

This was one of our lower maintenance events. We were granted 30 euro in funding which we spent on chocolate, tea and coffee. We also provided recyclable cups and encouraged people to bring their own travel mugs to avoid waste. We used hot flasks and filled them with hot water which is available freely at the student's union common room.

#### 4 Please give details of the methods used to promote the event?

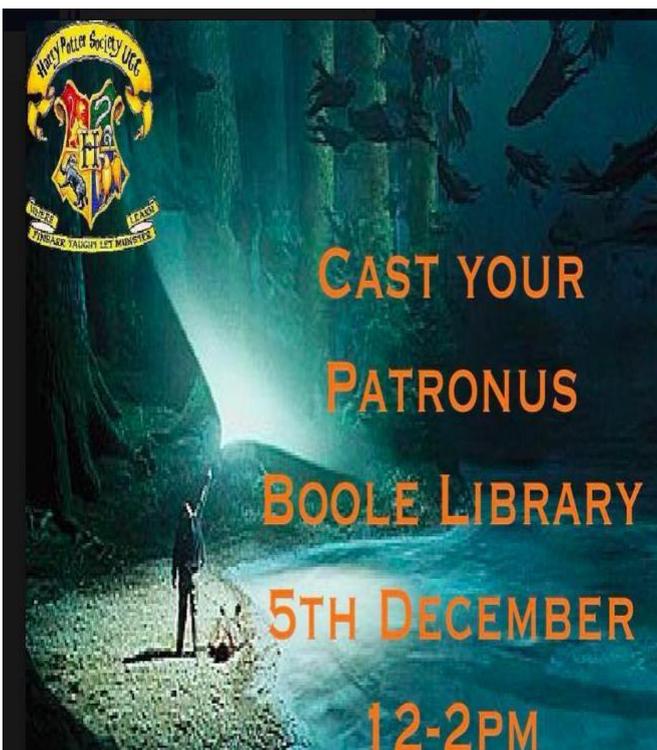
*How successful were you at your PR and getting people involved. Tips: It is important to detail variety of publicity methods used as well as the creativity and innovation of the publicity utilised.*

We relied on our usual methods to promote the event such as posters, tweets, Instagram posts and Facebook events. We relied on word of mouth from societies such as Simon Society, for whom we fundraised for during our event.

#### 5 What would it mean to the society to win this award and why do you feel the society merits the award?

It would mean so much to us to win the award as we put so much time and effort into organising the event. While the event was based on something from the Harry Potter Universe, we catered it to everyone on campus, both students and staff or even visitors who so frequently visit the campus. We provided them with what we felt they would need on a cold winter afternoon-hot beverages and tasty treats, but we feel we provided students with much more. We understand how important it is to have good mental health, but we also know how easy it is to fall during stressful times such as the exam period. We put everything into trying to lift people's spirits and bring some cheer to campus and we do feel that we did a great job. We understand there are so many people deserving this award, but we would greatly appreciate your consideration.

**Include poster, brochure and at least FOUR photos of your event plus links to any videos and websites.**



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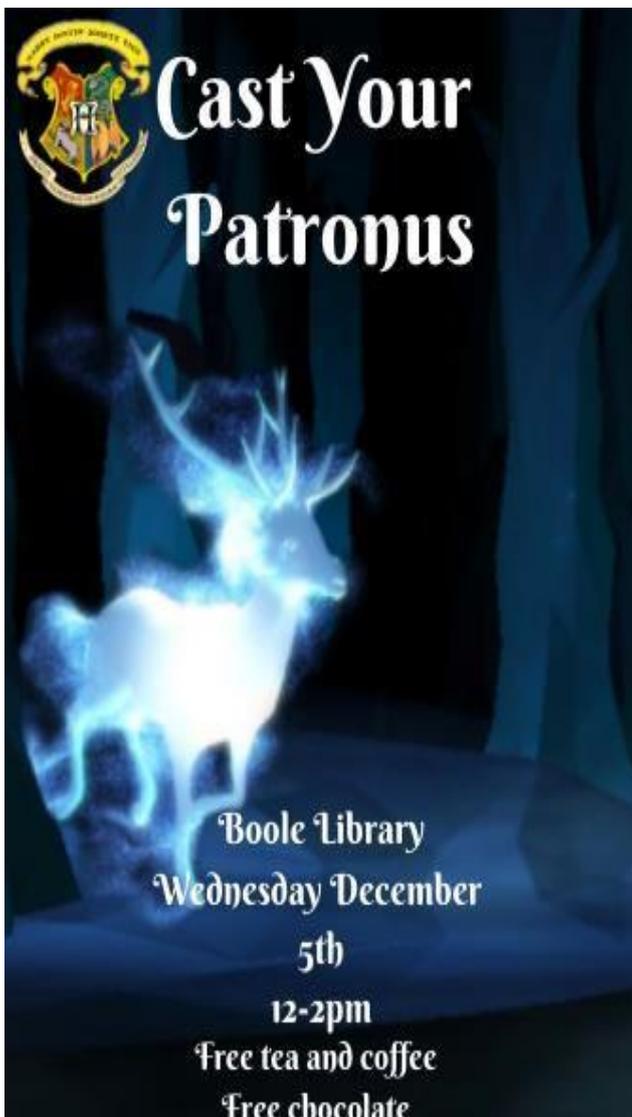
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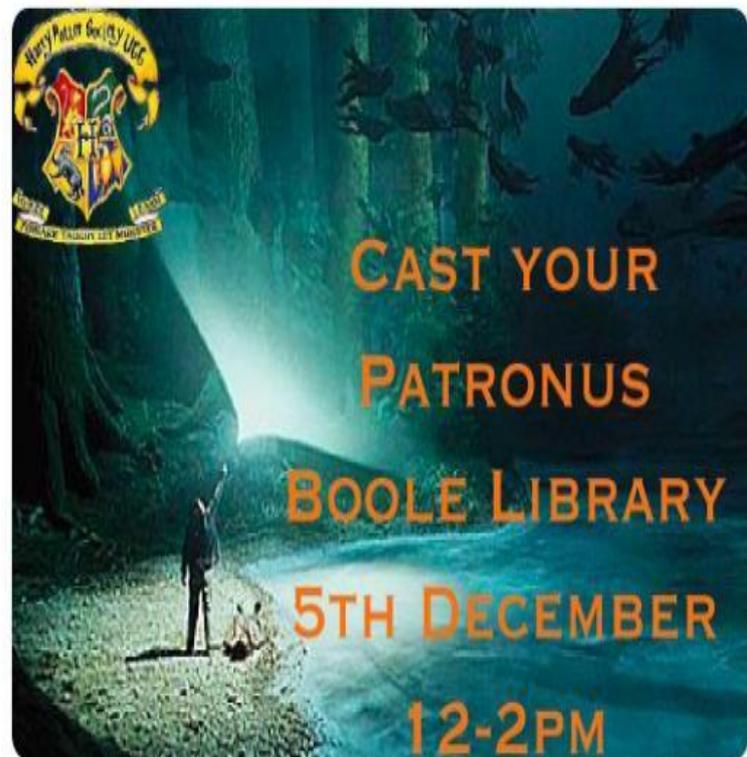
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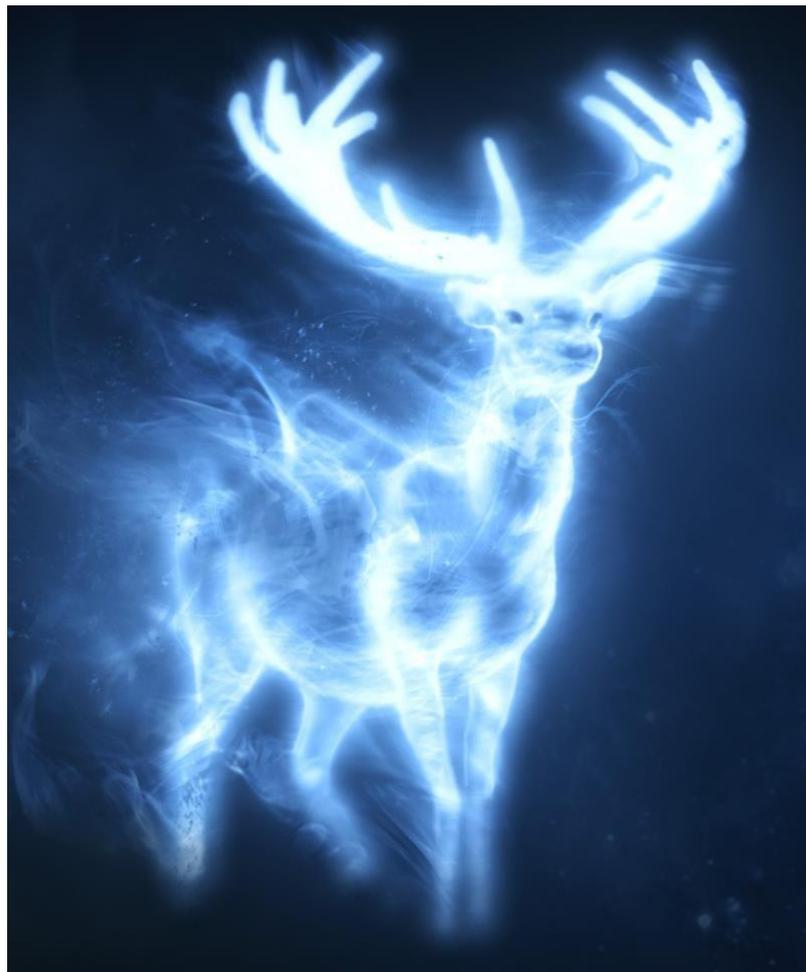


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Dementor



Patronus