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SOCsBOX NEWS

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Buying Gift Cards as Prizes

If you are wondering what you can get for you members and your committee, do you remember the days of tea, bikkies and pizza : (

Well Riona has put together a list of gift cards you can purchase online (link below) and send to your members once you have bought them. So what you need to do is purchase them with a credit card, have your recipient's details, usually email and phone number so that you can then make sure they are automatically sent to your recipient. There are a lot of options. Be sure to upload your receipt and reimburse the owner of the card or arrange to transfer the money in advance by emailing Mary & Aislinn at finance@socs.nuigalway.ie **NOT** financesocs@socs.nuigalway.ie as that the actual Finance Society!

Check out what funding is available under the [schedule of allowances](#) for special events, gifts etc, this can be used for gifts cards, food vouchers etc. [Link to Gift Voucher Doc](#)
Don't forget there is €10 per committee member towards a hoodie

Gifts & the Schedule of Allowances

Please check out the schedule of allowances as anything that you could have spent for an event in person can be spent virtually also

[Link to schedule of allowances](#)

Some examples below, so get creative in your events and rewards for your members:

If you have an idea that is outside the schedule please contact me.

Annual Party/AGM

€200 per annum for Societies with 200 members or more
€150 per annum for Societies with 150 members or more
€100 per annum for Societies with less than 150 members.

Include details of venue and time and specify if it is for a party or AGM.



Prize Money / Trophies

For non-fundraising competitions. We will not cover prizes of alcohol.

Annual allowance €300 (*increased during current restrictions.*)

Virtual Special events:

maximum as below.

Requirements:

- events must be posted to the calendar and appear in the What's Happening Guide.
- They must be emailed to your members
- You must take attendance at the event and ensure you have updated the attendance in your dashboard
- Funding will then be made available after the event subject to uploading receipts.

Maximum of €50 per event. Annual maximum of such events is 22. (max €1100) This section may be used for EGMs & Socs Days.

Annual Special event Bonus

Annual Max €300

Maximum of €1 per member (signed up on societies day one and in your texting system) to a total maximum of €300 is also available per annum for special team building/entertainment events e.g. entry fee to theatre/ cinema, bowling or other team building or social activities. (*Obviously not possible in lockdown so what might you do instead?*) Must be open to all members. (see your members in your dashboard under 'view all members')

Committee Bonding

Annual max €100 (if your committee has more than 10 members there is an extra €10 per committee member, must be on the dashboard and includes sub-committees)

Be sure to check out the full schedule for all the opportunities.

Posting items to your Members

The mail room in NUIG (beside Aras ui Cathail) is open Monday to Friday 9am - 1pm and you can leave packages/letters in there for posting, say you are from societies, you will not be asked to pay for this.

However there are clever ways to keep down the cost of your package see details of cost [here](#)

if you are using a large envelope the max size is

Max Length: 400mm

Max Width: 300mm

Max Depth: 25mm

standard delivery

max weight 100g is €2, max weight 250g is €2.50 max weight 500g is €3.40.

Check out the link above for large packages, if your package is less than 500g but larger than the dimensions above ie deeper than 25mm the cost goes up to €6.10 as it does not fit into a letterbox, so think about your items and how you are packaging them.



Envelopes

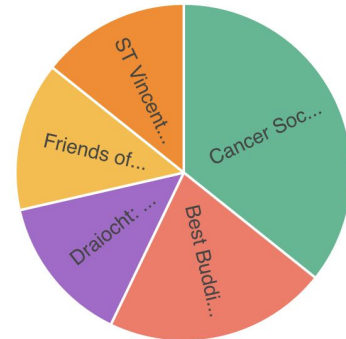
As we are closed we can't provide envelopes but you can purchase them online or in a shop and be reimbursed, keep the receipts. Be sure to shop around for good value, you can order online and have them delivered to you.

If you want to chat about ideas we can set up an appointment or just drop into the SocsBox help Desk from 2pm - 8pm Monday to Thursday at this link: <https://bit.ly/3cCWc2B>

Keep posting your events on the calendar so we can help you advertise them.

Marchathon Socs Challenge

If the SocsBox win the challenge €150 is going to Cancer Soc



Cancer Soc received the most votes so they will get the €150 if the SocsBox team win against all the societies.

The SocsBox team are off to a flying start, at the end of week one we will know where we are in the NUIG Socs Leaderboard. Well done Compsoc, Energy, Dramsoc & Postgrad Research, you are in with a chance to win the €25 bonus per member of your team. Remember if your society is involved let the SocsBox know what name you are using.

More information and registration click this link: www.marchathon.ie

Volunteering during COVID

If you have volunteered during Covid-19 (society work is volunteering). Please help out and fill in this survey. The survey only takes 5 minutes, so please help out Erin with her final year project!!

Here is the link to Erin's survey: <https://bit.ly/2ZjBUp8>

The study aims to investigate the motivations, benefits, challenges and concerns associated with volunteering during the Covid-19 pandemic. It will also look at whether volunteering has/had a positive impact on daily routines and occupations, which were disrupted during this period.

Socs Website New Features

Check out the new features on www.socs.nuigalway.ie landing page. View Image as PDF [here](#)

Top bar includes the new SocBox News (purple), The Societies List (rose) and calendar (yellow). Plus a list of links below including the posters and photo galleries and a link to join the What's Happening Guide.

The grey bar features the 3 latest news items, a live link to the SocBox help desk when it is open 2pm – 8pm Mon – Thur and our social media links.

Upload your poster and include info and it will appear in the poster carousel and also on our poster page

Society Updates: this section has society committee news

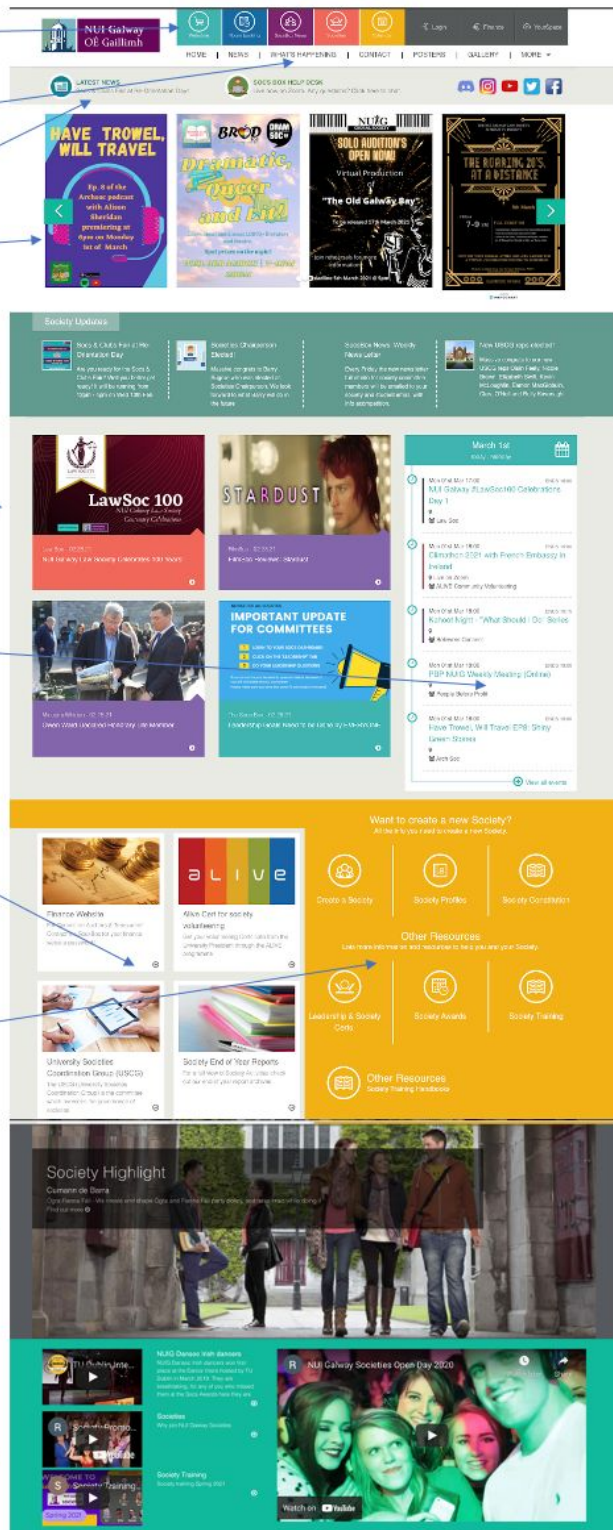
The 2nd section includes the latest news that changes with the last 3 articles, the link to the help desk which is live when we are open and the social media links. You can submit articles for this section.

This is the society calendar, it is linked to the all staff and student calendars as well so be sure to tick which calendars you want it to appear on. You can add images and videos and get access to zoom for your event. Deadlines: Thursday noon to be in the Staff Diary Dialann Monday Noon to be in The What's happening Guide. Always include a description!

This is the society general info section with the Finance login (also at the top of the page), ALIVE, End of Year reports and the USCG. Plus in the yellow section: How to create a society, info on constitutions, socs leadership and other awards, the society awards and training opportunities. In Other resources there are a variety of useful links.

This section displays a different society profile every time you refresh the page so be sure your society profile is up to date.

Here we include society videos if you have one you want us to display either send us the file or upload it to youtube and send us the link.



March *Lunch* Meetups

If you would like to get your society involved in the March Lunch meetups please fill in the Doodle poll below. See the image below where we are looking for some societies still. There is €50 per day for any participating society up to two societies, if more than two society sign up this will be split to a minimum of €20 per participating society.

Doodle Poll https://doodle.com/poll/rxnt24x8kz4x5p4d?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link If the poll doesn't work just email Riona with your availability for the slots ? below.

If you have any game/activities ideas please let Riona know at socsofficer@soc.s.nuigalway.ie

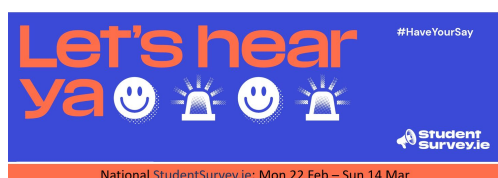
Monday March 8th - Thursday April 1st.

You and your members are welcome to attend so please spread the word, you have been sent an email to your society email to share. Folder with promo material including images and video for social media etc. <http://bit.ly/2P0tnp2>

TimeTable

| Monday 1pm-2pm | Tuesday 1pm-2pm | Wednesday 1pm-2pm | Thursday 1pm-2pm |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| March 8th | March 9th | March 10th | March 11th |
| First Arts | First Biz & Law | First Eng & Science | First Med & Health Science |
| Book Club | Law Soc | Compsoc | Emergency Medicine |
| Cumann Gaelach | African & Carribbean | Dramsoc | Nursing & Midwifery |
| | Cumann Gaelach | Cumann Gaelach | Cumann Gaelach |
| March 15th | March 16th | March 17th | March 18th |
| Second Arts | Second Biz & Law | Closed on Tomorrow | Second Med & Health Science/ Second Eng & Science |
| Compsoc | Law Soc | | Neuro Soc |
| ? | African & Carribbean | | Dramsoc |
| | | | Nursing & Midwifery |
| | | | ? |
| March 22nd | March 23rd | March 24th | March 25th |
| Third Arts | Third Biz & Law | Third Eng & Science | Third Med & Health Science |
| Dramsoc | Law Soc | African & Carribbean | Emergency Medicine |
| Compsoc | ? | Compsoc | Paediatric Soc |
| March 29th | March 30th | March 31th | April 1st |
| Fourth & Postgrads Arts | Fourth & Postgrads Biz & Law | Fourth & Postgrads Eng & Science | Fourth & Postgrads Med & Health Science |
| ? | Law Soc | ? | Compsoc |
| ? | Dramsoc | ? | ? |

Student Survey



The National StudentSurvey.ie is your chance to share your experience and help us improve higher education for everyone Open to first and final year undergrads and all postgrads, it is your opportunity to have your voice heard. **Amazing prizes to be won!** Complete the survey now at studentsurvey.ie

Society Training

If you haven't signed up for training yet check out the list of next week's training below. Full details at this [link](#)

| | Monday 8th | Tuesday 9th | Wednesday 10th | Thursday 11th |
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| 6.30pm - 7.30pm | Team Work & Accessibility: <i>What makes a great team, tips on how to make the experience enriching for all involved and how to make your events accessible to all. Facilitators: Riona Hughes & Carol Devaney</i> | AGMs, USCG & Socs Protocols: <i>Learn about how the USCG works, your constitution and effective General Meetings Facilitator: Kate O'Mahony</i> | Funding and Fun Online: <i>Maximising your college grant and ideas for engaging online events for your members. Facilitator Riona</i> | The Dashboard & Online Platforms (Zoom & Discord): <i>Learning how to use the societies dashboard, Zoom, and Discord so that you can maximise the online presence of your society. You will learn how to run events, meetings and collaborations using the online tools available to you. Facilitators: Lily O'Connor & Ronan Gallagher.</i> |
| | Monday 15th | Tuesday 16th | | |
| 6.30pm - 7.30pm | Society Awards <i>How to enter for the Society Awards, what awards are there this year and news on the BICS Awards, Facilitator Riona Hughes</i> | ALIVE Certs, Socs Leadership & Digital Badges <i>How to apply for your ALIVE cert, how to add your Socs Leadership Award and how to get your Digital Badge Facilitator Riona Hughes</i> | | |

To sign up for training fill in this form.

Themed Weeks

Next week is Seachtain na Gaeilge and the week after is Substance Awareness Week, if you have ideas for Substance Awareness Week 15th - 19th March put them on the calendar by this coming Wednesday at noon add #NUIGSubstanceAwarenessWeek and we will get them added to the themed week page.

Check out the lineup of upcoming Themed Weeks [here](#)



Sign up for NUI Galway 100



Share your experience, shape our university

Sign up [here](#)

Pádraig MacNeela (School of Psychology) and John Hannon (Director of Student Services) are seeking expressions of interest from NUI Galway students to take part in the NUI Galway100. This is a student engagement panel, with 100 students working in smaller groups to share their views and opinions with a research team during the rest of this academic year.

Take this opportunity for undergraduate and postgraduate students to ensure your voice is heard on important issues and initiatives that affect the NUI Galway experience and community.

Who will be involved –

- We want the panel of students to reflect our diverse student body and come from across the University.
- There will be balanced representation from all academic levels and Colleges, as well as diverse student groups, including mature, commuting, satellite campus and international students.

During the coming semester, members of the NUI Galway100 will be asked for their views on a variety of new policies and projects, on teaching/learning, student wellbeing, and the college experience. You can choose to take part until June or September 2021. **To compensate you for your time, you will be paid €150 (for taking part February-June) or €200 (for taking part February-September) in One4All vouchers.**

Please apply [here](#)

You will be asked to share some confidential information about yourself to make sure the NUI Galway100 panel represents the diversity of our students. This information will only be available to the panel administrators. Selection will be based on our intention to build a representative profile across the university, guided by our expert research team.

USI Student Achievement Awards



Now in its eighth year, is the annual opportunity for the student movement in Ireland to recognise the contribution of students to improving the experience of their fellow students, and to wider society.

Nominations for this year's awards will open on **Monday 15th February at 9am**, closing one month later on **Monday 15th March at 5pm**.

This year the awards will take place online via Zoom due to the ongoing public health measures that are in place because of COVID-19. The ceremony will take place on **Thursday, April 29th**.

In order to be eligible for an SAAI, you must be a registered student of a college whose Students' Union is affiliated to USI. If you have any queries, please contact the USI Awards Team on awards@usi.ie.

Before submitting your nomination, consult the [Top Tips Document](#) and [SAAI Marking Scheme](#) 2021 to help structure your application.

You can view the range of categories [here](#)

There is one for Societies but others that might be relevant for you as well.

Club/Society of the Year/Club/Cumann na Bliana (Supported by BICS)

This award will celebrate the work of a group or organisation and their lasting and outstanding contribution to student life in Ireland in 2020/21. The award recognises clubs, societies, or other student-led organisations which have a positive impact on broader student life. This award will be given to a recognised group or organisation whose impact is felt beyond its membership and throughout the whole college community, or to the student experience in Ireland.

Note: By student-led organisation, we mean a club, society or organisation that is recognized within the college. Externally based organisations who engage students but are not formally established within college or Students' Union structures would not be eligible for this award.

[Nominate here!](#)

Socs Week in Review

If you have a review of a society event you would like to share email it to socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie

The Anime Soc Awards 2021!



It's awards season once again and along with The Golden Globes, The BAFTA's, The Oscars and of course, The Anime and Manga Society Anime awards 2021.

The Anime and Manga Society had their awards on Monday the 1st of March to decide some of their favourite moments of the last year in the world of anime with presentations from their committee and voting done by the society members themselves. Some of the categories included; Best movie, best boy, best girl, best music, and of course, best anime of the year.

Best Anime: Jujutsu Kaisen

Best Movie: Made in Abyss: Dawn of the Deep Soul

Best Boy: Legoshi (from Beastars)

Best Girl: Kaguya (from Kaguya-sama: Love is War)

Best Opening Theme: Easy Breezy by Chelmico (from Keep Your Hands Off Eizouken)

Best Closing Theme: The Great Pretender by Freddy Mercury (from The Great Pretender)

Best Background Character: Sapata (from The Great Pretender)

Manga of the Year: Chainsaw Man

It's been an amazing year for both the anime society and anime as a whole despite everything so it was amazing to see a celebration like this organised by our very own Anime and Manga Society and hosted on their discord server (<https://discord.gg/jqTPVwFF>)

The Anime and Manga Society has been very active all year and host two events a week which include anime discussions, games nights, mixers and their server is perfect for finding new friends and chilling out.

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Barry's News

News for the SU Societies Chairperson

Barry's Section



Hi everyone!!

Tá súil agam go raibh seachtain iontach agaibh.

I'm back back back again for a few SU updates.

First of all, happy Seachtain na Gaeilge! Look out in your emails because I'll be sending you some words you can use as a Society and how you can use Irish in your events.

Secondly, congratulations to our Society Mincéirs Whiden for a fabulous day on Monday in celebration of Travelers Ethnicity Day 2021!

Also, can I just say, you've all been doing such an amazing job with all of your societies! I adore seeing all the fantastic events you're putting on and so

happy that we have such amazing societies.

Anyway, onto some stuff coming up with the SU!

I know it's not fun to talk about academics but some amazing news with the library. The Library will be open 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday, from Mon 8th March to Thurs 1st April inclusive. There will be two available time slots – 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm – of which users can book one slot per day [HERE](#) !!

Also, the SU is running loads of fun fundraisers. Our March challenge is the Hair Raiser. Volunteers are going to get their hair dyed, shaved or cut at the end of March. The fate of their hair lies in your hands as you can vote for what option you want them to go with [HERE](#) !

I'll leave ye with that for this week, but before I go, my focal na seachtaine this week is the Irish word for Society because of all the amazing work being done! The Irish for Society is Cumann!

Have a great weekend and remember to contact me at su.socs@nuigalway.ie if ye need anything!

DINGBATS.....

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| ECNALG | CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE | R E A D I N G |
| KNEE LIGHTS | YOU JUST ME | MILONELION |
| 1,2,3,...,38 39,40 LIFE | JACK | economy |

Can you figure out the answers?

Email your answer to socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie to be in with a chance to win a **€15 Gift Voucher!**

There will be one winner next week.

Our 3 winners from last week won €10.

RIDDLE ME THIS.....

"I have a home and a big space, I have keys but I have no locks, I have lots of letters but I have no mailbox.

What am I?

A Keyboard!

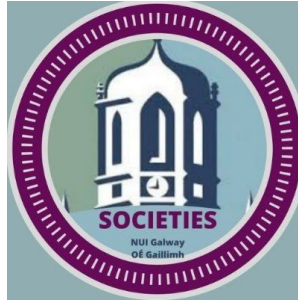
CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR WINNERS

Ronan Timon
Charlene Rodriguez
Richard Brown

SocsBox on Social Media

[TikTok](#) [Snapchat](#) [Discord](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#)

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



This newsletter will be sent to you every Friday to your society email and NUIG email.

If you have an article you would like to include, send it to socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie with 'Socsbox News' in the title by Thursday at 1pm. It will also be archived in Socs information link on www.socs.nuigalway.ie in the purple box at the top of the home page.



Link on www.socs.nuigalway.ie