

# Societies End of year Report 2010 – 2011



**NUIG Hosts BICS Awards**



**Dramsoc win best Society in NUIG**

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## Introduction

There are 96 societies who completed their end of year report with a total membership of 7517 registered individual student members. The Societies have a combined membership of 31,714 with students joining an average of 4.22 societies. They enrich the social, community and cultural life of the campus with their presence. They bring colour and excitement to the University which enriches all of our lives. This year they organised 3832 events which appeared on their on-line calendar this is up by 77.5% on last years figures, details of all can be found in this report. By organising events of educational, cultural, social and humanitarian value they broaden our perspectives and enhance the university experience for their fellow students while contributing to the local community and the wider world. In the last eight years they have contributed over 1.6 million euro to charity.

In the last year they have been honoured with numerous awards and volunteered with communities throughout the world. Societies organize many community outreach programmes including debating, drama, the Schools Musical Competition, volunteering with and fundraising for national and international charities. The founder of our Draiocht Society won the International Junior Chamber 'Most Outstanding Young Person in the World in the category of Humanitarian Aid' award and travelled to Osaka to receive her prize Throughout the report as you read about the societies in their own words you will be able to share their numerous triumphs and achievements.

This has been the societies second year in with their new facilities in Aras na Mac Léinn and has seen significant growth in membership and activities. Since September 2010 membership has risen by 3250 members and unique membership has risen by 23% from last year. The facilities for Societies in Áras na Mac Léinn have been visited by numerous colleges this year in particular when we hosted the BICS awards in April. The University can be justifiably proud of the esteem in which our student societies and the support we give them are held. Our societies are also officially the best in the country and are the top of the leader board for Society wins at the BICS National Society Awards and we won best new society this year for our Comic Book Society.

This environment of support, encouragement, and organisation and the calibre of our students has meant that we have hosted extremely well organised record breaking Intervarsities and Conferences through the year. Including the Irish Student Drama Awards (ISDA) and the mammoth EUDC (Euros debate) which saw 600 students from across Europe descend on the campus for a week of debating and cultural activities in August. Both these events were triumphs of organisation and flair combining precision with creativity which were in fact found flawless by their respective governing bodies.

This year there were 737 individual students with positions on the society committees. The year provided them with valuable learning experiences both through formal training and experiential learning. The support structures in place through the Societies Office and the SocsBox are second to none in the third level sector in Ireland and NUI Galway's pioneering methodologies in Society support are regarded as the benchmark to be achieved by other Board of Irish College Society members. The Societies also introduced bursaries this year to reward exceptional students for their cultural and civic contributions and this pilot project is set to expand next year.

Societies have always fully engaged in the ALIVE volunteering recognition process and their pioneering on-line method of application was adopted by all ALIVE participants thanks to the work of the ALIVE office, greatly streamline the process for all students. 339 society members participated in ALIVE this year which equals 45% of the total 737 number of students on society committees. The ALIVE participants volunteered 70,849 hours. This suggests that the hours volunteered by committee members could equal 155,883 the equivalent of 100 fulltime workers.

The societies had an income of almost €1 million this year a rise of over €158,000 on last year. Less than 25% of this came from the University. €754,619 of that was raised by the societies themselves and €158,484 of this was given to charity. If we remove the EUDC contribution of €139,799 as this took place during the summer this leaves an income of €456,330 which was spent on society activity during term time. Societies also provide an alternative to the drink culture as only 4.36% of all expenditure was spent on alcohol and indeed a significant proportion of society activity is built around activities which do not include the consumption of alcohol.

To fully appreciate Societies contribution to the University and to put this in context, societies provided the equivalent of 100 fulltime workers providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of almost half a million euro which they have raise themselves, equalling a total monetary value of over 2 million euro at minimum wage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Societies committees and the dedicated SocsBox for their hard work, commitment and inspiration throughout the year. I would also like to thank the innumerable university services who have been so supportive to the Societies and their activities throughout the year and have made it possible for them to shine and fulfil their dreams. This year we also introduced the Socs Crew, 12 students who volunteered their time to help all the societies, I would like to commend them for their commitment and hard work.

In the following report you will discover information on each societies' year. The report is automatically generated and collates all the data from the Societies Website including committee details, membership numbers, their ALIVE participants, finances and their events as they appear in their calendar and a summary of their year in their own words.

Sometimes it is difficult to define exactly what societies do, as their activities are as diverse as their members' imagination. But what they do is provide an opportunity for our students to explore, develop, aspire, realise dreams, achieve goals and make a significant contribution, not only to their personal development, but to the development of our country and the wider world.

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## Socs Balance Sheet - 2010/2011

<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Income Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Balls	199,997	20.10%	Affiliation Membership fees	1,655	0.16%
Classes	2,110	0.21%	Ball	136,642	13.47%
Fundraising	262,132	26.34%	Bank charge	3,930	0.39%
Hoodies	4,079	0.41%	Costumes	4,522	0.45%
Members Contributions	21,691	2.18%	Dinner	100,868	9.95%
Muscait	1,600	0.16%	Entertainment	104,643	10.32%
Societies day	323	0.03%	Entry fees	26,676	2.63%
Socs box Till	153,535	15.43%	Equipment misc	13,405	1.32%
Sponsorship	51,492	5.17%	Euros	11,500	1.13%
University Sponsorship EUDC	20,000	2.01%	Fundraising/charity	158,484	15.63%
Ticket Sales	59,254	5.95%	Gifts	2,976	0.29%
USC Grant	218,982	22.00%	Hall hire	2,805	0.28%
			Hire Bus	10,205	1.01%
			Hoodies	12,760	1.26%
			Lights	27,273	2.69%
			Makeup/Props	3,308	0.33%
			Materials	12,513	1.23%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	5,608	0.55%
			Performing rights	7,233	0.71%
			Phone	365	0.04%
			Postage	163	0.02%
			Printing	14,567	1.44%
			Prizes	18,046	1.78%
			Promotions	4,048	0.40%
			Reception	44,208	4.36%
			Security	5,419	0.53%
			Set	7,550	0.74%
			Society Accommodation	91,484	9.02%
			Society transport	101,020	9.96%
			Socs day expenses	2,588	0.26%
			Sound	13,559	1.34%
			Speaker accomm	17,091	1.69%
			Speaker travel	10,777	1.06%
			Stationary	3,075	0.30%
			Teacher fees	31,577	3.11%
			Video Hire	1,575	0.16%
<b>Income Total</b>	995,195		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	1,014,117	
<b>Opening Balance Total</b>	164,913		<b>Closing Bank Balance Total</b>	145,910	
			<b>Cash In Hand Total</b>	81	
<b>Total</b>	1,160,108		<b>Total</b>	1,160,108	

## Accountancy and Finance Society

The NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society is now NUIG's largest society with over 1500 members and has organized NUIG's largest social events ever held including the 1400 student NUIG back to College Party in January, the 1200 student Accountancy/Law/Commerce party, NUIG's largest ever mystery tour organized and numerous other parties. We have also held more academic events than any other society on campus

Next year is set to be a major year for the society with a line of international celebrity guest speakers, international society trips, over 10 social parties for our members raising money for the societies named charity and much more

The Accountancy and Finance society is sponsored by Cp's nightclub & Deloitte - The worlds largest professional services firm specializing in audit, tax and advisory

### Accountancy and Finance Society Events

This year the society held a total of 66 events.

#### **PriceWaterHouseCoopers Campus visit** » *IT 250 » 29th September 2010*

Price WaterHouse Coopers a big4 Accountancy company will be visiting us on NUIG campus tonight at 6pm to detail opportunities and the professional exams system,

#### **Careers in Accountancy & Tax - "Ask the Experts** » *IT250 » 27th September 2010*

ask the experts any questions you have about careers in accountancy and tax

#### **First year information and meet the committee of Accountancy and Finance Society meeting** » *Cairnes Business School - Executive Board Room » 21st September 2010*

Come along to meet the committee and ask any questions about the upcoming year. Its also your opportunity to get involved in the society !

#### **Society meeting - Event planning for next academic year** » *Smokies » 2nd March 2011*

Event planning for events next year as advertised during commerce lectures is on. We will provide the refreshments all you need to do is turn up !

#### **Free Accountancy help for first year students** » *Cairnes Business School Pc Suite » 21st February 2011*

As we discussed in the lecture shout outs we will be providing first year students with the opportunity to receive help from second and third year students. Come along and join us if you are having any problems in accountancy

#### **Free Accountancy help for first year students NB not advertised to general members only advertised in first year accountancy lectures due to overcrowding during workshop** » *Cairnes Business School Pc Suite » 15th November 2010*

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#### **Personal statement workshop preparing for interviews for summer internships** » *career seminar room » 15th February 2011*

Personal statement workshop preparing Accountancy/Commerce/Law students for the upcoming interviews for summer internships

#### **CV workshop for all NUIG students applying for summer internships** » *career seminar room » 14th February 2011*

#### **Accountancy/ Law/ Commerce party** » *CP's nightclub » 23rd February – 12th March 2011 (18 individual events)*

The most talked about social event of the year for Accountancy/Law/Commerce students is finally here, tAccountancy / Law /Commerce party will be taking place in Cp's nightclub starting at 11pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

#### **Society party for Accountancy/ Commerce students with snow party in Cuba with discounted admission for members** » *Kelly's bar and then Cuba nightclu » 20th October – 21st October 2010 (2 individual events)* Society party for Accountancy/ Commerce students with snow party in Cuba with discounted admission for members Hope to see you all there.

#### **Want to be able to present to a boardroom of directors without stagefright ? Want to make the perfect presentation ?** » *career seminar room » 10th February 2011*

The NUIG Career Development Centre in association with the NUIG Accountancy and Finance society will be providing you with the opportunity to improve your presentation skills dramatically. Most Accountancy and Law students are lacking the essential skills of making an effective presentation and this event which is open for students from all faculty's will provide you with the opportunity to ensure your success not only in an interview but also in college presentations and when presenting in front of your future employers.

#### **Want a summer internship being a consultant for the worlds largest professional services firm ??** » *Online » 9th February – 10th February 2011 (2 individual events)*

Are you an top achieving Accountancy / Law student ? Want to work as a summer intern consultant for the world's largest professional services firm that hires 170,000 professionals worldwide specializing in audit, tax and advisory in their Dublin branch? Then make sure your submit your application before Thursday 10th February 5pm > [www.deloitte.com/ie/graduate](http://www.deloitte.com/ie/graduate) To increase your chances of success visit the CV workshop on

Monday in the career development centre at 6 - 7pm, NUIG Accountancy and Finance society is sponsored by Deloitte.

**CV workshop for all NUIG students applying for summer internships** » *Career seminar room* » *7th February 2011*  
Are you applying to work for an international or national Law/Accountancy/ Consultancy firm, a local business, or a government agency? This Monday, the NUIG Careers Development Centre in association with the NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society will be hosting a CV workshop for all disciplines. It will provide students with the opportunity to have their CV reviewed by trained staff and to tailor the CV so as to maximise the chances of application success.

**International Student Business Forum - Greece Athens** » *7th February – 8th February 2011 (2 individual events)* The NUIG Accountancy and Finance societies sponsor Deloitte is hosting the Deloitte International Student Business Forum, a three-day interactive event joining some of the brightest talent from around the world. The students are guided by Deloitte member firm leaders and professors from the International Institute of Management Development (IMD), a leading global business school that co-sponsors the event with Deloitte. This year the forum will be taking place in Athens, Greece. Deadline for applications is Thursday 10th 5pm For more information visit <http://careers.deloitte.com/sbf/>

**Emergency General Meeting** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn ground floor* » *3rd February 2011* The Accountancy and Finance Society - 1 of NUIG's largest societies with over 600 members is holding an EGM this Thursday 5.30pm, Large Acoustic Room Aras Na Mcleinn to fill new committee positions.

**Postgraduate Information session - with the course directors from all NUIG postgrad courses on hand to answer your questions** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *2nd February 2011* Are you an undergraduate student ?? are you worried about your job prospects ?? Thinking about doing a masters degree after graduating to boost your employability ?? In the Bailey Allen Hall on Wednesday between 2.30 and 4.30 the NUIG careers development centre in association with the NUIG Accountancy and Finance society are providing you with a unique opportunity to talk one on one with postgraduate course directors to provide you with information and answer you're your questions

**Summer internship information Session - All leading accountancy Company representatives will be on hand to answer you questions - KPMG, Ernst and Young, PwC & Deloitte.** » *Cairnes Business School ground floor & library area and ca118* » *1st February 2011* summer internship information day Tues 1st Feb at 1pm-3pm in the Cairns Business school ground floor & Room CA118, Deloitte, KPMG, PricewaterHouseCoopers and Ernst & Young all of whom have a range of summer internships and programmes available for current students will be on campus providing you with the opportunity to talk one on one with graduate recruitment officers in an event organised by the NUIG Careers Development Centre in association with the NUIG Accountancy And Finance Society

**London trip - Accountancy and Finance Society sponsored by Deloitte - Worlds largest professional services firm** » *London* » *20th January – 23rd January 2011 (4 individual events)* The London trip which has received an unprecedented number of applicants is taking place with 10 committee and society members traveling to the heart of London to visit the London stock exchange and much more. We will also meet very special guest who is a previous employee of a major Wall Street Investment Bank, who will offer a few words of wisdom to the committee before they return to Ireland.

**NUIG back to college party** » *CP's nightclub* » *10th January – 11th January 2011 (2 individual events)* The party on Mon Jan 10th is raising money for the societies named charity Crumlin's children's hospital Dublin will be sure to raise alot of money for a good cause.

**Exclusive visit by Executive Director for info on Grad Jobs in Europe campaign** » *AC213* » *25th November 2010*  
In an exclusive event by the NUIG Career Development Centre in association with the NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society Executive Director Andrea Pappin will be visiting NUIG.

As part of the Grad Jobs in Europe campaign, Executive Director Andrea Pappin is interested in meeting with as many NUI Galway students as possible to brief them on all the career opportunities that there are available in the EU system and to provide advice on how they could get started on an EU career path. Andrea will outline and discuss the opportunities available to students, from 1st year to Masters-level, including Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, EU institutional internships, grad programmes and other EU-related stage positions.

**Exclusive workshop on Business ideas and wealth generation** » *Western Gateway Building University College Cork Room G05* » *24th November 2010* Thinking about setting up your own business? IGNITE, a new Centre designed to give graduate professional help with business start-ups, was recently launched at University College Cork(UCC). Based at the IGNITE Graduate Business Innovation Centre, located at UCCs WesternGateway Building, the 12-month programme will enable graduates to set up new businesses and to turn innovative ideas into new products and services. Based at the IGNITE Graduate Business Innovation Centre, located at UCCs Western Gateway Building,

**Exclusive J1 Infomation talk -** » *career seminar room* » *23rd November 2010* While USIT have not officially opened their J1 Programme 2011 just yet, they know that students all over the country are dying to find out a bit more information on the programme so that they have something to look forward to before the exam season kicks in!! The J1 experts Simone and Christa will be at NUI Galway on Tuesday 23rd November holding an information stand from 12pm to 2pm and a presentation at 2pm providing you with all the initial information that you may need with regards to working in the US for a summer!! For more information contact the Career Development Centre .

**Interactive conference with One of The Worlds Largest Global Investment Banks -** » *Lecture Theatre MY243,*

*Ground Floor of Aras Moyola » 23rd November 2010* For the first time ever, one of the worlds largest global investment Goldman Sachs will be visiting NUIG - virtually via video conference stream, 35 places were initially made available for the conference call but were snapped up within 20 minutes so Deirdre Sheridan (Chief Organiser) has opened two additional venues for the highly demanded event. To secure a place for this historic visit book via <http://www.nuigalway.ie/careers/tutorials>

This is an exciting and innovative venture as Goldman Sachs has historically only visited and recruited from Trinity College and UCD.

**Exclusive visit by the Worlds Largest Consultancy Firm with yearly revenue's over \$ 21.8 billion » IT 125**

*» 10th November 2010* This Wednesday the NUIG Careers Development centre in association with the NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society will be hosting an exclusive visit by representatives from the worlds largest consultancy firm "Accenture" a Fortune 500 global companies with over 200,000 employees in over 120 countries. Come along to find out more about what the company does from developing technology for mobile services used by 300 million customers worldwide to implementing one of the leading tax systems in the world. It promises to be a very informative event.

**AGM » Cairnes Business School MBA suite » 10th November 2010** : Annual General meeting to elect a new committee and discuss next years social and academic events

**Exclusive visit by Ulster Bank/Royal Bank Of Scotland Managers and Graduate Recruitment Officers »**

*IT125 » 3rd November 2010* The NUIG Careers Development Centre in association with the NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society will be hosting an exclusive visit by Royal Bank Of Scotland/ Ulster Bank managers and graduate recruitment officers. Opportunities include - Corporate Markets - 2 year programme and placement in one of their specialist non lending areas such as Capital Markets or Resourcing. Business Services 18 month programme involving everything from mortgage applications to investigating fraud.

**Want to work for a Major Law/Accountancy/Consultancy firm? Attend our CV workshop » career seminar**

*room » 1st November 2010* Are you applying to work for an international or national Law/Accountancy/Marketing/ Consultancy firm, a local business, or a government agency? This Monday, 1st November, the NUIG Careers Development Center in association with the NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society will be hosting a CV workshop. It will provide students with the opportunity to have their CV reviewed by trained staff and to tailor the CV so as to maximise the chances of application success. NB: This only applies to Final Year students. Summer internship CV workshops will be held during January and February.

**Personal statement workshop preparing Commerce students for the upcoming interviews for summer internships » career seminar room » 28th October 2010** Due to the popularity of the first Personal Statement Workshop, a second one is being held. With application rounds coming up for major international and national Law and Accountancy firms alot of students will overlook the importance of personal statements. 90% of top Law And Accountancy firms agree these are a vital element in the job application and interview process. The NUIG Careers Development Centre in association NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society will be hosting a Personal Statement Workshop where you can find out the specifics on how to ensure your chances of success are maximised.

**Interview workshop specifically to prepare you for an interview with an Accountancy Company » Career Seminar Room » 21st October 2010** With application rounds coming up, alot of students are overlooking the importance of preparations for interviews. For one session only the NUIG Accountancy and Finance Society in association with the NUIG Careers Development Centre will be hosting an Accountancy Firms Interview Workshop, Students planning on applying to Accountancy firms are strongly advised to

**Want to know how to make the perfect personal statement when applying for a job the join us today »**

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**Ask the Experts - Careers in Financial Services » IT125 » 18th October 2010** The NUIG Accountancy and Finance society in association with the NUIG Careers Development Centre will be hosting an "ask the experts "session. For one night only experts from different sectors in financial services including Accountancy, Economics, Corporate Law, Marketing, Public Relations will be available to answer student questions. This is a unique opportunity for students to network with corporate contacts and find out information about potential career areas. Committee members from the Accountancy and Finance Society will also be making a short presentation providing details on upcoming events including our line of financial workshops and advisory sessions.

**CV Workshop » Carrers Seminar Room » 18th October 2010** Are you applying to work for an international/ national law/Accountancy/Marketing/ Consultancy firm, a local business, a government agency?? This Monday the NUIG Accountancy and Finance society in association with the NUIG careers development centre will be hosting a CV workshop, it will provide students with the opportunity to have their CV reviewed by trained staff and to taylor the CV so as to maximise the chances of application success.

**Big 4 Accountancy Firms- Applications Clinic » Career Development Centre » 13th October 2010** This Wednesday from 2.30 - 4 pm in association with the NUIG Careers Development Centre an Applications Clinic is being held for all students applying to the Big 4 Accountancy Firms, Its an opportunity to drop in and have your application reviewed.

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**Ernst and Young - BIG 4 Accountancy Company** » Bailey Allen hall » 11th October 2010 (2 individual events) Come to the Bailey Allen Hall from 5-6pm where Ernst and Young a BIG4 Accountancy Company will be on campus to talk to students and provide details on graduate recruitment

**CV Clinic** » bailey allen hall » 11th October 2010 (2 individual events)

Come to the Bailey Allen Hall from 1 -3.30pm to the CV Clinic and CV Workshop, also on campus in the Bailey Allen Hall for one day only are the Big4 Accountancy Companies and Graduate Employers

**Graduate Recruitment Fair - Network with Graduate Employers** » bailey allen hall » 11th October 2010 (2 individual events) Network with Graduate Employers - Come to the Bailey Allen hall from 1-6pm to talk with the BIG4 Accountancy Companies and Graduate Employers.

**Want to work for a Big 4 Accountancy Company ??** » IT 125 » 6th October 2010

This Wednesday in IT125 Deloitte will be giving a presentation on Opportunities and Applications for NUIG students in association with the NUIG careers Development Center. Committee members from the NUIG Accountancy And Finance Society will also be at the event answering questions any society members may have about the upcoming AGM and available committee positions

**Big 4 Accountancy Firms - Applications workshop** » Career Seminar Room » 5th October 2010 Do you want to work for major national / international Accountancy Firms / Big 4 firms ?? Then don't miss out on an application workshop this Tuesday in association with the NUIG Careers Development Centre, All the information you need to know and inside tips on the entire process will be provided. NUIG Accountancy And Finance Committee members will also be at the event answering questions about our upcoming workshops for budgeting and Cash flow management.

**Want to work for Major International Accountancy / Law Firms ?? Build the perfect CV!** » Career Seminar Room » 4th October 2010. Come attend a CV workshop in association with the NUIG Careers Development Centre, learn how to taylor your CV to most appeal to The BIG 4 Accountancy Companies and Law Firms, Auditor Sean Burke and Vice Auditor of the NUIG Accountancy And Finance Society will also be at the event if any society members have queries about upcoming events.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Sean Burke

**Treasurer:** Jack Wynne

**Chief Events Director:** Lorna Taaffe

**Events Director and Social Event Co- Ordinator:**  
Stephen Quinn

**Public Relations Team:** Gerald Doherty

**Webmaster:** Hazel Murphy

**Public Relations Team:** Trevor Murray

**Events Director and Academic Event Co- Ordinator:** Katherine Connolly

**Vice-Auditor:** Damien Scanlon

**Secretary:** Aidan Mullan

**Events Director and Strategic Strategy Team :** Elaine Whelan

**Chief Logistics Officer:** John Conway

**Public Relations Team:** Marc Healy

**Events Director & Logistics Officer :**  
Katherine Kelly

**Public Relations Team:** Roisin McInerney

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€10.00	Bank charge	€34.12
Fundraising	€2,697.93	Entertainment	€1,620.00
USC Grant	€1,878.00	Equipment misc	€60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,585.93</b>	Fundraising/charity	€200.00
		Gifts	€129.00
		Materials	€80.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€60.00
		Reception	€390.00
		Society transport	€1,420.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€3,993.12</b>

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€592.81
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,585.93</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1494 members.

## Alive Hours

Katherine Kelly	Event Director & Logistics Officer	160 hours
Sean Burke	President & Founder of society	550 hours
Jack Wynne	Chief Financial Officer & Events Team	210 hours
Lorna Taaffe	Vice President	215 hours
Elaine Whelan	Events Director and Strategic Strategy Team	200 hours
Katherine Connolly	Events Director and Academic Event Co-Ordinator	162 hours
Stephen Quinn	Events Director and Social Event Co-Ordinator	198 hours
Damien Scanlon	Chief events director	200 hours
Gerald Doherty	Public Relations Team	175 hours
Roisin McInerney	public relations team	212 hours
Gerard Arthurs	Public Relations Team	143 hours
Aidan Mullan	Secretary & Meetings Co - Ordinator	25 hours
Alanna Hynes	public relations team volunteer	20 hours

# ALIVE Students: 13 student

# Hours Volunteered: 2470 hours

## Amnesty Soc

Amnesty Society had a great year on campus increasing its membership to over 300 on campus.

Amnesty Society at NUIG contributed to life on campus this year in two main ways:

‘By promoting awareness of human rights: Through campaigning on stalls, showing ethical films and events such as out participation in the Patrick’s day parade, we hope to give a voice to those who need to be spoken up for.

‘By opposing specific abuses of human rights: through Amnesty’s traditional method of writing to the groups responsible for human rights abuses

### Amnesty List of events for the Year

1. Committee trip to Dublin to meet with national coordinators of Amnesty’s Youth Action Team
2. Presentation on Amnesty in NUIG
3. EGM
4. Committee Meeting- Am150
5. Death penalty petition on Troy Davis campaign
6. Prof Schabas talk in Human Rights Centre
7. Screening of ‘The Life of David Gale’
8. Meeting in Dublin with Youth Action Team of Amnesty International
9. Committee meeting- Smokeys
10. Petition signing Re Human Rights in Iran
11. Film night- The Stoning of Soraya M

12. Intervarsities- 3 days in Wicklow, 5 committee members attended
13. Committee Meeting Smokies end of semester
14. Committee Meeting- start of semester 2 (with Galway group)
15. Petition signing- Israel/ Occupied Palestinian Territories
17. Screening for Fair trade week 'Black Gold'
18. Committee meeting with Amnesty Galway group RE St Patrick's day parade
19. Participation in St. Patrick's Day Parade

NOTE: Although these weren't advertised as events on the 'Events' page, members were informed about them through email, text and poster for the films/ petitions

## Amnesty Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

### **The Stoning of Soraya M** » *Fottrell Theate AM200* » 4th November 2010

The Stoning of Soraya M is a 2008 is an adaptation of French-Iranian journalist Freidoune Sahebjam's 1990 book La Femme Lapide, and is based on a true story.

The film criticises Sharia law as Zahra tells the tale of her niece who was stoned to death the previous day. She tells the story to a journalist in the hope that the story will reach the wider world.

Amnesty Soc is showing this film in line with its petition campaign against the imprisonment of prisoners of conscience in Iran which will be running throughout the day in Smokies. It is also in furtherance of our earlier campaign against the death penalty.

### **Amnesty Committee Meeting** » *Smokies* » 27th October 2010

Committee meeting to discuss Iran campaign next week. All welcome

### **Committee Meeting** » *O' hEocha Theate* » 20th October 2010

Amnesty Soc will be having a committee meeting to discuss upcoming campaigns and actions. All welcome

### **Amnesty International EGM** » *meeting room 1 Aras Na Mclein ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclein)* » 7th October 2010

Auditor Sean Burke has announced he will be stepping down to a less time consuming committee position due to commitments to other societies and college work, and so has called an Emergency General Meeting to fill all available committee positions as well as position of Auditor at 7pm Thursday. Free Pizza and refreshments will be provided during the EGM and there will be an ice breaker session to introduce new society members as well as refreshments afterwards in college bar to discuss the year ahead. All society members are encouraged to attend

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Simon Matthews

**Treasurer:** Sean Burke

**Campaigns Team:** Aine Holmes

**Campaigns Team:** Alva Lawler

**campaigns team:** Louise O'Meara

**Auditor:** Niall Moran

**Secretary:** Ciara Moyna

**Campaigns Team:** Olivia Scaramuzza

**Campaigns Team:** Clifford Turtle

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.36	Bank charge	€30.54
USC Grant	€400.00	Dinner	€147.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>€400.36</b>	Entertainment	€40.00
		Reception	€10.00
		Society transport	€154.00
		Speaker travel	€18.00
		Expenditure Total	€400.02
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.34

Income	Expenditure
	Total
	€400.36

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 305 members.

### Alive Hours

Louise O'Meara	Campaign Team	40 hours
Sean Burke	Treasurer	60 hours
Niall Moran	Auditor	250 Hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student  
 # Hours Volunteered: 350 hours

## An Cumann Craic

Is Cumann Soisialta is é an Cumann Craic. Is é aidhm an chumainn an Ghaeilge agus an Chultuir Gaelach a chur chun cinn ar an gcampas.

An Cumann Craic is a social society. The aims of the society are to advance the Irish language and culture on campus.

### An Cumann Craic Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

#### Lá na Gaeilge » Ar Campas » 16th March 2011

Bhí chuile dhuine ar an coiste ag iarraidh an Gaeilge a chur chun cinn go speisialta ar an lá seo.

A special effort was made to promote the Irish language for this week and this day in particular.

#### Lá Spóirt » Áras na Mac Léinn » 14th March 2011

Lá spóirt a bhí ar siúl againn le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge.

#### Cóisir na Nollaig » Salthouse » 25th November 2010

Cóisir Nollag le Cumann Staire agus An Cumann Craic. /Intersociety christmas party Cumann Staire agus An Cumann Craic.

#### CCB » Seomra 204, Áras na Gaeilge » 14th October 2010

Caithimid daoine a toghadh chuig coiste. Má tá bhúr chairde ag iarraidh bheith ar an coiste agus páirt a ghlacadh sa cumann is fearr ar an gcampas bí linn. BEIDH PIZZA SAOR IN AISCE ANN COMH MAITH!!!!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Clíona Ní Shiúrdáin

**Treasurer:** Séagh Mac Siúrdáin

**Secretary:** Maria O'Flaherty

**Vice-Auditor:** Caoimhe Nic Giollarnaith

**1st Year Rep:** Orfhlaith Breathnach

**OCP:** Cameron Wachowich

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income	Expenditure
Opening Bank Balance	Reception
€322.25	€117.11
USC Grant	Expenditure Total
€410.00	€117.11
<b>Total</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total
€732.25	€25.60
	Cash In Hand
	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance
	€615.14
	<b>Total</b>
	€732.25

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 604 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Seagh MacSiurdain	Cisteoir	250 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 250 hours

## Anime and Manga Society

The Anime and Manga Society is a society that aims to provide an insight into Japanese Culture, through animation, manga books, or specific cultural events. As well as putting on two showings of anime movies and shows a week, we have had workshops run, organised a convention which was attended by over 350 people from across Ireland and Europe, run trips to other such conventions in the country, and more.

### Anime and Manga Society Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

**Film Showing : Final Fantasy 7 Advent Children Complete** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 23rd September 2010

Two years after the end of Final Fantasy VII the world is starting to get back on it's feet and is working towards a new future. However, there is a new threat from a new illness called Geo-stigma, and three men that seem to be seeking Jenova. Cloud and his friends from the original game must once again reunite to combat the new threat

(AC: Complete contains a considerable amount of new footage that the original version lacks, as well as roughly a thousand revised scenes. This adds a total of 26 minutes to the film.)

**Anime and Manga EGM** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 23rd September 2010

EGM, Nominating assistant events coordinator and OCM first year positions available. All welcome to attend.

**Anime Showing : Trigun** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 21st September 2010

Known for its Space Western theme, Trigun is about a man named "Vash the Stampede" and the two Bernardelli Insurance Society employees who follow him around in order to minimize the damages inevitably caused by his appearance. Most of the damage attributed to Vash is actually caused by bounty hunters in pursuit of the "60,000,000,000\$\$" (sixty billion "double dollars") bounty on Vash's head for the destruction of the city of July.

**Anime and Manga Movie Night** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 3rd February 2011

**OVA Night!** » *cairnes theatre* » 1st February 2011

A night of short anime films, ranging in genres!

**Akumakon** » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 21st January – 23rd January 2011 (3 individual events)

Akumakon is a new, upcoming anime convention in Ireland. It will be held in The National University of Ireland, Galway. It is the only fully anime and manga convention in the West of Ireland and has hopes to be the biggest and best in Ireland in a few years. This new convention will be taking place on the 21-23 of January 2011!

We will have all your favourite events from Karaok? to Cosplay to Maid Caf?s and Host Clubs. You name it, we probably have it! Check out the Info at link.

**Anime & Manga Presents Sailor Moon** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 25th November 2010 Tsukino Usagi is a 14-year old girl in junior high. She's ditzy, whiny, and a crybaby. She often flunks her tests, and she is always scolded by her family. However after a bad day, Usagi is surprised to encounter a black cat that can talk! The cat, Luna, grants Usagi the power to transform into Sailor Moon, a fighter who is to save the world against the Dark Kingdom and its evil ruler, Queen Beryl. Of course, Usagi can't do it alone, and there are others who will help her on the way...

**Anime & Manga Presents CardCaptor Sakura** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 23rd November 2010 One day, Kinomoto Sakura, a 4th grader stumbles upon the mysterious book of Clow. Upon opening it and reading the name of The Windy aloud, Sakura scatters the cards to the winds. Sakura is elected and appointed by Keroberos, Guardian of the Cards to capture the remaining cards. With her friend Tomoyo and rival Shaoran, Sakura begins an adventure that will forever change her.

**Gaming Tournament - Balzblue (Xbox 360)** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 14th October 2010 BlazBlue is a traditional 2D fighter where two characters participate in a duel on a two dimensional plane. A round is called a "rebel" and one match can consist of one to five "rebels". To win a round, one player must either incapacitate the other by inflicting damage through various attacks to reduce health or by having more remaining health after the clock runs out if the rules of the match has one.

Every character has a weak, medium and strong attack. Also every character has a "unique" technique, called a Drive attack, which is different for each character. Those attacks are also known as "A", "B", "C" and "D". Various combos can be performed by every character through careful input of regular and drive attacks. A combo consists of two or more consecutive attacks that hit an opponent without them retaliating. As combos become longer, each attack will do less damage than normal to give the opponent a chance to retaliate. Grabs can be incorporated into combos also by pressing the "B" and "C" buttons at the same time. Occasionally, some attacks (e.g. Jin's HirenSou) will use portions of the player's heat gauge at the bottom of the screen. The heat gauge is filled by either dealing or receiving damage. When at a certain percentage, special moves called "distortion drives" can be performed. When a distortion drive is successfully performed and connects with the opponent, it deals massive damage and is visually flashier than normal attacks.

Along with attacks every character has two types of block. One is the regular block that can be broken with a "guard crush". That can be achieved by pushing the "guard libra" gauge all the way to the opponent's side through repeated attacks. If the opponent keeps blocking, then their guard can be broken, leaving them open for attack. The second type of block is a barrier block, which is initiated by blocking while holding the "A" and "B" buttons at the same time. A barrier block cannot be broken like a normal guard, but there is a limit on how long one can be held, which is indicated by the barrier gauge. If the barrier gauge empties, then the player will receive 150% damage until it regenerates to half-full.

**Ghost in the Shell Showing** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 12th October 2010

In the year 2029, the barriers of our world have been broken down by the net and by cybernetics, but this brings new vulnerability to humans in the form of brain-hacking. When a highly-wanted hacker known as 'The Puppetmaster' begins involving them in politics, Section 9, a group of cybernetically enhanced cops, are called in to investigate and stop the Puppetmaster. The pursuit will call into question what makes a human and what is the Puppetmaster in a world where the distinction between human and machine is increasingly blurry.

**Eirtakon Meeting** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 12th October 2010

Meeting about the Anime and Manga Trip to Eirtakon (DCU's Anime and Manga convention)

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** James Broderick

**Vice-Auditor:** Eoghan Fallon

**Treasurer:** David Sheerin

**Secretary:** Owen Whincup

**PRO:** Larkin Stephens

**Events Officer:** Enda Scanlon

**OCM:** Paul O'Connor

**Assistant Events:** Valerie McKay

**OCM:** Michael Crampton

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Tadhg Tynan

**Vice-Auditor:** Larkin Stephens

**Treasurer:** Brian O'Brien

**Secretary:** Valerie McKay

**Con Director:** Paul O'Connor

**Librarian:** Michael Crampton

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€279.16	Bank charge	€53.18
Bank Charge	€24.23	Entertainment	€60.00
Socs box Till	€802.00	Entry fees	€700.00
Ticket Sales	€100.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€65.00
USC Grant	€1,950.00	Prizes	€40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,155.39</b>	Received Money Returned	€184.50
		Returned Socs Money	€1,108.24
		Society transport	€850.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,060.92
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
	Cash In Hand €0.00
	Closing Bank Balance €94.47
	<b>Total</b> €3,155.39

<b>Akumakon Balance Sheet - 2010/2011</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€29.15
Bank Charge	€14.65	Equipment misc	€95
Members Contributions	€25.24	Fundraising/charity	€1000
Ticket Sales	€4620	Hoodies	€1256.4
USC Grant	€600	Printing	€545
		Speaker travel	€380
		Stationary	€800
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€4105.55
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	€0
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€1154.34
<b>Total</b>	€5259.89	<b>Total</b>	€5259.89

## Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 311 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Valerie McKay	Convention and assistant Events Officer	15 hours
Keller Harlow	Volunteer	52 hours
Paul O'Connor	OCM	320 hours
Enda Scanlon	Events officer	175 hours
John Burke	Akumakon Webmaster	40 hours
Tadhg Tynan	AkumaKon Staff Manager	65 hours
Enda Scanlon	Akumakon Convention Director	500 hours
James Broderick	Auditor/Co-Con Director	500 hours

# ALIVE Students: 8 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1667 hours

## Arch Soc

NUI Galway Archaeological Society provided an active programme of events this year for members and students at the college. This programme included two social evenings, ten guest lectures by eminent speakers from the archaeological field, two day trips by coach, one to Co. Offaly to visit early monastic sites and the second to the Museum of Country Life in Castlebar Co. Mayo to view the Cross of Cong, which was on loan to the museum. This trip concluded with a guided tour of Ballintober Abbey Co. Mayo. The society hosted a charity coffee morning on St. Valentine's Day, which raised €420 for two children's charities. The highlight of the society year was a very enjoyable and successful trip to South Wales in early April. Thirty two members and students joined this four day trip to visit castles, abbeys and historic sites. The society would thank our members and friends for their support during the year.

### Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

**Meet and greet event** » *College Bar (Back room) » 28th September 2010*

Meet and greet evening for new and existing members.

**Four-day trip to Wales** » *South Wales » 4th April – 8th April 2011 (5 individual events)*

A four-day trip to South Wales by coach to visit castles, abbeys and historic sites. Hostel accommodation in Cardiff. Thirty two members availed of this trip.

**One- Day Field Trip** » *Co. Mayo » 5th February 2011*

A one-day field trip by coach to Co. Mayo, to visit the Museum of Country Life in Castlebar. A guided tour of exhibits including the Cross of Cong by museum staff followed by a guided tour of Ballintober Abbey Co. Mayo. Twenty two members travelled on this trip.

**One- Day Field Trip** » *Co. Offaly » 16th October 2010*

A one-day field trip to County Offaly by coach, to visit the High Crosses at Durrow and Tihilly, the early monastic sites at Lynally, Rahan and Leamanaghan, Motte and Bailey at Lynally and St. Managnans Shrine at Boher Church. Guide for the trip was Mr. Darrell Hooper from County Offaly Historical and Archaeological Society. Thirty members of the society went on trip.

**Final Guest Lecture** » *AC 213 off the Concourse (turn right at BoI, AC 213 is first room on left) » 22nd March 2011*

Dr. Caroline Malone from Queens University Belfast will give the final guest lecture of the current year.

'ART AND DEATH IN ANCIENT MALTA.'

7.00PM in AC213, off the Concourse.

ALL WELCOME

**Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien Guest Lecture** » *AC213 (off Concourse at Bank of Ireland) » 15th March 2011* Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien FSA, will give a guest lecture on Early Medieval Burial Practices in Ireland on Tuesday 15th March. TITLE : 'POLITICS, FAMILY, RELIGION - BURIAL RITUALS IN IRELAND 5TH -8TH CENTURIES AD'. ALL WELCOME.

**DR. MICHAEL RYAN GUEST LECTURE** » *AC213 off Concourse (turn right at BoI, AC213 is 1st room on right) » 1st March 2011* Dr. Michael Ryan Chairman of the Chester Beatty Library will present a guest lecture to the society. TITLE : 'EARLY - MEDIEVAL FINE METALWORK IN IRELAND' - some thoughts on meaning.

**GUEST LECTURE by MARY CAHILL** » *AC213 off the Concourse (turn right at BoI, AC213 is 1st room on left) » 15th February 2011* Ms Mary Cahill, assistant keeper of antiquities at the National Museum of Ireland will present a lecture on Prehistoric Irish Gold. TITLE : 'GOING FOR GOLD' finding function in Late Bronze Age Ireland. ALL WELCOME.

**CHARITY COFFEE MORNING** » *Careers Seminar Room (beside Archaeology Dept) » 14th February 2011* The Archaeology Society will host a CHARITY COFFEE MORNING in aid of two children's charities. FREE COFFEE, TEA, CAKE AND BISCUITS. PLEASE SUPPORT AND MAKE A DONATION.

**Guest Lecture by Eamonn P.(Ned) Kelly** » *AC213 off the Concourse (turn right at BOI, 1st room on left) » 18th January 2011*

The 'Irish Iron Age Bog Bodies' guest lecture will be presented by Eamonn P. (Ned) Kelly, keeper of antiquities at the National Museum of Ireland and Ireland's foremost authority on Bog Bodies. The lecture will take place at 7.00pm. on Tuesday 18th January 2011, in room AC213 off the Concourse (turn right at BOI, 1st room on left)

All are welcome.

**Christmas and New Year get together** » *The Slate Bar at Busker Brown's » 11th January 2011*

Christmas and New Year get together will take place on Tuesday 11th January 2011, at 8.00 pm, beginning with the AGM. Venue: The Slate Bar at Busker Brown's. See you there.

**Guest lecture - Archaeology of the Fergus Estuary, Co. Clare** » *AC 213 (off the Concourse, turn right at BoI, 1st room on left) » 2nd November 2010*

Mary C. Dillon will give this weeks guest lecture, 'Maritime Cultural Landscapes in Ireland: Archaeology of the Fergus Estuary and its islands, Co. Clare.' Mary is a graduate of NUI Galway, so come along and hear this exciting lecture and welcome Mary back to Galway. Date: 2nd November 2010. Venue: AC213. Time: 7.00pm. Dr. Aidan O'Sullivan was due to accompany Mary for this lecture, but family reasons have prevented his visit. ALL WELCOME.

**Dr. Amanda Kelly guest lecture** » AC213 off Concourse. » 19th October 2010

Dr. Amanda Kelly will give a guest lecture titled 'INSCRIBED WAEPONS::CHEAP SHOTS AND INVECTIVES' The lecture will look at messages inscribed on sling shots, used in battle during the Hellenistic Period. All welcome.

**Céide Fields guest lecture** » AC 214 off the Concourse » 5th October 2010

'The Céide Fields and Belderrig - re-visited 75 years on'. Guest speaker Professor Seamus Caulfield.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Richard Gray

**Treasurer:** Thomas O'Grady

**3rd Year Rep:** Hanno Conring

**Secretary:** Elizabeth Gray

**PRO:** Ciaran Stacey

**Vice-Auditor:** Bri Greene

## Committee 2011/2012

**Vice-Auditor:** Thomas O'Grady

**Auditor:** Susanne Larsson

**Secretary:** Anne Geraghty

**Treasurer:** Marie Naughton

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€73.44	Bank charge	€37.88
Fundraising	€410.00	Dinner	€892.65
Socs box Till	€6,226.00	Entry fees	€952.23
USC Grant	€7,775.00	Fundraising/charity	€420.00
<b>Total</b>	€14,484.44	Hoodies	€480.00
		Received Money Returned	€1,486.79
		Reception	€770.20
		Society accomm	€3,556.85
		Society transport	€4,540.00
		Speaker accomm	€275.00
		Speaker travel	€565.00
		Expenditure Total	€13,976.60
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€507.84
		<b>Total</b>	€14,484.44

## Other Information ALIVE Hours

We held 14 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 326 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Richard Gray	Auditor	250 hours
Elizabeth Gray	Secretary	300 hours
Hanno Conring	PR Officer, Committee member	50 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 600 hours

## Art Soc

We are a creative society set up to provide a creative outlet for student in Nuigalway. We provide a space for people to further there creative talents, as well as get tips and learning new skills.

This year we provided all this and had a surge in membership and attendance. We also ran a summer art programme and shot a movie over the summer 'What Waits Within'.

### Art Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 67 events.

**Arts Summer Classes - Painting** » *Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th July – 23rd August 2011 (5 individual events)*

5 weeks course of painting Classes fee ?20. Culminating with an exhibition at the end of August. Sign up at the SocBox.

**Art Soc Summer Classes - Life drawing** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 25th July – 22nd August 2011 (5 individual events)*

5 weeks course of life drawing Classes fee ?20. Culminating with an exhibition at the end of August. Sign up at the SocBox.

**Comic Drawing Class** » *Art Room » 4th May – 31st August 2011 (18 individual events)*

Weekly comic drawing class all welcome.

**First Comic Book Drawing Class** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne » 29th September 2010*

The Art Society's first Comic Book Drawing Class.

**Art Soc Perspective Drawing** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne » 28th September 2010*

The first class of the Art Society in perspective drawing.

**Art Soc First Meeting** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne » 21st September 2010*

The first meeting of the Art Soc is to meet the new members and outline our events for the year.

**Berlin Trip** » *Dublin Airport and Berlin » 6th January – 9th January 2011 (4 individual events)*

The Art Society's annual trip abroad, this year to Berlin for 4 days. Its an educational trip to some of Berlin's museums and places of artist merit.

**Muscailt Art Exhibition Opens/ Lunatic fringe Launch** » *aras na mac leinn » 7th February – 11th February 2011 (5 individual events)*

Art Soc Art Exhibition 'Black hole Paradise' opens as part of Muscailt Arts Festival.

Launch of Lunatic fringe comic book. Guest speaker Galway city Arts Officer James Harrold. Wine reception

**Art Soc Comic Drawing class** » *Art Room » 2nd February 2011*

Art Soc comic drawing class

**Art Soc Art Class** » *Art Room » 1st February 2011*

Art Soc Art classes

**Art Soc Comic Drawing** » *Art room » 26th January 2011*

Art Soc Comic Drawing class

**Artsoc comic Drawing class** » *Art Room » 19th January 2011*

Art soc Comic Drawing class - bring in all your work for the Lunatic fringe magazine to be launched at Muscailt.

**Art soc Drawing class** » *Art room » 11th January 2011*

**Comic Book Drawing Class** » *The Art Room » 1st December 2010*

Come and draw a comic in the very last Art Soc Class of the year!

**Comic Book Drawing** » *The Art Room » 24th November 2010*

Comic Drawing as usual.

**Muscailt Meeting** » *The Art Room » 23rd November 2010*

A talk about our up coming exhibition and theme. Were set to begin work on this soon.

**Comic Book Drawing Class** » *The Art Room » 17th November 2010*

Learn to draw a comic book!

**Life Drawing Class** » *The Art Room » 16th November 2010*

Learn how to draw the male form in week 3 of Life Drawing class.

**Promotional Music Week Workshop** » *The Art Room » 11th November 2010*

A workshop with Choral Soc making promotional Music Week stuff.

**Comic Book Drawing Class** » *The Art Room » 10th November 2010*

Come and learn how to draw and make a comic!

**Life Drawing** » *The Space » 9th November 2010*

It is the second week of life drawing. Its an interesting way to learn to draw the body! so come along.

**Comic Book Drawing Class** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 3rd November 2010

Weekly Comic Book Drawing Class

**Life Drawing Class** » *The Art Room* » 2nd November 2010

First Life Drawing class.

**Set Design for The Morning After Optimism.** » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Linne* » 29th October 2010 .Building trees for the set of The Morning After Optimism.

**Set Design for The Morning After Optimism.** » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Linne* » 28th October 2010 . Building trees for the set of The Morning After Optimism.

**Comic Book Drawing Class** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 27th October 2010

Weekly Comic Book Drawing Class

**Set Design for The Morning After Optimism** » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Linne* » 27th October 2010 Building trees for the set of The Morning After Optimism.

**Ghost Story Telling Event** » *The Art Room* » 26th October 2010

A night of telling ghost stories, because everyone has a ghost story.

**Charactatures Class** » *The Art Room* » 19th October 2010

This weeks art class is charactature drawing. Its a follow on from last weeks portrait class.

**Mood Drawing for Mental Health Week** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 14th October 2010

Drop into the Art Room and draw to different genres of music and in different styles for Mental Health Week.

**Mood Drawing for Mental Health Week** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 13th October 2010

Drop into the Art Room and draw to different genres of music and in different styles for Mental Health Week.

**Mood Drawing for Mental Health Week** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 12th October 2010

Drop into the Art Room and draw to different genres of music and in different styles for Mental Health Week.

**Art Soc Portraiture Class** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 12th October 2010

Art socs art class this week is Portraiture, come and learn how to draw faces!

**Comic Book Drawing Class** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 6th October 2010

Weekly Comic Book Drawing Class

**Art Soc Still Life Drawing** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Linne* » 5th October 2010

Still Life drawing class with the Art Society

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Lisa Grant

**PRO:** Sharon Nolan

**Auditor:** Grainne Greaney

**Treasurer:** Joseph Neary

**OCM:** Caoife Garvey

**Lunatic Fringe Editor/ Webmaster:** Helen McFarlane

**Master at Arms:** Jeremy Sterling

**Secretary:** Catherine Ziemann

**Travel Officer:** Emer McMullin

**OCM:** Nicole Quigley

**OCM:** Lauren Dooley

**OCM:** Pdraig Tynan

**OCM:** Michael Talty

**OCM:** Mark O'Loughlin

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Catherine Ziemann

**Vice-Auditor:** Robert Alfis

**Wise old women :** Grainne Greaney

**Communication Officer :** Sharon Nolan

**Travel Officer :** Pdraig Tynan

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,262.03	Bank charge	€102.27
Bank Charge	€41.55	Dinner	€200.00
Muscailt	€200.00	Equipment misc	€100.00
Socs box Till	€1,283.50	Lights	€726.00

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Ticket Sales	€756.00	Materials	€2,253.48
USC Grant	€7,770.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€50.00
<b>Total</b>	€12,313.08	Prizes	€100.00
		Returned Socs Money	€263.04
		Set	€260.00
		Society accomm	€926.20
		Society transport	€2,150.00
		Socs day expenses	€20.00
		Teacher fees	€4,809.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€11,959.99
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€353.09
		<b>Total</b>	€12,313.08

## Other Information ALIVE Hours

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 451 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Jeremy Sterling	Master At Arms	26 hours
Grainne Greaney	Auditor	450 hours
Lisa Grant	Vice-Auditor	205 hours
Lauren Dooley	OCM	80 hours
Emer McMullin	Travel Officer	115 hours
Helen McFarlane	Editor and Intervarsity Officer	180 hours
Catherine Ziemann	Secretary	120 hours
Sharon Nolan	PRO	150 hours

# ALIVE Students: 8 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1326 hours

## BaCon Soc

BA Connect Soc, or BACon Soc as we are known, are a collaborative creative society, eager to take on any project should it contribute to college or student life. We like to further ourselves and learn through our work in the subject fields. While last year we focused on Rockapella, the acapella music group formed under chorus mistress Hannah O'Reilly, this year we focused on the Video project, BACon Bites, along with running side projects throughout the year including rockapella workshops, helping in the ComicSoc Comic and Zine fair and some others.

BACon Bites:

this year one of our OCM's, Conor Hooper, developed an idea to make short movies made around college and by students. he and some other members are students of the BA Connect with Film studies, but are a little disappointed at the academic nature of the course and the lack of practical film-making experience provided. So, inviting any and all BACon members Conor and the team made multiple short movies throughout the college year, including the Beg trilogy which was featured in UCC Film Soc's end of year film showing, and 7 minute message for a visiting student who was leaving the college to go home. BACon Bites is a project which the entire society is very proud of, and which has contributed to the film students college education, and indeed to the college lives of all involved.

## BaCon Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 127 events.

**Cork Trip** » *Galway and cork! » 11th April – 14th April 2011 (4 individual events)*

BaCon Bites are proudly going to a UCC Film Soc event. UCC Film Society are kindly showing a selection of our films at their end of year event! They'll also be screening their own lovely shorts and to top it all off

Tommy Wiseau's THE ROOM!!! Event will be in the Franciscan Well, city link buses go every 2 hours and you can stay for one two or three nights. Hoopers brother is putting us up so costs are kept down, half your transport will be refunded => 6 euro entry and the travel should be no more than 15 euro return.

**BaCon AGM!!** » *Art room » 5th April – 5th May 2011 (31 individual events)*

It's time for the AGM, which means our outgoing committee and everyone else is invited to the art room to elect next years awesome committee and talk plannery plans for next years events etc. we'll have the banter so come down to have a fun time and contribute to the future of the society.

**Camera Workshop** » *meeting room 1 Aras Na MacLeinn » 14th February – 14th May 2011 (90 individual events)*

Camera workshop with the BaCon Biters, or bites. total beginners welcome, we're all learning =>

**Rockapella Rehearsal** » *the cube » 9th February 2011*

Bit of singing in the cube with Hannah. We plan to go busking with the fruit of our rehearsal and raise money for the ISDA festival. even if you've never come to Rockapella before drop in, it'll be lots of fun!

**Comic and Zine Fair** » *Bailey Allen Hall » 9th February 2011*

BaCon Soc will be doing some Comic related Improv sketches throughout the day. This whole fair is going to be great, with lots of societies helping out. free tea, chill out area, and some quality comedy add to the great comicsoc event!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Eilish McCarthy

**Treasurer:** Aileen Dillon

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Hannah O'Reilly

**Vice-Auditor:** Claudia O'Sullivan

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Lee Vahey

**Secretary:** Kori Kilduff

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Jason Browne

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2.31	Bank charge	€28.69
Bank Charge	€239.48	Dinner	€110.00
Socs box Till	€600.00	Equipment misc	€386.75
Sponsorship	€140.00	Received Money Returned	€1,663.74
USC Grant	€2,010.00	Returned Socs Money	€50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,991.79</b>	Socs Box Till Refund	€550.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,789.18
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€202.61
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,991.79</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 359 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Hannah O'Reilly	Conductor	15 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 15 hours

# Bahá'í

In this college year the Baha'i Society at NUI, Galway held weekly meetings that explored the major world Religions. Members of the society and also on occasion outside speakers were invited to talk about the salient features of religions such as Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and the Baha'i Faith. Meetings were open to all, held in an informal atmosphere, and ample time was allowed for discussion and also socialising. During this term the Baha'i Society was also invited to take part in a debate organised by LifeSoc entitled "Is abortion a religious issue?" Our treasurer Cillian McNamara took part in what was a interesting and thought-provoking discussion. Also this year, the Baha'i Society offered its members the opportunity of completing a study course entitled "Reflections on the Life of the Spirit". Nine members of the society have now completed the first book in what is a sequence of study books and held a devotional meeting where prayers and readings on the theme of unity were read and meditated on. This event was open to all and approximately half of those who attended were friends of Baha'i society members. We did not hold an AGM at the end of this year but the officers of the newly formed Baha'i Society will call one at the beginning of the next college year.

## Bahai Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

### **Devotional Meeting** » *IT 204* » *20th April 2011*

This is the Baha'i Society's first devotional meeting. Its on at 7:30pm in IT 204, thats in the IT building at the back of concourse. A devotional meeting is basically where people gets together and say prayers and readings from religious scriptures. The theme of this devotional is 'Unity' and so there will be readings from all different religions focusing on the theme of Unity. Devotional meetings are a great time to reflect and unity is something that is needed now more than ever apparently.

### **Discussion Group - Study Circle** » *AM 205 (Arts Millenium)* » *24th March 2011*

Every week the Bahai Society is hosting a discussion group using the 1st in a series of 8 books. Ruhi Book - 1 Reflections on the Life of the Spirit deals with some of the key concepts of the Bahai Faith as well as many other world religions; these include the nature of the soul, the purpose of prayer and life after death. These discussion groups are open to all and a great chance to talk about things which we really don't get a chance to talk about in our day to day lives. They're really interesting and inspiring so if you're interested, do come along.

### **Discussion Group - Study Circle** » *AM 205 (Arts Millenium)* » *16th March 2011*

Every week the Bahai Society is hosting a discussion group using the 1st in a series of 8 books. Ruhi Book - 1 Reflections on the Life of the Spirit deals with some of the key concepts of the Bahai Faith as well as many other world religions; these include the nature of the soul, the purpose of prayer and life after death. These discussion groups are open to all and a great chance to talk about things which we really don't get a chance to talk about in our day to day lives. They're really interesting and inspiring so if you're interested, do come along.

### **Discussion Group Study Circle** » *AM110* » *3rd March 2011*

Every week the Bahai Society is hosting a discussion group using the 1st in a series of 8 books. Ruhi Book - 1 Reflections on the Life of the Spirit deals with some of the key concepts of the Baha'i Faith as well as many other world religions; these include the nature of the soul, the purpose of prayer and life after death. These discussion groups are open to all and a great chance to talk about things which we really don't get a chance to talk about in our day to day lives. They're really interesting and inspiring so if you're interested, do come along.

### **Fundamental Concepts of Islam** » *ac201* » *2nd March 2011*

Every fortnight the Bahai Society hosts a talk on one of the world religions. This week there will be a brief talk on some of the fundamental concepts of Islam, followed by discussion. Open to all.

### **Discussion Group - Ruhi Book 1** » *AC216* » *24th February 2011*

Every week the Baha'i Society is hosting a discussion group using the 1st in a series of 8 books. Ruhi Book 1 - Relfections on the Life of the Spirit deals with some of the key concepts of The Baha'i Faith as well as many other world religions; these include the nature of the soul, the purpose of prayer and life after death.

These discussion groups are open to all, and are really interesting and inspiring so if you're interested do come along

### **Introduction to Islam** » *IT202 - IT Building* » *23rd February 2011*

Every fortnight the Baha'i Society hosts a talk on a different world religion. This week its a brief talk on some of the fundamental concepts of Islam.

### **Study Circle Taster Session** » *AC 202* » *9th February 2011*

A series of workshops inspired by teachings of The Baha'i Faith. Ruhi Book 1: Reflections on the Life of the Spirit is the first in a series of 8 books. It covers 3 main aspects/ concepts: The nature of the soul, the importance of prayer, and life after death. In the study circle we will use this book as a springboard for discussion. It's open to all, so do come along.

### **Discussion Group** » *AM110 (Arts Millenium)* » *3rd February 2011*

Every week the Baha'i Society is hosting a discussion group using the 1st in a series of 8 books. Ruhi Book - 1 Reflections on the Life of the Spirit deals with some of the key concepts of the Baha'i Faith as well as many other world religions; these include the nature of the soul, the purpose of prayer and life after death. These discussion groups are open to all and a great chance to talk about things which we really don't get a chance to talk about in our day to day lives. They're really interesting and inspiring so if you're interested, do come along.

**Talk on Christianity** » AC201 » 2nd February 2011

A special guest speaker all the way from Limerick is going to give this week's talk on Christianity. Now most of us have at least an idea of what Christianity is about, but this talk is guaranteed to be an interesting one. And of course its open to all. Hope to see you there.

**Intro to Judaism** » ac201 » 19th January 2011

A brief talk on some of the core concepts and beliefs of Judaism followed by some discussion. Open to all

**Intro to Zoroastrianism** » AC213 » 24th November 2010

Each time the Baha'i society meetings will begin with a short talk on a different world religion. The next talk is on the ancient religion of Zoroastrianism. If you've never heard of it and are interested to know more come along...

**The Baha'i Faith - An Introduction** » AC215 (on concourse) » 10th November 2010

A brief talk followed by a discussion on some of the basic concepts of the Baha'i Faith. All welcome

**Introductory Meeting** » Dillon Theatre » 14th October 2010

An introductory meeting starting off with a short presentation on what the Baha'i Faith is. After that we'll be hoping to facilitate discussions on topics that are relevant to today's society. So come along and volunteer topics to be discussed throughout the year if you like.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** George Rahmani

**Treasurer:** Cillian McNamara

**Secretary:** Neysan Donnelly

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€5.85
Bank Charge	€2.95	Returned Socs Money	€490.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€495.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>€502.95</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€7.10
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€502.95</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 56 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Cillian McNamara	Treasurer	50 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 50 hours

## Best Buddies

Best Buddies society creates a link with Ability West in giving students the opportunity to work with young adults with intellectual disabilities. Ability West is a voluntary organisation based in Galway which provides a range of person-centred, high quality, community-based services to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Students are offered the opportunity to be matched with a buddy, and the pair then meet up twice a month and make contact with one another by text, email or by giving them a call. What students do with their buddy is up to them - cinema, shopping, bowling, going for lunch or a coffee..all the usual things you do with your friends! We also organise a group activity once a month, where all the college students and

buddies can come together for an evening of fun, so we can all get to know each other. Highlights of the year include the christmas party and the Best Buddies Ball in May - a formal event enjoyed by everyone.

## Best Buddies Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

**Best Buddies AGM** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 28th March 2011

Review of year and nominating new committee members for next year

**Best Buddies Matching Party** » *Harbour Hotel, the Docks* » 7th February 2011

**Best Buddies Committee Meeting** » *The View* » 31st January 2011

**Best Buddies Committee Meeting** » *The Space* » 24th January 2011

**Best Buddies Committee Meeting** » *The View* » 17th January 2011

Planning events for semester 2

**Best Buddies Training** » *AC201 & IT125* » 15th November – 16th November 2010 (2 individual events)

Training for members who want to take part in the Best Buddies Colleges Programme will be taking place on Monday 15th Nov in AC201 7pm to 9pm and Tuesday 16th Nov in IT125 7pm to 9pm. Members must attend both sessions, alternatively there is a full day's training on Saturday 20th Nov so contact Linda Keane at Ability West if you are unable to make the evening sessions! We'll also be discussing our welcome party and other events at the evening training. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**Speed Dating in the Dark** » *The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 8th November 2010

Best Buddies is having its annual Speed dating in the dark event, it speaks for itself really, a dark room, glow in the dark name tags, and a 3minute conversation with people.

Its only 2 euro and we will be going to college bar afterwards to continue the fun.

**Information Meeting** » *meeting room 2 Aras Na Mclain ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclain)* » 4th October 2010

For anyone who's interested in volunteering with Best Buddies Soc this year, come along to find out all about, and we'll get you started!

**Ability West Ball** » *Menlo park Hotel* » 13th May – 14th May 2011 (2 individual events)

Best Buddies have been invited to the Ability West Ball in the Menlo Park Hotel. It promises to be a great night! Tickets on sale in the socsbox

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Sean Kearns

**Fundraising Officer:** Jenny Mannion

**Treasurer:** Noelle Hassett

**Secretary:** Gillian Collins

**Events Officer:** Evelyn Whymys

**Vice-Auditor:** Siun O'Rourke

**OCM:** Liam Sutherland

**PRO:** Karen Cahill

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€629.23	Bank charge	€46.46
Balls	€260.00	Dinner	€248.51
Socs box Till	€550.00	Entertainment	€75.00
USC Grant	€400.00	Hall hire	€360.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,839.23</b>	Prizes	€29.98
		Society transport	€150.00
		Socs day expenses	€31.00
		Expenditure Total	€940.95
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€322.20
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€898.28
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,839.23</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 323 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Alice Deane	Volunteer	13 hours
Evelyn Whyms	Events Organiser	50 hours
Orla O'Callaghan	Volunteer/Buddy	13 hours
Gillian Collins	Secretary	20 hours
Philomena Barrett	Volunteer	13 hours
Evelyn Fennelly	Buddy	13 hours
Eibhlin Sharkey	volunteer	20 hours
Jenny Mannion	Fundraising officer	40 hours
Edwina Cunniffe	Volunteer	13 hours
Colin Pilkington	Volunteer	10 hours
Laura Hession	Volunteer	13 hours

# ALIVE Students: 11 student

# Hours Volunteered: 218 hours

## Botany Soc

This year has been a vibrant year for the Botany Society as a whole and hopefully will provide a building block for the future. Amongst guest lectures there has been a series of botanical and ecological workshops and notably we have organised a Botanical excursion to Poland at the end of June.

Our Botanical excursion to Poland incorporates the Wojnowo lakeland area, Biebrza floodplains, Bialowieza Primeval Forest, Bug River Valley: Guided walk and a final night to sample the culture of Warsaw.

Some of the workshops hosted by the society this year included Bryophyte Identification and training, Carabidae identification, Native tree and Shrub Identification, Molecular Probes for Plant Cell Wall Biology and a Free-Hand Pencil Drawing class of all things Botanical. These workshops/classes were held both on campus and at the Carron Research facility in the Burren Co. Clare which served as a wonderful setting and base to embark on guided walks. Our guest lectures covered a broad range of topics and research interests which are specialised topics in the broader field of Botany. These included talks by the following: Dr. Micheline Sheehy Skeffington - Dipterocarps, Hornbills and Buddhist monks - a forest conservation story. Miss. Anna Pielach - Poland - primeval forests, bisons, 3000 vascular plant species. Dr. Caitriona Carlin - Galway's living landscapes - Eskers

Dr. Jane Stout - Impacts of invasive Rhododendron on native plant-pollinator communities

Mr. Ger O' Donnell - Wildlife of Connemara and the Western Islands

Prof. David S. Domozych - Unraveling the mysteries of the plant cell wall: Charophycean Green Algae and the evolution of wall polymers. Dr. Brendan Dunford - The BurrenLIFE Project Farming for Conservation in the Burren. Prof. Paul Knox - Molecular Probes for Plant Cell Wall Biology

## Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

**Trip to Poland** » *Poland : ) » 23rd June – 3rd July 2011 (11 individual events)*

Botanical 10 day excursion to Poland incorporating Wojnowo lakeland area, Biebrza floodplains, Bialowieza Primeval Forest, Bug River Valley: Guided walk and a night to sample the culture of Warsaw.

**Molecular Probes for Plant Cell Wall Biology** » *Seminar Room C315, Top floor of Aras de Brun » 20th April 2011*

Professor Paul Knox is a key figure in plant cell wall biology and leads a major European lab developing monoclonal antibodies against cell wall components. To find out more about Professor Paul Knox's work visit <http://www.personal.leeds.ac.uk/~bmbjpk/> A practical workshop in epitope unmasking will be held on Wednesday (20 April). Start: 11 o'clock, Muir de Valera Seminar Room. The formal part of the workshop

will start at 11 am with a seminar and exploring protocols. The lab procedures are expected to take 4-5 hours with downtime for coffee or discussion.

**Molecular Probes for Plant Cell Wall Biology a talk by Prof. Paul Knox** » *M?ir?n de Valera Seminar Room C315, Top floor of Aras de Brun* » 19th April 2011

The Botany Society of The National University of Ireland, Galway is excited to announce a seminar by Professor Paul Knox, Centre for Plant Sciences, University of Leeds

Molecular Probes for Plant Cell Wall Biology

Tuesday, the 19th of April

M?ir?n de Valera Seminar Room C315, Top floor of Aras de Brun

Professor Paul Knox is a key figure in plant cell wall biology and leads a major European lab developing monoclonal antibodies against cell wall components. To find out more about Professor Paul Knox?s work visit <http://www.personal.leeds.ac.uk/~bmbjpk/>

A practical workshop in epitope unmasking will be held the following day (20 April) ? more information to follow.

**Unraveling the mysteries of the plant cell wall: Charophycean Green Algae and the evolution of wall polymers a talk by Prof. David S. Domozych** » *Mairin de Valera Seminar room C315, Aras de Brun* » 29th March 2011

We are very excited to announce our talk for Tuesday the 29th of March, given by Prof. David S. Domozych, from the Department of Biology and Skidmore Microscopy Imaging Center, Saratoga Springs, New York:

"Unraveling the mysteries of the plant cell wall: Charophycean Green Algae and the evolution of wall polymers"

**Ecological workshops and an art workshop in the Burren 2-3 April** » *Carron, Co. Clare* » 2nd April – 3rd April 2011  
(2 individual events)

The Botany Society of National University of Ireland, Galway will host

A WEEKEND OF ECOLOGICAL WORKSHOPS

in the NUIG field station in Carron on the 2nd & 3rd of April

All are welcome to a talk by Sharon Parr (Burren Life Project, Saturday, 12pm) with complimentary lunch to follow: "Farming the blooming Burren ? agriculture or floriculture?"

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

(each 2hrs long & costing ?15):

Introduction to the identification of GROUND BEETLES?, 10:00-12:00

By Brendan Canning (Applied Ecology Unit, NUIG)

See The Beetles and get flying at your carabid ID skills.

Introduction to BRYOPHYTE identification features?, 14:00-16:00

By Rory Hodd (Botany & Plant Science, NUIG)

From pretty cushions to creeping (but not creepy!) mats - they know how to conquer a roof, a stone wall or an old shoe in the back yard and deserve to get their names out there!

Native TREES AND SHRUBS - identification and uses?, 16:00-18:00

By Anna Pielach (Landscape Architect, Botany & Plant Science, NUIG)

Fancy planting a hedgerow that will be a beautiful biodiversity oasis rather than stick out like a sore thumb on the landscape? Learn how to identify native woody species and how they could work for you!

SUNDAY ART CLASS

(4hrs, ?20, lunch and drawing materials included, but feel free to bring your own pencils etc.):

Free-hand PENCIL DRAWING by Anna Pielach,

11:00-16:00 (including 1hr lunch break)

Always wanted to try or tried and tore a few sheets of paper and some hair out? Overcome that fear of pencil and learn how to make sketches of trees, shrubs, rocks and whatnot! Places are limited: Reply to [botanysoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:botanysoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) or Call Anna (087 2176338) or Caitriona (086 3194210) to book your place. Overnight accommodation and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday can be provided for an additional?

20Package deal available: Saturday and Sunday workshops, meals and accommodation: ?70 See you there! BotSoc

**Wildlife of Connemara and the Western Islands** » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Rm, Aras de Brun.*

» 2nd March 2011 Ger O'Donnell, the District Conservation Officer with the National Parks & Wildlife Service for the Connemara area, is going to tell us about the "Wildlife of Connemara and the Western Islands".

Light refreshments and reception from 6.30pm

**A talk by Dr Jane Stout, Trinity College Dublin - Impacts of invasive Rhododendron on native plant-pollinator communities** » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Room, C315, Aras de Brun* » 3rd February 2011 NUIG Botany Society presents a

talk by Dr Jane Stout, Trinity College Dublin. Impacts of invasive Rhododendron on native plant-pollinator communities Coffee from 6:30pm - all are welcome!

**'Galway's living landscapes - Eskers' by Dr Caitriona Carlin** » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Room, C315B, Top Floor, Aras de Brun* » 27th January 2011

**Poland - primeval forests, bisons, 3000 plant species... ..and a few other things we have that yeas don't. A Botany Society talk by Anna Pielach** » *MÃ;jirÃ;n De Valera Seminar Room (top floor of Ã•ras de Brun)* » 16th December 2010 A background lecture for the Botany Society field trip to Poland next June. A festive reception of seasonal treats will follow the fabulous talk.

**Dipterocarps, hornbills and Buddhist monks " a forest conservation story. A talk by Dr. Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington.** » *C316b Aras de Brun* » 16th November 2010

Dipterocarps, hornbills and Buddhist monks - a forest conservation story. A talk by Dr. Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington.

**Bryophyte Training Weekend** » *Carron Field Station* » 12th November – 14th November 2010 (3 individual events) A series of lectures and practical guides on Bryophytes Species from a range of habitats.

**Movie - "Botany of Desire"** » *First year lab, bottom of Smokies* » 26th October 2010

This is a "plants eye-view of the world". An interesting look at how plants have used US, and not the other way about. The tulip, the marijuana plant, potatoes, and apples have been used to gratify certain desires for humans, and they have , in their own way, used US to expand their populations to enormous quantities, to satisfy our desire. From award - winning author Michael Pollen.Come along for this great 2 hour documentary, and we'll have a 10 minute tea break in Smokies at the half way point to get some refreshments! Everybody welcome! See you soon,Bot Soc

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Brian Mongan

**Vice-Auditor:** Grace Hoysted

**Treasurer:** Shane Devlin

**Secretary:** Michelle Donlon

**Public Relations:** Louise McLaughlin

**3rd Year Rep:** Edel Sheerin

**PhD Rep:** Caitriona Maher

**PhD Rep:** Beatrice Ghilardi

**3rd Year Rep:** Linda McKee

**PhD Rep:** Christine Eschmann

**PhD Rep:** Antoine Fort

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€817.32	Bank charge	€43.90
Bank Charge	€15.92	Dinner	€733.00
Fundraising	€240.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€10.00
Members Contributions	€2,712.00	Printing	€100.43
USC Grant	€3,655.00	Reception	€249.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,440.24</b>	Society transport	€2,880.00
		Speaker accomm	€120.00
		Speaker travel	€107.10
		Teacher fees	€690.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,933.58
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,506.66
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,440.24</b>

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 114 members.

## Business Society

Another successful year was had by NUI Galway Business Society.

The first semester began with socs day and incoming students and existing students were greatly interested in becoming members of the society. It provided the society with an opportunity to advertise and showcase its events which enticed large numbers to join the society.

This was followed up by a reception for first years to encourage membership of the society and potential future committee members

The first major event of the year was the mystery tour which saw 5 buses of students heading to Sligo for a great night of fun and entertainment. This is a yearly event which has been thoroughly enjoyed by BizSoc members.

In November, upwards of 20 students involving the committee and members headed to Kilkenny for a day and night of comedy and economics at the Kilkenny festival. This involved acts and talks from the countries foremost comedians and economists. An EGM was also held as current Auditor Fergu Molloy was on erasmus in America for Semester 2 with Vice-Auditor Luke McCabe taking his place. Burrwa Nashat was voted in to replace Luke as vice-auditor.

Semester 2 witnessed the societys biggest event of the year, the 'Commerce Ball'. It was once again held in the Readisson and a very successful and enjoyable night was had by all.

Guest speakers were at the forefront in Semester 2 with Bobby Kerr (Insomnia), Sean O'Faolain (NAMA) and Paul Appleby(Director of Corporate Enforcement) all giving valuable insights into their work and business lives.

The International Mystery Tour headed to Frankfurt, Germany, which is the location of the ECB. This was a very interesting trip givin the level and involvement of the ECB in Irelands current economic affairs. 25 students had 3 very enlightening days and nights including a trip to the Frankfurt stock exchange.

The final event of the year was the AGM with the current committee stepping down and a ew committee entering with fresh ideas and thoughts in the hope of another great year for the Business Society.

### Business Society Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

**BizSoc present...Sean O'Faolain, National Asset Management Agency** » *Dillon Theatre, Concourse - Arts/Science Building* » 23rd March 2011

The NUI Galway Business Society are pleased to announce that they will be hosting an evening with Sean O'Faolain, Head of Business Services, National Asset Management Agency (NAMA).

According to the NAMA website, The National Asset Management Agency is a key part of the solution to the current banking difficulties in Ireland.

The Government examined all of the potential approaches available to it to deal with the riskiest loan portfolios on the balance sheets of Irish banks. These loans were preventing banks from lending into the economy which is required to support economic recovery.

NAMA is sometimes described as a 'toxic' or 'bad' bank. In fact, it is not a bank since it will not be taking deposits from the public and will not have a banking licence. Moreover, there will be a mix of bad or 'non-performing' loans and good or 'performing' loans in NAMA's portfolio

Se?n ? Faol?in is Head of Business Services in the National Asset Management Agency. He is a graduate of NUI Galway and Trinity College, Dublin and his previous roles with the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) have included management of the interest rate and currency exposures associated with the National Debt.

The talk will take place on Wednesday 23rd March at 8 pm in the Dillon Theatre, Arts/Science Building, NUI Galway.

A reception will be held afterwards in the Front Door Bar on High Street.

**BizSoc present...Paul Appleby, Director of Corporate Enforcement** » *Dillon Theatre - Concourse - Arts/Science Building* » 22nd March 2011

The NUI Galway Business Society are pleased to announce that they will be hosting an evening with Paul Appleby, the Director of Corporate Enforcement.

Of the important functions of the Director of Corporate Enforcement is to encourage compliance with the requirements of the Companies Acts. The Director and his staff discharge this role by communicating publicly the benefits of compliance with the law and the consequences of non-compliance.

Mr. Appleby will be talking to the Society about his career and his experiences in this role, a role which he has held since the formation of the Office of Director of Corporate Enforcement in 2001.

Students currently undertaking Company Law are strongly advised to attend this talk as the role of the ODCE is an examinable topic on their course.

The talk will take place on Tuesday 22nd March at 8 pm in the Dillon Theatre, Arts/Science Building, NUI Galway.

A reception will be held afterwards in the Front Door Bar on High Street.

**The NUI Galway Commerce Ball** » *Radisson Blu Hotel, Lough Atalia Road* » 26th January – 27th January 2011 (2 individual events) 'The NUI Galway Commerce Ball 2011' The best ball on Campus. On the 26th of January 2010 in the Radisson Blu Hotel. Post party all the next day in the College Bar, followed by Karma Nightclub. Not to be missed. In the past awarded NUI Galway's best society event of the year. All after tickets now SOLD OUT. A limited number of Full Tickets are now available from the SocsBox. This is a ticket only event. Over 18's only and normal house rules apply. Right of Admission Refused. No ticket - No Entry. No wristband - No Entry so its important that your wristband is worn at all times on the night. This year's nominated charity is CD's Helping Hands - Childrens' Cancer Charity for the West: <http://www.cdshelpinghands.ie/> Main event sponsors: KPMG, specialists in: audit, tax and advisory. Music and entertainment by: Keith McDonald and the Black Magic Band, Keywest, Smash Hits and NUI Galway's very own DJ Byrno.

**BizSoc executive series present: Bobby Kerr** » *Dillon Theatre, Concourse* » 19th January 2011

The first of this semesters executive series will see Bobby Kerr come to the Business Society to talk about his life and times as a successful entrepreneur and leading investor.

Furthermore, he is the Chairman of Insomnia Coffee and has a variety of business interests in food & hospitality, technology, hardware and exhibition. Best known in Ireland as a Dragon on the Irish TV version of Dragons' Den, Bobby is also a popular public speaker and business mentor. In 1999, Bobby set up PERK coffee shops in Dublin, before selling the brand to Insomnia. Bobby reinvested all the proceeds of the PERK sale back into Insomnia and became a shareholder and CEO. Since 2004, he has led the expansion of the business from 17 to 50 shops and increased turnover from €5 to €13 million. He became a dragon in 2008 and has made 8 investments over the first two series of the show. Bobby will be coming to the NUI Galway Business Society to talk about his career to date and also his experiences on RTE's 'Dragon's Den'. This is promised to be an exciting evening and all are welcome.

If you have an interest in any form of business in the future, this is a great opportunity for you.

All attendees to the talk will be entered into a draw for 2 tickets to the Commerce Ball. A reception will be held afterwards in The Front Door. Society sponsors: KPMG, specialists in: audit, tax and advisory.

**Commerce Ball Ticket Sales** » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th January 2011

Tickets go on Sale Tuesday 18th for NUI Galway's Social event of the year, the BizSoc Commerce Ball.

Tickets on sale from 12 noon in Aras na Mac Leinn - long queues are expected so arrive early to avoid disappointment. Tickets on sale Tuesday 18th January at 12 noon in the foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn.

Commerce Ball on Jan 26th Full event and dinner tickets: €60 Afters tickets: €30 Tickets strictly limited to 4 per person. Official NUI Galway ID Card will be required. The Commerce Ball is an over 18's event and usual House Rules will apply. R.O.A.R Main event sponsors: KPMG, specialists in: audit, tax and advisory

**EGM** » *Dillon Theatre, Concourse* » 16th November 2010

BizSoc will be having an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) next week on Tuesday the 16th of November at 8p.m. in the Dillon Theatre. A few important issues will be addressed. If anybody new wants to get involved make sure and come along to this and we will try to fit you in!!! This is one of the best and largest societies in the University and it is well worth getting involved for the social scene, business experience and then the long term rewards! With the semester coming to a close its not too late to get involved for the rest of this semester and next year, semester two is usually busier with BizSocs main events, the NUI Galway Commerce Ball, The Business Review, Speaker Engagements and the International Mystery Tour...There will be a gathering somewhere in town when the EGM is over....!!!

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Fergus Molloy

**Secretary:** Grainne Meagher

**Speakers Convenor:** John Jackson

**Media Officer:** David Ryan

**Communications officer:** Paul Tarrant

**Events:** Burrwa Nashat

**Treasurer:** Aidan Murphy

**Vice-Auditor:** Luke McCabe

**PRO:** Paul Curley

**Logistics Officer:** Paul Lyster

**OCM:** Patrick Conboy

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,076.00	Ball	€600.00
Balls	€100.00	Bank charge	€66.94
Socs box Till	€5,621.00	Dinner	€1,142.60
Sponsorship	€8,710.00	Entertainment	€250.00
USC Grant	€2,600.00	Entry fees	€294.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€18,107.00</b>	Gifts	€620.00
		Hire Bus	€2,270.00
		Hoodies	€995.00
		Printing	€1,402.60
		Promotions	€786.20
		Reception	€700.00
		Security	€672.00
		Society accomm	€3,433.00
		Society transport	€2,482.38
		Socs day expenses	€565.00
		Expenditure Total	€16,279.72
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,827.28
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€18,107.00</b>

Commerce Ball Balance Sheet - 2010/2011			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	5792.93	Ball	€7485.22
Balls	€32640.2	Bank charge	€138.22
Bank Charge	€54.07	Dinner	€8750
		Entertainment	€4428
		Fundraising/charity	€2000
		Lights	€9068.65
		Materials	€1570
		Society accomm	€214.7
		Socs day expenses	€250
		Sound	€4565.65
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€38470.44</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€16.76</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€38487.2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€38487.2</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1035 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Aidan Murphy	Treasurer	200 hours
Paul Tarrant	Electronic Communications and Membership Officer	350 hours
Paul Lyster	Logistics Officer	65 hours
John Jackson	Speakers Convener	85 hours
David Ryan	OCM	106 hours
Patrick Conboy	Strategic Director	600 hours
Paul Curley	PRO and Commerce Ball Team	200 hours
Burrwa Nashat	Vice Auditor	215 hours
Luke McCabe	Auditor	130 hours

# ALIVE Students: 9 student  
# Hours Volunteered: 2151 hours

## Camara Society

The Camara NUI Galway Society is a local hub of the Irish charity Camara ([www.camara.ie](http://www.camara.ie)), an Irish volunteer organisation that refurbishes used computers for use in educational centres across Africa. The main aims of Camara NUI Galway this year are:

- ‘ to establish the drop-off centre for local computer donations,
- ‘ to provide information on Camara to staff and students of NUIG, and
- ‘ to fundraise for Camara.

As a society, we have achieved a lot during the 2010/2011 year. We had an impressive presence on campus, attending most of the society fairs and events, holding a lemonade & snowboarding afternoon as part of the Failte Fest and hosting a monthly drop-off, where members of the public could donate their computers to Camara. Some statistics relating to the 2010/2011 year include:

- ‘ 14 monthly drop-offs
- ‘ 139 members
- ‘ €2850 raised from monthly drop-offs
- ‘ 340 computers collected
- ‘ 4 pick-ups from Dublin
- ‘ 2 society trips (to Dublin HQ & Cork hub)

Next year, our aim is to attract more undergraduate students to the society (at the moment, we have many postgraduates) and to promote Camara even more throughout the West through various fundraising events.

### Camara Society Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

**Monthly Computer Drop-off** » *Camara NUI Galway Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway Campus » 6th July – 2nd May 2012 (10 individual events)*

First Wednesday of every month. Call 087 413 9367 for more information.

**Welcome Wine Reception** » *aras na mac leinn » 29th September 2010*

To mark the beginning of the college year and to welcome the new Camara student volunteers, Camara Galway are holding a Welcome Wine Reception. If you are interested in the work we do; would like to donate a computer, volunteer with Camara, or simply find out a bit more about the work we do, please come along.

There will be an introductory talk from a member of Camara Dublin about the work of Camara in general followed by a short overview about the work that the Camara society carries out here in Galway, by myself, the auditor of Camara NUIG and two-time Camara volunteer in Africa. Come along and have a chat about your interests and how you might like to become involved.

### **Failte Fest Lemonade & Snowboarding Event** » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 10th September 2010

As part of the Failte Fest to welcome new students to the clubs and societies on campus, we held a lemonade & snowboarding event at our hub

### **Camara AGM & End of Year Party** » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 1st June 2011

Camara Society AGM, which will be held after the June computer drop-off

### **Camara Society Trip to Cork** » Cork » 15th April – 17th April 2011 (3 individual events)

Camra society trip to Cork to meet the Camara Cork team and exchange experiences. Also visited Fota wildlife park.

### **Christmas Fundraising** » Shop St., Galway » 19th December 2010

As part of the Camara 'Christmas Shop' campaign, we held a street-collecting and publicising event on Shop St. Galway.

### **Camara Society Trip to Dublin Camara HQ** » Camara Dublin » 26th November – 28th November 2010 (3 individual events)

Society trip to visit the main Camara Hub in Dublin. Also visited Guinness Storehouse

### **Camara computer drop-off** » 18 Distillery Rd., NUI Galway » 6th October – 26th May 2011 (8 individual events)

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Deirdre Lee

**Treasurer:** Laura Dragan

**Vice-Auditor:** Wassim Derguech

**Secretary:** Benjamin Heitmann

**PR Officer:** Slawomir Grzonkowski

## **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€15.99
Bank Charge	€8.10	Dinner	€103.25
Fundraising	€2,871.20	Entertainment	€47.50
Members Contributions	€702.00	Entry fees	€183.50
Sponsorship	€100.00	Fundraising/charity	€450.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Phone	€30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,181.30</b>	Printing	€100.00
		Society accomm	€546.00
		Society transport	€675.08
		Socs day expenses	€157.87
		Speaker travel	€20.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,329.19
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€60.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,792.11
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,181.30</b>

## **Other Information**

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 139 members.

## **ALIVE Hours**

Lukasz Porwol	Volunteer	10 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 10 hours

# Chemistry Soc

An Cumann Ceimice (the Chemistry Society) NUI Galway both organises and fundraises all the Departmental seminars within the School of Chemistry, NUI Galway.

Aims of An Cumann Ceimice:

To generate, sustain and further develop interest in Chemistry among NUI Galway students by means of providing an opportunity for informal meetings and discussions between people interested in chemistry.

To acquaint people interested in chemistry with professional opportunities for chemists in education, industry and government service.

To organise social events for members of the society.

To have financial autonomy for the purpose of financing the symposia, social and sporting events, competitions, field trips etc.

In addition to our numerous speakers and social events the undoubted highlight of our year was our team building weekend in Budoran where we surfed and had the perfect end to our busy year. We also raised 500 Euro for our two chosen charities Croi and Cope at our table quiz and Fantasy Six Nations League.

## Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

**An Cumann Ceimice presents Bisphosphonates as molecular probes** » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 2nd June 2011

"Bisphosphonates as molecular probes" Prof. Charles McKenna University of Southern California

**An Cumann Ceimice - Annual Weekend Away** » *Donegal* » 27th May – 29th May 2011 (3 individual events)

An Cumann Ceimice annual weekend away this year in the wilds of Donegal

**ChemSoc's Annual Table Quiz** » *College Bar* » 10th March 2011

2011 ChemSoc's Annual Table Quiz this year in aid of Croi and Cope, 500 E between the quiz and the RBS 6 nations Fantasy League was raised for these two worthy charities.

**RBS 6 Nations Fantasy League** » *School of Chemistry* » 4th February 2011

Members of Chemsoc joined a fantasy league for the 6 nations to raise money for Croi and COPE

**ChemOlympics** » *NUIG* » 15th July 2011

Sports day for An Cumann Ceimice

**Chemsoc goes to the dogs** » *Galway Greyhound Stadium* » 16th June 2011

A night at the dogs for members of An Cumann Ceimice

**An Cumann Ceimice presents Exploiting Natural Products Against Infectious Diseases. Challenges and Opportunities** » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 28th April 2011

"Exploiting Natural Products Against Infectious Diseases. Challenges and Opportunities"

Dr. Deniz Tasdemir, London School of Pharmacy, April 28th 2011, Dillion Theatre, 4pm

**An Cumann Ceimice presents A journey through organic chemistry** » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 14th April 2011

"A journey through organic chemistry"

Prof. Frank Hegarty, FICI, The Boyle Higgins Lecture of The Institute of Chemistry of Ireland, 4pm 14th April, Dillion Theater

**An Cumann Ceimice presents sensible, silly, scientific and serendipitous approaches to catalytic asymmetric synthesis** » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 12th April 2011

"Sensible, silly, scientific and serendipitous approaches to catalytic asymmetric synthesis"

Dr. Matt Clarke, Hickinbottom Award from RSC 2010, University of St. Andrews, 4pm, 12th April, Dillion Theater

**An Cumann Ceimice Presents Prof. Tia E. Keyes, Dublin City University "Supramolecular Designs for Biophotonics and Interfacial Assembly"** » *Dillion Theatre* » 2nd December 2010 An Cumann Ceimice Presents Prof. Tia E.

Keyes, Dublin City University "Supramolecular Designs for Biophotonics and Interfacial Assembly" in the Dillion Theatre, 2nd December at 4pm. Followed by tea/coffee in the chemistry tearoom. All welcome.

**Prof. Pavel Matousek will give a seminar entitled: "Noninvasive Probing of Turbid Samples using Spatially Offset and Transmission Raman Spectroscopy"** » *Dillion Theatre* » 31st March 2011 Prof. Pavel Matousek from the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory will give a seminar entitled: "Noninvasive Probing of Turbid Samples using Spatially Offset and Transmission Raman Spectroscopy"

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the chemistry tearoom. Everyone welcome.

**Post Grad Christmas Party** » *Kingshead* » 16th December 2010

**Final Year Chemistry Party** » *Massimos* » 24th March 2011

Party for final year Chemistry students in Massimos to celebrate the end of presentations. Hope to see everyone there.

**"Proteins as metal filters: Novel Metallothioneins for the discrimination between toxic Cadmium and essential Zinc" » Dillon Theatre » 3rd March 2011**

Dr. Claudia Blindauer, University of Warwick, will give a seminar entitled

"Proteins as metal filters: Novel Metallothioneins for the discrimination between toxic Cadmium and essential Zinc" Followed by tea/coffee in the chemistry tearoom. Everyone welcome.

**"Surface Confinement Effects In Enantioselective Catalysis: Facts, Models and Ligand Design" » Dillon Theatre » 1st March 2011**

Prof. Dr. Jose I Garcia Laureiro, University of Zaragoza, will give a seminar entitled

"Surface Confinement Effects In Enantioselective Catalysis: Facts, Models and Ligand Design"

Followed by tea/coffee in the chemistry tearoom. Everyone welcome.

**An Cumann Ceimice Presents Prof. Jan Van Hest "Polymersomes as Artificial Organelles" » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 17th February 2011**

An Cumann Ceimice presents Prof. Jan van Hest, Radboud University Nijmegen, "Polymersomes as Artificial Organelles". Followed by tea/coffee in the Chemistry tearoom. Everyone welcome.

**An Cumann Ceimice presents Prof Tia Keys DCU "Supramolecular Designs for Biophotonics and Interfacial Assembly" » Dillon Theatre » 3rd February 2011**

Prof Tia Keyes is Associate Professor, Physical Chemistry at Dublin City University. Her lecture will be on "Supramolecular Designs for Biophotonics and Interfacial Assembly"

**NUIG Energy Night - Poster Session » Downstairs in the Orbsen Building with Reception » 26th January 2011** An Cumann Ceimice in association with the Energy and Physics Societies present a showcase of the rich and varied range of cutting-edge energy research currently underway at the University. With presenters working in areas from biofuels to wave energy, and smart buildings to smart grids, the showcase will provide attendees and researchers alike with the opportunity to meet, learn and exchange ideas on the future of energy in Ireland. Abstracts are to be received no later than 5 pm Monday the 10th of January 2011 and should be forwarded to the following email address: nuigenergynight@gmail.com

**NUIG Energy Night - "Panel Based Discussion" » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 26th January 2011** Top experts from the fields of energy technology, policy, innovation and business will come together in NUI Galway on Wednesday, 26 January, 2011 to discuss the future of energy in Ireland. The Energy Night has been organised by the Chemistry, Energy and Physics Societies at NUI Galway. Following the Poster Session a major fact-based panel discussion entitled Averting a Future Irish Energy Crisis will be held at 7pm in the O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre, located on the main Concourse. Participants include Professor J. Owen Lewis, Chief Executive of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Paul Lynam, Chief Executive of Siemens Ireland, Neil Walker, Head of the Energy and Environment Unit at the Irish Business Employers Confederation (IBEC), and Philip Walton, Emeritus Professor of Physics at NUI Galway and nationally-renowned energy expert. RTE's environmental editor Paul Cunningham will moderate the discussion.

**Some Do's and Dont's of Technical Writing » Dillon Lecture Theatre » 20th January 2011**

"Some Do's and Dont's of Technical Writing" Technical writing seminar with Dr. Judith Wurmel.

**An Cumann Ceimice Presents Prof. John Moses "Complex Natural Product Synthesis Inspired Through Biosynthetic Speculation" » McMunn Theatre » 30th November 2010**

Prof. John Moses, University of Nottingham, winner of the Eli Lilly 2010 UK/ROI Young Lecturer Award will give a seminar on "Complex Natural Product Synthesis Inspired Through Biosynthetic Speculation" at 11:50 in the McMunn Theatre on Tuesday 30th November. All welcome.

**An Cumann Ceimice Presents Dr. Peter Kenny "Hydrogen Bonding and Molecular Design" » Dillon Theatre » 18th November 2010**

An Cumann Ceimice Present Dr. Peter Kenny: "Hydrogen Bonding and Molecular Design" Followed by tea/coffee in the Chemistry Tearoom. Everyone welcome.

**Halloween Party » College Bar » 28th October 2010**

An Cumann Ceimice Halloween Party

College Bar Thursday, 28 - Oct -10. Tickets are ONLY €3 on sale from Tues 26th Oct in the Socs Box

Included in this you will: get a Refreshment, some Finger Food, be entered into the draw for Best/Worst dressed, and be in with the chance of winning some wonderful Spot Prizes!

**Seminar - Prof. Martin Albrecht - New catalytic applications with normal and abnormal carbene metal complexes. » Dillon Theater » 22nd October 2010**

An Cumann Ceimice Seminar Series Presents Prof. Martin Albrecht, University College Dublin. "New catalytic applications of normal and abnormal carbene metal complexes" Followed by reception in the Chemistry Tearoom.

**An Cumann Ceimice presents "Putting the squeeze on porous materials" » Dillon lecture theatre » 14th October 2010**

"Putting the squeeze on porous materials" Dr. Stephen Moggach, University of Edinburgh, Dillon lecture theatre, 4pm :Free tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards in the chemistry tea room!!

**Seminar - Dr. Rainer Ebel - Biodiscovery from marine and extremophilic organisms** » Dillon Theatre » 5th October 2010 An Cumann Ceimice Seminar Series Presents Dr. Rainer Ebel, University of Aberdeen. "Biodiscovery from marine and extremophilic organisms". Followed by reception in the Chemistry Tearoom.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Valerie Murphy

**Vice-Auditor:** Roise McGovern

**PRO:** Christine Conroy

**Secretary:** Sinead Burke

**Treasurer:** Noel Byrne

**PRO:** Michelle McKinney

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3,807.31	Bank charge	€95.89
Bank Charge	€42.54	Dinner	€820.05
Fundraising	€501.80	Entertainment	€294.00
Hoodies	€832.00	Entry fees	€1,600.00
Members Contributions	€1,027.25	Equipment misc	€105.74
Societies day	€218.00	Fundraising/charity	€875.00
Socs box Till	€66.00	Gifts	€27.98
Sponsorship	€700.00	Hoodies	€884.55
USC Grant	€4,000.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€663.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>€11,194.90</b>	Postage	€34.35
		Prizes	€111.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,364.85
		Socs day expenses	€39.99
		Speaker accomm	€498.00
		Speaker travel	€1,605.69
		Expenditure Total	€9,020.53
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€641.40
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,174.37
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€11,194.90</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 219 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Michelle Hennigan	Treasurer	150 hours
Sinead Burke	Secretary	100 hours
Lorna Moynihan	Volunteer, Fundraiser	30 hours
Valerie Murphy	Auditor	200 hours

# ALIVE Students: 4 student

# Hours Volunteered: 480 hours

## Chess Soc

We played lots of chess

And organised chess lessons

And that's about it.

One of our students from Malaysia

Had chess skillz that would amaze ya

Tournaments he won

Impressed everyone

And led a chess-playing craze, yeah!

There once was an AGM for chess

Which everyone said was the best

Nothing beats a

Game over pizza

Edward Lear himself would have difficulty devising a poem which would accurately encapsulate the sheer awesomeness of the

Chess Society.

### Chess Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 103 events.

**Weekly meeting** » *Smokey's* » 1st September 2010

We will play chess. SURPRISE!

**AGM** » *Massimo* » 23rd March 2011

AGM. New committee elected.

**Weekly meeting** » *Smokey Joe's* » 1st September – 7th September 2011 (54 individual events)

Weekly meeting

**Chess Soc Classes** » *smokies* » 17th January – 4th April 2011 (12 individual events)

Learn to play chess

**Chess Soc Classes** » *Smokey's* » 13th September – 2nd May 2011 (34 individual events)

Come to learn better chess with our teacher who will introduce you to chess and improving your openings and tactics and basic end game theory.

**Christmas Tournament and Party** » *TB303* » 1st December 2010

Christmas Tournament and Party. 40 participants - won by Angel Proorocu.

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Emer Buckley

**Treasurer:** Andrew Staunton

**Vice-Auditor:** Cian Larkin

**Secretary:** Fintan Hegarty

### Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Emer Buckley

**Treasurer:** Declan O'Loughlin

**Vice-Auditor:** Conall Hegarty

**Secretary:** Fintan Hegarty

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€127.13	Dinner	€160.00
Bank Charge	€0.06	Entry fees	€1,740.50
USC Grant	€4,316.50	Equipment misc	€586.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,443.69</b>	Prizes	€100.00
		Returned Socs Money	€290.00
		Teacher fees	€1,440.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,316.50
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€127.19
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,443.69</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 102 members.

## Chinese Society

The society began with a potluck party in October to welcome new members of the society. The potluck party was a success with many turning up and bringing different dishes from different countries.

This year, we introduced karaoke sessions for the members of the society and this new idea is very much welcomed by quite a number of our members who never failed to make good use of this opportunity to sing their hearts out. The main event of the Society for this academic year was the Chinese New Year dinner in February. The Chinese New Year dinner is considered one of the most important dinner for Chinese all around the World as it is believed to be one of the most important nights when all family members sit around the table to feast to mark the new year according to the Lunar calendar.

## Chinese Society Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

**Chinese New Year Dinner** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 5th February – 6th February 2011 (2 individual events)

The Chinese New Year starts on the 3rd of February and it's the norm for Chinese around the world to gather around during this festive season for a dinner!! It's the Year of Rabbit this year; may the Year of Rabbit brings loads of luck and happiness to everyone!!

**Post-exam party!!** » *The Space* » 17th December – 18th December 2010 (2 individual events)

It's karaoke time again after all the crazy amount of hours spent in the reading room and library!!

**Pizza night and karaoke!!!** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 23rd October – 24th October 2010 (2 individual events)

The society's first ever karaoke session!! Come join us and sing your heart out!!!

**Potluck!!!** » *The Space* » 2nd October 2010

This first event of the society is open to everyone - be it member or non-member of the society. The main purpose of this event is to welcome all our new members and to get to know each other better!!! Come join us and make some new friends!!!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Kezanne Tong

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Kezanne Tong

**Vice-Auditor:** Xiao Hu

**Treasurer:** Emma Samijono

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€217.36	Bank charge	€27.26
Bank Charge	€10.89	Dinner	€416.14
Members Contributions	€11.70	Reception	€51.70
USC Grant	€500.00	Returned Socs Money	€122.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>€739.95</b>	Expenditure Total	€617.82
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€122.13
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€739.95</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 97 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Kezanne Tong	Auditor	95 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 95 hours

## Choral Soc

The Choral Society is an un auditioned choir for both students, staff and alumni of National University of Ireland, Galway. We have had many performances, nights out and trips for our members over the two semesters. We strive to provide a happy atmosphere in The College Chapel in which we practice every week. We have gained many valuable new members as well as dedicated committee members that try to improve the society every year. We enjoyed singing songs from different genres with our conductor Eamonn who joined us at the start of the first semester. The Choral Society has been one of the longest-running societies in NUIG and records for the society date back to 1867.

We had two performances, one at the end of each semester. For our Christmas concert, we organized a joint performance with The Traditional Society and The NUIG Orchestra which was a great success. We also had a concert at the end of March which was in aid of the Japanese Red Cross in which we raised almost 400 euro. We also did busking for Muscailt where we sang in areas such as Smokie Joe's, The Library Foyer and The Arts Mellenium Building. It was a very eventful year as we had to search for a new conductor at the beginning of the first semester which was difficult. We overcame challenges and organised practices and events that have been very successful.

## Choral Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

**Choralsoc Practice, AGM and PIZZA!** » College Chapel in AMB car park » 28th September 2010

First choral society practice, AGM to elect treasurer and webmaster, and free pizza afterwards!

**Get Back: The Beatles Story Trip** » Dublin (The Olympia Theatre and Barnacles Hostel) » 25th March – 26th March 2011 (2 individual events)

Choralsoc head off to Dublin to see Get Back, the Beatles Story. Stay overnight in Barnacles Hostel and head back the next day. Bus departure from coach station 3pm. Show in the Olympia Theatre at 9pm.

**Concert for Japan** » *Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 23rd March 2011

Proceeds from the concert go towards the Japanese relief effort in the wake of the series of natural disasters which have left many in a state of acute need.

**Choralsoc rehearsal and AGM!** » *College Chapel* » 22nd March 2011

Our last practice before the end of year concert the next day, and AGM!!!! If you've missed a few practices but want to be part of the performance, don't worry - we'll be going through everything!! As to the AGM, Most of the current committee will be gone next year so please consider going up for a position. The positions up for grabs are:

**Auditor** Chairing meetings, communication with other parties outside the society, the head honcho (or honcha), the lord (or lady) almighty.

Well no - actually we're very democratic. All positions in the committee count just as much as the auditor, but the auditor is held accountable for the society itself.

**Vice-Auditor**

See above, in the case where the auditor is busy, or feeling lazy, or just has too much on his/her plate and can't cope with it all.

**Secretary**

Basic duties include photocopying music, taking minutes, booking rooms, or if unable to do so - find someone to do it for them.

**Treasurer**

The financial mastermind of the society. If you're interested, but feel uneasy about money and such - the system the societies office has set up for you is, I am told, quite brilliant, so give it a go anyway!!

**PR Officer**

Posters.

And whatever else you can think of o'course. It's up to you - you're the creative one!

**Trips Officer**

Pretty self explanatory - you'll be in charge of booking hotels and buses and so on and so forth.

**Health And Safety Officer**

Making sure we're all healthy and safe.

**Webmaster**

Maintenance of our website (which is actually quite a good one). Alternatively, re-creation of it, if that's the mindset you're in.

**OCM (Ordinary Committee Member)**

If you want to be in the committee in a less major way, or want to see what it's all about.

Put the date in your collective diaries. Ponder over the next two weeks (nay less. Yikes!). Remember - we all had no experience with this sort of thing at the start of the year, so there's no reason why you can't run!

**Choralsoc weekly rehearsal!** » *College chapel* » 1st February – 21st March 2011 (7 individual events)

Weekly rehearsal for choralsoc with nights out every second week. Come along regardless of experience, attendance, or skill!

**Weekly Rehearsal** » *College Chapel* » 25th January 2011

Weekly choralsoc rehearsal - come along and sing, or just listen. No audition, no experience required, as long as you like singing and can sing in tune!

**Choral Soc Rehearsal, EGM and Welcome Party!** » *College Chapel / College Bar* » 18th January 2011

First rehearsal of the term, complete with EGM and after party - pizza and more on the house!

**Moulin Rouge Singalong** » *IT250* » 18th November 2010

Singalong brought to you by Choralsoc and GUMS. Come along and sing along with Nicole, Ewan, and all your friends!

**Choralsoc go busking!** » *Various locations around college* » 18th November 2010

See if you can spot us! Choralsoc are going to sing at various locations around the college as part of Music Week, joining the other buskers taking over the grounds during the week.

**Weekly Rehearsal** » *College Chapel* » 19th October – 3rd December 2010 (7 individual events)

Come along for our weekly practice to sing, have fun and meet new people! No audition, no experience needed - you just need to enjoy singing!

**Choral Soc Rehearsal and Night Out!** » *College Chapel and Busker Brownes* » 12th October 2010

Come along for our weekly practice to sing, have fun and meet new people! No audition, no experience needed - you just need to enjoy singing! This week we've space booked at Busker Brownes so anyone stuck for where to go Tuesday evening come along and get to know your fellow members!

**Choralsoc Practice** » *College Chapel in AMB car park* » 5th October 2010

Come along for our weekly practice to sing, have fun and meet new people! No audition, no experience needed - you just need to enjoy singing!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Thomas McGrath

**Vice-Auditor:** Astrid Karlsson

**Treasurer:** Fionnuala Connolly

**Secretary:** Catherine Conneely

**Travel Officer:** Claire McCallion

**OCM:** Cormac Ryan

## Committee 2011/2012

**Secretary:** Catherine Conneely

**OCM:** Kevin McCague

**Treasurer:** Fionnuala Connolly

**Vice-Auditor:** Astrid Karlsson

**Auditor:** Thomas McGrath

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€118.44	Bank charge	€21.41
Bank Charge	€10.95	Dinner	€165.77
Fundraising	€591.50	Entertainment	€50.00
Members Contributions	€725.00	Entry fees	€337.50
Muscailt	€100.00	Fundraising/charity	€387.50
Socs box Till	€248.00	Hoodies	€575.00
Ticket Sales	€200.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€44.35
USC Grant	€4,500.00	Printing	€30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,493.89</b>	Received Money Returned	€20.00
		Returned Socs Money	€2,645.00
		Society accomm	€203.40
		Society transport	€180.00
		Socs day expenses	€10.00
		Teacher fees	€1,200.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,869.93
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€70.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€623.96
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,493.89</b>

## Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 290 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Colm O'Rourke	OCM (1st semester)	16 hours
Christopher Cosgrove	Webmaster	70 hours
Catherine Conneely	OCM	21 hours
Astrid Karlsson	Auditor	130 hours
Kate Curran	Secretary	78 hours
Kevin McCague	PRO	50 hours
Thomas McGrath	Health and Safety Officer	70 hours
Danielle Cuffe	Vice Auditor	50 hours
Caitlin Finnigan	Vice-Secretary	40 hours
Lauren Jackson	Treasurer	40 hours

# ALIVE Students: 10 student

# Hours Volunteered: 565 hours

# Christian Union Soc

This has been a great year of fantastic relationship building and growth for the Christian Union. Every year we get a almost entirely new group of people coming to the Christian Union. Even from semester to semester there are significant changes to the people that come to CU. This year in particular there have been great relationships formed as we all journeyed together to grow our relationship with Jesus and seek his will in our lives. These relationships have been built in times of Worship through song in our weekly meetings or in times of teaching by a guest speaker, or just watching a movie at our fortnightly movie evening. There have been times of outreach where we have helped some local charities, most particularly the \"shoe boxes\" over Christmas time. We have had a consistent group of people attending our weekly bible study on Sunday evenings, which has really been a consistent ministry and also consistent growth in fellowship and relationship. As a whole we have really all grown together and have influenced each others lives for the better.

## Christian Union Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 51 events.

**Easter Conference for CU Leaders** » TBA » 15th April – 18th April 2011 (4 individual events)

**Surf Trip 2** » Lahinch » 26th March – 27th March 2011 (2 individual events)

Lahinch Surf Trip. Second time around! All really welcome!

**Welcome Back Pizza Party** » TBA » 12th January 2011

**Girl's Lunch and Bible Study** » TBA » 3rd December 2010

The girls of CU will meet for lunch and Bible Study. Come and join in!

**Joint Colleges Conference** » Avoca, Wicklow » 29th October – 31st October 2010 (3 individual events)

Joint Colleges Conference in Avoca. For more info. contact CU Soc.

**Weekly meeting** » Common Room, College Chapel » 15th September 2010

fun, fellowship, teaching & worship in God's presence

**CU at the Movies** » Check with Society for House » 10th September – 29th April 2011 (17 individual events)

Christian Union Movie nights will run every fortnight. We will have films in the members houses. Please check with the society for which house it will be in. All are welcome.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** » 30 Hazel Park (off Thomas Hynes Rd.), Galway City » 20th February – 3rd April 2011 (7 individual events)

If you are looking for a place to connect with other students and read the Bible together, then this is the place for you! Each week the CU has a Bible study on Sunday evening which basically mirrors the content presented in our weekly Wednesday meeting, though on Sunday we really get to dive deeper into the material and explore it in a friendly and informal context (not to mention the tea and biscuits!). This Bible study is a great place of fellowship and a place to ask questions and really figure out what the Bible has to say on a whole range of issues. You are more than welcome to come out! :)

**Surf Trip** » Lahinch » 19th October – 21st October 2010 (3 individual events)

Come along to our Surf trip. All are welcome

**Weekly Meeting** » The Space, Aras Na Macleinn » 26th January – 30th March 2011 (10 individual events)

Everyone is welcome to our weekly meeting; whether you have some questions about our faith, you don't believe in God and want to know why we do, you are a committed follower of Jesus or you are just looking for a safe location to get some support and guidance, you'd be more than welcome! During this time we worship God through music and song; we learn about Him from guest speakers and have friendship and fellowship together afterwards over a cuppa and snacks. We believe that there is a great power in the saving message that Jesus' life, death and resurrection brings and would like to bring this message of faith, hope and love to our campus.

**Bible Study** » 30 Hazel Park (off Thomas Hynes Rd.), Galway City » 23rd January 2011

Bible study is the place where a student can go to learn about God's Word while growing in friendship and fellowship with the others in the group. The small group setting lends itself to areas of ministry that the bigger weekly meetings could not. It is in these small groups that close relationships are developed and where people can have real space and time to bring forward the struggles and joys of their lives. There is a time of prayer where prayer requests and praises are welcomed. Studying the Bible obviously plays a critical part of these small group times. We study the bible in different ways. We take a few weeks and look at a particular book in the bible or we look at topics or ideas and look at different sections of the bible that speak into those topics or ideas. Essentially we want to be true to what God is saying and at the same time be relevant to the students attending the studies. The topics or ideas studied usually mirror what we are looking at in the Weekly Meetings. Everyone is welcome!

**Christian Union Weekly Meeting** » The Space, Aras na Macleinn » 19th January 2011

This is our main CU meeting which happens weekly. Everyone is welcome to come; whether you have questions about the Christian faith, you don't believe in God but you want to know why we do, you are a believing Christian wanting to grow in your faith or you just feel a bit lost and are looking for a warm environment where you can rest, you will be more than welcome! What we do can vary a bit from week to week, but in general we have a time of worship through music and singing; learn through the thoughts of guest speakers and have some fun and fellowship together afterwards with a hot drink and goodies. There are also discussion times and times of prayer and reflection. We believe that there is a great saving and healing power that comes from Jesus' life, death and resurrection and we want to share this with the campus. He can change your life if you let Him.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Joseph Carson

**Treasurer:** Sinead Leahy

**Auditor:** Wilhelm Van Der Walt

**Communication:** Frances Henderson

**Media:** Lukas Spies

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,312.12	Bank charge	€12.50
Socs box Till	€120.00	Dinner	€160.26
Ticket Sales	€85.00	Entertainment	€661.46
USC Grant	€921.50	Entry fees	€160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,438.62</b>	Equipment misc	€146.91
		Lights	€181.50
		Materials	€159.91
		Reception	€120.68
		Returned Socs Money	€158.14
		Society accomm	€276.31
		Society transport	€552.00
		Speaker travel	€60.00
		Teacher fees	€360.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€3,009.67</b>
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€89.75
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€428.95
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,438.62</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 110 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Sinead Leahy	Treasurer	160 hours
Wilhelm Van Der Walt	Auditor	160 hours
Joseph Carson	Vice-auditor	250 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3

# Hours Volunteered: 570

## Classics Soc

The Classics Society provides a forum for discussion and debate on all aspects of antiquity, offering students a chance to deploy their skills of critical thinking and also to offer all students, whether they study Classics or not, an enriched experience outside the confines of lectures and exam halls. The society organized six guest lectures this year and a society trip to Barcelona in March.

### Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

**Classic's Society Meeting** » *The View* » 14th September 2010

First general meeting of Classic's Soc.

**Rhetoric in Athenian Democracy: Argument, Abuse and Violence** » *siobhan mckenna theatre* » 25th January 2011

**Archaeology of the Senses and the Aegean Bronze Age** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre.* » 7th April 2011

It should be a great talk, especially for any future archeologists, and it would be great to have as many people as possible to be there; the Margret Heavey Memorial lecture is the biggest event for the Society.

**Theories of Art in Ovid and Wilde** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre* » 14th March 2011

The lecture will deal with what art meant to both these brilliant technicians - in their use of language and ideas. Both artists paid for the view of life: Ovid by permanent exile in a half-barbarian half Greek port on the Black Sea; Wilde in a traumatic exile in France.

**Hellenism and Homosexuality in Victorian Oxford** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre.* » 22nd November 2010

The talk will deal with topics such as Greek influences on writers such as Oscar Wilde and much more!

**Guest Lecturer: "Ancient Ideas of Evolution and the Origin of Species".** » *IT250* » 26th October 2010

Dr Gordon Campbell (NUI Maynooth) will join Classics Society for a lecture, entitled, "Ancient Ideas of Evolution and the Origin of Species".

**Glen Dudbridge: Comparisons between Rome and Jin Dynasty China(265 A.D - 420 A.D)** » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium* » 12th October 2010

Professor Glen Dudbridge, a retired professor from Oxford University, will be giving a talk about 3rd century China, just after the period of the three kingdoms era when China was unified. The talk will be very informative to people interested in Chinese History and also for people who enjoy reading and learning about ancient Rome. It will be a good chance for any Classicists to see what was going on in another major Empire at the time Rome's power was starting to dwindle. Hope to see you there

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Neasa O'Callaghan

**Treasurer:** Paul O'Connor

**Web Master:** Nathan McGreal

**OCM:** Steve Daly

**Vice-Auditor:** Tadgh Malone

**Secretary:** Brid O'Connor

**PRO:** Helene Lynch

**OCM:** Kelly Keady

**OCM:** Jane Quigley

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€-1.38	Bank charge	€403.40
Members Contributions	€391.00	Dinner	€540.00
USC Grant	€3,241.74	Returned Socs Money	€233.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,631.36</b>	Society transport	€1,500.00
		Speaker accomm	€470.00
		Speaker travel	€400.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,546.55
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€18.50
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€84.81
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,631.36</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 224 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Lance Kerrigan	PRO Semester one	10 hours
Neasa O'Callaghan	Auditor	70 hours
Paul O'Connor	Treasurer	138 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 218 hours

## Comedy Soc

NUIG Comedy Soc is a society dedicated to the promotion and practice of comedy both on and off campus, including stand up, improv, film and song! In recent years, NUIG Comedy Soc has become one of the biggest and most successful societies in the university. We revived it like a dead parrot. We have been awarded both the Phoenix Award and Best Original Muscailt Event last year, and intend on doing even better next time around.

Membership to the society guarantees discounted entry to the local comedy club (weekly stand up, bi-monthly improv & unique musical acts!) in town as well as priority access to certain campus events.

Comedy Soc is a fantastic experience and a brilliant society. We're so good, we have our own silly walk. The Ministry of Silly Walks defined it as just jump to the left, and then a step to the right. With your hands on your hips, bring your knees in tight and...oh wait...

## Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 59 events.

**Joe Rooney & more.** » *Roisin Dubh* » 29th September 2010

Tickets are only €5 from the Socs Box! You must sign up to Comedy Soc to avail of the offer.

Very exciting line up of Joe Rooney, Rory O'Hanlon, Steve Cummins and Kevin Goldsmith!

**Meeting & EGM!** » *Meeting Room 1* » 27th September 2010

Quick intro to Comedy Soc and elections to the committee. If you're interested in getting involved it is essential you come to this! Membership cards should also be available (if they arrive), so yeah, it's in your best interest to come along and collect that at the very least! Information regarding the RTA% Stand & Deliver recordings will also be available. Comedy Soc has a set amount of guaranteed tickets, it will be first come first served so if the line ups below appeal make sure to come along this Monday! Wednesday 6th Oct: Steve Hughes, Mike Wilmot, Josie Long, Karl Spain. Thursday 7th Oct: Andrew Maxwell, Colin Murphy, Milton Jones, John Lynn.

**Mighty Boosh Marathon** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 23rd September 2010

Come with us now on a journey through time and space...to the world of the Mighty Boosh! Provide your own hallucinogens, we'll bring the tea.

**Rubberbandits & more!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 22nd September 2010

RUBBERBANDITS

Fresh from The Electric Picnic all's well, as fresh as you can be when you live in a Tesco carrier bag - The Rubberbandits are coming to Galway. Los Banditos Roberos, as they are known in Southhill, are a comedy hip-hop act from Limerick. But that doesn't do them justice. Straddling the comedy and music worlds like tracksuit wearing colossuses, this is South Park live with added social commentary. It's crude and rude but hits the target every time. The Bandits, as they are sometimes known in South Armagh, remain anonymous both on and off stage. They're a bit like Ireland's Stig but louder and smelling of glue. Tickets only €7.50 from the Socs Box!

**Black Books Marathon** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 21st September 2010

Black Books is a BAFTA award-winning British sitcom created by Dylan Moran and Graham Linehan and produced by Nira Park, and first broadcast on Channel 4 from 2000 to 2004. Starring Moran, Bill Bailey and Tamsin Greig, it is set in the eponymous London bookshop "Black Books" and follows the lives of its hostile and belligerent owner Bernard Black (Moran), his enthusiastic assistant Manny Bianco (Bailey) and their neurotic friend Fran Katzenjammer (Greig).

**David O'Doherty** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 20th September 2010

David O'Doherty is the stage name of David O'Doherty - comedian, writer and 1990 East Leinster under 14s triple jump bronze medallist. In receiving The if.com Award (formerly The Perrier Award) at the 2008 Edinburgh Festival, he joined a list of former winners that includes Dylan Moran, Steve Coogan and The League of Gentlemen. He is the author of several books, including co-writing the recent bestselling 100 Facts About Pandas. Tickets are €8 and are on sale from the SU Office.

**IT Crowd Marathon** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 16th September 2010

Banished from the ivory towers of Reynholm Industries, the IT crowd lurk below ground, avoiding work and social contact in equal measure...

**Tom Stade & more!** » *RÃ³isÃn Dubh* » 15th September 2010

Tom Stade, Stuart Goldsmith and Robbie Bonham will all be performing in the Laughter Lounge this week. Tickets are only 5 euro for Comedy Soc members (say Comedy Soc on the door if you have not yet been issued a membership card/haven't purchased tickets from the Socs Box).

**Father Ted Marathon** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 15th September 2010

Last year's Tedathon was such a success we're going to bring it back to kick off the year! Look forward to episode after episode of your favourite priests on Craggy Island.

**Danny Dowling, Robbie Bonham & Friends!** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 12th September 2010

Danny and Robbie will be performing sets during the Fa?ilte Fest Fresher's party.

**Abandoman, Paul Tylak, Rory O'Hanlon** vage & **Eric Lalor** » *Roisin Dubh* » 27th April 2011

Tickets from the Socs Box as always, only five euro!

Winner ? The Hackney Empire New Act of The Year 2010

The undoubted hit of the Galway Comedy Festival closing party, Abandoman create hilarious musical numbers at lightning speed. Comedian Rob Broderick and multi-instrumentalist James Hancox create songs based solely on audience suggestions. This is fantastically funny, improvised musical comedy. "Flight of the Conchords meets 8 Mile" "Nothing short of genius." - Chortle.co.uk

"Killer punchlines - note-perfect, lyrically mind-blowing hip-hop improv. Genius!" The Stage

**BICS Awards** » *Galway Bay Hotel* » 21st April 2011

As the Rubberbandits say, can't wait!

Those of you with tickets will be notified, this is a committee only event.

**Colin Murphy, Danny Dowling, Steve Benn & John Lynn** » *Roisin Dubh* » 20th April 2011

Get your tickets from the Socs Box for only 5 euro!

Colin Murphy is undisputably the funniest guy on the Panel \*

Legendary curmudgeon and star of the Panel and BBC?s The Blame Game, this Belfast comic is a natural performer, superb mimic and proof that straight stand-up is hard to beat. His delivery is immaculate, ultra-fast and never unintelligible. More infectiously he has a knack of making each member of the audience feel like a friend.

**Neil Delamere: The Implement of Divilment** » *Roisin Dubh* » 30th March 2011

Tickets will be available from the Socs Box soon. Star of RTE?s The Panel, BBC?s The Blame Game, Michael McIntyre?s Comedy Roadshow and most recently host of Republic of Telly, Neil Delamere returns with his usual mix of quick-fire banter and hilarious storytelling in his fantastic new show ?Implement of Divilment?.

Divilment? promises an unforgettable comic experience guaranteed to leave you wanting more.

**Comedy Soc AGM** » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 28th March 2011

Final Comedy Soc meeting of the year, to be followed by pizza in the College Bar. We'll be electing a new committee for next year, and discussing any remaining issues, hopefully giving out hoodies and giving info regarding comedy in April. Get involved, guys. It's an awesome society, but it's only as good as you guys are gonna make it!

**Young, Gifted & Green!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 16th March 2011

Aidan Bishop, Andrew Stanley, Chris Kent and Fred Cooke are all performing this Wednesday! Consider it a warm up to Paddy's Day. Tickets are only ?5 from the Socs Box, or ?7.50 on the door with your membership card.

Hope to see you all there!

**Andrew Maxwell, Trevor Browne & Joe Rooney** » *Roisin Dubh* » 9th March 2011

Tickets are 5e from the Socs Box or 7.50e on the door with your Comedy Soc membership card!

**Tedfest Toilet Duck Awards** » *Roisin Dubh* » 23rd February 2011

Tickets are 5e from the Socs Box or 7.50e on the door with your Comedy Soc membership card!

Sixteen of Ireland's up and coming comedians have agreed to go mano a mano, in a comedic war of wits until there's only one left standing. This glorious victor will walk away with the spoils of war, bragging rights, a bag of cash for themselves and filthy looks from their loser friends. Not to mention the beautiful Toilet Duck Award.

This years contenders: Ian Perth, Sean Hegarty, Marcus O'Laoire, Conor O'Toole, Greg Marks, John Brennan, Kevin Lockard, David Hurley, Ben Buckley, Ed Salmon, Rory O'Hanlon, Aidan Killian, Ruadhri Ward, Adam Burke, Trevor Browne & Lucy Moffatt

Here's the plan of battle. The Sixteen comics will assemble in the Roisin Dubh. Steve Cummins will host the evening and do his damndest to whip the audience into a froth of unimaginable glee.

Each comedian has just two minutes to impress you, the audience, so it's best jokes first, if someone falters, they're gone after two minutes. It's fast and furious guerrilla comedy. Proper hit and run stuff until there are only two comics left.

In our final round these two fine warriors of wit have five minutes each to impress you. The loser should slink off into the night while the winner sobs "You love me, you really really love me." in a glorious pastiche of some tit at the Oscars years ago.

**Maeve Higgins: Ready For This?** » *Roisin Dubh* » 19th February 2011

Tickets are 5e from the Socs Box or 7.50e on the door with your membership card!

A night of fun with brilliant comedy, a special guest, a couple of baking tips and maybe even some signature cat material!!

Can you wait? Before you answer that, Shhh! [Maeve puts hand over reader's mouth.] You'll have to! [She removes hand.] Also, you'll need to get tickets. After that, I'll take care of things - it'll be amazing. See you soon!

**Jarlath Regan, Gearoid Farrelly & Karl Spain** » *Roisin Dubh* » 16th February 2011

Tickets are 5.50e from the Socs Box, or 7.50e on the door with your Comedy Soc membership card.

"Side-splitting stuff...causes near hysteria in the room" The Metro \*\*\*\*

'Like Dylan Moran on valium.' Three Weeks

'Charming, clever and original. The best Irish comedian you've never heard of.' The Dubliner Magazine

"Regan is a pro, a great comedian, and knows what works and doesn't" - Edinburgh Hairline \*\*\*\*

'The best young talent in Dublin' - Hot Press

'Brilliant. Definitely one to watch.' - Ed Byrne

**Keith Farnan: Sex Traffic** » *tbc* » 15th February 2011

This event is being hosted by Comedy Soc, in association with Human Rights Soc. Tickets will be available from the Socs Box soon.

This is political comedy at its best, perfectly balanced, deadly serious and very funny!

THE SKINNY

Incisive, brilliant comedy. We should be shouting from the rooftops about him.

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**Committee Meeting** » *The Hub* » 14th February 2011

Committee meeting to organise the next few weeks of Comedy Soc. General members are welcome to join or come along if they have any ideas/want to know what's going ahead/get involved next year!

**Muscailt: Tim Fitzhigham** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 8th February 2011

The award-winning Tim Fitzhigham will be performing a FREE event as part of Muscailt this year.

Tim is a three-time world record holder, has rowed across the English Channel in a bathtub, Morris danced from London to Norwich and sailed down the Thames in a paper boat. He is also a knight in Spain and an award winning author and actor. Sir Tim Fitzhigham is the quintessential British eccentric. Think Monty Python compiled into one fantastic man.

Renowned for his appearances in Andrew Maxwell's Fullmooners, and for selling out his annual show at the Edinburgh Fringe five years in a row, Tim Fitzhigham is not one to miss this week!

**Jack Whitehall, Foil Arms & Hog & Fred Cooke!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 2nd February 2011

Tickets are 5e from the Socs Box or 7.50e on the door! This week's comedy comes from Jack Whitehall (Mock The Week), the amazing Foil, Arms & Hog (Dublin sketch group, absolutely fantastic) and Fred Cooke (Fergus from the SPAR ad). Don't miss out :D

**Abandoman, Josh Howie & Keith Farnan!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 26th January 2011 If you missed Abandoman during the Comedy Festival, now is your chance to catch them again! Returning to the Roisin Dubh, with the lovely Keith Farnan in tow, this promises to be an awesome night of comedy. Tickets only 8e from the Socs Box or use your membership card on the door!

**Dead Cat Bounce Live Album Recording!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 22nd January 2011

Comedy Soc cannot praise Dead Cat Bounce enough. You really MUST check them out, and this is the perfect opportunity. Two shows, one night, one album. Come along and make your voice heard! Tickets available from the Socs Box or show your membership card on the door.

**David McSavage & John Colleary** » *Roisin Dubh* » 19th January 2011

**The Savage Eye** is back for a second season on RTE2. You've seen them on the screen, now check out their stand up! Tickets are only 7.50e for Comedy Soc members, get them from the Socs Box or show your Comedy Soc membership card on the door!

**Roisin Conaty, Tom Deacon, Keith Farnan & Ryan Pancoast (Comedy Soc)** » *Roisin Dubh* » 1st December 2010

Tickets only 5.50 from the Socs Box!

Our very own Ryan Pancoast will be doing an open spot tonight too, so come along and support yet another NUIG Comedy Soc-er as he braves the Roisin Dubh stage!

**Pete Johansson, Marcel Lucont & Andrew Stanley!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 24th November 2010

Tickets only €5 from the Socs Box.

Pete Johansson and Marcel Lucont are coming to Galway off the back of amazingly successful Edinburgh runs this summer, with both earning themselves multiple 5 star reviews and sell out shows. These guys are not to be missed, especially not when the cost for all three is less than any of their shows on the Fringe.

**Choke! Improv Workshops** » *The View* » 22nd November 2010

Sign up in the Socs Box for €2. "Improvised comedy is exactly as the title suggests – nothing is rehearsed, everything is created in the spur of the moment and we rely purely on the audience to make suggestions. It's very fast moving, energizing, different every time and fantastic entertainment for absolutely everyone.

The Choke workshops will help boost your confidence and encourage you in how best to improve your performance. They are suitable for any and everyone, so sign up now!

**Geoff Boyz, Foil, Arms & Hog and more!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 17th November 2010

Tickets only €5 from the Socs Box! Geoff Boyz, Foil, Arms & Hog, Willa White and Trevor Browne will all be performing. Really cannot encourage attendance to this show enough, Foil, Arms & Hog are absolutely genius. The best of Irish sketch comedy without a doubt.

**Meeting** » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 11th November 2010

Quick meeting about the next few gigs and future events, such as a trip to London and what marathons we have ahead.

**Stephen Carlin & more!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 10th November 2010

Stephen Carlin, Chris Martin and Gar Murren will be performing in RÃ³isÃ¡n Dubh this week, tickets are only €5 from Socs Box for Comedy Soc members. They'll be available from Monday afternoon.

**Tiernan Douieb with Foil, Arms & Hog** » *IT125G* » 4th November 2010

Tickets are only €5 from the Socs Box. Tiernan Douieb is a highly acclaimed UK comedian, known for his brilliantly successful Edinburgh Fringe shows, as well as appearances at various UK festivals and venues. Tiernan has supported such comics as Jim Jefferies, Russell Howard and Mark Watson, and is on the verge of breaking out onto the international comedy scene. He's being joined by Foil, Arms & Hog, the renowned Dublin-based sketch group who reached the finals of the Stand Up Showdown in the Galway Comedy Festival and close to sold out their second Edinburgh Fringe show (Strangers With Sweets) this year.

These guys are absolutely brilliant and are coming over as part of Healthy Living Week, so be sure not to miss it!

**AprÃ©s Match** » *Town Hall Theatre* » 24th October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

With the Premiership once again dominating out TV screens and euro 2012 group matches in their early stages AprÃ©s's Match are out of hibernation and playing ball. All credit to Gary Cooke, RisteÃ¡rd Cooper and Barry Murphy for this new show featuring the sensational singing trio, renowned throughout Letrim, 'The River Tenors'.

**Colin Murphy, Abandoman, Carl Donnelly & Andrew Maxwell!** » *Radisson Live Lounge* » 24th October 2010 Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

**Stand Up Showdown w/Andrew & Damo** » *Roisin Dubh* » 24th October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box! Sixteen of Ireland's funniest comedians have agreed to go mano a mano, in a comedic war of wits until there's only one left standing. This glorious victor will walk away with the spoils of war " bragging rights, a bag of cash for themselves, a big fat cheque for their favourite charity and filthy looks from their loser friends.

**Keith Farnan - No Blacks, No Jews, No Dogs, No Irish (All Welcome)** » *Town Hall Studio* » 24th October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box! Only 5 euro!

The star of "Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow" (BBC1), Cork's Keith Farnan is here for one night only. Criminally talented, Farnan is a truly groundbreaking performer. This award-winning show refreshes the intellect and shakes the imagination's cobwebs. Charismatic! Cocky!, Opinionated! Keith is all of those, so grab a seat for what will undoubtedly be the hottest ticket of the festival...Numbers strictly limited.

**Jason Byrne, Pappy's & Paddy Courtney!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 24th October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box! Check previously listed events for comedian bios. It's gonna be an awesome show, you really don't want to miss Pappy's. They're beyond fabulous.

**Late Night Gimp Fight** » *Roisin Dubh* » 23rd October 2010

Limited number of 2 for 1 tickets available from the Socs Box!

**Rich Hall, Brendon Burns & Jason Byrne!** » *Town Hall Theatre* » 23rd October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

Check previous event listings for info on both Rich Hall and Brendon Burns. Trying to avoid repeating bios!

**Rubberbandits, Hardy Bucks, Grandmaster Cash & Hector!** » *Radisson Live Lounge* » 23rd October 2010 Limited number of discount tickets available at the Socs Box for only 7.50 euro!

Guys, you really don't want to miss this. It's gonna be ace.

**Maeve Higgins, Pappy's & Gerry Mallon!** » *Cuba\** » 23rd October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

**Andrew Maxwell, Skype Comedy, Danny Dowling & Paddy Courtney!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 23rd October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

**Rich Hall** » *Roisin Dubh* » 22nd October 2010

Limited number of tickets available for only 10 euro from the Socs Box!

**Andrew Maxwell, Dead Cat Bounce, Eric Lalor & Brendon Burns!** » *Radisson Live Lounge* » 22nd October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

**David O'Doherty, Gearoid Farrelly & Karl Spain** » *Town Hall Theatre* » 22nd October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box.

**Late Night Gimp Fight** » *RÃ³isÃn Dubh* » 22nd October 2010

Limited number of 2 for 1 tickets available from the Socs Box!

**Whose Line Is It Anyway?** » *Cuba\** » 22nd October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

with Stephen Frost, Andy Smart, Steve Steen, Ian Coppinger & Phill Jupitus

**Jimeoin, Tom Rhodes, Ian Coppinger & David O'Doherty!** » *Radisson Live Lounge* » 21st October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

**Who Needs Enemies? by Conor Montague** » *Town Hall Studio* » 21st October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available for 5 euro from the Socs Box!

A tragic tale of love, friendship, addiction, and dolphins

By Conor Montague. Starring: John Donnellan, Ray Kelly, Mark Dooley, Conor Montague, Ciara Brady, Roland Mupotsa

**Dead Cat Bounce, Phill Jupitus, Karl Spain & Phil Nichol** » *Town Hall Theatre* » 21st October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box at only 10 euro!

**Maeve Higgins, Phil Nichol & Jarlath Regan** » *RÃ³isÃn Dubh* » 20th October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box!

**Jim Jefferies, Tom Rhodes & Karl Spain** » *Cuba\** » 20th October 2010

Limited number of discount tickets available from the Socs Box for only 10 euro!

Do not miss Jim Jefferies. Seriously, he's amazing.

**Markus Birdman & more!** » *Roisin Dubh* » 13th October 2010

Live comedy from Markus Birdman, Robbie Bonham and Comedy Soc's own, Robin Allen! Tickets only FIVE EURO from the Socs Box!

**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** » *BOI Theatre* » 12th October 2010

"Why is a raven like a writing desk?"

It's Mental Health Week, which means it's time for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, courtesy of Comedy Soc & Nom Soc! Entry is FREE! There will be cupcakes and tea and prizes for the best mad hat!

**Neil Delamere** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 11th October 2010

Breathless Irish comedian Delamere flits about the stage like a genial dervish, his quick-fire delivery and razor-sharp mind taking no prisoners.

Quickly building a supreme rapport with his audience, his masterful control allows him to stray a little further than his charming demeanour suggests. Equally hilarious on and off his script, this is a hugely engaging hour.

Tickets are €8 from the Student's Union with your SU Card.

**RTE Stand & Deliver Recordings** » *Roisin Dubh* » 7th October 2010

Sign up in the Socs Box!

Line up: Andrew Maxwell, Colin Murphy, Milton Jones, John Lynn.

Doors at 7pm, no entry after 7:45pm. Give your name at the door, non-ticketed event, free entry.

**RTÉ Stand & Deliver Recordings** » *RÃ³isÃn Dubh* » 6th October 2010

Sign up in the Socs Box!

Line up: Steve Hughes, Mike Wilmot, Josie Long, Karl Spain

Doors at 7pm, no entry after 7:45pm. Give your name at the door, non-ticketed event, free entry.

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## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€369.60	Ball	€30.00
Bank Charge	€24.81	Bank charge	€61.96
Muscailt	€200.00	Entertainment	€2,421.00
Socs box Till	€3,713.50	Entry fees	€3,244.50
Sponsorship	€200.00	Equipment misc	€61.10
Ticket Sales	€150.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€289.00
USC Grant	€2,972.00	Received Money Returned	€350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,629.91</b>	Returned Socs Money	€162.00
		Speaker accomm	€70.00
		Speaker travel	€450.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,139.56
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€362.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€490.35
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,629.91</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 884 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Melissa Mannion	Auditor	900 hours
Aishling Clancy	Secretary	150 hours
Robin Allen	Vice Auditor	425 hours
Molly Heatley-Mulhall	Ordinary Committee Member	45 hours

# ALIVE Students: 4 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1520 hours

## Comic Book Society

We are the access point to all things Comic Book related on campus. We encourage our members to explore this dynamic medium of the highest potential with us! The many diverse comic-book events and activities we provide include comic-book art and writing classes, live readings, reviews, film and television screenings and conventions many in association with other societies. We also encourage debate and critical analysis on everything within the comic medium.

We have weekly meetings in the Art Room (upstairs in Áras na Mac Leinn) at 8pm Mondays and 7.30pm Wednesdays. We also have numerous events on Fridays too!

## Comic Book Society Events

This year the society held a total of 128 events.

**Comic Soc - General Meeting!** » Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th September 2010

So this is us just being plain awesome. Ever think you weren't getting enough Awesome in your life? We have it. Come get it back!! This meeting is where we do short talks/ presentations about comics and discuss them and chat and have tea and biccies and cake and stuff and it's really good fun... There's also a few comics lying around from time to time for them that want to read a bit. Do come along, we're very friendly and you'll probably enjoy yourself!

**Comic Soc - General Meeting** » *Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 20th September 2010

Our first general meeting since our very successful Intro & EGM!!

woop woop!! There'll be a short presentation and discussion and chat with tea and biccies! and maybe even coffee for those that drink it. So do come along and participate! we'll also have a few comics to have a gander at...

**The Comic Book Society, 1st meeting & EGM** » *Meeting Rooms, upstairs Áras na MacLeinn* » 15th September 2010

come along to our 1st meeting and vote in the new committee!

we'll discuss the events planned for the year and tell you all about the amazing stuff we're gonna do every week!

woop woop!!

**Batman: Under The Red Hood and Animated Series screening** » *The View* » 22nd April 2011 Screening of Batman:

Under The Red Hood and a few episodes of the Batman Animated Series from the 90's.

**Samurai Jack and Batman** » *large acoustic room* » 8th April 2011

Samurai Jack marathon from 12-6, followed by Batman:Mask of the Phantasm at 6:30!!!

**Harvey Birdman; Attorney at Law** » *The Space* » 25th March 2011

Marathon of the Adult Swim cartoon series!! it's awesome!!

**HATE NIGHT III** » *Roisin Dubh, Dominick St* » 15th March 2011

\*once again, do feel free to come up with amusing and clever subtitles. You know we love 'em.

Guys, you know the drill. Come along to the Roisin at 8pm on Tuesday 15th March for sunshine, love, warmth and happiness... no wait, I've gone wrong somewhere...This time round there's no limit to what you can hate. Even if it's Miley Cyrus, people who don't like Lost, democracy or people who just don't understand Charlie Sheen, it's very much welcome. (Though if you want to hate on books, authors, graphic novels - go ahead!)

**An Evening with Warren Ellis** » *Kirwin Lecture Theatre* » 10th March 2011

Comic Book Soc and Lit&Deb Soc present an Evening with Warren Ellis.

**Game Day!!!** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 9th March 2011

The Amazing Comic Book Soc and the Spectacular Anime and Manga Soc join forces to bring you a tournament of Marvel vs. Capcom 3! The two societies are going head to head, so support the troops!!!

**Movie night** » *large acoustic room* » 4th March 2011

Movie Night

Persepolis (Screening by Comic Soc)

18:00 Large Acoustic Room

Directed by Vincent Paronnaud, Marjane Satrapi. Starring Chiara Mastroianni, Catherine Deneuve, Gena Rowlands

Poignant coming-of-age story of a precocious and outspoken young Iranian girl that begins during the Islamic Revolution.

Ghost World (Screening by Comic Soc)

20:00 Large Acoustic Room

Directed by Terry Zwigoff. Starring Steve Buscemi, Thora Birch,

Scarlett Johansson Enid and Rebecca are social outsiders who, after graduating from high school, play a mean prank on a middle-aged geek.

Unbreakable (Screening by Comic Soc)

22:00 Large Acoustic Room

Directed by M. Night Shyamalan . Starring Bruce Willis, Samuel L.

Jackson, Robin Wright

A suspense thriller with supernatural overtones that revolves around a man who learns something extraordinary about himself after a devastating accident.

**Beat week** » *bailey allen hall* » 21st February 2011

Comic soc will have a table at Writer's soc Awesome Beat day event today, where we're gonna be drawing comics to lines from poems

**Tonight's entertainment** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 18th February 2011

Tonight.:Grant Morrison: Talking with Gods

Followed By: The Finale of Firefly: 18:30, Large acoustic Room.

**Firefly** » *The Space* » 11th February 2011 Return of Firefly Marathon!!!Comic Book Soc and FanSci re-team to bring you the remaining episodes of Firefly!!!Same deal as last time;The Space, 6-11pm. Shout out to Gar Dempsey for putting this together.Same Bat Time.Same Bat Channel.

**Comic Soc Comics & Zine Fair** » *Bailey Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 8th February – 9th February 2011 (2 individual events)

HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU! Turns out that on FEB 9th, 12 - 6pm, Bailey Allen Hall, Comic Soc NUI Galway will be hosting it's very own COMICS & ZINE FAIR! Not only that but there's a Comics Exhibition on the 8th, and stretching across both days in glowing spandex, the awesome POSTER SALE returns, all in the Bailey Allen So what can you expect from this celebration of the graphic novel? Well, writers, artists, creators and independent sellers from around the country will be arriving to exhibit and sell their awesome work and get their chat on

with fellow fans. Not only that but our local Sub City will be in-house with NEW tradepaper back COMICS, back-issues, T-SHIRTS and merchandise. You can also expect to see LIVE DRAMATISATIONS of comics thanks to the fab BAcon Soc (Twill be total WIN). There will be a comic-book THEMED BAKE SALE so say thanks to the Nom-Soc for that awesome treat. The Art Society will have a COMICS COLLAGE going all day assembling comics images onto a canvas. And just to top it all off, there will be an evening showing on DVD of the documentary: Grant Morrison - Talking With Gods Curious yet? Excited yet? Attending yet? YOU FUNKING SHOULD BE. Attend the Event on Facebook and stay up date!<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=107586992651123>

**Firefly Marathon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** » *the space* » 4th February 2011 In association with FanSci we present a marathon of Joss Whedon's Firefly!!!!!!

**Comic Book webseries marathon** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 28th January 2011 The Awesome Comic soc presents..... Marvel vs. DC, the hit internet webseries!!! Marathon from 7pm in the large acoustic room

**Comic Soc and English Soc bring you: Hate Night II!** » *Roisin Dubh, Dominic St* » 25th January 2011 \*also known as Hate Night II: This Time It's Personal, Hate Night 2: Christopher Paolini Strikes Back, Hate Night With A Vengeance, Why Can't We All Just Get Along Night, or whatever tickles your fancy. We're open to suggestions. Hate Night returns! This time around, Comic Soc and English Soc invite you to the R?is'n Dubh where if you can think of any books, graphic novels or authors that you want to see consigned to oblivion, we're giving you a platform to tell us why. State your case in any way possible. Write a song. Deliver a speech. Draw a diagram. It's entirely up to you. However, you can choose to defend whoever's being fed to the sharks too. (We're got a stage too!) So remember to put "Tuesday 25th January at 7pm, I ought to go to Hate Night" in your diaries, and be prepared for serious hatin'. And fun and frolics, I suppose.

**"Working Title" talks Comic Books on FlirtFM Radio 101.3** » *NUIG Campus* » 19th January 2011 Colm McElligot presents an interview show with Gar O'Brien and Matt Burke, two strange folks who talk comics too much...Listen in and find out something new about an emerging and dynamic medium!

**Comic Soc AWESOME Weekly Meeting!** » *Art Room, Aras na MacLeinn* » 17th January – 25th April 2011 (15 individual events) Well, here we are! We're talkin comics and drinkin tae, maybe even eatin biccies and cake too. Do come along and tell us about your own favourite comics or if you've never read one sure we'll point you in the right direction! Open to all, first timers welcome always! Don't forget to check out our Blogsite; <http://comicbooksociety.wordpress.com/> And if you need to contact us throw us an email at [comicbook@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:comicbook@socs.nuigalway.ie) Add us on facebook too! See you soon!

**Comic Soc and English Soc present: Scott Pilgrim Friday!** » *Large Acoustic Room, Ā • ras na Mac LĀ©inn* » 14th January 2011 Next Friday, the 14th of January, Comic Soc and English Soc are bringing you an ultra-super awesome screening of "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" in the Large Acoustic Room for your viewing pleasure.\* So if you have nothing else better to do with your life next Friday evening (and I'm pretty sure you don't), be there or you will have Lucas Lee and his stunt doubles to deal with.(also, there will be Pilgrim-themed food. I'm pretty sure that you like food, yes?) \*Yes, comic books are literature. Begone, ye non-believers!

**Comics Class w/ ArtSoc & Comic Soc** » *Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 12th January – 27th April 2011 (72 individual event)  
**TRON MONDAY!** » *The View* » 13th December 2010 TRON MONDAY!

Spontaneous showing of CLASSIC TRON (1982) on in The View, Ā • ras na Mac LĀ©inn, TODAY @ 7pm.  
AWW YEAH!!

**Comic Soc's Awesome Xmas Party** » *College Bar, NUIG* » 10th December 2010 Oh Slip, this is it, the BIG one, the only Society Xmas Party that matters apart from all the other Socs' Parties! Funk Yeah! Refreshment drinking games, loads of free food, very likely free refreshments, and bucket loads of Comic Talk. Expect a Socs-Universe-Crossover-Extravaganza with the likes of Art Soc, GIG Soc, BACon Soc, Writers' Soc, Anime & Manga, FanSci, NSS, NOM Soc, etc to make an appearance!! We need NOMs Pam!!

Join the event on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/event.php?eid=171101299578852> **90s "Batman: The Animated Series" Marathon** » *Large Acoustic Room, Ā • ras na Mac LĀ©inn* » 29th October 2010 Your Halloween Party Hangover Cure!! Well, the 90s Batman animated really needs no introduction! Pizza, Tea, biscuits... and BATMAN.could you ask for better? no, i don't think you can. or should.

**Comic Soc - Comics Writing Workshop!** » *Meeting Room 2, Ā • ras na MacLĀ©inn* » 6th October – 1st December 2010 (9 individual events) In association with Writers' Soc and Art Soc (who host their comic drawing class next door in The Art Room at the very same time!).Gar will discuss styles, methods etc and workshop scripts etc with you etc all in an informal and terrifyingly friendly etc setting. Opportunity knocks - work with artists from Art Soc to see your script come to life!

We'll tackle everything from 1 panel comics to 60 page comics! All welcome! P.S. there may even be tea too.

P.P.S. if you would like to workshop a script please email it in advance to [comicbook@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:comicbook@socs.nuigalway.ie) so we can print a few copies off and have it ready for the class...

**Comic Soc - General Meeting!** » *The Art Room, Ā • ras na Mac LĀ©inn* » 4th October – 29th November 2010 (9 individual events) Well, here we are! We're talkin comics and drinkin tae, maybe even eatin biccies and cake too. Do come along and tell us about your own favourite comics or if you've never read one sure we'll point you in the right direction! Open to all, first timers welcome always! Don't forget to check out our Blogsite; <http://comicbooksociety.wordpress.com/> And if you need to contact us throw us an email at [comicsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:comicsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) See you soon!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Lackey:** Eoin Butler Thornton

**Auditor:** Matt Burke

**Lackey:** Leigh Ashmore

**Secretary:** Gearoid O'Brien

**OCM:** Shaun Leonard

**OCM:** Shannon Maguire

**OCM:** Frances Dennehy

**NSS Liason:** Shane Malone

**OCM:** Catherine Pollock

**Calendar Girl:** Sinead Kerrigan

**Lackey:** Conor Keville

**PRO Assist:** David Burdon

**Vice-Auditor:** Nicholas Fitzgerald

**Finance Consultant:** Helen McFarlane

**BACconnector:** Eilish McCarthy

**Lackey:** Iosac Gallagher

**PRO:** Colm McElligott

**Graphic Designer:** Melissa Mannion

**Travel Officer:** Michael McCleary

**1st Lady:** Pamela O'Connor

**Treasurer:** Abel Garcia Cortina

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**Auditor:** Colm McElligott

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**PRO:** Eoin Butler Thornton

**Societies Liaison:** Conor Hooper

**Lackey:** Jason Browne

**Lackey:** Shane Malone

**Gonzo Man:** Graham Keane

**Vice-Auditor:** David Burdon

**Treasurer:** Conor Keville

**Events Officer:** Iosac Gallagher

**Lackey:** Liam King

**Lackey:** Brian O'Brien

**Darkman:** Gearoid O'Brien

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Affill/Mem fees	€6.90
Bank Charge	€6.33	Bank charge	€48.25
Fundraising	€205.00	Hoodies	€828.00
Socs box Till	€835.00	Materials	€94.31
Sponsorship	€150.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€173.45
USC Grant	€512.50	Prizes	€22.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,708.83</b>	Reception	€52.55
		Expenditure Total	€1,226.11
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€41.42
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€482.72
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,708.83</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 297 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Hannah O'Reilly	Volunteer	10 hours
Darragh O'Connor	Radio-Active Man	20 hours
Frances Dennehy	OCM	28 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 58 hours

## Compsoc

Compsoc is about technology and helping people with technology and programming in the university

### Compsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 35 events.

**Monday Mashups** » *The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 27th September 2010

Monday Mashups are a new weekly mix of gaming, Killer robots, open source craziness, technical advice, and the occasional bouts of programming followed by a trip to the college bar. If you have a laptop or external hard drive bring it along, Or if you have a game that you'd like to play with 3 other people on a giant projector screen then bring that too! Tell your friends!

**Bot Wars!** » *Bailey Allen Hall 3, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd January – 23rd January 2011 (2 individual events)

CompSoc's annual Robot Wars weekend event. There'll be battling of killer robots, video games, Rock Band, films and a Lego NXT design-build-code challenge suitable for both beginners and master programmers. It's going to be EPIC!

**GAMER Expo Dublin Trip** » *Citywest Convention Centre, Dublin* » 29th October – 30th October 2010 (2 individual events)

We're going up for the weekend to Dublin to the GAMER Expo, Ireland's first large-scale gaming exhibition.

**"Star Trek" in High-Definition** » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 26th October 2010

High-Definition showing of 2009's explosive reboot of the Star Trek franchise, directed by JJ Abrams.

**Monday Mashup** » *The Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 11th October – 25th April 2011 (29 individual events)

CompSoc's weekly mashup of gaming, programming, robotics and all things tech-related.

### Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Aaron Hastings

**Secretary:** Padraig Meaney

**OCM:** Eoghan Fallon

**OCM:** Finn Krewer

**Admin:** Patrick O'Flaherty

**Auditor:** Megan MacCourt

**Treasurer:** Matthew Doodes

**OCM:** Terrence Lyons

**Chief Admin:** Shane Tuohy

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,831.43	Bank charge	€29.07
Bank Charge	€10.17	Equipment misc	€432.89
Socs box Till	€44.00	Materials	€35.74
Sponsorship	€304.96	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€88.05
USC Grant	€2,400.00	Received Money Returned	€44.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,590.56</b>	Expenditure Total	€629.75
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€738.99
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,960.81
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,590.56</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 398 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Aaron Hastings	Vice-Auditor	96 hours
Megan MacCourt	Auditor	75 hours

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 171 hours

## Cumann de Barra

Cumann De Barra had a very successful year in which it participated in many events and discussions. At the beginning of the year the cumann attended the Frontline programme in Dublin. We also visited the Houses of the Oireachtas. This was an excellent trip and was enjoyed by all. Before Christmas the cumann attended a Connacht rugby match at the Sports Ground.

The cumann had many eventful debates throughout the year and included the pre-budget debate and also the leadership debate. The committee of 2010/2011 worked extremely hard all year and we wish the incoming 2011/2012 committee all the best for the year ahead.

### Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

**Emergency Services Car accident extraction.** » *Outside College Bar » 22nd February 2011*

The Emergency Services will be on campus from 12 pm replicating the scene of a car accident. Members of the Gardai, Ambulance and Fire service will attend and its an opportunity for people to see at first hand the vital work that they undertake on a regular basis while at the same time creating awareness of Road Safety issues.

**"Back 2 Skool Disco"** » *College Bar » 21st February 2011*

Disco in aid of the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dun Laoghaire. Entry is free; however, there will be a raffle on the night to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. There will be cash prizes to the value of 250 Euro's as well as many other prizes on the night. Please come along for what promises to be a great night!

**Mass in Remembrance of victims and their families affected by deaths on our roads** » *College Chapel » 21st February 2011*

A mass will be held in remembrance for all those who have lost their lives so tragically on our roads over the last number of years. The mass will begin at 1.10pm and all are invited to attend.

**Introductory First meeting with reception** » *AC 201 ( By Bank of Ireand on concourse) » 27th September 2010*

Cumann De Barra Ogra Fianna Fail host their first meeting with a drinks and pizza reception at 8pm in AC201. We will also be discussing our many upcoming national and European events as well as taking names for our trip to Dublin which will encompass a trip to Dail Eireann and RTE's most popular Current Affairs show, the Frontline hosted by Pat Kenny. We will also be giving a brief run-down of all our planned trips and events throughout the academic year. We would love to see some new faces, so please come along and say hello! As always it promises to be a great night! If you haven't signed up yet, you can sign up today at [www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie](http://www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie). Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday night!

**Trip to the Frontline Television Programme** » *Dublin » 6th September 2010*

Cumann de Barra will travel to take part in the audience of RTE's most popular current affairs programme hosted by Pat Kenny.

**Connacht Rugby match.** » *The Sportsground, Galway. » 8th November 2010*

The Cumann will attend the Connacht rugby match between Samoa on Tuesday night. Tickets are priced at 10 euro. It will be a great night!!!

**The Frontline Programme** » *RTE Studios, Dublin. » 18th October 2010*

In October, the Cumann will travell to Dublin to attend the Frontline television programme. This will be a great night!! Bus will depart at 3pm from Citylink bus station.

**Annual General Meeting** » *AC202 » 7th March 2011*

The Annual General Meeting of Cumann de Barra will take place at 8 pm in AC202 to elect the committee for the 2011/ 12 academic year.

**Weekly Meeting** » *Meeting rooms 1&2 Aras Na Mclein ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclein) » 22nd November 2010*

Cumann de Barra (Ogra Fianna Fail) will have its weekly meeting at 8pm in Meeting Rooms 1&2 Aras Na Mac Leinn at 8pm. This is the last meeting of the Semester. Items up for discussion will include the National Youth Conference as well as our Christmas Party on December 18th amongst others.

**Weekly Meeting** » *Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 Aras na Mac Leinn » 1st November 2010*

Cumann de Barra (Ogra Fianna Fail) will host their weekly meeting at 8.00pm in Meeting Rooms 1&2 Aras na Mac Leinn. The main topic for consideration will be Budget 2011. We will be examining the various aspects and areas where savings can be made. Come along for what promises to be a very interesting night of debate between members.

**Weekly Meeting** » *AC201 (On Concourse) » 18th October 2010*

Cumann de Barra (Ã“gra Fianna FÃ¡il) will host their weekly meeting this week in Ac 201 which is by Bank Of Ireland on concourse. This week we will have a brief meeting dealing with the upcoming Clare Conference in Ennis on October 30th. Names for people wishing to attend will be taken on the night. Come along at 8pm to receive all details of not just the Clare Regional Conference but all other events for the year.

**Weekly Meeting** » meeting room 1 Aras Na Mclein ( directly above the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclein) » 11th October 2010

Cumann de Barra will host its weekly meeting at 8pm in Meeting room 1 Aras Na Mac Leinn. Items up for discussion will include the Regional Fainna Fail Conference in Ennis on October 30th as well the election of the remaining positions on the committee.

**Dáil Trip** » Dublin » 5th October 2010

Cumann De Barra ( Ogra Fianna Fail) will be commencing day 2 of our trip with a tour of DÃ¡il and Seanad Eireann.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Darren Collins

**Secretary:** Thomas Daniels

**Co-Treasurer:** Darran Brennan

**Assistant Secretary:** Shane Moran

**Membership Officer:** Mark Nestor

**Vice-Auditor:** Eoin Coates

**Co-Treasurer:** Dermot O'Malley

**Public Relations Officer:** Maeve Griffin

**Events Officer:** Thomas Dever

**First Year Rep:** Patrick Clancy

## Committee 2011/2012

**Secretary:** Patrick Clancy

**Events Officer:** Malachy Egan

**Membership Officer:** Mark Nestor

**Auditor:** Dermot O'Malley

**Treasurer:** Keith Henry

**Co-Treasurer:** Thomas Dever

**Vice-Auditor:** Thomas Daniels

**PRO:** Maeve Griffin

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€997.58	Bank charge	€12.50
Fundraising	€536.88	Equipment misc	€79.11
Members Contributions	€80.00	Fundraising/charity	€533.40
USC Grant	€2,400.00	Printing	€72.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,014.46</b>	Prizes	€250.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,501.91
		Society accomm	€100.00
		Society transport	€214.20
		Expenditure Total	€2,763.72
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€90.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,250.74
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,014.46</b>

## Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 304 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Eoin Coates	Vice Auditor	45 hours
Patrick Clancy	First Year Rep	90 hours
Niamh Nic Dhonncha	Volunteer	80 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 215 hours

## Cumann Dramaíochta

An Cumann Dramaíochta:

Is breá linn an Ghaeilge chomh maith leis an aisteoireacht. Eagraíonn an cumann ceardlanna dramaíochta agus glacann muid páirt i chomórtais éagsúla i rith na bliana. Ta fáilte roimh gach éinne páirt a glacadh i imeachtaí an chumann, ar an staitse nó ag oibriú ar chúl le na sets.

### Cumann Dramaíochta Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

**Cóisir Mhór Culaith Bhréige (Fancy dress!) » Club Áras na nGael, Sráid Dhoiminic » 28th Mean Fomhair 2010**

Bígí linn a chairde chun tús a chur leis an mbliain le dream craiceáilte an cumann. Ceol, crannchur, sóláistí agus s archraic geallta!! Beidh an dream craiceáilte An Cumann Craic inár dteannta. Beidh deoch saor in aisce ag dul daoibh!;

**Éisteachtaí don dráma 'Cúrsaí Cleamhnais,' » Cafe Áras na Gaeilge » 23rd September 2010**

Más mian leat páirt a ghlacadh sa dráma 'Cúrsaí Cleamhnais,' le hAnton Chekov, bígí linn anocht. Ní hamháin go mbeidh éisteachtaí ar siúl ach dá mbeadh spéis agat a bheith bainteach leis an stiúrthóireacht, leis na cúlta ná leis an teicneolaíocht, beidh míle fáilte romhat anocht!

**Ceardlann Drámaíochta » Meeting room one, Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st September 2010**

Beidh Beartla Ó Flatharta, iar-reachtaire de chuid an Chumainn D. ag teacht isteach chun ceardlann a dhéanamh linn. Spraioi, cluichí drámaíochta, scileanna stáitse agus neart eile. Fáiltiú fíona agus sóláistí roimhe. Más cainteoir dúchais thú nó mura bhfuil ach cúpla focal agat, beidh céad míle fáilte romhat! Bígí linn a chairde!;

**Feile na choláistí » Téatar Áras na Gaeilge » 4th March – 5th March 2011 (2 individual events)**

Comórtais dramaíochta bliantiúil Sonraí ar cumann@socs.nuigalway.ie

**Oireachtas na Samhna » Cill Airne » 29th October – 31st October 2010 (3 individual events)**

Bígí linn chun Oireachtas na bliana seo a cheiliúradh! An chraic is fearr a bheas ann i mbliana!!

**E.G.M., Cruinniú agus Aisteoireacht » Cafe Aras na Gaeilge » 12th October 2010**

Ma ta speis agaibh a bheith ar an gcoiste i mbliana bigi ag an gcruinniú anocht chun baill an choiste a thoghadh agus pleananna a dheanamh don bhliain. Fion, bia agus neart spraioi geallta. Beidh se go maith!!!)

### Committee 2010/2011

**ex-auditor:** Niamh Horgan

**Treasurer:** Sinead Casey

**Auditor:** Claire Nic Innreachtaigh

**Secretary:** Orfhlaith Breathnach

**Vice-Auditor:** Karen Conneely

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,211.39	Bank charge	€97.72
Bank Charge	€33.00	Costumes	€111.38
Members Contributions	€280.00	Entertainment	€100.00
Socs box Till	€875.00	Entry fees	€750.00
USC Grant	€1,230.00	Received Money Returned	€250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,629.39</b>	Reception	€76.96
		Returned Socs Money	€622.00
		Society accomm	€800.00
		Society transport	€560.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,368.06
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€261.33
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,629.39</b>

## Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 95 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Sinead Casey	Treasurer	20 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 20 hours

## Cumann Soisialta

Cathaoirleach: Louise Ni Dhaibheid

Runai: Orla Ni Chathain

Cisteoir: Colleen Ni Bhaistir

Is i bunaidhm an choiste seo na raon leathan d'imeachtaí soisialta agus siamsaíochta a chur ar fail do mhic leinn lanaimseartha agus phairtaimseartha an Acadaimh, don fhoireann agus don phobal.

Bhi bliain thar a bheith gníomhach ag an gCumann Soisialta ar an gCeathru Rua i mbliana. Mar is gnath bhi na himeachtaí mora againn, An Mhaidin Chaife, An La Oscailte, Turas chuig an Oireachtas, Coisir na Nollag, Seachtain na Mac Leinn agus Bal an Acadaimh. I measc na n-imeachtaí sin, bhi neart rudai eagraithe gach uile sheachtain i rith na bliana ollscoile.

Is faoi stiúir Louise Ni Dhaibheid, Oifigeach na Mac Leinn, a bhi an Cumann Soisialta i mbliana. Den chead uair, bhi an Cumann claraithe go hoifigiúil agus bhi se seo le feiceail mar den chead uair bhiomar ag fail airgid on bpríomhchamras agus da bhri sin, bhiomar in ann níos mó imeachtaí a eagraú srl. Chabhraigh se go mor linn.

Ta pobal na mac leinn an-bheag ar an gCeathru Rua adh d'eirigh linn i mbliana os cionn 80 ball a fhail sa chumann. Nuair a thosaigh na mic leinn ar ais ag an gcolaiste, d'eagraigh muid cruinniú sa chead seachtain agus toghadh an coiste. Bhi coiste thar cionn againn i mbliana agus chas muid le cheile beagnach gach De Céadaoin ag am loin chun imeachtaí na seachtaine a phlé agus a eagraú. Bhi 21 cruinniú againn thar an mbliain. Nuair a bhi Seachtain na Mac Leinn ag teacht aníos, bhi dha chruinniú againn in aghaidh na seachtaine mar bhi se ag teastail leis an meid oibre a bhi le deanamh.

Aris i mbliana, chuir An Cumann Soisialta an-bheim ar an ngne charthanachta. D'eirigh linn €1,155 a bhailiú do Bhuaile Cheoinín (Ionad lae ata lonnaithe ar an gCeathru Rua do dhaoine le michumas). D'eirigh linn os cionn €5,000 a bhailiú d'aiseanna spóirt i Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiarain, an mheanscoil aitiúil, i rith Sheachtain na Mac Leinn a bhi ar siúl ar feadh trí la idir 14-16 de mhí an Mharta. Is maith an rud go mbionn na mic leinn sa Chumann Soisialta gníomhach sa cheantar seo agus go dtugann muid rud ar ais chuig muintir na haite anseo sa Cheathru Rua.

I mbliana, chuir an Cumann isteach ar an gComortas Naisiunta Ghlor na nGael den chead uair agus bhain muid an triú hait amach sa chomortas don Chumann is gaelaísa tAr i gcolaiste triú leibheal. Bhiomar i measc na gcolaistí is mó le ra sa tír agus is mor an t-eacht e gur eirigh linn an duais a bhaint amach. Taimid fíor-bhroúil as.

Is i Jayne Ni Dhricseoil, Oifigeach na Mac Leinn 2011-2012, a bheidh ag stiúiriú an chumainn don treimhse 2011-2012.

## Cumann Soisialta Events

This year the society held a total of 50 events.

**Oíche Cheoil le Cillín** » *Realt na Maidine, An Cheathru Rua* » 8th September – 9th September 2010 (2 individual events)

Bigí linn chun tus briomhar a chur leis an mbliain ollscoile! Ceol den scoth chloisteail agus neart craic agus spraoi!

**Gradaim Glór na nGael** » *Ostan CartonHouse, Maigh Nuad* » 16th April 2011

Beidh Bronnadh mor ar siúl in Ostan CartonHouse i Maigh Nuaid. Ta Glór na nGael ag ceiliúradh 50 bliain ar an bhfod agus bronnfar na duaiseanna on gcomortas ar na buaiteoirí. Mar gheall go bhfuair An Cumann Soisialta anseo an triú hait sa chomortas, ta siad ag iarraidh go mbeadh mic leinn on gcolaiste i lathair chun an duais breá ?1,000 a fhail. Cosnaíonn na ticeidí ?20 agus cludaíonn se sin an beile an oíche sin agus gach rud eile a bheas ag tarlu. Is colaiste beag muid agus is mor an eacht e go bhfuil an duais seo buaite againn.

**Ceant** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 24th March 2011

Ar mhaithe le haiseanna spóirt i Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiarain, An Cheathru Rua.

Neart duaiseanna maithe luachmhaire ar cheant.

**Oíche Cheoil agus Ceant Sclabhaithe** » *Tigh an Tailliúra, An Cheathru Rua* » 16th March 2011

Beidh na buachaillí agus ceannach na cailíní agus na cailíní ag ceannach na buachaillí!

Ceol le Foidín Meara

Nearc craic, spraoi, ceol agus damhsa...

Bigi linn chun críoch briomhar a chur le Seachtain na Mac Leinn!!!!!!

**La Spóirt** » *Parc Astro, Tísméain, An Cheathru Rua* » 16th March 2011

Rasa Sealaiochta

Ciceanna Pionóis

Cluichi Sacair

Caitheamh butasai

Bigi linn!!!!

**Scoladh na Scolairí** » *Realt na Maidine, An Cheathru Rua* » 15th March 2011

Comortas Bolg Iarann. Coisir Feistis Bhreige! Duaiseanna ar fail. Ceol, craic agus damhsa....Bigi linn!!!!!!

**Bru Leapa** » *o TG4 go dtí An Cheathru Rua* » 15th March 2011

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Soisialta le feiceail ag bru na leapan an mhaidin seo chun airgead a bhailiú d'aiseann spóirt i Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiarain. Beidh buiceid acu ar an mbothar. Bigi linn agus bigi flaithiúil!!

**Ros Aras na nGael** » *Club Aras na nGael, Sraid Dominic, Cathair na Gaillimhe* » 10th March 2011

Beidh beirt chailín (Louise Ní Dháibheid agus Siun Ní Cheallaigh) agus beirt fhear cuideachta (Aodhan O Maoileoin agus Aodhan Mac an Mhílidh) on Acadamh sa chomortas oíche Deardaoin. Bigi linn chun bhur tacaíochta a thabhairt dóibh.

**Ros an Acadaimh** » *Tigh an Tailliúra, An Cheathru Rua* » 8th March – 9th March 2011 (2 individual events) Beidh rosanna agus a fir cuideachta ag breathnú go halainn ar an oíche. Is é Aodh O Coileáin a bheas mar Fhear an tí agus is iad Síle Ní Scanláin, Jo Ní Cheide agus Máirtín Davy O Coistealbha a bheas i mbun moltaíochta. Beidh beirt chailín agus beirt fhear cuideachta ag dul ar aghaidh chuig Ros Aras na nGael i gClub Aras na nGael sa chathair ar an Deardaoin, 10 Marta.

**La na bPancóg** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 8th March 2011

Beidh muid ag bailiú airgid do Sheachtain na Mac Leinn. Beidh neart pancoga blasta ar fail don mhaidin ar fad.

**Coisir na Nollag** » *Tigh an Tailliúra, An Cheathru Rua* » 16th December – 17th December 2010 (2 individual events) Bigi linn le haghaidh ceiluradh mhór dheireadh an tseimeastar.

**An Mhaidin Chaife** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 1st December 2010

Beidh an Mhaidin Chaife bhliantúil ar siúl in Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge ar an gCeathru Rua ar an 1 la de mhí na Nollag o 10 am- 1pm. Baileofar an t-airgead i mbliana do Bhuailé Cheoinín, An Cheathru Rua. Beidh neart solaistí le fail agus le ceannach ar an la. Mar sin, bigi linn chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do Bhuailé Cheonín. Beidh failte agus fiche roimh chach.

**Craic na gCeisteanna** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 8th November 2010

**Oíche Mhór Chartaí** » *An Chistin, An Cheathru Rua* » 3rd November 2010

Ta neart duaiseanna, craic agus spraoi le fail anocht! Bigi linn agus biodh cluiche cartaí agat! Ní chaithfidh tu a bheith i do shaineolai. Níl ann ach piosa spraoi!!!! Buail isteach!!!

**Imeachtaí Spóirt** » *Sportlann Leitir Moir* » 2nd November 2010

Beidh muid ag imirt eitpheil inniu!

Tabhair leat do bhroga reatha agus cultacha spóirt!

Bigi linn!!!!

**Oíche Shoisialta an Acadaimh** » *Tigh an Tailliúra, An Cheathru Rua* » 1st November 2010

Ceol le DJ Terry. Bigi linn

**Turas chuig Oireactas na Samhna** » *Cill Airne, Co Ciarraí* » 29th October – 31st October 2010 (3 individual events) Ta bus ag dul síos o Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge sa Cheathru Rus chuig an Oireachtas. Is é an tOireachtas an feile Gaelach is mo sa tír seo. Deireadh seachtaine lan le ceol, amhráin, damhsa agus spraoi a bheas ann. Bigi linn

**Imeachtaí Spóirt** » *Sportlann Leitir Moir* » 26th October 2010

Beidh muid ag imirt sacair inniu! Bigi linn le bhur gcultacha spóirt agus broga reatha!!!!

**Imeachtaí Spóirt** » *Sportlann Leitir Moir* » 19th October 2010

Beidh muid ag imirt cispheile inniu!

Bigi linn le bhur gcultacha spóirt agus broga reatha!!!!

**Deireadh seachtaine treanala le Conradh na Gaeilge** » *Conradh na Gaeilge, Baile Atha Cliath* » 15th October – 17th October 2010 (3 individual events)

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Soisialta ag freastal an deireadh seachtaine treanala ata ag Conradh na Gaeilge. Beidh muid ag foghlaim conas cumann gaelach a rith i gceart agus ceard ata amuigh ansin do chumainn ata a reachtail trí mheain na Gaeilge!

**Rang Iomraimh** » *Ceibh an Tuairín, An Cheathru Rua* » 13th October 2010

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Soisialta ag dul amach ar an bhfarraige le Club Iomramh na Ceathrun Rua. Nach deas an bhealach é chun an trathnona a chaitheamh! Bigi linn!!!!

**Imeachtaí Spóirt** » *Sportlann Leitir Moir* » 12th October 2010

Beidh muid ag imirt sacair inniu! Bigi linn le bhur gcultacha spoirt agus broga reatha!!!!

**Rang Iomraimh** » *Ceibh an Tuairin, An Cheathru Rua* » 7th October 2010

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Soisialta ag dul amach ar an bhfarrage le Club Iomramh na Ceathrun Rua. Nach deas an bhealach e chun an trathnóna a chaitheamh! Bigi linn!!!!

**Scorail Sciobtha** » *Tigh an Tailliura, An Cheathru Rua* » 4th October 2010

**Bal an Acadaimh** » *Ostan an Doilin, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe* » 14th April – 15th April 2011 (2 individual events) Ceiliuradh deireanach den bhliain seo! S'iad Ann Marie agus Martin Joe (Banna Ceoil aitiuil) a bheas i mbun ceoil an oíche sin. Beidh costas 17euro ar na ticeid. Ta suil agam go mbeidh sibh ar fad in ann teacht. Ta an-toir ar na ticeid mar sin b'fhiu a ra liom go luath ma ta suim agaibh teacht ann. Dean teagmhail le Louise Ni Dhaibheid @ 087 - 6721303 no buail suas chuig an oifig di i mBloc 2 san Acadamh.

**Seachtain na Mac Leinn 2011** » *An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe* » 14th March – 16th March 2011 (3 individual events) T'aaan t-am sin den bhliain tagtha arís nuair a bhíonn spraoi agus scleip ag mic leinn Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge agus pobal an cheantair ar an gCeathru Rua. Beidh eagsulacht imeachtaí ar siúl do gach saghas duine i rith na seachtaine. Baileofar an t-airgead i mbliana d'aseanna spoirt i Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiarain ar an gCeathru Rua. Ba mhór linn bhur dtacaíocht ag na himeachtaí. Tuilleadh eolais: Louise Ni Dhaibheid (087) 6721303 no (091) 595101.

**Bricfeasta leis an gclár "Iris Aniar" ar RTE Raidió na Gaeltachta** » *Halla an Acadaimh, Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 14th March 2011

Beidh Eibhlín Ní Chonaighle ag cur an clár "Iris Aniar" i lathair beo on Acadamh. Beidh mic leinn agus foireann an Acadaimh le cloisteail ar an aer agus beidh meascan de cheol, amhráin, caint agus craic le cloisteail ar feadh na maidine. Bigi ag eisteacht!

**Oscailt Oifigiúil de Sheachtain na Mac Leinn** » *An Chistin, An Cheathru Rua* » 14th March – 15th March 2011 (2 individual events)

Beidh tus spleodrach curtha leis an seachtain i dTigh Se nuair a bheas an banna ceoil aitiuil Anna Marie agus Martin Joe ag casadh ceoil duinn. Is i Maire Treasa Ní Dhubhghaill (TG4) a bheas mar aoi speisialta chun an seachtain a oscailt go hoifigiúil.

**Oíche Chomortais** » *Tigh a'Tailliura* » 1st February 2011

Comortas Puil agus Comortas Caitheamh Saighead! Bigi Linn :)

**Oíche Chluichí Craiceailte** » *Tigh an Tailliura, An Cheathru Rua* » 17th January 2011

Nearc cluichí, craic agus spraoi. Bígi linn ar mhaithe leis an gcráic

**La Oscailte** » *Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 8th September 2010

Beidh seastan ag an gCumann Soisialta ag an La Oscailte chun labhairt leis na mic leinn nua faoin gCumann agus chun bail nua a fháil. Beidh Oifigeach na Mac Leinn, Louise Ni Dhaibheid, ag deanamh cur i lathair faoin gCumann chomh maith.

**Trath na gCeisteanna** » *Tigh an Tailliura, An Cheathru Rua* » 13th September 2010

Nearc ceisteanna, duaiseanna agus craic! Bigi linn!

**La na bhFreshers** » *Halla Bailey Allen, Ollscoil na hEireann, Gaillimh* » 14th September 2010

Beidh seastan ag an gCumann Soisialta ag La na bhFreshers sa phríomhchamps. Beidh mic leinn on gCumann ann chun labhairt libh faoin gCumann. Buail isteach againn!

**Dathanna na gContaetha** » *Tigh an Tailliura, An Cheathru Rua* » 20th September – 21st September 2010 (2 individual events)

Ceol le DJ Terry!!!! Bigi gleasta i bhur ndathanna!!!!

**Bus chuig Oíche na Mac Leinn** » *Club Aras na nGael, Sraid Dominic* » 23rd September 2010

Beidh bus ag dul isteach on Acadamh chuig Aras na nGael chun bualadh leis na mic leinn gaelach istigh sa chathair. Bigi linn!!!

**La Oscailte i gCarna** » *Ionad an Acadaimh, Carna* » 27th September 2010

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Soisialta ar an gCeathru Rua ag deanamh cur i lathair faoin gCumann Soisialta agus an cineal obair a bhíonn ar siúl againn ar an gCeathru Rua.

**Oíche Shóisialta an Acadaimh** » *Tigh an Tailliura, An Cheathru Rua* » 28th September 2010

Ceol den scoth leis an mbanna ceoil aitiuil, Foidin Meara. Bigi linn

**O'Áche Chluichí Chraiceáilte** » *Tigh an TÁ;illiÁ<sup>o</sup>ra* » 17th January 2011

Beidh neat spraoi agus craic i gceist. Bigi linn ar mhaithe leis an gcráic!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Treasurer:** Orla Keane

**Auditor:** Louise Devitt

**Secretary:** Colleen Baxter

## Committee 2011/2012

**Secretary:** Colleen Baxter

**Auditor:** Jane O'Driscoll

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Dinner	€230.00
USC Grant	€1,359.00	Entertainment	€1,059.00
<b>Total</b>	€1,359.00	Expenditure Total	€1,289.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€70.00
		<b>Total</b>	€1,359.00

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 49 members.

## Cumann Staire (History)

An Cumann Staire/The History Society is one of the oldest and most renowned societies of Ollscoil na hEireann Gaillimh. An Cumann Staire is the official student association for the promotion of historical studies on campus and enjoys strong support from the History Department. The society aims to support and enhance the student life of all its members at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The society organises a wide range of social and academic events throughout the year. The society has been awarded the honour of hosting the 62nd Irish History Students' Association historical conference in 2012.

## Cumann Staire (History) Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

**AGM/CCB** » *Meeting at Smokies then tower block* » 6th April 2011

Meeting to elect next years committee and constitutional changes.

**Fergus Kelly - "Early Irish Farming"** » *Siobhan Mackenna Theatre (AM)* » 23rd March 2011

It's our final talk of the year and it promises to be good! Professor Fergus Kelly will be giving a talk on "early irish farming" in the Siobhán MacKenna Theatre (Arts Millenium) on Wednesday at 7pm. As usual there will be light refreshments served afterwards. Anyone who studies early Irish law will be more than familiar with Professor Kelly. Fergus Kelly is an academic at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. He is currently Director of the School of Celtic Studies. His research interests centre around early Irish law-texts and wisdom-texts.

A prolific author and researcher, he has written and edited a number of books and many articles including A guide to early Irish law. He co-edits the journal Celtica and has collaborated with many others including Thomas Charles-Edwards. Research Interests: Early Irish law-texts and wisdom-texts; at present working on an edition of a thirteenth-century legal treatise attributed to Giolla na Naomh mac Duinn Shleibhe Mheic Aodhagáin. Editions of the Legal Heptads and the Old Irish Triads are also planned. Other research interests include the fragmentary law-text 'Osbretha' ('deer-judgement).

**"The Spanish Inquisition & Media control in Spain & Mexico at the end of the 18th century".** » *Moore Institute Seminar Room* » 14th March 2011 NUIG is delighted to have Prof. Ludolf Pelizaeus, (University of Mainz) give a guest lecture titled "The Spanish Inquisition & Media control in Spain & Mexico at the end of the 18th century". Prof. Ludolf Pelizaeus, was in 2007 / 08 a Visiting fellow at the College of Arts, Department of history at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

**"The Battle of Aghrim" - Dr. Pdraig Lenihan** » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium Building* » 10th March 2011

Pdraig Lenihan has been a lecturer in history at the National University of Ireland Galway since 2010. Before then he was a lecturer in history at the University of Limerick since 1995. University teaching and research represents his second career: in his first he served as an army officer for fourteen years and also qualified as a barrister-at-law. He is interested in supervising graduate work in early modern military history, Irish history in the long (c.1590-1750) seventeenth century, neo-Latin texts, history of technology, and the history of medicine

**Irish foreign policy on the Middle East** » *Siobh?n Mac Kenna Theatre.* » 24th February 2011 An Cumann Staire is delighted to have Dr Vincent Durac (UCD) give a talk on Irish foreign policy on the Middle East. Dr. VIncent Durac lectures in Politics of Development; Middle East Politics; the International Politics of the Middle East ;and Political Islam in the UCD School of Politics and International Relations. His research is focused on a number of aspects of contemporary Middle East Politics, including political reform, the role of civil society, and the

impact of external actors in the region. He is a visiting lecturer in Middle East Politics in Bethlehem University in Palestine and is External Examiner on the International Relations programme at the University of Plymouth.

**Arts Bal 2011 Circus Afterparty** » *Monroe's Live, Dominic St.* » 17th February – 18th February 2011 (2 individual events) Fire-breathers. Glo-tech jugglers. UV paint. Acrobats. Street drumming. Propaganda. It's gonna be unreal.

**Arts Ball 2011** » *Salthill Hotel* » 16th February 2011 De Ceadaoin 16th Feabhra the most important formal dress ball of Ollscoil na heireann Gaillimh will again redefine what such an event is about. In 2006 we enlarged the Arts Ball to be by far the biggest ball, moved it to a Wednesday to make a two day mini festival of craic soaked events, launched the first online booking system for a university event, introduced wristbands as part of new security measures and caused scenes of wild desperation as everyone tried to get a ticket. Arts Ball 2009 was the biggest so far and the first ball of NUIG to feature multi-venue musical entertainment following the banquet. Arts Ball 2010 had an even bigger format with 1600 attending; meaning there was be a slight increase in dinner tickets and enough Afters ticeid to meet the massive demand. Last year also saw the introduction of a limited number of the newer type of ticead for those who want an even classier experience of dining in the VIP room with top-table main courses and wine.

Keep an eye here for the latest updates on Arts Ball 2011. Featuring the UK's biggest alternative DJs PROPAGANDA (<http://www.thepropaganda.com/home.php>), plus Hot Fuss, a Trad Soc Ceili and other music acts, Arts Ball 2011 is going to be the biggest night out in NUIG history. Sign-up on the Arts Ball 2011 Facebook Event page. Our online queue booking system for dinner tickets will go live here and the booked ticeid must be collected, and paid for, in aras na Mac Leinn. A maximum of two tics can be booked per ID and Afters tics can be bought along with them without booking. (Bring your Ollscoil na heireann Gaillimh ID and a printed copy of your booking form.)

**Thatcherism** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 2nd February 2011 An Cumann Staire is delighted to have Professor Richard Vinen (King's College London) give a talk on Thatcherism. Richard Vinen specialises in twentieth century history. His current research is on Modern Britain and in particular on the Thatcher governments of 1979-1990. Previously he has worked mainly on twentieth century France and produced a number of publications on Vichy, the fourth republic and the Algerian War. These researches culminated in the publication of *The Unfree French: Life under the Occupation* (Penguin, 2006) which looks at the consequences of the French army's defeat in 1940 through the daily lives of those caught up in the horrors of war. He has also written a general book on twentieth century Europe, *A History in Fragments: Europe in the Twentieth Century* (Little Brown, 2000).

**The story of the American former G.I's who came to Ireland post WWII to study medicine at U.C.G.** » *TBC* » 20th January 2011 An Cumann Staire is delighted to have Jackie Ui Chionna. (NUIG) give our first guest lecture of the year on the story of the American former G.I's who came to Ireland post WWII to study medicine at U.C.G.

**Cumann Staire Socs Say 2!** » *ras MacLeinn* » 12th January 2011 Come along to meet the cumann staire members and to learn how to get involved. All welcome.

**Meet & Greet** » *The Salthouse, Dominic St.* » 12th January – 13th January 2011 (2 individual events) A chance for people to get involved with the society...

**Arts Ball Ticket Selling** » *Aras na mac Leinn* » 6th January 2011 Time: 09:00 - 18:00: Venue: Aras MacLeinn. Present your completed form and college ID to the ticket desk to purchase your tickets. Full tickets go on sale at 09:00 (am) De Luain 31/01/11 in Aras na MacLeinn. Afters tickets go on sale at 13:00 (pm). Two tickets per valid ID.

**Super Cool Deadly Xmas Party** » *The Salthouse, Dominic Street* » 25th November – 26th November 2010 (2 individual events) Following up on from our Halloween table quiz and party we will be having our annual christmas part this thursday from 8.00pm onwards in the salthouse on dominic street, so be there or be square!!! A limited amount of free beverages and food for anyone who comes. Clothes compulsory, Sunglasses optional.

**'Witchcraft, magic and demonic possession in early modern Ireland'.** » *siobhan mckenna theatre* » 4th November 2010 An Cumann Staire is delighted to have Dr Andrew Sneddon (University of Ulster) give a guest lecture titled 'Witchcraft, magic and demonic possession in early modern Ireland'.

Dr Andrew Sneddon received his BA in History and Literature from the University of Hertfordshire and his M.Litt from University of St Andrews, with a dissertation on early modern, English sceptical witchcraft theorists. His PhD was awarded by Lancaster University for a thesis on witchcraft sceptic, 'improver', and religious controversialist, Bishop Francis Hutchinson (1660-1739). Towards the end of this research (and shortly after it finished), he taught early modern history and study skills at the University of Glasgow. Dr Sneddon then became archivist at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), before being appointed Research Fellow on the Leverhulme Trust funded, Irish Legislation Project, at Queen's University, Belfast, under the direction of Professor David Hayton and Professor James Kelly. This project designed and constructed an internet-based database containing details of all the legislation (over 4000 items) initiated in the Irish parliament between 1692 and 1800 (see: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/ild/>). In 2007, Dr Sneddon was appointed Research Fellow in the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's University, Belfast, to work on a study of eighteenth-century institutional medicine. He joined the history department of the University of Ulster, Coleraine in 2008

**The relevance of Mary Chesnut's Civil War Diary** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre* » 21st October 2010 An Cumann Staire is honoured to have Professor Catherine Clinton give a guest lecture on the relevance of Mary Chesnut's memoir of the civil war. Mary Boykin Chesnut (March 31, 1823 – November 22, 1886) was a South Carolina author noted for writing a sophisticated diary describing the American

Civil War and her upper class circles of Southern society. Professor Clinton holds a chair in American history at Queen's University Belfast where she heads a master's degree program in U.S. history. She has previously taught at Union College, Brandeis University, Wesleyan University and at Harvard University in both the Department of African American Studies and the Department of History. She recently stepped down from the executive council of the Society of American Historians and continues to serve on the Advisory Commission of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Bicentennial Commission. She has served as president of the Southern Association for Women's History and has written or edited over 25 books. Her first book, *The Plantation Mistress: Woman's World in the Old South*, appeared in 1982 and her recent biography, *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom*, was named as one of the best non-fiction books of 2004 by the Christian Science Monitor and the Chicago Tribune. Her latest project, *Mrs. Lincoln: A Life*, has been published by Harper Collins in 2009.

**'A Nation Among Nations?' - The Confederate States of America and Transatlantic Nationalism" by Dr Paul Quigley (University of Edinburgh)** » *Siobhain Mac Kenna* » 14th October 2010 Paul Quigley was born in Manchester and received his BA in American Studies from Lancaster University before crossing the Atlantic to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he acquired an MA and Ph.D. in History. He was appointed Lecturer in American History at the University of Edinburgh in 2007. Quigley spent academic year 2009-10 in the United States on a Leverhulme Research Fellowship, researching at archives in Washington, North Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky. Quigley's main research interests are in the American Civil War and its era, ca. 1846-1877. Other broad interests include nationalism, regionalism, the South, and placing U.S. history within international contexts. His first book, *Shifting Grounds: Nationalism and the American South, 1848-1865*, will be published by Oxford University Press in 2011. He is now working on a short, primary documents-based book entitled *The Fourth of July and the Transformation of American Nationalism, 1846-1877*, as well as a larger study of the American Civil War and the world.

**Guest lecture by Dr Deirdre McMahon titled 'Ireland and India: Independence and Partition'** » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium* » 23rd September 2010

Dr Deirdre McMahon of Mary Immaculate College Limerick has graciously agreed to come and enlighten us on the many links between the partition and independence movements of Ireland and India.

**'Ireland and India: Independence and Partition'**. » *Siobhán Mac Kenna* » 23rd September 2010 We are delighted to have Dr Deirdre McMahon (Mary Immaculate College) give a guest lecture titled 'Ireland and India: Independence and Partition'. Dr McMahon is a Commission member of The Irish Manuscripts Commission as well as senior treasurer of IHSA. Her research interests are Twentieth century Irish, European and Commonwealth history. Some of her published work includes *Republicans and Imperialists: Anglo-Irish Relations in the 1930s* (Yale University Press, 1984). *Ireland, the Empire and the Commonwealth*, in Kevin Kenny (ed.), *Ireland and the British Empire* (Oxford University Press, 2004). *Ireland and the Evolution of Dominion Status in India, Burma and the Commonwealth 1942-49*, in Joseph M. Skelly & Michael Kennedy (eds), *Irish Foreign Policy 1919-1966* (Four Courts Press, 2000)

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Nora Ni Dhomhnaill

**Treasurer:** Michael McNally

**Vice-Auditor:** Chloe Schmid

**Erasmus Rep:** Kenneth Walsh

**Ionadaí Gaeilge:** Seagh MacSiurdain

**First Year Rep:** Cliona Ni Shiurdain

**Assistant Secretary:** Hanne-mette Raee

**Secretary:** Joe Regan

**OCM:** Aideen MacInerney

**Postgrad Rep:** Christina Folsom

**Webmaster:** Christopher O'Boyce

**PRO1:** John Devlin

**PRO2:** Mark Scanlan

**Assistant Irish Officer:** Orfhlaith Breathnach

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€9,082.22	Ball	€10,000.00
Balls	€1,142.72	Bank charge	€25.96
Bank Charge	€0.09	Dinner	€71.75
Socs box Till	€12,680.00	Entry fees	€990.00
USC Grant	€3,090.00	Gifts	€20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€25,995.03</b>	Printing	€80.00
		Society transport	€7,751.97
		Socs Box Till Refund	€30.00

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
	Speaker accomm €773.74
	Speaker travel €519.53
	Expenditure Total €20,262.95
	Unreconciled Cheque Total €0.00
	Cash In Hand €0.00
	Closing Bank Balance €5,732.08
	<b>Total</b> €25,995.03

<b>Arts Ball Balance Sheet - 2010/2011</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	45276.86	Dinner	€3247.5
Balls	€30185	Entertainment	€23239.9
Bank Charge	€143.15	Equipment misc	€1096
Ticket Sales	€29670	Fundraising/charity	€24195
		Gifts	€620
		Hire Bus	€450
		Hoodies	€960
		Makeup/Props	€1720.22
		Printing	€1681.04
		Prizes	€203
		Reception	€29804.48
		Set	€4716.58
		Society accomm	€466.26
		Society transport	€3072.73
		Sound	€1881.5
		Speaker accomm	€561.55
		Speaker travel	€993.86
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€98909.62</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€2000</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€6365.39</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€105275.01</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€105275.01</b>

**Note: The Total value does not include the Unreconciled Cheque Total €2000 and this brings the total expenditure to €107275.01**

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 386 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Lauren Dooley	Vice Treasurer	120 hours
Seagh MacSiurdain	Oifigeach na Gaeilge	120 hours

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 240 hours

## Dansoc

We began our year with our EGM. Here we elected an almost brand new committee of 11 people. This included some new positions to those found on last years committee such as Entertainments Officer and Teacher's Liaison Officer. With this committee we had six meetings.

Our dance classes then started at the beginning of October with three different levels of Irish Dancing, Salsa, two levels of Hip Hop, Ballet and Break Dancing. These classes were taught by teachers brought in by our committee, some continued from the previous year and some started new this year. Some teachers also started in second semester. Our annual Variety Show was held in February of second semester. This was organised as part of the Muscailt Festival and took place on the 7th, in the Cube in Aras na Mac Aleinn. With the help of our Show Producer as well as other members of the committee the show brought in a nice crowd. Performing was the students and teachers that had been attending the classes all year. The show lasted about an hour long and went off without a hitch. On the 3rd of March 38 members of Dansoc traveled down to UCC to compete in the Dance Intervarsities. The group left the college to be in Cork for 9am, ready to go. That day we took part in four categories that were judged by some of the best in the business. We left Cork with the 1st prize in the Irish Dancing section, a very successful trip. The group traveled back to Galway the next day, trope in hand. We will finish this year with our AGM, which will be held in the very near future.

### Dansoc Events

This year the society held a total of 117 events.

**Dance Intervarsities** » UCC » 3rd March – 4th March 2011 (2 individual events)

Dansoc travel to Cork to compete in the annual Intervarsities with other colleges and universities across the country.

**Salsa** » The Stage, Aras na Macleinn » 28th February – 21st March 2011 (4 individual events)

Salsa class with Samantha

**Salsa** » The View, Aras na Macleinn » 21st February 2011

Class is moved just for this week to the View, which is upstairs in Aras na Macleinn

**Muscailt - Variety Show** » The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 7th February 2011

Dansoc's Variety Show for Muscailt Week. A collection of dance numbers put together by our teachers and their classes.

**Breakdancing** » The Stage, Aras Na Macleinn » 26th January – 23rd March 2011 (9 individual events)

Breakdancing class with Stan

**Beginners Hip Hop** » The Stage, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 26th January – 30th March 2011 (10 individual events)

**Advanced Irish Dancing** » The Stage, Aras Na Macleinn » 24th January – 21st March 2011 (9 individual events)

Advanced Irish Dancing with Gillian

**Intermediate Irish Dancing** » The Stage, Aras na Macleinn » 20th January – 24th March 2011 (10 individual events)

Intermediate Irish dancing class with Gillian

**Ballet** » The Stage, Aras na Macleinn » 18th January – 22nd March 2011 (10 individual events)

Ballet class with Aoibheann

**Intermediate Hip-Hop** » The Stage, Aras na MacLeinn » 18th January – 22nd March 2011 (10 individual events)

Intermediate Hip-Hop class with Silvia

**Salsa Cancelled** » Bailey Allen Hall » 11th November 2010

**Advanced Irish Dancing** » Bailey Allen Hall » 11th November 2010

Intervarsity Level Irish Dancing with Aine!

**Salsa Classes** » Áras UÁ Chathail » 21st October 2010

LOCATION CHANGE FOR 19TH OCT ONLY!

Salsa class with Samantha!

**Breakdancing** » Bank Of Ireland Theatre » 20th October 2010

LOCATION CHANGE FOR 19TH OCT ONLY!

Breakdancing with Stan!

**Beginners Hip Hop** » Bank Of Ireland Theatre » 20th October 2010

LOCATION CHANGE FOR 19TH OCT ONLY!

Beginners Hip Hop with Maria!

**Ballet Class** » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 19th October 2010

LOCATION CHANGE FOR 19TH OCT ONLY!

General level Ballet with Blair!

**Intermediate Hip Hop** » *bank of ireland theatre » 19th October 2010*

LOCATION CHANGE FOR 19TH OCT ONLY!

Intermediate Hip Hop with Silvia!

**Dansoc Irish Dancing Class** » *BOI Theatre » 18th October 2010*

moved for this week only

**Ballet** » *The Cube, Aras Na MacLeinn » 12th October – 7th December 2010 (9 individual events)*

General level Ballet with Blair!

**Intermediate Irish Dancing** » *The Space, Aras Na MacLeinn » 11th October 2010*

Irish Dancing with Aine!

**Beginners Irish Dancing** » *The Cube, Aras na MacLeinn » 11th October 2010*

Irish Dancing with Aine!

**Salsa** » *The Cube, Aras Na MacLeinn » 7th October 2010*

Salsa class with Samantha!

**Breakdancing** » *The Stage, Aras Na MacLeinn » 6th October – 8th December 2010 (10 individual events)*

Breakdancing with Stan!

**Beginners Hip Hop** » *the cube aras na mac leinn » 6th October – 8th December 2010 (10 individual events)*

Beginners Hip Hop with Maria!

**Intermediate Hip Hop** » *the cube aras na mac leinn » 5th October – 7th December 2010 (10 individual events)* Intermediate Hip Hop with Silvia!

**Beginners/ Intermediate Irish Dancing** » *The Cube, Aras Na MacLeinn » 4th October 2010*

Irish Dancing with Aine!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Michael Flanagan

**Secretary:** Aisling Gaffney

**Vice-Auditor:** Sinead Harten

**Treasurer:** Ellen Clancy

**Teachers Liaison Officer:** Gillian Madders

**Show Producer:** Deirdre Kearns

**Public Relations Officer:** Sandra Keane

**Public Relations Officer:** Michelle Holloway

**Entertainments Officer:** Carol Bray

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Rachel Keane

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Lisa Conboy

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€157.65	Bank charge	€45.00
Bank Charge	€16.47	Costumes	€150.00
Classes	€954.60	Entry fees	€310.00
Muscailt	€100.00	Society accomm	€560.00
Socs box Till	€1,396.00	Society transport	€850.00
USC Grant	€2,500.00	Teacher fees	€2,340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,124.72</b>	Expenditure Total	€4,255.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€869.72
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,124.72</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 822 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Michael Flanagan	Auditor	110 hours
Aisling Gaffney	Secretary	92 hours
Deirdre Kearns	Committee, dancer	40 hours
Vanessa Farnan	Dancer, competitor	41 hours
Allison Kinsey	Active Member	10 hours
Laura Reynolds	Dancer	13 hours
Cathal Keaney	Dancer	24 hours
Roisin Daly	Active Member and Competitor	25 hours
Jacqueline Yih Ling Ting	Active Member	25 hours
Isioma Osadebe	Dancer/competitor	30 hours
Bronagh O'Connor	Dancer	20 hours
Rachel Keane	Dancer, committee member	15 hours
Stephanie Slevin	Dancer	25 hours
Caoimhe O'Sullivan	Dancer at Intervarsity	10 hours

# ALIVE Students: 14 student

# Hours Volunteered: 480 hours

## DJ Soc

The Dj Soc's aim this year was to introduce and teach its members to the world of Djing. This was done by hosting weekly lessons and 'open decks'. In the lessons more experienced members would introduce the equipment to newer members and teach them how to use it. In order to advance at Djing members need a chance to put in hands on practice on the equipment, this was not possible at the lessons due to the numbers we received along with time constraints, so we hosted open decks .Open decks was a period of 5 hours where the equipment was set up, and members were free to come and go as they pleased. This provided a relaxed environment where members could spend as much time as they needed to hone there DJ skills. We also secured regular gigs in Galway pubs where members, who were advanced enough, could get used to playing in front of an audience.

We also provided music for various college event.

## DJ Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 46 events.

**Weekly meeting/beginners lessons** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 22nd September 2010

Weekly Dj soc meeting. A chance to learn the basics of Djing and have a go on the decks, while meeting other like minded people who love electronic music and the parties that accompanies it. We'll also be having a general chat about a plan for the year.

**Bierhouse gig** » *Biearhause pub, Galway* » 17th September – 18th September 2010

The boys from the Dj Soc spinning serious tunes and providing fun wholesome entertainment.

**Open Decks** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 21st October – 27th January 2011 (15 individual events) A chance to mess around and get some practice in on the decks. Practice makes perfect and it's really the only way you will improve!! Come along at any time through out the day (12-5) and bring your own tunes on a hard drive or a memory stick.

**Weekly meeting and lessons** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 13th October – 27th April 2011 (29 individual events) Weekly meeting and lessons. Come and have a go on the decks spin some tunes, meet like minded people who love electronic music and have a chat. All welcome from complete beginner to superstar dj.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Allan Bell

**Vice-Auditor:** Shane Walsh

**Treasurer:** Aaron Smith

**Secretary:** Colin Finnegan

**PR manager:** Pearse Casey

**Events Manager:** Michael Fitzpatrick

**Sound Engineer:** Adrien Parmentier

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Allan Bell

**Vice-Auditor:** Colin Finnegan

**Secretary:** Gearoid O'Connor

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,180.75	Bank charge	€22.80
Bank Charge	€11.61	Entertainment	€100.00
Socs box Till	€655.00	Entry fees	€255.00
Sponsorship	€80.00	Equipment misc	€330.00
USC Grant	€1,175.00	Printing	€366.00
<b>Total</b>	€3,102.36	Society accomm	€261.00
		Society transport	€300.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,634.80
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,467.56
		<b>Total</b>	€3,102.36

### Other Information

We held 52 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 367 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Pearse Casey	Public Relations Officer	145 hours
Aaron Smith	Treasurer	135 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	280 hours	

## Draiocht

Draiocht ( [www.draiochnepal.org](http://www.draiochnepal.org) ) was established in 2008, and won best new society in Galway in 2009 . It was founded by a group of college students whose dream was to help orphaned Nepali children and to promote multiculturalism in Ireland. We have established an orphanage home in Talamarang, a small village high in the mountains of Nepal and we send volunteers out to help every year. Our plan is to make the home completely self sufficient within five years, we hope to do this by using renewable energy and creating an agri- business. We have also been involved in founding a community school in Talamarang which now has over 500 students. We have also been involved in various village health camps, and promoting local business in the village and hope to help establish a permanent health center in the future. During the years we run various fundraising activities, aswell as volunteer support meetings and Nepali Language Classes, oh and having fun at the same time. This summer Draiocht plans to build a new childrens home in Talamarang, teach in the surrounding schools and volunteer in the health centres nearby.

### Draiocht Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

**Draiocht skydive** » *Offaly* » 29th January 2011

Flying through the sky to raise money for Draiocht!

**Bakesale** » *Sligo general hospital* » 17th January 2011

Bakesale

**Charity waterwalk** » *Galway city* » 18th December 2010

Draiocht members brave the snow to fundraise in Galway.

## Launch of Barbara Mulry's Book 'Memories and Reflections' » *No suggestions found* » 29th April 2011

Come along to the town hall theatre on Friday for Barbara's book launch. All proceeds go to Draiocht. Please support this really worthy cause!

**Pre Exam Ball** » *Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill* » 29th March – 30th March 2011 (2 individual events) Last Big event of the year!! Pre drinks reception starting at 7.30pm chocolate fountain and summer punch on arrival 3 course meal, free wine. Full 50euro. Afters 25euro (...10.30pm)

Acts include: Joe and the Legends. DJ Byrno. All proceeds from the night going to Draiocht NEPAL!!

**Draiocht Fundraising Ball** » *Galway Bay Hotel* » 23rd March – 24th March 2011 (2 individual events)

**Paintballing** » *Limerick* » 24th November – 25th November 2010 (2 individual events)

Paintballing for the day then staying in Jury's that night...free passes to Trinity rooms that night.

All this for 50euro (bus and accommodation also included in the price)

**Draiocht interviews** » *the view - Áras na mac lein* » 2nd November 2010

**\*Draiocht Bake Sale\*** » *CSI* » 13th October 2010 Fundraiser for our orphanage in Nepal (100% of proceeds will go directly to the orphanage in Tallamarang-Nepal)

**Volunteer Tales** » *Arts Millennium Building* » 14th September 2010 Volunteers who were in Nepal in 2010 tell their stories to Draiocht's new members!

**Draiocht AGM and Big Event Planning** » *AM201* » 27th September 2010

We're having a big meeting to plan our Events for the year. We're going to be talking about our mystery tour our ball and inviting people to give us ideas to raise money for the kids in Nepal.

The venue is subject to change.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Outstanding Person:** Melanie Hennessy

**Auditor:** Darren Clarke

**Vice Auditor:** Claire Donlan

**Secretary:** Irene McDonnell

**Vice-Auditor:** Cormac O'Briain

**Joint Auditor:** Siobhan Sumption

**Treasurer:** Conor Moran

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€8.87	Bank charge	€47.53
Bank Charge	€24.61	Fundraising/charity	€8,730.24
Fundraising	€18,465.18	Expenditure Total	€8,777.77
Socs box Till	€3,860.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Cash In Hand	€0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€23,358.66</b>	Closing Bank Balance	€14,580.89
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€23,358.66</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 337 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Gillian Collins	Fundraiser	20 hours
Siobhan Sumption	Auditor, Volunteer	1025 hours
Darren Clarke	Auditor & Volunteer	1120 hours
Mary Breen	Fundraiser	40 hours
Maria Duignan	fundraising, being mute	100 hours
Julianne Harte	Volunteer	336 hours

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 2641 hours

## Dramsoc

Dramsoc is an open-minded and energetic society devoted to performing. All aspects of performance are covered by members, from directing to acting to backstage and lighting, and we aim to provide exciting and well put together pieces for the NUIG Community and for the general public.

The society produced an unprecedented number of plays this year - with over 20 productions in total. We organized workshops in lighting, acting, directing, writing, stage make-up and in understanding literature. The society spent four days at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2010, with 20 members travelling to Edinburgh for the event.

At the NUIG Awards, the society won "Best Society"; the ISDA Festival, which the society hosted won "Best Event"; Ronan Gallagher won "Best Fresher" for his work as a technician for the society and ISDA Rep/Festival Director, Neasa O' Callaghan won "Best Individual".

The society was also nominated for three awards at the ISDA Festival: Best Director for Maria Tivnan; Best Supporting Actor for Aaron Hegarty and Best Sound (All nominations for "Breathing Water").

In March of this year, Dramsoc hosted the largest ISDA Festival so far - with close to 50 events over a nine day period. It was one of the most successful Festivals so far - with the majority of shows selling out. We worked to ensure that students were able to afford to see a number of shows, by keeping ticket prices low at €3/€5. This was the lowest price of tickets at an ISDA Festival in recorded history. The society had a separate sub-committee to deal with the organization of the Festival. This committee consisted of:

ISDA Festival Director: Neasa O' Callaghan

ISDA Festival Treasurer: Darren Coppinger

ISDA Festival Secretary: Hannah O' Reilly

ISDA Festival Volunteers Co-ordinator: Teresa Brennan

ISDA Festival Transport Manager: Aoife Noone

ISDA Festival/ Dramsoc Representative: Abby Noyce

ISDA Festival Ordinary Committee Member: Caoimhe Mulcahy

ISDA Fringe Venue Manager: Kate Murray

ISDA Fringe Co-ordinators: Emmet Byrne & Conor Hooper

The Irish Student Drama Association (commonly referred to as ISDA) is the umbrella organization of Ireland's most prolific third-level drama societies. The highlight of the ISDA year is the Association's annual Theatre Festival is a week-long festival in which all member societies travel to the selected city and perform plays from their home college. The 2011 ISDA Festival ran from the 4th -12th of March in Galway and featured 24 plays from 12 colleges around the country, with plays being performed every day in the Druid Theatre, Nun's Island Theatre and the Bank of Ireland Theatre.

During the ISDA Festival, judges are present at each main festival production. These judges assessed each performance, gave feedback to each production team and at the end of the Festival, decided the nominees for and winners of the ISDA Awards. The judges for this year included Dolores Lyne; Sinead McKenna and Derbhle Crotty.

As well as the 24 main shows, there was an ISDA Fringe Festival which ran concurrently with the main festival, featuring daily comedic and musical performances. There was lunchtime theatre in Kelly's each day during the Festival. Newly written plays from NUI Galway, UCD, UCC, Trinity College Dublin and NUI Maynooth were performed. Furthermore, workshops in Juggling, Stage-combat, stand-up comedy, acting etc. were offered free of charge.

The ISDA Festival was sponsored by: the Ardilaun Hotel, Galway Advertiser, Galway City Council, NUI Galway, Kelly's Bar, NUI Galway College Bar, Tigh Neachtain's and Barnacles.

We sought to highlight the ISDA Festival Ball not only as an Awards Ceremony but as a celebration of the week itself, and of the work students had produced during the festival, as well as during the Academic year. Often, the Festival is viewed as purely competitive. However, we worked to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for all involved - where people could interact and thus learn as a group rather than as separate ones. The Festival is one of the most exciting events held in Ireland each year. This year, we feel we furthered the development of the Festival due to our emphasis on new writing, on workshops and education and on the collective spirit of the Festival.

## Dramsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 170 events.

**"The Hero Returns"** » *The Stage* » 24th May 2011 Auditions for The Hero Returns, by Maedhbh Haicead are taking place at 4pm-8pm in the Stage, ?ras na Mac L?inn on Tuesday, 24th - for the part of Juan (male).

Best of luck to all those auditioning! If you can't make it and are still interested, let us know sooner rather than later!

**Dramsoc AGM** » *O' Flaherty Theatre* » 29th March 2011

Hope ye can make it. We've got a new committee to elect!

**Staged and Confused** » *No suggestions found* » 23rd March 2011

Dramsocs Weekly Improv Session

**Fight Club** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 22nd February – 25th February 2011 (4 individual events)

Hey guys! So as you may have guessed this week is Theatre Week! Dramsoc's production of FIGHT CLUB will be headlining the festival!

**"The Hero Returns" Auditions** » *The Stage, ?ras na mac L?inn* » 7th February 2011

An Absurdist black comedy set deep in the West of Ireland written by M?abhdh Haic?id. The play will be performed during Theatre Week, in the coming weeks 2 male roles and 1 female up for grabs!

**"Macbeth" Auditions** » *The Stage* » 31st January 2011 Auditions for "Macbeth", by William Shakespeare. Play will be performed in April.

**Stage-hands meeting** » *Large Acoustic Room* » 17th January 2011

We are looking for people to get involved as stagehands. This includes lighting, sound, costume, make-up, front of house and anything other off-stage roles you can think of! Dramsoc is always looking for Stagehands, and this year is no exception! There are lots of opportunities for stagehands as NUIG is hosting the ISDA's this year. We are also planning lots of workshops for lighting/sound/directing etc so experience is not an issue! You will get the chance to learn everything, so don't worry about that!! A meeting will be held on Monday the 17th at 6pm, in the Large Acoustic room, for anyone interested in being a stagehand for Dramsoc. If you are interested but are unable to make this meeting please e-mail your name, I.D number, phone number and role that you are interested in helping with to [stagehands.nuig@gmail.com](mailto:stagehands.nuig@gmail.com)!

**Theatre of the Oppressed Course - Sign-up!** » *Socs Box* » 17th January – 21st January 2011 (5 individual events) Theatre of the Oppressed Course: This course, run in conjunction with NUI Galway Societies our community partners Ala Theatre company and City of Galway V.E.C, The training will introduce participants to the world renowned drama facilitation methods created by Augusto Boal, known as Theatre of the Oppressed. Facilitated by Janna Linstrom in a groupwork structure based mainly on image and forum theatre. Through the use of stimulating games, exercises and other drama techniques participants will explore group dynamics, effective communication and the idea of the reflective practitioner. The course will take place over a series of 5 weekends on the following dates in NUI Galway:

Jan 21th, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2nd.

Sat 10am to 6pm with an hour for lunch. Cost of course €120 per person. There are 5 places available for DramSoc members at a reduced rate of ?60. E-mail [socsofficer@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:socsofficer@socs.nuigalway.ie) for more information. You

can sign up at the SocsBox in Aras na Mac leinn this coming week 10am- 8pm Monday - Thursday or 10am - 6pm on Friday. The course is open to NUIG Students and Staff and members of the wider community.

**One Act Play Series Auditions** » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th January 2011 Award Winning One Act Plays are looking for actors. Come along and try out in Aras na Mac Leinn, Monday 17th of January starting from 12 noon. Auditions will be held in 6 different rooms in Aras na Mac Leinn.

Any questions please contact [oneacts@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:oneacts@socs.nuigalway.ie)

For more information and audition pieces check out [http://socs.nuigalway.ie/news\\_reviews/view/272/](http://socs.nuigalway.ie/news_reviews/view/272/)

**Prop- shed Clean-up!** » *Prop Shed* » 18th November 2010 We are cleaning the propshed on Thursday from 10am, meeting at the Bank of Ireland Theatre (beside the College Bar). All hands on deck please and wear old clothes! We'll take a break for the Regional Demonstration (meeting at 1pm at Aras na Mac Leinn) and then meet up again to clean out the Bank of Ireland Theatre.

**Stage-hands meeting** » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 15th November 2010 .There will be a meeting on Monday, the 15th at 6pm in the Small Acoustic Room for anyone interested in lighting, sound, front of house, make-up, costumes and all other back-stage work. This is a great opportunity for those of you who don't wish to be on-stage, but would still like to get involved in Dramsoc! Back-stage work is always great fun and we can never have enough back-stage help!!!

**The Dumb Waiter** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 10th November 2010

**The Dumb Waiter** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 9th November 2010 'The Dumb Waiter' by Harold Pinter follows two hitman waiting in a basement for their orders. This is the play that inspired the film 'In Bruges'.

**"Deathnote" Auditions** » *Meeting Room 2* » 2nd November 2010 Anime Manga Soc in association with Dramsoc...Deathnote Auditions:Lead Roles for the main characters (Light, Ryuk, chief, L, etc.) as well as a ton of extras needed for the play. Death Note was originally a Manga series (Japanese comic) created by writer Tsugumi Ohba. The main character is Light Yagami, a high school student who discovers a Supernatural notebook, the "Death Note", dropped on Earth by a death god named Ryuk

**"The Lonesome West" Auditions** » *Art Room* » 6th October 2010 "The Lonesome West" is the third in McDonagh's award winning 'Leenane Trilogy' of black comedies set in the West of Ireland.

Not to be missed. Valene: A great parish it is you run, one of them murdered his missus, an axe through her head, the other her mammy, a poker took her brains out.

Father Welsh: It seems like God has no jurisdiction in this town. No jurisdiction at all.

**Deathnote** » *The Cube Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd January 2011 A play based on the popular Anime series.

Tickets €2 on the door.

**Phaedra's Love** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 4th December 2010 'When was the last time you had a fuck?'

'...That's not the sort of question you should ask your stepmother.' 'Phaedra's Love' explores the brutal nature of love, social relations, nihilism and belief through the example of an affair between a queen and her stepson. Kane described Phaedra's Love as 'My comedy'.

Be advised, contains graphic depictions of sex and violence, may not be suitable for all audiences.

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**Phaedra's Love** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 2nd December 2010 'When was the last time you had a fuck?'

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**Choke Comedy Workshop** » *The View* » 22nd November 2010 Ann from Choke Comedy will give a 3 hour workshop in association with Comedysoc. Sign up at the Socsbox: 2euro

**The Morning after Optimism** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 19th November 2010 A Quentin Tarantino-style fairytale. Tickets €5/€8.

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**The Morning after Optimism** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 16th November 2010 A Quentin Tarantino-style fairytale. Tickets 5/8euro

**The Dumb Waiter** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 12th November 2010

**The Dumb Waiter** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 11th November 2010

**'Pr-ISDA's'** » *the Cellar* » 20th October 2010

Wednesday 20th Oct from 7pm in the Cellar

Entertainment from The Rye and Open Mic downstairs

Free Entry Dramsoc are hosting the Irish Student Drama Awards from 8-16th March 2011.

**Eggs, Milk, Bread, I love you** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 3rd April – 6th April 2011 (4 individual events) Eggs, Milk, Bread, I Love

You will run from Sunday the 3rd -6th of April. Tickets on sale in the socsbox

**Reduced Shakespeare** » *Nuns Island Theatre* » 16th December 2010 Vendetta Theatre have kindly offered NUIG Dramsoc and

Englishsoc a group discount on Thursday 16th December for €8 per person.

Tickets need to be bought by Wednesday afternoon from the Socsbox. Fresh from the Picnic, I'd strongly advise you to come along. We'll be meeting in Aras na Mac Leinn at 7.30pm.

**Semester 1 Review** » *The View* » 15th December 2010 Come and tell us what we did right and wrong, and what you want to see more of next semester.

**Phaedra's Love** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 1st December 2010 'When was the last time you had a fuck?'

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**American Psycho** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 16th March – 19th March 2011 (4 individual events) NUIG Dramsoc Proudly Presents American Psycho. A wealthy New York investment banking executive hides his alternate psychopathic ego from his co-workers and friends as he escalates deeper into his illogical, gratuitous fantasies. Bank Of Ireland Theatre, Wednesday 16th - Sunday 20th, €5/8 Tickets in the Socsbox or at the door

**ISDA (Irish Student Drama Association) Festival** » *BOI Theatre, Druid Lane Theatre & Nuns Island Theatre* » 4th March – 12th March 2011 (9 individual events) The Irish Student Drama Association Awards are hosted this year in NUIG with over 20 productions taking place in the BOI Theatre, Druid and Nuns Island Theatres over 8 days. Check out the programme at the link below website [www.isdafestival.ie](http://www.isdafestival.ie) It finishes on Saturday 12th. The shows are daily at 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 8pm with the fringe events at 6pm and 10pm.

**Staged and Confused** » *Meeting Rooms 1 and 2* » 23rd February 2011 Dramsoc's weekly improv session hosted by Hooper and Jason!

**Stage Make-up Workshop** » *Dressing Room of the Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUIG* » 22nd February 2011 The workshop will focus on special effects make-up (cuts, bruises, burns etc), minor casualty effects and ageing. The workshop will include demonstrations and an opportunity for those taking the workshop to practice on models themselves, and to receive direction and feedback from the workshop leader, Laura Shiels. Sign-up in the SocsBox, ?ras Na Mac L?inn. Price for the workshop is ?5 - which you need to pay when you sign-up. This will go towards buying supplies for the workshop itself.

**Fight Club** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUI Galway* » 22nd February – 26th February 2011 (5 individual events) Mischief. Mayhem.

Soap. Fight Club is a dramatic adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk's 1996 transgressive cult novel of the same name. Nothing is more striking in Fight Club as its basic conceit: by submitting to their own isolated consumerism, men have to recreate the American urban nightmare.

Tickets 5/8euro Available from the SocsBox or on the door. Part of NUIG Theatre Week

**Demystifying Shakespeare Workshop** » *The Bailey Allen Hall, ?ras na Mac L?inn* » 21st February 2011 SHAKESPEARE IS NOT LITERATURE!

The first folio of Shakespeare's plays was published by two of his colleagues in 1623 -- seven years after Shakespeare's death! It seems Shakespeare was not terribly concerned about his plays in posterity. His plays were never written to be read. They were written to be performed! Access to his stories and language, understanding of Shakespeare's work, is more readily gained through the experience of bringing his characters to life as an actor than through any other means.

Shakespeare has been put into old dusty books, in old dusty libraries and classrooms, introduced by and appended with critical commentary of such stupefying density and turgidity that most people would rather do fluid dynamics problems without a calculator than read any of his plays, much less perform them! If only people knew how wonderfully turgid Shakespeare can be when performed! How overflowing with dynamic fluids! Take a look at Juliet's speech in Act III, scene ii, lines 17-21 before you come to class. Think about it!

Shakespeare is sex and murder, power and money, betrayal and revenge, love and hate, joy and sorrow. We demystify his unfamiliar language and free his poetry from preciousness when we tell his stories in those terms. First part of class will be a brief discussion of my approach to his work. Second part of class will include work on student monologues applying the following principles:

Telling the story, Active choices, Physical engagement -- using the whole body to act, Outward rather than inward focus, Juxtaposition of opposites, Operative words, Dress for movement is recommended, even for those without monologues (give yourself the option). This workshop will be led by Ashley Strand.

**Beginners Lighting Workshop** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 19th February – 20th February 2011 (2 individual events) This Saturday and Sunday, Dramsoc will be hosting beginners lighting workshops. The workshops will include the following: 1. Lighting Instruments demo then ripped apart, cleaned and fixed 2. Basic Theory on lamp choice and positioning. 3. Basic Colour Theory. 4. Drawing a plan. 5. Safety. 6. Rigging. 7. Circuiting. 8. Patching. 9. Recording Submasters & Cues. 10. Prep a show for tour The workshop will be led by Mike O' Halloran. Sign-up in the SocsBox, Aras na Mac Leinn. Full details on times etc. will be sent out to those who sign up.

Price: Free!

**Staged and Confused** » *Meeting rooms 1 and 2* » 16th February 2011 Dramsocs weekly Improv session!

**Breathing Water** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 14th February – 18th February 2011 (5 individual events) Breathing Water written By Raymond Scannell will be performed in BOI Theatre and stars the ISDA nominees Jarlath Tivnan and Aron Hegarty, with stellar performances from Kate Murray and Teresa Brennan, directed by established Maria Tivnan and produced by Sean Kearns and Oisín Robbins. This performance promises to excite and captures audiences in an unique way. Lets just say its one YOU don't want to miss!

**Acting Workshop** » *the Art gallery (quad)* » 11th February 2011 Friday 3pm ? Acting Workshop with Shane McDermott

**Writing Workshop** » *the Art gallery (quad)* » 10th February 2011 Writing Workshop with

Shane McDermot

**This Lime Tree Bower** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUIG* » 10th February – 12th February 2011 (3 individual events) Conor McPherson's This Lime Tree Bower is a funny and moving tale of how three men's inextricably linked lives are turned upsided down in a matter of days each with his own story to tell.

**Staged and Confused** » *Meet Rooms 1 and 2* » 9th February 2011

**Director's Workshop** » *the Art gallery (quad)* » 9th February 2011 Wednesday 6pm Directors Workshop with Maria Tivnan and Rob McFeely

Maria Tivnan Maria is the artistic director of the company. She both acts and directs with Fregoli and was awarded Best Actress at the Irish Student Drama Award 2007 for her portrayal of Runt in Disco Pigs. She was awarded Best Director at the Jerome Hynes one acts 09. Maria has a BA in Psychology (NUIG) and an MA in Drama and Theatre Studies (UCD). Maria is also a former auditor of NUI Galway Drama Society. Past directing credits include Fantastic Mr. Fox, Beckett Shorts, Bedbound, At a Loss, Mosaic of Dreams.

Rob McFeely

Rob is the technical manager and assistant artistic director with the company. Rob was awarded Best Director at the Irish Student Drama Awards 2007 for his direction of Disco Pigs. He was also awarded best director at the Muscailt, Jerome Hynes Memorial One Act Drama festival for Making Babies. Previous directing credits include: Red Roses and Petrol (2006), Dark Pony (2007), Bedbound (2009, 2007), Making Babies (2008), Tape (2008), Roger Dodger (2008). Rob is a former auditor of NUI Galway Drama Society

**Staged and Confused** » *Meetings Rooms 1 and 2* » 26th January 2011 Dramsoc Weekly Improve Session

**Auditions: By the Bog of Cats** » *Meeting Room 2, Aras Na Mclain* » 24th January 2011 Fourteen Roles up for grabs, male and female parts!

**Deathnote** » *The Cube Aras na Mac Leinn* » 24th January – 27th January 2011 (4 individual events) A Play based on the popular anime series. Tickets ?2 at the Socsbox or on the door.

**24 Hour Theatre** » *Bank of Ireland* » 19th January – 20th January 2011 (2 individual events) NUIG Dramsoc presents...24 Hour Theatre!

From 6pm on the 19th January, several lucky thespians/writers/backstages/techies will be sleep deprived for 24hours and locked in the Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUIG until they come up with a full-blown production.

Performance will be on 20th January at 6pm in the Bank of Ireland Theatre. There will be a small charge on the door. All Proceeds go towards the Irish Student Drama Association Awards from 5-12th March 2010, hosted by NUIG Dramsoc

**Temporal Motherfxxker** » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th January – 21st January 2011 (4 individual events) NUIG Dramsoc proudly presents, our only original play this year, Temporal Motherfxxker.

This time travelling, buddy comedy, adventure romance is set to astound, delight and confuse!

Staring Shaun Leonard, David Burke and Conor Burke as Garry, Garry and Garry.

Directed by Paul 'Lovely' Rodgers. Running from 18th to the 21st of January. The Cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn

Tickets ?5/8 at the SocsBoxes or on the door.

**Odds and Ends** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 13th January 2011 'Odds and Ends' is a chance to waggle your talent for all of us on the stage, just because you can, and without being judged. If you don't feel like performing, come along anyway and enjoy some of the many and varied talents NUIG has to offer. Feel free to bring food or drink (there'll be large bin bags present to discard both).

We will wholly accept a monologue, a dialogue, a triologue, a travelogue, a choco-log or a hogblog. A poem, story, scene, song or a joke. Dance a dance, drum on a drum, mime a mime. Anything you like!

**Staged and Confused** » *Meeting Rooms 1 and 2* » 12th January 2011 Dramsoc's weekly improv session, theatre games and script work.

**Christmas Party** » *Forster Court Hotel* » 17th December 2010 Dramsoc, Baconsoc and Lit n Deb Party! All welcome!

Beforehand, there will be a headshave and legwax in aid of Cancer Care West from 7pm!

**The Lonesome West** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 24th November – 27th November 2010 (4 individual events) The Lonesome West is a play by contemporary Irish playwright Martin McDonagh, part of his Connemara trilogy, which includes The Beauty Queen of Leenane and A Skull in Connemara. All three plays depict the shocking and murderous goings-on in the Western Ireland town of Leenane. Tickets are €5/€8 from the Socsbox.

**Dramsoc Committee Meeting** » *Art Room* » 15th November – 29th November 2010 (3 individual events)

**The Dumb Waiter** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 9th November – 12th November 2010 (4 individual events)

**Committee Meeting** » *Art Room* » 8th November 2010

**The Last Burning** » *bank of ireland theatre* » 31st October – 5th November 2010 (6 individual events)

A play that tells the story of the last woman burned alive in Ireland.

**A Night in November** » *The Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 25th October – 28th October 2010 (4 individual events)

**Aran Islands Trip** » *Inis Mor* » 15th October – 17th October 2010 (3 individual events)

Dramsoc are going on their Annual Aran Islands Trip. Bring a tent and a sleeping bag and come along for the craic!

**AUDITIONS Phaedra's Love** » *meeting room 1 Aras Na Mclain ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclain)* » 11th October 2010

Auditions for Sarah Kane's controversial adaptation of Seneca's 'Phaedra'. All welcome.

**Theatre of the Oppressed** » *Meeting Room* » 11th October 2010

First meeting of Dramsoc's new Theatre of the Oppressed session. ToTO aims to effect real political and social change through theatre. Drop in and give it a try. No acting experience required.

**Phaedra's Love Auditions** » *Meeting Room 2* » 6th October 2010

Auditions for Sarah Kane's play to be performed at the end of November.

**The Weir** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 5th October – 9th October 2010 (5 individual events)

Come see Conor McPherson's one-act play that is featured on the first year English course. Tickets €8/€5 available on the door or from the Socsbox.

**Romeo & Juliet** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 28th September – 2nd October 2010 (5 individual events)

Dramsoc presents 'Romeo and Juliet' directed by Conor O'Grady. Tickets €5/€3 from the Socsbox.

**Staged & Confused** » *The View* » 15th September – 1st December 2010 (12 individual events)

Dramsoc's weekly Improv night comprising of sketches, theatre games and scriptwork. Followed by Open Mic in the Cellar (when a performance is on the same night as Staged & Confused it will run from 7-8pm).

**Committee Meeting** » *The View* » 8th September 2010

Dramsoc Committee meeting followed by Open Mic night in the Cellar Bar. All welcome.

**Staged & Confused Failte Fest Special** » *The View* » 12th September 2010

Failte Fest Special meeting of Dramsoc, giving a taster of Staged & Confused especially for First Years!

**Auditions: The Last Burning** » *The Stage* » 15th September 2010

Auditions

**Staged & Confused** » *The View* » 15th September – 29th September 2010 (3 individual events)

Weekly Meeting of Improvisation, Scriptwork, Games, Performance and MUCH more. All welcome.

**Auditions: The Last Burning** » *The Stage* » 16th September 2010 Auditions

**Theatre of the Oppressed Presentation/Workshop** » *The View* » 16th September 2010

This Workshop will be presented by Aisling Walsh with the aim of creating a dedicated Theatre of the Oppressed Group to participate in workshops based around movement, expression and improvisation and focusing on three aspects of Theatre of the Oppressed - Image Theatre, Invisible Theatre and Forum Theatre - devising at least two presentations during 2010/11.

**Auditions for American Psycho** » *The Large Acoustic Room* » 17th September 2010

Come along. All welcome!

**Stand Up Comedy Improvisation Workshop rescheduled** » *The Stage* » 20th September 2010

Come and learn some techniques about Comedy Improvisation! Cost: €4. Sign up in the Socsbox.

ATTENTION: this event has been moved to Monday the 27th at 6pm in the space

**Auditions for Temporal Mother** » *The View* » 20th September 2010

A time-travelling buddy rom-comedy. With rock'n'roll. 'The Hangover' meets 'Back to the Future'. ORIGINAL PRODUCTION. All welcome.

**"The Morning After Optimism" Auditions** » *Meeting Rooms* » 22nd September – 23rd September 2010 (2 individual events)

"The Morning After Optimism", Tom Murphy

Parts: 2 female; 2 male

Auditions will be on Wednesday, 22nd and Thursday, 23rd from 2-6pm in the Meeting Rooms.

The Morning After Optimism is a surreal fantasy about false hopes and the death of illusions which impair our ability to deal with reality. Set in a forest, the play begins with the arrival of James and Rosie, a pimp and a whore. World-weary and insecure, Rosie and James are grown-up children trying to emerge into adulthood. In the forest they encounter the fairytale-like Edmund and Anastasia and as the story unfolds, we are led through a manic-comic adventure. Its allegorical woodland setting gives the play a fairytale context within which dark, destructive forces intermingle with higher ideals of beauty, fidelity, honesty and nobility. Written in 1971, The Morning After Optimism is one of Tom Murphy's lighter creations, although its central themes -- spiritual isolation and the desperate, fruitless, search for redemption -- are issues that have preoccupied the playwright throughout his career.

**Auditions for The Dumb Waiter** » *The Cube* » 23rd September 2010 Auditions for the play that inspired 'In Bruges'. All welcome.

**Stand Up Comedy Improvisation Workshop-EVENT CANCELLED** » *the space* » 27th September 2010 Come and learn some techniques about Comedy Improvisation! Cost: €4. Sign up in the Socsbox. Event Cancelled.

**"This Lime Tree Bower" Auditions** » *TBC - Aras na Mac Leinn* » 29th September 2010 Auditions for 'This Lime Tree Bower', by Conor McPherson from 2:00-6:00 in Aras na Mac Leinn (room will be signposted).

The play is an account of coming of age in small town Ireland, told by three young men.

The central characters are Joe, the youngest, who is bored with school and looking for adventure, his brother Frank, who works full time in the family chipper and hatches a plan to solve all the family's troubles and their friend Ray the debauched university lecturer who is dating their sister Carmel.

**Fight Club Auditions** » *The Stage* » 29th September 2010

**Fight Club Auditions** » *The Stage* » 30th September 2010

**ISDA Venue Viewing and ISDA Meeting** » *Bank of Ireland Theatre, Druid Lane Theatre, Nun's Island Theatre and the Meeting Rooms* » 7th January 2011 College reps from around Ireland will visit Galway to inspect the three proposed theatres to be used during the ISDA Festival in March. An ISDA meeting will then take place in the Meeting Rooms after the venue viewing.

**ISDA Festival Media Launch** » *Galway Arts Centre* » 24th February 2011 The ISDA Festival 2011 will be launched in the Galway Arts Centre, by Professor Lionel Pilkington (NUIG, Head of Humanities). Food and refreshments will be served.

**ISDA Festival Launch Party** » *Upstairs at Kelly's* » 24th February – 25th February 2011 (2 individual events) Tickets are €5 each. Music by 'The Rye!' Let's start the ISDA Festival with a bang! :)

**ISDA Festival Ball** » *Ardilaun Hotel, Taylor's Hill* » 12th March – 13th March 2011 (2 individual events) The ISDA Festival Ball (the first one in the festival's history!) will include buses from the Quad to the hotel, a reception (with a string quartet starting the event in style) dinner, wine, desert, the ISDA awards, a band, a DJ and buses back to town. All for €10! Please contact [dramsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:dramsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). Tickets are limited!

**A Hero Returns** » *the Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 22nd July – 24th July 2011 (3 individual events) Written by one of Galway's leading emerging writers, Meadhbh Haicead; this darkly comic, Absurdist play finds its lyrical roots deep in the West of Ireland. It delights and entertains while posing serious questions about faith, love and redemption.

The plot revolves around the peculiar relationship between the central two characters who have not seen each other for some time. 8pm nightly

Cast: Paul McCarrick, Oisín Robbins, Eilish McCarthy

Crew: Emmet Byrne, Darren Coppinger, Matt Burke, Ronan Gallagher, Conor Burke

Tickets: 8euro (5euro student concession), can be bought on the door or at the Socsbox beforehand.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Abigayle Noyce

**Treasurer:** Paul O'Mahony

**PRO:** Emily Murray

**Events Officer:** Dami Adebari

**First Year Representative:** Jason Browne

**Ex-Officio Member:** Aron Hegarty

**ISDA Rep:** Hannah O'Reilly

**Staged & Confused Host & ISDA Rep:** Conor Hooper

**Assistant Head Technician:** Ben Simmons

**Head Stagehand:** Laura Hicks

**ISDA Rep:** Emmet Byrne

**Vice-Auditor:** David Burke

**Secretary:** Aine Cahalan

**Head Technician:** Seagh MacSiurdain

**Developments Officer:** Conor Quinlan

**Productions Officer:** Oisin Robbins

**ISDA Rep:** Teresa Brennan

**ISDA Rep:** Aoife Noone

**ISDA Rep:** Darren Coppinger

**ISDA Liaison Officer:** Neasa O'Callaghan

**ISDA Rep:** Kate Murray

**ISDA Rep:** Caoimhe Mulcahy

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Neasa O'Callaghan

**Treasurer:** Oisin Robbins

**P.R.O.:** Aoife Noone

**Head Technician:** Ronan Gallagher

**Vice-Auditor:** Darren Coppinger

**Secretary:** Claudia O'Sullivan

**Productions Officer:** Abigayle Noyce

**ISDA Representative:** Kate Murray

## Organisation Balance Sheet

### Income

Opening Bank Balance	€-280.62
Balls	€100.00
Bank Charge	€133.04
Socs box Till	€6,055.00
Sponsorship	€50.00
Ticket Sales	€5,906.45
USC Grant	€13,410.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€25,373.87</b>

### Expenditure

Ball	€1,220.00
Bank charge	€203.95
Costumes	€2,390.73
Dinner	€78.10
Entertainment	€150.00
Entry fees	€1,525.00
Equipment misc	€675.46
Lights	€3,290.73
Makeup/Props	€1,413.60
Materials	€467.50
Performing rights	€4,211.87
Printing	€100.00
Prizes	€1,000.00
Promotions	€1,335.05
Received Money Returned	€236.00
Reception	€665.29
Set	€73.04
Society accomm	€212.00
Society transport	€1,278.94
Socs Box Till Refund	€182.00
Socs Box Till Refund Manual	€18.00
Socs day expenses	€82.98
Speaker accomm	€334.51

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
	Teacher fees €2,374.00
	Expenditure Total €23,518.75
	Unreconciled Cheque Total €1,258.25
	Cash In Hand €0.00
	Closing Bank Balance €1,855.12
	<b>Total</b> €25,373.87

## Other Information

We held 40 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 554 members.

Seagh MacSiurdain	Head Technician	500 hours
Niamh O'Brien	Member	40 hours
Hazel Doyle	volunteer	90 hours
Aoife Noone	Director of "Night in November " Committee member for ISDA	95 hours
Abigayle Noyce	Auditor	450 hours
Neasa O'Callaghan	ISDA Festival Director	1500 hours
Ben Simmons	Theatre Technician	134 hours
Oisin Robbins	Productions Officer/ Actor/ Producer	600 hours
Hannah O'Reilly	Director/ ISDA Secretary and Box Office Manager/ Actor/ Fundraiser	580 hours
Eoin Butler	IT, Webmaster	50 hours
Aine Cahalan	Secretary, Director, Actress	70 hours
Jason Browne	Staged & Confused Organizer/ Performer/ First year Rep	202 hours
Darren Coppinger	Director/ ISDA Festival Treasurer	1500 hours
Ronan Gallagher	ISDA Volunteer Venue Manager	130 hours

# ALIVE Students: 14 student

# Hours Volunteered: 5941 hours

## Ecology Soc

As stated in the ECO-SOC constitution, the aim of the society is to raise awareness of and act on environmental and social justice issues, and this is what we did over the course of the year.

To begin with, before socsday we had an open day in the Bailey Allen Hall where people could come in and get an introduction to ECO-SOC, it included film showings, a 'one idea to change the world' competition and great food. Following that we had an information stand during socsday. On the 8th of October 2010 we took a trip to Rosspoint that was both an educational and an active experience for all involved.

ECO-SOC throughout the year met on a weekly basis and got involved in numerous causes both on and off campus, we also tied into the FEE (Free Education For Everyone Campaign). One of our highlights was our co-ordinated planned questioning of Frank Fahey at a PR stunt that he had organised for himself, this led to him being publicly shamed and possibly contributed to him losing his seat in the Dáil. Furthermore, in the second semester we participated in Green Week, the showing of 'The Pipe' and the Green Fair at which we brought a variety of different bicycle types in order to promote cycling. Also in the second semester we did a lot of work to promote our campaign for a bicycle workshop on campus, this included a successful round of collecting signatures on our petition.

Over all, the year can be summarised as a successful and active one for ECO-SOC, while we recognise that a lot more work can and needs to be done. We have resolved to create a concrete month by month plan of our activities for next year.

## Ecology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 40 events.

### **Trip to Rossport, "Party against the Pipe" » Rossport, Co. Mayo. » 4th June – 6th June 2011 (3 individual events)**

For the June bank holiday Party against The pipe festival there'll be a bus going directly from Galway to the Camp. The bus'll be ?16 return. There's a suggested donation of ?35 for the whole weekend (?15 goes towards providing meals for ever...y1 for the weekend, ?20 for the equipment) but no-one will be turned away if they can't afford... the donation. Places on the bus are numbered so please get a ticket as early as you can (send Ecosoc Gaillimh a message on Facebook or call 086-0644 185 to get one). The line up looks great and the fire performers are promising a treat see you all there!!

### **Stand at Green Fair with music and bicycles » bailey allen hall » 25th January 2011**

ECO-SOC info stand with great tunes, magazines, leaflets etc. and a five person bicycle and tall bike that people can hop on and mess about on, all in the interest of promoting cycling!

**"The Pipe" - followed by talk and debate » bailey allen hall » 25th January 2011** Begining with a presentation from An Taisce's Energy Officer, Elizabeth Muldowney. Followed by a discussion on Irelands Natural Resources chaired by former Chairperson of the Irish Film Board and founder of the Galway Film Fleadh, Lelia Doolan. The evening concludes with a screening of award wiining film 'the Pipe' with a Q & A with Director Risteard O Domhnaill.

### **Weekly meeting » AM108 » 22nd September – 20th April 2011 (31 individual events)**

ECO-SOC's weekly meeting where we discuss whats going on and plan our actions. All welcome for a bit of craic and positive action!

### **Rally For The Planet » Dublin City Centre » 23rd March 2011**

Young people are demanding strong action to protect our planet from overconsumption, climate change and pollution.

80% of young people say they are concerned about protecting the environment, yet still our political and business leaders promote destructive policies, endangering our future and harming the poorest people in the world.

...The solutions to the environmental crisis exist. By conserving our ecosystems, shifting to green energy and sustainable farming, and investing in public transport and smart energy policies, we can build a green, prosperous society and create hundreds of thousands of jobs in the process. Despite the appeals from the world's poorest nations and the warnings of scientists, rich world political leaders still promote reckless overconsumption and unchecked corporate greed -putting profit before people and the planet.

Young Friends of the Earth -a worldwide network in dozens of countries- believes that young people must act together so our voices are not drowned out by special interests who profit from the status quo.

Be part of the solution, and join the Rally For The Planet on Thursday, March 23rd in Dublin City.

This is our only home. Let's show the establishment that we're willing to fight for it!

Ecosoc is inviting all of its members and anyone else to join this event, there will be people mostly students for all over the country at the event and we will be organising transport up from Galway that morning. If you're interested in going up please email: ecosoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

### **Rosspport Trip » Rosspport, Co.Mayo » 8th October – 10th October 2010 (3 individual events)**

Trip to Rosspport where the corrib gas scandal is happening, Includes Capming, Kayaking, Tour of area, Social night with Shell to Sea activists and locals. Sign up in Socsbox now!! €5 deposit now, another 5 on bus. Bring boots, waterproof clothes, a tent and sleeping bag. Bus leaves from the Quad at 2pm on Friday. Be there early, it leaves exactly at 2pm! It will be class, do come!!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Poster Boy:** Paul O'Donnell

**Auditor:** Senan MacAoidh

**Treasurer:** Sarit O'Donovan

**Secretary:** Stephanie Furlong

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€185.66	Bank charge	€20.93
Bank Charge	€10.54	Entertainment	€28.00
Socs box Till	€100.00	Printing	€10.00
USC Grant	€530.00	Returned Socs Money	€252.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€826.20</b>	Society transport	€480.00
		Expenditure Total	€790.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€35.27
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€826.20</b>

## Other Information

We held 31 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 182 members.

## ELSA Soc

ELSA is an international organisation and the nuig branch is a local branch, and we aim to offer students summer internships across europe through ELSA. the organisation also offers exclusive positions in the european commission. it also connects students throughout europe . We were only active in semester 1.

### ELSA Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

**Student Trainee Exchange Programme (STEP) Information Evening for Law Internships** » *Career Seminar Room* » 22nd November 2010

An information evening for students interested in applying for Law Internships all over Europe that are organised and supported by the European Law Students Association.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Lisa Boyle

## Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 95 members.

## Energy Society

The mission statement of the Energy Society is "Using fact-based discussion & open collaboration to develop the understanding & awareness of energy production, consumption & its impacts".

We aim to bring students and staff who are working in or interested in any area of "energy" together to participate in a fact-based discussion on energy-related topics. We encourage collaboration between researchers in all departments at NUIG and aim to enhance the public perception of NUIG as a centre for energy research.

### Energy Society Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

**NUIG Energy Society Lecture Series "Development of the Electric Car: Formula 1 or Mini?"** » *ac201* » 20th September 2010

Professor Ger Hurley of the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department at NUIG gives an overview of the state of the art of electric-drive vehicles.

**Passive House Seminar @ NUIG** » *darcy thompson* » 12th April 2011

This Energy Seminar, led by John Fitzsimons & Peter Lohr of Passive Development Ltd., will explore the principles of Design and Technology involved in a Passive House, including:

Designing a Passive House ? Heat Recovery Ventilation systems

Solar Orientation ? Heating methods

House Design ? Mechanical & Electrical services

Airtightness ? Plumbing

House Structure ? Choosing Windows

Technology ? BER and Passive House

Passive house envelope types ? PHPP software

Thermal bridges ? Key points where things go wrong

Thermal Comfort ? Costs of Passive house

The Planning process

**NUIG Energy Night Poster Showcase** » *Orbsen Foyer* » 26th January 2011

NUIG Energy Night will open at 5:30pm in the Orbsen Building Foyer with a Showcase of the rich and varied range of cutting-edge energy research currently underway at NUIG. With presenters working in areas from biofuels to wave energy, and smart buildings to smart grids, the Showcase will provide attendees and researchers alike with the opportunity to meet, learn about and exchange ideas on the future of energy in Ireland. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Prizes for the best student posters from the Showcase will be awarded after the Panel Discussion.

### **NUIG Energy Night Panel Discussion** » *No suggestions found* » 26th January 2011

The Showcase will be immediately followed by a Major Fact-Based Panel Discussion titled "Averting a Future Irish Energy Crisis" at 7:00pm in the nearby O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre, located on the main Concourse. The discussion will bring together experts in the fields of energy technology, policy, innovation and business. Paul Cunningham, RTE's Environment Editor, and author of 'Ireland's Burning?' will moderate the discussion. Confirmed panellists are Professor J. Owen Lewis, Chief Executive of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Paul Lynam, Chief Executive of Siemens Ireland, John Simmie, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at NUIG, founder of the Combustion Chemistry Centre, and energy expert, Dr. Neil Walker, Head of the Energy and Environment Unit at the Irish Business Employers Confederation (IBEC), and Philip Walton, Emeritus Professor of Physics at NUIG and nuclear energy authority. The moderated discussion will run for 90 minutes, with 30 minutes for questions from the audience. Prizes for the best student posters from the Showcase will be awarded after the Panel Discussion.

### **Energy Society Lecture Series in AC204 "Carbon Capture and Storage in Ireland"** » AC204 » 7th February 2011

Richard Vernon from SLR Consulting will discuss Ireland's options for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). CCS technology traps CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power plants and other sources and stores (or sequesters) it deep underground.

### **Energy Soc presents IgniteEnergy** » *college bar* » 2nd December 2010

Enlighten us, but make it quick! Energy Soc is proud to present IgniteEnergy, an evening of rapid fire Energy discussion on Thursday December 2nd at 7pm in the College Bar back room. Ignite is a style of presentation where participants are given five minutes to speak on a subject. Ignite presenters share their personal or professional passions, using 20 slides that automatically advance every 15 seconds, in talks that are exactly five minutes long - creating a rapid fire recipe for inspiration and laughter in equal measures!

### **NUIG Energy Society Lecture Series "The transition to a decarbonised power system " a transmission system operator perspective"** » ac203 » 16th November 2010

Speakers: Philip O'Donnell and Ken McDonnell, EirGrid.

There is broad consensus that decarbonising the power sector is a crucial step towards creating a more sustainable economy. The power system in Ireland is set to undergo a major transition from centralised thermal generation to distributed renewable generation sources. This will motivate significant development of the transmission system and require a sea change in the way the power system is operated. Ireland will also need to develop links to neighbouring electricity markets to both facilitate renewable energy export and to maintain security of supply. The presentation from EirGrid will discuss their current role as well as their contribution towards the transition to a decarbonised power system.

### **Dept of Geography & Energy Society Lecture "Galway Energy & Emissions"** » ac201 » 16th November 2010 Dr

Frances Fahy has kindly agreed to allow members of the Energy Society attend a lecture to be given to her class by Peter Keaveney of the Galway Energy Agency. This promises to be an extremely interesting and relevant talk.

### **Lecture Series "Energy & Economics; A scientific perspective in the era of Peak Oil"** » ac201 » 14th October 2010

Title: Energy & Economics; A scientific perspective in the era of Peak Oil

Speaker: James Glynn, ASPO-Ireland (Association for the Study of Peak Oil)

Abstract: 2008 is the year most people remember as being the year of the Beijing Olympics, collapse of subprime mortgages, housing bubbles, Lehman brothers collapse, financial meltdown and the genesis of financial crises that we are living through today. 2008 was also the year of maximum Oil price at \$147/barrel and global energy production to-date. This talk will explore the interaction of Energy supply, Energy Return on Energy Invested, GDP growth and economic stability. The talk will be quite numerate and will aim to ignite discussion on the question: In the era of Peak Oil are our fundamental economic assumptions still valid?

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**PRO:** Emer Henderson

**Auditor:** Rory Monaghan

**Vice-Auditor:** Neil Duffy

**Treasurer:** Caitriona Killeen

**PRO:** Magdalena Hajdukiewicz

**Industry Liaison:** Edward Curry

**PRO:** Lukasz Porwol

**Advisor:** Ciaran Kennedy

## **Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** Rory Monaghan

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciaran Kennedy

**Treasurer:** Neil Duffy

**Secretary:** Magdalena Hajdukiewicz

**Webmaster:** Lukasz Porwol

**Member at Large:** Killian Collins

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€34.86
Sponsorship	€1,550.00	Entertainment	€30.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€789.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,050.00</b>	Printing	€134.79
		Prizes	€350.00
		Reception	€220.08
		Returned Socs Money	€365.16
		Socs day expenses	€17.90
		Expenditure Total	€1,941.97
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€27.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€108.03
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,050.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 156 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Caitriona Killeen	Treasurer	60 hours
Emer Henderson	Public Relations Officer	60 hours
Lukasz Porwol	Webmaster, PRO	100 hours
Rory Monaghan	Founder & Auditor	200 hours
Neil Duffy	Vice-auditor	60 hours

# ALIVE Students: 5 student

# Hours Volunteered: 480 hours

## Eng Soc

The Engineering Society was setup as the organization to arrange as many social events for the all the students in the Engineering departments. The main event that the engineering society held was the Engineering & Nurses Ball Which became a huge success. Other events were also organized. Also we are able to handle problems & situations as they arise within the course & social events as we are engineers.

## Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**Engineering ball 2011** » Radisson hotel galway » 9th February – 10th February 2011 (2 individual events) NUIG Engineering & Nurses ball 2011 is back, line up , location, to come soon...

**Meeting** » Civil Building E201 » 11th October 2010

We will be discussing the society's association with "Engineers Ireland".

we will also be discussing events for the coming year.

## Committee 2010/2011

**PRO:** Reem Draj

**OCM:** Christina Fox

**Secretary:** Ciara Rigney

**Auditor:** Fozie Nashat

**Vice-Auditor:** Emma Farrell

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Christina Fox

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciara Rigney

**Treasurer:** Claire Moran

**Secretary:** Emma Farrell

**PRO:** Shane Lynch

**Website Administrator:** Padraig Meaney

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€166.87	Affill/Mem fees	€625.00
Socs box Till	€9,640.00	Ball	€8,000.00
Sponsorship	€400.00	Bank charge	€16.70
Ticket Sales	€3,764.00	Dinner	€780.00
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Fundraising/charity	€3,686.00
<b>Total</b>	€14,970.87	Materials	€97.50
		Phone	€94.50
		Printing	€156.00
		Prizes	€160.00
		Expenditure Total	€13,615.70
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,355.17
		<b>Total</b>	€14,970.87

Engineering Ball Balance Sheet - 2010/2011			
Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1088.12	Ball	€6283.32
Balls	€22350	Dinner	€153
Bank Charge	€71.74	Entertainment	€4425
		Fundraising/charity	€1570
		Lights	€6000
		Printing	€145.2
		Security	€2215.9
		Video Hire	€1068
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€21860.42
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	€0
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€1649.44
<b>Total</b>	€23509.86	<b>Total</b>	€23509.86

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 289 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Reem Draji	PRO	30 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student  
# Hours Volunteered: 30 hours

## English Soc

English Soc is a place where lovers of stories can gather and share their passion for Rowling or vent their hate of Meyer, it's a nerd herd of book lovers, cinephiles, theatre fanatics and poem hunters. If you're the type of person who loves analyzing stories, characters, themes, motives, words etc, then English Soc is for you.

### English Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

**English Soc AGM** » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 31st March 2011

English Soc will be electing its Brand Spanking New Committee on Thursday 31st March! Come along to Meeting Room 1 at 7pm if you're interested in taking up a committee position next year, if you want to nominate anyone for one (best let them know first, some people don't like surprises), etc.!

**Frances McCormack (NUIG) - "Nothing but a Regret: Graham Greene and Compunction"** » *Larmor theatre, Arts Concourse* » 22nd March 2011

On Tuesday 22nd March, our own Staff Treasurer Dr. Frances McCormack will be presenting a talk on the presence of compunction and regret in the work of British author Graham Greene in the Larmor theatre at 7pm.

**Hate Night III (in association with Comic Soc)** » *Upstairs at the Róisín Dubh, Dominick St.* » 15th March 2011 Once again, do feel free to come up with amusing and clever subtitles. You know we love 'em.

Guys, you know the drill. Come along to the Róisín at 8pm on Tuesday 15th March for sunshine, love, warmth and happiness... no wait, I've gone wrong somewhere... This time round there's no limit to what you can hate. Even if it's Miley Cyrus, people who don't like Lost, democracy or people who just don't understand Charlie Sheen, it's very much welcome. (Though if you want to hate on books, authors, graphic novels - go ahead!)

**Demystifying Shakespeare (in association with Dramsoc)** » *TBC* » 21st February 2011

As part of Theatre Week 2011, Dramsoc and English Soc are teaming up to bring you a very special workshop on Shakespeare. Led by Ashley Strand, the workshop won't focus on analysing his plays from an academic point of view - but with a view to perform them! The first half of the workshop will be devoted to discussion of this particular approach to the Bard, whereas the second half will be taken up with working on participants' monologues. (it could be your one and only chance to be Iago, Macbeth, Rosalind, Lear or Hamlet. 'Gwan, ya will.)

More information is here: <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=192292640794446&ref=mf>

**Tim FitzHigham: Gentleman Adventurer! (in association with Comedy Soc)** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 8th February 2011

As part of Muscailt 2011, Comedy Soc and English Soc are teaming up to bring you the award-winning and Perrier-nominated comedian and Edinburgh Fringe regular Tim FitzHigham! For FREE as well, so you have no excuse not to go. Come to the Bailey Allen Hall next Tuesday the 8th February at 9.30pm and spend an hour in the company of a man who has performed in a boat-shaped building, run across the desert in suits of armour, sailed across the English Channel in a bathtub, crossed rivers in paper boats and many, many more.

**Dr. Marie-Louise Coolahan (NUIG) - "Women, Writing, and Language in Early Modern Ireland"** » *Larmor Theatre, Arts Concourse* » 1st February 2011

English Soc is delighted to welcome Dr. Marie-Louise Coolahan (NUIG), who will be giving the first talk of the semester on Tuesday 1st February at the Larmor theatre at 7pm. Marie-Louise will talk about women's writing between the years 1574 and 1676, both by women living in Ireland and by Irish women living on the continent.

**Comic Soc and English Soc bring you: Hate Night III!** » *Upstairs at the Róisín Dubh* » 25th January 2011 \*also known as Hate Night II: This Time It's Personal, Hate Night 2: Christopher Paolini Strikes Back, Hate Night With A Vengeance, Why Can't We All Just Get Along Night, or whatever tickles your fancy. We're open to suggestions. Hate Night returns! This time around, Comic Soc and English Soc invite you to the Róisín Dubh where if you can think of any books, graphic novels or authors that you want to see consigned to oblivion, we're giving you a platform to tell us why. State your case in any way possible. Write a song. Deliver a speech. Draw a diagram. It's entirely up to you. However, you can choose to defend whoever's being fed to the sharks too. (We're got a stage too!) So remember to put "Tuesday 25th January at 7pm, I ought to go to Hate Night" in your diaries, and be prepared for serious hating. And fun and frolics, I suppose.

**Comic Soc and English Soc present: Scott Pilgrim Friday!** » *Large Acoustic Room, Āras na Mac Leinn » 14th January 2011* Next Friday, the 14th of January, Comic Soc and English Soc are bringing you an ultra-super awesome screening of "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" in the Large Acoustic Room for your viewing pleasure.\* So if you have nothing else better to do with your life next Friday evening (and I'm pretty sure you don't), be there or you will have Lucas Lee and his stunt doubles to deal with. (also, there will be Pilgrim-themed food. I'm pretty sure that you like food, yes?)\*Yes, comic books are literature. Begone, ye non-believers!

**The Reduced Shakespeare as performed by Vendetta Theatre (in association with Dramsoc)** » *Nun's Island Theatre (meeting at Āras na Mac Leinn at 7.30pm) » 16th December 2010*

Next Thursday the 16th December, English Soc and Dramsoc will be taking a trip to see The Reduced Shakespeare as performed by Vendetta Theatre in Nun's Island Theatre at 8pm. Vendetta have very kindly offered us a group discount - that's €8 per person - but for Thursday ONLY. We'll be meeting in Āras na Mac Leinn at 7.30pm before waltzing down to the theatre. The sign-up sheet's now in the Socs Box, so get your tickets before Wednesday afternoon!

**Poetry Slam (in association with Writers' Soc)** » *The Cellar Bar, Eglinton Street » 25th November 2010*

Now that you've learned how to slam poetry-stylee in the workshop the week beforehand, we've giving you a platform to show off your talents. Come to the Cellar Bar on Thursday 25th November at 8pm, where there will be free food - and poetry (well, duh) - for all and sundry!

**English Soc's Grand Quiz Night!** » *The Corrib Room, back of the College Bar » 23rd November 2010*

To mark the end of the semester, we at English Soc are hosting a quiz at the back of the College Bar on Tuesday 23rd November where you'll get the chance to demonstrate your knowledge, prove just how competitive you are or display a mixture of both! To act as an incentive, we'll have PRIZES as well, because apparently people like those.

Cost is €5 a head, so feel free to assemble your own dream teams. Quizzes are a matter of honour, after all.

**Poetry Slam Workshop (in association with Writers' Soc)** » *The Art Room and The View, Āras na Mac Leinn » 18th November 2010*

As Music Week is taking place on campus, to mark the occasion English Soc and Writers' Soc are teaming up to bring you a poetry slam workshop on Thursday 18th November at 8pm, where you'll learn how to slam with the best of them. This in turn will lead to a proper slam in the Cellar Bar the following Thursday! Bring along your own poetry, and learn to embrace your inner Ginsberg.\*no recitals of Howl, please.

**Hate Night** » *Moore Institute Seminar Room (just opposite the Bank of Ireland on the Arts Concourse) » 19th October 2010* Normally, we'd be ones for discussing literature that we actually LIKE. Hate Night, however, gives the books and authors that you can't bear to read centre stage. Ever unintentionally laughed at Stephenie Meyer's turn of phrase? Do you think that Shakespeare's vastly overrated, or wonder how on earth did Christopher Paolini get a publishing deal? Are you of the opinion that Henry James is a complete hack compared to the literary genius that is Cecelia Ahern? (OK, we may need to stop you on that one...) If so, come along to the Moore Institute on the 19th October at 7pm, and we'll provide a forum for your vitriol! (For the sake of your own sanity though, keep this in mind: "haters gonna hate.")

**Prof. Hubert McDermott (NUIG) - "James Joyce's The Dead: The Galway Connection"** » *Darcy Thompson Theatre (just beside the O'Flaherty), Arts Concourse » 12th October 2010*

On Tuesday 12th of October at 7pm, the English Society of NUI Galway will be formally opened by Professor Hubert McDermott, who will be giving a talk in the Darcy Thompson on James Joyce's The Dead, and its connections to Galway.

**Word Game Night!** » *The Corrib Room, at the back of the College Bar » 5th October 2010*

Word games! They are so much fun that we at English Soc are dedicating a night to them. Mosey up to the College Bar next Tuesday and feed your addiction to Scrabble / partake in a furious game of Boggle / whatever tickles your fancy! So come along and meet us all... just don't get too competitive, now.

**Emergency General Meeting** » *TBC » 21st September 2010*

We'll be electing our committee and discussing our plans for the year.

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Samuel Ferry

**Vice-Auditor:** Emer McHugh

**Treasurer:** Sarah O'Connor

**Public Relations Officer:** Anna O'Toole

**Secretary:** Ciara Moyna

**First Year Representative:** Peter Glynn

**Postgrad Rep:** Rosemary Gallagher

## **Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** Abigayle Noyce

**Treasurer:** Samuel Ferry

**Secretary:** Ciara Moyna

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€37.12
USC Grant	€500.00	Prizes	€30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€500.00</b>	Reception	€63.98
		Expenditure Total	€131.10
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€368.90
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€500.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 22 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 347 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Sarah O'Connor	Treasurer	70 hours
Emer McHugh	Vice-Auditor	102 hours
Samuel Ferry	Auditor	82 hours
Anna O'Toole	Public Relations Officer	90 hours
Hannah O'Reilly	Volunteer during event	3 hours
Ciara Moyna	Secretary	40 hours

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 387 hours

## FanSci

At the start of this year Fansci succeeded in signing up quite a few new members which was great for a society like ours, we had an increase in numbers that we had to move to a new larger room.

We managed to fill 3 nights a week with activities for our members, War gaming on Tuesdays, Regular gaming on Wednesday and Magic the gathering playing on Thursdays.

This year Fansci had its usual trips to other colleges for their gaming conventions which included, Warpcn, Dominicon.

We also hosted our own gaming Convention Itzacon.

This year Fansci also organised a Halloween ball, the ball was expanded to include Comic soc, GIG soc, Art soc and Anime and Manga.

Fansci also had a party called convergance, to celebrate Fansci's birthday.

## FanSci Events

This year the society held a total of 88 events.

**weekly gaming meet** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 5th January – 18th May 2011 (20 individual events)

weekly gaming session, with card/board games, RPG's or just to hang out and chat.

**weekly gaming meet** » *aras na mac leinn -The View* » 9th February 2011

Come and join us at our weekly gaming session. Card games, boardgames and RPG's

**Warpcn Trip** » *UCC (cork)* » 28th January – 30th January 2011 (3 individual events)

one of our annual trips to other gaming conventions, this time to cork! get your tickets for this event at the socs box, we@ll all meet up at Galway bus station further info will be texted to attendees

**convergence** » *the Oslo Salthill* » 10th March 2011 cCome and meet up with the Fansci alumni with our guest speak Anita Murray.Before our gaming convention Itzacon!

**ITZACON 2011** » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 11th March – 13th March 2011 (3 individual events)

Fansci brings you their 7th Convention with the finest in RPGs, LARPs, Wargaming, CCGs, shenanigans you can get west of the Shannon.

### **Convergence** » *Oslo Bar » 10th March – 11th March 2011 (2 individual events)*

We are celebrating 20 years of Fansci. All of the nerdism! There will be food, speeches, music and promotions, along with a great time to be had. All are welcome!

### **Fansci Meetings** » *?ras na Mac L?inn - The View » 2nd February 2011*

### **Fansci Gaming** » *The View » 26th January 2011*

Weekly gaming session, come play boardgames cardgames, rpgs or just hang out and chat.

### **Weekly Gaming** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th January 2011*

our weekly gaming session has been moved this week to the Hub, come along play games and have fun!

**FanSci weekly Gaming** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 3rd November – 15th December 2010 (7 individual events)* Weekly Gaming session, including RPGs, Boardgames, Magic the Gathering, even sometimes console gaming. Come and play some games or just to hang out with friends.

### **Halloween fancy dress** » *upstairs at kelly's » 28th October – 29th October 2010 (2 individual events)*

A fancy Dress event held upstairs in kelly's, Prizes for best costumes, Tickets €5 from SocsBox limited places so get your tickets early. In association with Comic Soc, Art Soc, GIG Soc, Anime and Manga.

**Weekly gaming** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 29th September – 27th October 2010 (5 individual events)* Weekly gaming RPG's Board games, Card games and more!

**Weekly Summer Meeting** » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn » 1st June – 31st August 2011 (41 individual events)* Weekly get together all welcome

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**librarian:** Eoghan Page

**Vice-Auditor:** James Basquill

**Secretary:** Hazel Roberts

**Treasurer:** David Tuite

**Events Officer:** Michael Sinnott

**Web Officer:** John Burke

**Auditor:** Millie Kennedy

**Convention Director:** Ronan Comaskey

**PRO:** Matthew Watkin

## **Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** David O'Meara

**Vice-Auditor:** Eoghan Page

## **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€938.03	Ball	€227.79
Fundraising	€57.00	Bank charge	€12.06
Members Contributions	€1,515.00	Entertainment	€2,391.75
Socs box Till	€1,961.50	Entry fees	€1,088.50
Ticket Sales	€70.00	Equipment misc	€757.29
USC Grant	€5,129.00	Materials	€300.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,670.53</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€10.40
		Reception	€92.81
		Returned Socs Money	€915.30
		Society accomm	€938.00
		Society transport	€1,030.00
		Speaker accomm	€120.00
		Teacher fees	€517.50
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€8,402.20</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€1,268.33</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,670.53</b>

<b>Itzacon Balance Sheet - 2010/2011</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
<b>Income Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Opening Bank Balance	1214.23	Bank charge	€30.91
Bank Charge	€1.34	Equipment misc	€500
Members Contributions	€1379.67	Printing	€366.5
Sponsorship	€500	Promotions	€889.6
		Received Money Returned	€300
		Society accomm	€12.7
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€2099.71</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€995.53</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3095.24</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€3095.24</b>

## Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 277 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Hazel Roberts	Secretary & Itzacon Secretary	500 hours
John Burke	Web Officer/ Itzacon Website Manage	160 hours
Millie Kennedy	Auditor	350 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1010 hours

## Feminist Society

The Feminist Society was set up in January 2011. We have elected a committee and plan to organise our committee members in the roles that we will take on and the activities we will plan for next September.

Tuesday the 8th of March was International Women's Day and students all over the world held different events that both celebrated feminist activism and drew attention to the many unresolved issues and injustices faced by women in their daily lives. Here in NUI Galway, a series of events took place all week and, as part of this, a few students got together to set up a Feminist Society that aims to revive feminism across our university. Our first meeting took place at 7.30 on March 8th in Smokey's cafe, where we appointed our committee members and discussed our aims and objectives. To date, we have set up a bank account in order to receive funds in September, our online profile has been established and we have requested our members to join up on the system.

Our next meeting took place at 6pm on Monday, 21st of March in AM205. At this meeting it was agreed that we would have a 3 hour planning session in July in order to organise what each of our roles would entail and what events and activities we would organise. The date of this planning session has yet to be finalised. Our next meeting took place on Monday, 4th of April. We discussed connecting with other feminist societies and learning from their operations and also linking in with a feminist gig, named Mna Mna, which takes place the third Thursday of every month in The Crane bar at 8pm.

On Thursday, March 24th, at 7pm we also attended the movie As If I Am Not There in The Eye cinema. Based around the Bosnia war in the 1990's, this movie is adapted from true stories revealed during the international Criminal Tribunal in The

Hague. In terms of campaigns, in May we linked in with the RCNI who are currently fighting a HSE decision to cut their core funding. Each of our members were informed of this campaign and enabled to participate in lobbying the relevant TDs. In May, we also forged a link with Hannah's House, a home for an active feminist community in Ireland, working for a non-violent, just society that embraces diversity. This unique space for women's groups and feminist activists will provide opportunities for women to develop and promote radical changes for equality and justice. At our planning session we will discuss how this relationship will develop in relation to our role.

Once we have fully established our society and the new academic terms begins in September, we will attend training, have a stand at societies' day, recruit additional members and roll out our planned events and activities. In order to keep the society alive over the summer, we will continue to promote and attend the feminist gig in the Crane.

## **Feminist Society Events**

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**First AGM meeting** » *Smokey's Cafe* » 8th March 2011

First meeting of Feminist Society

**Feminist Soc committee meeting** » *AM205* » 21st March 2011

Feminist soc committee meeting

**Trip to movie screening** » *Eye Cinema* » 24th March 2011

Feminist Soc attended the movie *As If I Am Not There* in The Eye cinema

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Public Relations Officer:** Ciara Griffin

**Campaign Manager:** Clionadh O'Keeffe

**Vice-Auditor:** Caroline Forde

**Auditor:** Emma Brannlund

**Secretary:** Kimberly Merrifield

**Treasurer:** Aura Lounasmaa

## **Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** Emma Brannlund

**Treasurer:** Aura Lounasmaa

**PRO:** Ciara Griffin

**Vice-Auditor:** Caroline Forde

**Secretary:** Kimberly Merrifield

**Campaign Manager:** Clionadh O'Keeffe

## **Other Information**

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 19 members.

## **FilmSoc**

We show movies every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm in the Aras Ui Chathail theatre and were trying our best to make a good short film.

### **FilmSoc Events**

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

**Napolean Dynamite** » *The Space* » 3rd March 2011

Directed by Jared Hess. Starring Jon Heder, Jon Gries, Aaron Ruell.

A listless and alienated teenager decides to help his new friend win the class presidency in their small western high school, while he must deal with his bizarre family life back home.

**Vertigo** » *The Space* » 3rd March 2011

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Starring James Stewart, Kim Novak, Barbara Bel Geddes.

A San Francisco detective suffering from acrophobia investigates the strange activities of an old friend's wife, all the while becoming dangerously obsessed with her.

**The Notebook** » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 3rd March 2011

Directed by Nick Cassavetes. Starring Gena Rowlands, Starletta DuPois, James Garner

A poor and passionate young man falls in love with a rich young woman and gives her a sense of freedom. They soon are separated by their social differences.

**Old Boy** » *The View* » 3rd March 2011

Directed by Chan-wook Park. Starring Min-sik Choi, Ji-tae Yu.

After being kidnapped and imprisoned for 15 years, Oh Dae-Su is released, only to find that he must find his captor in 5 days.

Warning: Rated R for strong violence including scenes of torture, sexuality and pervasive language. Seriously you've been warned.

**One, Two, Three** » *Large Acoustic Room* » 2nd March 2011

Directed by Billy Wilder. Starring James Cagney, Horst Buchholz, Arlene Francis.

Comedy about Coca-Cola's man in West Berlin, who may be fired if he can't keep his American boss's daughter from marrying a Communist.

**Shutter Island** » *The Cube* » 2nd March 2011

Directed by Martin Scorsese. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Ben Kingsley, Mark Ruffalo.

Drama set in 1954, U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels is investigating the disappearance of a murderess who escaped from a hospital for the criminally insane and is presumed to be hiding nearby.

**Splendor in the Grass** » *The Cube* » 2nd March 2011

Directed by Elia Kazan. Starring Natalie Wood, Pat Hingle, Warren Beatty.

A fragile Kansas girl's unrequited and forbidden love for a handsome young man from the town's most powerful family drives her to heartbreak and madness.

**Somebody Up There Likes Me** » *The Cube* » 2nd March 2011

Directed by Robert Wise. Starring Paul Newman, Eileen Heckart, Sal Mineo.

Rocky Graziano is building a career in crime, when he's finally caught and arrested. In jail, he is undisciplined, always getting into trouble.

When he gets out after many years he has decided to start a new life. However, he is immediately drafted to the army. But they can't keep him and he goes AWOL. Rocky discovers boxing as a way of earning quick money, and is discovered as a new talent.

**Comedy Shorts** » *Large Acoustic Room* » 2nd March 2011

A collection of the very best Irish Comedy Shorts made in the last 5 years.

**Last Tango in Paris** » *The Cube* » 2nd March 2011

Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci. Starring Marlon Brando, Maria Schneider, Catherine Breillat.

A young Parisian woman begins a sordid affair with a middle-aged American businessman whom lays out ground rules that their clandestine relationship will be based only on sex.

**The Town** » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 2nd March 2011

Directed by Ben Affleck. Starring Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm.

As he plans his next job, a longtime thief tries to balance his feelings for a bank manager connected to one of his earlier heists, as well as the FBI agent looking to bring him and his crew down.

**The Social Network** » *The Cube* » 1st March 2011

Directed by David Fincher. Starring Jesse Eisenberg, Rooney Mara, Bryan Barter.

A chronicle of the founding of Facebook, the social-networking Web site.

**Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** » *The Cube* » 1st March 2011

Directed by Edgar Wright. Starring Michael Cera, Alison Pill, Mark Webber

Scott Pilgrim must defeat his new girlfriend's seven evil exes in order to win her heart.

**Hurt Locker** » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 1st March 2011

Directed by Kathryn Bigelow. Starring Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Brian Geraghty.

Iraq. Forced to play a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse in the chaos of war, an elite Army bomb squad unit must come together in a city where everyone is a potential enemy and every object could be a deadly bomb.

**The Elephant Man** » *The Cube* » 1st March 2011

Directed by David Lynch. Starring Anthony Hopkins, John Hurt, Anne Bancroft.

A Victorian surgeon rescues a heavily disfigured man who is mistreated while scraping a living as a side-show freak. Behind his monstrous facade, there is revealed a person of intelligence and sensitivity.

**Persepolis** » *aras ui chathail* » 3rd February 2011

**Get Him to the Greek** » *aras ui chathail* » 2nd February 2011

**Notorious (Directed by A. Hitchcock)** » *Aras Ui Chathail* » 1st February 2011

**HAPPY FEET** » *aras ui chathail* » 27th January 2011

**AVATAR** » *aras ui chathail* » 26th January 2011

**The Pipe - Talk & Debate** » *bailey allen hall* » 25th January 2011

The evening will begin with a presentation from An Taisce's Energy Officer, Elizabeth Muldowney. Followed by a discussion on Ireland's Natural Resources chaired by former Chairperson of the Irish Film Board and founder of the Galway Film Fleadh, Lelia Doolan. The evening will conclude with a screening of award winning film 'the Pipe' with a Q & A with Director Risteard O Domhnaill.

**12 ANGRY MEN** » *aras ui chathail theatre* » 18th January 2011

**The Gates of Dawn** » *The Large Acoustic Room* » 15th November 2010

Film Socs' film 'Gates of Dawn' directed by Samuel MacFadden special showing tonight.

**Arsenic and Old Lace** » O'Flaherty Theatre » 14th October 2010

**Dumb and Dumber** » O'Flaherty Theatre » 13th October 2010

**Supertroopers** » O'Flaherty Theatre » 12th October 2010

**The Man Who Knew Too Much** » O'Flaherty Theatre, Arts Concourse » 21st September 2010

Free Cinema!

**Up in the Air** » O'Flaherty Theatre, Arts Concourse » 22nd September 2010

Free Cinema!

**Motorcycle Diaries** » O'Flaherty Theatre, Arts Concourse » 23rd September 2010

Free Cinema!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Darren Cuddy

**Treasurer:** Gerard Moran

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Cuddy

**Head of Cinema :** Keller Harlow

**DVD admin:** Jason Hoare

**Secretary:** Bryan Fitzgerald

**Head of Events:** Seamus Ennis

**Health and Safety Officer:** Neil Hiney

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Michael Talty

**Treasurer:** Paul Moran

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€878.39	Bank charge	€12.50
Bank Charge	€18.02	Entertainment	€80.00
Socs box Till	€1,560.00	Equipment misc	€239.29
Ticket Sales	€690.00	Materials	€376.11
USC Grant	€3,411.78	Received Money Returned	€240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,558.19</b>	Reception	€200.00
		Society accomm	€1,324.00
		Society transport	€3,378.31
		Video Hire	€226.81
		Expenditure Total	€6,077.02
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€481.17
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,558.19</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1473 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Bryan Fitzgerald	Secretary	204 hours
Conor Cuddy	Vice Auditor	456 hours
Neil Hiney	Health and Safety Officer	150 hours
Gerard Moran	Treasurer	300 hours
Darren Cuddy	Auditor	380 hours
Keller Harlow	Head Of Cinema	223 hours

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1713 hours

## FLAC Society

NUIG FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centre) provides legal information for students and promotes equality within society. FLAC operate clinics every Tuesday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in Aras na MacLeinn. Information is provided by trained students, supervised by a practicing solicitor or barrister.

During the college term FLAC provides seminars on legal issues. During 2010/2011 a criminal law seminar and a law day were held in addition to training sessions for our volunteers. The 2011 Law Day included a seminar on equal access to justice and focused on issues those on the margins of society encounter when trying to access justice.

### FLAC Society Events

This year the society held a total of 36 events.

**AGM** » *McMunn Theatre* » 29th March 2011

Thank you to all for volunteering with FLAC this year!

Everyone's help was really appreciated and I hope that everyone got a chance to volunteer and get some kind of benefit from the experience.

We would encourage any of you that are staying in NUI Galway next year and have an interest in running for a position on the FLAC committee to come along.

The positions available on the FLAC committee are as follows:

Executive Positions: Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Treasurer

Non-Executive Positions: Secretary, Clinics Coordinator, Education Officer/Seminar Convener, Student Liaison Officer, Public Relations

Officer If you wish to run for an executive position please email us on nuigflac@gmail.com You need to have two proposers to back up your nomination. It doesn't matter if your proposers aren't members of the Law Society or of FLAC. Nominations for executive positions will have to be returned by 5pm of Monday the 28th of March 2011.

**Jersey Break** » *College Bar* » 24th March – 25th March 2011 (2 individual events)

**FLAC AGM Information Session** » *the HUB* » 22nd March 2011

Come along to this information session for anyone one who is interested in finding out about the different positions or general information about NUIG FLAC.

Committee members will be there to tell you their roles and experiences within the society.

**Criminal Law Seminar** » *Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 in Aras na MacLeinn* » 22nd February 2011

Our pre-College Week Criminal Law Seminar which will include a presentation by the Gardai, a practicing criminal lawyer and a member of the judiciary. Topics will include public order offences, defences, the prosecution of such offences and the effect of a conviction. Not to be missed.

**Ceili - FLAC and TRAD soc** » *College Bar* » 16th March 2011

Ceili night out with Trad Soc!!! Come along for dancing and craic!!!

**Law Day** » *McMunn Theatre* » 17th January 2011

This year NUI Galway FLAC is holding our first Law Day on the 17th of January 2011 at 7pm in the McMunn Theatre on Galway Campus. Our theme is of Equal Access to Justice. We feel that many students do not know

their legal rights and this can be easily taken advantage of, especially in relation to landlords and tenants. At a time when people do not have money to spare, it seems that people will accept legal inequalities and we would hope to change this. Hopefully this event will highlight this theme and our high-profile speakers will attract

attention. We are delighted to have speaking Ms. Catherine McGuinness, President of the Law Reform Commission and a former justice of the Supreme Court of Ireland; Dr Lydia Foy, a proponent in challenging the inequalities in the legal system in Ireland; Ms Noeline Blackwell, Director General of the national FLAC organisation and Mr. Larry Donnelly, Manager of the Public Interest Law Alliance and lecturer, writer and political contributor. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the College Bar.

**FLAC Clinics** » *Meeting Rooms 1 and 2, Áras na MacLeinn* » 11th January – 29th March 2011 (12 individual events)

**Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) Clinic** » *Aras na MacLeinn* » 19th October 2010

PLEASE NOTE; Due to conferring ceremonies taking place this week, there will not be a clinic run this evening, Tuesday 19th October. Our next clinic will be on Tuesday 26th October.

**EGM and Training Seminar - Criminal Law** » *The Space* » 13th October 2010

We are looking for a new Vice Auditor this year. Any who might be interested is advised to check their emails for further information. Training seminar for Criminal Law. All FLAC Clinic Volunteers are requested to attend

**Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) Clinic** » *Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 Aras Na McLeinn ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na McLeinn )* » 14th September – 23rd November 2010 (11 individual events) Come to the Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) and meet with trained law students and solicitors who are available to give information on legal matters. This service is provided every Tuesday

in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 (upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn). All matters discussed at the clinics are strictly confidential. For further information please contact: nuigflac@gmail.com or visit [www.flac.nuigalway.ie](http://www.flac.nuigalway.ie)

**FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centre) Clinic** » *Meeting Rooms 1 and 2, Á • ras na MacLeinn » 7th September 2010* Come to the Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC) and meet with trained law students and solicitors who are available to give information on legal matters. This service is provided every Tuesday in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 (upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn). All matters discussed at the clinics are strictly confidential. For further information please contact: nuigflac@gmail.com or visit [www.flac.nuigalway.ie](http://www.flac.nuigalway.ie)

**Training Session for Landlord and Tenant Law** » *Careers Seminar Room » 21st September 2010*

Training Session for Landlord and Tenant Law. Training is compulsory for all volunteers

**Training - Landlord and Tenant Law** » *Career Seminar Room » 22nd September 2010*

This is a training seminar for volunteers in the area of Landlord and Tenant Law

**Employment Law Training Seminar** » *AC204 » 27th September 2010*

Training session for clinic volunteers. Training is compulsory for all volunteers

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Roisin Fitzpatrick

**Secretary:** Seamus Keating

**Treasurer:** Tara Gibbons

**Education Officer/ Seminar Conveyor:** Ollie Conneely

**Students' Liaison Officer:** Maureen Dolan

**Clinics Convenor:** Natalie Bourke

**Vice-Auditor:** Caroline Kennedy

**Deputy Auditor:** Estelle Sheanon

**PRO:** Andrew Carrig

## Committee 2011/2012

**Treasurer:** Elaine Whelan

**Secretary:** Seamus Keating

**Clinics Convenor:** Jack McInerney

**Education Officer/Seminar Convenor:** Claire Murray

**Auditor:** Emmet Creighton

**Vice-Auditor:** Jennifer Dalton

**Members Liaison Officer:** Cara Teahan

**Disability Clinics Convenor :** Cliona De Bhailis

**Public Relations Officer:** Emmet Greaney

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€48.91
Fundraising	€604.22	Gifts	€106.90
Sponsorship	€200.00	Socs day expenses	€20.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€175.81
<b>Total</b>	€1,304.22	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,128.41
		<b>Total</b>	€1,304.22

## Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 424 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Jack McInerney	volunteer	11 hours
Emmet Creighton	volunteer	8 hours
Caroline Kennedy	Vice Auditor	28 hours
Marie-Alice Cleary	Volunteer	7 hours
Ollie Conneely	Education Officer / Seminars Convenor	114 hours
Maureen Dolan	student liasion officer	120 hours

Seamus Keating	Secretary	111 hours
Lisa Maloney	Volunteer	12 hours
Roisin Fitzpatrick	Auditor	300 hours
Patrick Haverty	Volunteer	50 hours
Feadra Ryan	Volunteer	50 hours
Tara Gibbons	Treasurer	250 hours
Rachel McGrogan	volunteer	12 hours
Padraic Durkan	Volunteer	8 hours

# ALIVE Students: 14 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1081 hours

## French Soc

The society had a very warm and welcoming atmosphere this year. Everyone bonded very well with one another and all the meetings ran smoothly, without any hassle. Once a fortnight we met up in a bar called Maximo's and conversed about various subject matters, in a more informal way of course. Some had already completed their erasmus year and as a student who will be embarking on the experience next year, it was great to obtain advice and info from other members of the society. The french play, was also a huge success. Overall it was a very enjoyable society to be apart of, and I will most definitely be returning to the society after my erasmus year, and i hope that it will be as enjoyable as this years french soc has been.

### French Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

**French Play : "Le diner de cons" » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 24th March 2011**

A French comedy performed in French by talented Irish students !

Every week, Pierre Brochant and his friends organize a dinner game : everybody has to bring a guest, but not an ordinary guest .Tickets 5 euros from the Socsbox (only 3 euros for students !)

**French Soir » Massimo's, William Street » 1st February 2011**

Come mingle with Francophones and parlez francais in Massimo's from 9pm (21h).

**French Play Auditions » meeting room 2 Aras Na Mcein ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mcein) » 27th October 2010**

If you're interested in auditioning for a French play, come along to Meeting Room 2 in Aras Na Mcein. All levels of French are welcome

**French Soiree » Massimos, Sea Road. » 5th October – 3rd May 2011 (16 individual events)**

Come along to Massimo's and indulge yourself in an evening en francais. Meet great people and brush up on your French at the same time! We shall be meeting every other week starting from next week, October 12 from 21h (9pm). See you there Francophones!

### Committee 2010/2011

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Conor Jarrett

**Auditor:** Lorcan Murray

**Secretary:** Sinead Murray

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Orla Creaven

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Niamh O'Brien

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Maebh Flanagan

**Public Relations Officer:** Amy Loughlin

**Vice-Auditor:** Sophie Puzin

**Treasurer:** Cora Smith

**Public Relations Officer:** Lauren Dooley

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Lisa Halpin

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Brianna Monaghan

**Travel Officer:** Jenifer Sadleir

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Darragh Newcombe

### Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Niamh O'Brien

**Vice-Auditor:** Mark Hughes

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1.43	Bank charge	€0.28
Socs box Till	€148.00	Expenditure Total	€0.28
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,149.43</b>	Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,149.15
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,149.43</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 343 members.

## G-eos

Galway Earth and Ocean Society is organised every year to promote and provide an insight into all Earth and Ocean Sciences available in NUI Galway. It provides a great opportunity to learn more about the courses being studied in the university by attending seminars and going on excursions locally and abroad. It also allows students to get to know other people involved in the EOS courses such as other students and lecturers. New members welcome!

### G-eos Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**Geos AGM** » *College Bar » 28th March 2011*

The Geos AGM and end of year party.

**IGRM** » *arts Millennium Theatre 250 » 19th February – 20th February 2011 (2 individual events)*

The 54th Irish Geological Research Meeting Lecture Series. For more information email GEOS!

**IGRM Intro and Reception** » *Arts Millenium and the Aula Maxima » 18th February 2011*

The Reception and introductory talk of the Irish Geological Research Meeting

**Jurassic Park showing** » *cairnes theatre » 9th February 2011*

A showing of jurassic park by GEOS

**Silver Strand Sedimentology** » *Silver Strand, Galway City » 13th November 2010*

A mini field trip to Silver Strand with Mike Williams as a sort of outdoor practical seminar!

## Committee 2010/2011

**4th Year Rep:** Peter Fallon

**Auditor:** Jeremy Sterling

**Secretary:** Riona Burke

**Vice Treasurer:** Sebastian Stock

**Treasurer:** Billy Archbold

**Vice-Auditor:** Megan MacCourt

**PRO:** Grainne Greaney

**Health and Safety Officer:** Micheal O'Flatharta

**OCM:** Joanne Casserly

## Committee 2011/2012

**Secretary:** Megan MacCourt

**Auditor:** Micheal O'Flatharta

**Treasurer:** Billy Archbold

**Vice-Auditor:** Joanne Casserly

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€342.85	Bank charge	€141.58
Bank Charge	€21.96	Entertainment	€248.38
Socs box Till	€1,224.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€143.18

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Sponsorship	€370.00	Returned Socs Money	€887.01
USC Grant	€2,670.00	Society accomm	€869.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,628.81</b>	Society transport	€1,908.00
		Socs day expenses	€20.00
		Video Hire	€50.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€4,267.48</b>
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€361.33
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,628.81</b>

## Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 184 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Jeremy Sterling	Auditor	180 hours
Grainne Greaney	PRO	80 hours
Megan MacCourt	Vice-Auditor	75 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 335 hours

## Geography Soc

The Geography Society held a number of events this year including: a table quiz; two seminars on topical issues, volcanoes and conservation; and organised a field trip to the Association of American Geographers, in Seattle, Washington.

### Geography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

**Geography Soc Field Trip to AAG** » *Seattle Washington* » *11th April – 18th April 2011 (8 individual events)* A number of Geo Soc members will present their research at the Association of American Geographers annual conference.

**Conservation Geography: Saving Red Grouse from Extinction in Ireland** » *Brendan S. MacAodha Seminar Room, AC 113, Ground Floor, Geography Department.* » *24th March 2011*

Mr. David Scallan will be presenting his research on conservation geography with an interesting insight into the species red grouse and their need to be protected from extinction in Ireland.

**Christmas Table Quiz!** » *college bar* » *7th December 2010*

We would like to welcome all members of the geography society to our christmas table quiz! Students that want to take time out of their study to have a bit of fun at this stressful exam time would also be in with a chance to win some of our fantastic prizes! Finger food is also being supplied by the college bar! Fun guaranteed or your money back! Proceeds will be going to charity!

**"Volcanoes: From super-eruptions of the past to Eyjafjallajkull 2010" by Stephen Galvin** » *Room 113, Geography Seminar Room* » *19th October 2010*

The actions of volcanoes have, in the past, facilitated the creation of life on Earth. But their extraordinary power also has the potential to destroy all life. Join the Geography Society on Tuesday evening as we look some examples of volcanic events from throughout history and how they have influenced climate and society, and how future eruptions could spell disaster for the human race.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Michelle McKeown

**Secretary:** Wesley Flannery

**Treasurer:** Nessa Golden

**Undergrad Rep:** Aaron O'Connell

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€53.57	Bank charge	€26.05
Fundraising	€310.00	Dinner	€160.30
Members Contributions	€2,575.00	Entry fees	€825.00
USC Grant	€1,829.54	Fundraising/charity	€310.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,768.11</b>	Prizes	€39.00
		Reception	€238.66
		Society accomm	€620.82
		Society transport	€2,529.18
		Expenditure Total	€4,749.01
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€19.10
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,768.11</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 140 members.

## German Soc

German soc aims to be a platform for English and German speaking students to meet and interact ( we also have students from Austria and Switzerland etc). We held numerous social events which help us to learn more about the culture and language in a relaxed environment. We started the year with our popular boat trip and also organised a trip to Berlin to better experience the German speaking culture.

### German Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

**Stammtisch** » *Bierhaus Henry Street* » 30th September 2010

A perfect opportunity to practise your German or English in a friendly atmosphere. Everyone welcome!

**Stammtisch** » *Bierhaus, Henry St.* » 17th February 2011

Join us for our fortnightly get-together. This is the perfect opportunity to practise your German or English in a friendly and informal environment. Everyone welcome!

**Berlin Trip** » *February 2011*

Join us on our trip to Berlin sign up at the Socsbox.

**Stammtisch** » *Bierhaus, Henry St.* » 3rd February 2011

Join us for our fortnightly get-together. This is the perfect opportunity to practise your German or English in a friendly and informal environment. Everyone welcome!

**Kaffeekraenzchen - A German Gettogether!** » *AM204* » 1st February 2011

The German Society would like to invite all German speakers to their open forum to discuss anything German! If you have any ideas you would like to share with the committee or would simply like to meet up with other German speakers for Kaffee and Kuchen, then come along! All welcome!

Tea and Coffee provided

**Weihnachtsfeier (Christmas Party)** » *The King's Head* » 25th November 2010

We'd like to invite you to our Christmas party on Thursday in The King's Head on High Street. DJ and free finger-food on the night. The entire event is FREE and is a great opportunity to have one last night out before all the studying for the exams starts.

**Oktoberfest** » *Bierhaus, Henry St.* » 11th November 2010

This is a free event being organised by the German Soc to celebrate the famous beer festival Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany. There will be a raffle, DJ and finger-food on the night. Wir hoffen, dich dort zu sehen!

**Stammtisch** » *Bierhaus, Henry Street* » 14th October 2010

A perfect opportunity to practise your German or English in a friendly atmosphere. Everyone welcome!

**Boat Trip on the River Corrib** » *Corrib Princess, followed by De Burgos* » 6th October 2010

Cruise duration is two hours. Tickets are available from the Socs Box in Á•ras na Mac LÁ©inn for just €10 and include the after-party in De Burgos, Augustine Street, with a live band and DJ. Complimentary refreshment on the boat. Meeting at the cathedral at 18:00. Hope to see you there.

**Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Triona Jacob

**Vice-Auditor:** Kelly McCole

**Treasurer:** Sarah McDermott

**Secretary:** Nicola Walsh

**vice-secretary:** Jeannine Jud

**Public Relations Officer:** Jennifer Paradise

**PRO:** Eric Bannon

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€227.97	Bank charge	€28.89
Bank Charge	€0.02	Dinner	€410.97
Fundraising	€75.00	Hall hire	€550.00
Members Contributions	€560.00	Hire Bus	€700.00
Socs box Till	€3,860.00	Lights	€150.00
Sponsorship	€700.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€91.25
Ticket Sales	€216.10	Reception	€104.36
USC Grant	€4,210.00	Society accomm	€2,359.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,849.09</b>	Society transport	€4,936.87
		Stationary	€24.00
		Expenditure Total	€9,356.14
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€50.50
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€492.95
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,849.09</b>

**Other Information**

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 197 members.

**ALIVE Hours**

Jennifer Paradise	Public Relations Officer	250 hours
Eric Bannon	Joint Public Relations Officer	250 hours
Sarah McDermott	Treasurer	300 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 800 hours

**GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)**

GiG Soc aims to provide a forum for all university students and staff interested in taking part in LGBT education campaigns, film screenings and social events! All are welcome to attend.

GiG Soc is the LGBT society in NUIG. We aim to bring together all members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community that are interested in getting involved in the university, together with anyone interested in LGBT issues, rights and social events.

We won most improved society at the society annual awards and represented the university at the BICS national awards where we came second.

If you're interested in getting involved, don't be shy!! We'd love to see you!

## **GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events**

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

**GIGSOC BABY ONE MORE TIME! Cheesy School Disco Night** » *The Stage, Á • ras na Mac LÁ©inn, NUIG* » 30th September 2010

GIG Soc is harking back to those days of black bin bags on the walls, cheesy music blasting through the speakers, and teenage hormones being let loose for the first time with our second social event of the year, GIG SOC BABY ONE MORE TIME! So dust off your dancing shoes (or Doc Martens, whatever!) and come on down to Á • ras na Mac LÁ©inn Thursday night for a 90s DJ set from PRINCESS MATTHEW from half seven, and then on into town from there!! Refreshments \*will\* be provided and no dress code essential, although if any of you want to dress up like Brit-Brit from the Hit Me Baby video you'll be most welcome ;)

**AGM and Welcome Out Party!** » *The Art Room* » 21st September 2010

GiG Soc welcomes one and all to our AGM and Welcome Out Party. Meet at the Art Room in Aras na Mac Leinn, get to know each other, elect our new committee for the year. Noms and nibbles will be provided. So pop in to say hi. The evening continues wherever the wind takes us!

**Give Blood (Because We Can't)** » *?ras na Mac L?inn, NUI Galway* » 29th March – 30th March 2011 (2 individual events) With Draocht organising a blood drive in Aras na Mac Leinn, starting from 12 PM on the 29th of March, and repeating again the following day at the same time, we would like to encourage all members who are ELIGIBLE to do so to donate blood, and to encourage others to do so if you can't. Unfortunately under Irish law as things stand, MSM males are prohibited from giving blood, and we would like to highlight this outmoded legislation while also encouraging that the maximum amount of blood is still donated from all those who CAN. They are in serious need of it. So please, Give Blood Because We Can't.

**Pink Training Weekend** » *UCC, Cork* » 12th November – 14th November 2010 (3 individual events)

GiG Soc are proud to be representing NUIG at the USI's Pink Training event this year - a weekend of workshops, seminars, guest lectures and presentations about a wide range of issues pertaining to our members, and with delegates from every LGBT society in Ireland! Contact [gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) to sign up, all welcome to join!

**GiGSoc AGM** » *Meeting Rooms 1&2* » 29th March 2011

Wow, what a year! Interactive Rocky Horror Picture Show screenings, GiG Soc weddings, bisexuality talks, coming out workshops, films marathons, Pink Training, the General Election and Equality, law lectures on Civil Partnership, AND of course our social events - this year seems to have had it all! Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end (sniff sniff..), and this coming Tuesday will be our last event together! Starting at half eight that evening in Meeting Rooms 1&2, upstairs in ?ras na Mac L?inn - our new committee will be voted on in our annual AGM, and we do hope you'll consider getting involved in the new year!! After the voting is over, we shall away to the college bar - where our favourite DJ, Princess Matthew, will be playing all the latest tunes.

**GiGSoc Tie-Dye!** » *Art Room, Aras na MacLeinn* » 24th March 2011

This Thursday GiG Soc are going to be taking an artistic turn. We are giving our members an opportunity to learn how to tie dye clothes! Just think... how pretty and rainbow-tastic your clothes will look after they've been attacked with colour! Some white tshirts will be provided on the night, but they will be limited! People are more than welcome to bring their own clothes and decorate them if they so wish ;)

**GiGSoc Movie Day!** » *The View - Aras na MacLeinn (Upstairs)* » 16th March 2011

After College Week and the General Election (and then the SU Elections!), GiGSoc thinks everyone deserves a nice quiet, calm down period. That's what, starting at 2pm on the 16th in The View, GiGSoc shall be showering you with cookies, softdrinks and, most importantly, movies! We'll be showing All About My Mother and Billy Elliott, back to back. Come along!

**GiGSoc Get Political!** » *Meeting Room 1* » 24th February 2011

We thought with the vote this Friday, it would be a good idea for GiG Soc members as passionate and enthusiastic as we are on the subject to explore what the various political parties are saying on equality issues, where they stand on issues of gender and LGBT rights - and where they don't! All information will be taken from party manifestos, equality documents and should prove to be both informative AND engaging. Afterwards, a social in a venue of your choice! People of all persuasions are invited to attend if interested, and if you'd like to meet someone before attending, icebreakers are available by emailing [gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) beforehand. See you then!

**Interactive Rocky Horror Picture Show** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 15th February 2011

Well folks it's that time of the year again... INTERACTIVE ROCKY HORROR!

One of NUI Galways SHAG Week Events!

(Happening again due to POPULAR DEMAND!)

For the few who may not know what the story is... it is a chance for us all to dig out our corsets, pull up those fishnets, and invest in those rubber gloves! Not familiar in any way? Google will be your friend (moderate safe search is advised :P)! So come along to be silly, to sing and to dance your heart away. Also - Costumes will be appreciated! There's even a prize for the best costume!

### **Rocky Horror Dance Classes** » *Meeting Rooms - Aras na Mac Leinn* » 9th February 2011

These casual "classes" of sorts will give you all the opportunity to Time Warp and learn all the actions and songs in preparation for SHAG Weeks Interactive showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show!

### **GiG Soc Movie Showcase** » *Large Acoustic room* » 31st January 2011

We will be showing Milk, a biography of human rights activist Harvey Milk who became America's first openly gay US senator, and Mamma Mia!, a comedy musical featuring the songs of ABBA, and starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan. Please come along! All welcome to attend, icebreakers available on request if you'd like to know someone before you go. (Just e-mail [gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie))

### **Coming Out Partay!** » *College Bar, then Dignity!* » 20th January 2011

Our traditional "Coming Out Party", and welcome back party after a fantastic first semester! See you all in the college bar, as usual all are welcome to attend, icebreakers are available on request, and we'd love to see you!

### **GiG Soc Civil Partnership Act Talk with Dr. Anne Egan** » *Siobhán McKenna Theatre, Arts Millennium Building* » 16th November 2010

The Civil Partnership Act 2010 was passed by both Dáil and Seanad in July of this year, and is expected to be fully enacted by early 2011. The Minister for Justice and Law Reform Dermot Ahern said: "This is one of the most important pieces of civil rights legislation to be enacted since independence.", yet the Act continues to be the subject of much debate and discussion, both within the LGBT community in particular and across the wider populace.

What exactly is involved with the Civil Partnership Act, however, and what are its strengths and its limitations? While very little has been written on the subject from the point of view of academia as yet, GiG Soc is hoping to add to the discussion by hosting an audience with Dr. Anne Egan, lecturer in Law here in NUI, in which the Act will be discussed, along with a legal interpretation of the provisions contained within, and a short question-and-answer session afterward.

Dr. Egan is a graduate of National University of Ireland, Galway where she was awarded a B.A in Legal Science, Sociology and Politics in 2003 and LL.B in 2004. She completed her PhD in 2008 on 'The Rights and Responsibilities of Fathers in Irish Family Law'. She was a tutor in the Faculty of Law from 2004-2006 and lectured part-time in Family Law in 2007-2008. She also has completed a Certificate in Part 1 Mediation training accredited to the Mediators Institute of Ireland. Anne was awarded a postgraduate certificate in Teaching and Learning in 2009 and is currently completing a module on "Civic Engagement" with the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, NUI, Galway. She currently lectures in Family Law, Sociology of Law, Law and Social Policy, Irish Legal Systems here in NUI.

So come along if you have an interest in LGBT issues, law, equality and human rights or if you just want to find out more about what Civil Partnership will actually entail, and as usual people of all types are welcome to attend! If you'd like an icebreaker to meet you before the event, just email [gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie), and we'd be happy to meet you! Social evening will follow.

### **GiG Soc Bisexuality Talk** » *The Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 11th November 2010

GiG Soc are holding a talk with my lovely co-Auditor Sharon Nolan in The Hub this Thursday in 'Aras na MacLeinn'. Social evening will follow and people of all persuasions are welcome to attend.

Come down if you'd like to know more about bisexuality, issues affecting bisexual people, to speak of your own experiences yourself and to have a nice chat :)

**HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH screening!** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 10th November 2010 Adapted from the hit off-Broadway musical of the same name is this tale of an "internationally ignored" rock & roll singer who hails from Communist Berlin and who dreams of becoming an American sensation. It's also HILARIOUS. See you there!

**ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW!!!** » *McMunn Theatre (by Smokies on the Concourse)* » 21st October 2010 Ladies and gentlemen... THE TIME HAS COME!! So let us all dig out our corsets, pull up those fishnets, and invest in those rubber gloves for... GiG Soc's interactive showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show!! Not familiar? GOOGLE IT!! So come along to be silly, to sing and to dance your heart away. Also - Costumes will be appreciated! There's even a prize for BEST COSTUME!! Icebreakers available on request, just email [gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) if you want to meet one of us before going in! All welcome :)

### **Mean Girls Screening** » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 12th October 2010

For our event this week GiG Soc are screening one of the funniest movies of the past ten years - MEAN GIRLS! Starring Rachel McAdams, Amanda Seyfried and Lindsay Lohan, Mean Girls is a razor sharp teen comedy that has since become known for being one of the most quotable movies of ALL TIME and one that you NEED to see on a big screen!!! Dram Soc are planning a production of this in the new semester, so all potential actors and actresses are encouraged to attend! As usual with GiG Soc events, everyone who wants to come is welcome, and icebreakers are available to anyone that wants to know someone before going in, just e-mail us at [gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:gigsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie)!

### **HEN PARTY NIGHT** » *College Bar* » 5th October 2010

We're going to have a HEN PARTY NIGHT in anticipation of the marriages on Thursday!

We'll be meeting at the back of the College Bar at 9pm to gather people and then we'll be wandering into town!

Fun should be had, and all are welcome :)

### **GiG Soc Marriages!** » *The Hub* » 7th October 2010

GiGSoc Marriage day! Where you, plus a lucky member of the same (or opposite) sex can get married! Complete with own Priest and Marriage Certificate! The event is as a peaceful protest against the ban on same-sex marriages, which remain illegal under Irish law, but is open to all, and should be a lot of fun.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Sharon Nolan

**Treasurer:** Eoghan Fallon

**PRO:** Sinead Carroll

**ECM:** Tara Ward

**ECM:** Cillian Lineen

**Vice-Auditor:** James McGlynn

**Secretary:** Chris Barrett

**NMLO:** Ronan Comaskey

**Webmaster:** Mark O'Loughlin

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Aishling Clancy

**Treasurer:** James Field-Corbett

**NMLO:** Paul O'Connor

**OCM:** Sean Mooney

**Foreign Correspondent:** Cillian Lineen

**Vice-Auditor:** Andrew Keaveney

**Secretary:** Claire McCallion

**Education Officer:** Chris Barrett

**OCM:** Claire Finnegan

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€145.87	Bank charge	€38.43
Bank Charge	€11.80	Entertainment	€350.00
Socs box Till	€40.00	Gifts	€35.00
USC Grant	€2,210.00	Hire Bus	€300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,407.67</b>	Makeup/Props	€30.00
		Materials	€118.86
		Prizes	€20.00
		Reception	€191.19
		Returned Socs Money	€324.45
		Society accomm	€700.00
		Society transport	€145.00
		Speaker travel	€36.10
		Expenditure Total	€2,289.03
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€118.64
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,407.67</b>

## Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 317 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Chris Barrett	Secretary	60 hours
Sharon Nolan	Queen of The Gays	400 hours
James McGlynn	Auditor.	400 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 860 hours

## Goal Soc

GOAL is an international humanitarian agency dedicated to alleviating the suffering of the poorest of the poor. It is a non-denominational, non-governmental and non-political organisation. NUIG's GOAL Soc aim to raise funds on campus for GOAL. In conjunction with GOAL we organise events such as benefit gigs, bucket collections etc.

### Goal Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

**GOALfactor** » college bar » 23rd March – 24th March 2011 (2 individual events)

You reckon you play a serious sax, maybe your fiend at the guitar... or you might be blessed with the kind of dance moves that would make a grown man blush. If you possess both talent and a conscience Goal's charity talent show, The Goalfactor, on Wednesday 23rd of March is the kind of thing you'd be into. The night kicks off at 9.30 and competition promises to be some serious business so get the game faces on; the first prize is... €100 of cash straight into the claw with a mere €10 entry fee per act. On the other hand if you're keen to see some people either sink or swim up on the stage entry is free for the audience and having an auld shout of encouragement or covering away from the stage in horror is encouraged. In the spirit of the night there will be a charity collection bucket passed around so feel free to give as much or as little as you can afford. Sign up for acts is to be found at the Socs Box so get the names down for what will undoubtedly be previously unseen levels of craic.

**GOALfactor** » college bar » 23rd March – 24th March 2011 (2 individual events)

**GOAL Ball** » Galway Bay Hotel » 19th November – 20th November 2010 (2 individual events)

The NUIG GOAL Soc committee put on the glad rags and attended the annual GOAL Ball. Many GOALies spoke about GOAL's work and thanked NUIG students for their contribution to the cause.

**Gig for GOAL** » College Bar » 10th November – 11th November 2010 (2 individual events)

Bands The Coonics and Edison will combine forces in the College Bar on Wednesday November 10th in an effort to raise much needed funds for GOAL's humanitarian work in the developing world. Tickets are just €3 and are available at the door (a free drink is provided with presentation of the ticket). Come along, bring your friends, it promises to be a great night!

**GOAL Soc meeting** » Art Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th October 2010

Come along and get involved in GOAL Soc. We will be discussing upcoming events and our plan for the year. There may be free pizza after!

**GOAL Soc Meeting** » aras na mac leinn - large acoustic room. » 26th October 2010

**GOAL Book launch** » Radisson Hotel » 2nd October 2010

**GOAL Jersey Day** » Galway City » 1st October – 10th October 2010 (10 individual events)

A number of GOAL volunteers donned their county colours and took to the streets of Galway with a bucket collection for GOAL. All monies raised went towards flood relief in Pakistan.

**GOAL Soc -Socs Day Stand** » aras na mac leinn » 14th September 2010

Our first Socs Day and we managed to sign up over 400 members.

**GOAL Soc meeting** » aras na mac leinn » 30th September 2010

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Jenny Mannion

**Vice-Auditor:** Findabhair Ni Fhaolain

**Treasurer:** Grainne Conway

**PRO:** Ciara Loftus

**PRO:** Murray McGinley

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€144.44		
Socs box Till	€40.00	Expenditure Total	€0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€184.44</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€184.44
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€184.44</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 231 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Niamh O'Connor-Byrne	Secretary	10 hours
Grainne Conway	Treasurer	30 hours
Murray McGinley	Public Relations Officer	40 hours
Jenny Mannion	Auditor	70 hours
Findabhair Ni Fhaolain	Vice Auditor	20 hours
Ciara Loftus	Public Relations Officer	40 hours

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 210 hours

## Hispano Soc

Our aims are to involve Spanish Speaking People and Spanish Students in creating many ways for students to learn Spanish, hang out with their class mates and get to know native speakers as well. And of course improve the fluency Spanish! Culturally, the aim is to provide as many different aspects of Hispanic Culture (Spanish and Latin America). This year we had 271 members.

There were a grand total of 24 events this year including 22 cinema evenings, an international trip to Barcelona and a paintballing trip Limerick.

### Hispano Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

**Erasmus evening** » *Kings Head* » 23rd March 2011

**Paintball trip to Limerick** » *Limerick* » 4th February – 5th February 2011 (2 individual events)

We travelled to Limerick where we went paintballing then stayed the night in Jurys Inn hotel.

**Intercambio meeting** » *am150* » 23rd September 2010

The Spanish Erasmus students got to meet the Irish students.

**Barcelona Trip** » *Sign up in the Socsbox* » 24th October – 25th October 2010 (2 individual events)

Tickets for Hispano Soc trip to Barcelona go on sale today flying out on Thursday November 11th returning Sunday 14th November. to book your place call to the Socsbox with your student ID, pay €80 and leave in a copy of your passport. Book your ticket by Wednesday 25th at 3pm to guarantee your place.

**Cinema Evening** » *Charles Mc Munn Theatre* » 15th September 2010

Repeated on a weekly basis throughout the entire year. Some of the films we will watch throughout the year include: La Noche de los Girasoles, Pudor, El Viaje de Carol. El Ultimo Tren, Habana Blues, Sin Nombre, Voces Inocentes, XXY, Maria Full of Grace, El Angel Exterminador, La Ley de Herodes, Gordos, Al Otro Lado de la Cama, Barrio, Tapas, Planta 4a.

**EGM** » *Hub* » 23rd September 2010

## Committee 2010/2011

**Treasurer:** Cormac O'Laighin

**Vice-Auditor:** Naomi Hanlon

**PRO:** Sarah Scully

**Auditor:** Niamh Flynn

**PRO:** Eimear Scott

**Secretary:** Eoin O'Melia

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€209.07	Bank charge	€49.43
Members Contributions	€130.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€87.60
Socs box Till	€2,390.00	Returned Socs Money	€110.00
USC Grant	€2,200.00	Society accomm	€2,540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,929.07</b>	Society transport	€2,060.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Socs Box Till Refund	€80.00
	Expenditure Total	€4,927.03
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€2.04
	<b>Total</b>	€4,929.07

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 272 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Eoin O'Melia	Secretary	78 hours
Eimear Scott	Public Relations Officer	79 hours
Niamh Flynn	Auditor	80 hours
Sarah Scully	PRO	77 hours
Naomi Hanlon	Vice Auditor	75 hours
Cormac O'Laighin	Treasurer	75 hours

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 464 hours

## Human Rights Soc

This year we had a variety of events related to different aspects of Human Rights. We showed Human Rights themed films to get more people interested and aware of some Human Rights issues. We co-hosted two very different events with Muslim Youth Society and Comedy Soc. The first was a moving talk by ex-Guantanamo Bay detainee, Moazzam Begg and the second a thought provoking way of showing the ridiculous inequalities between men and women that persist in society. We upped our membership significantly this year and hope that we can get many more people involved in creating even more events next year.

### Human Rights Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

**Welcome meeting** » *The View* » 14th September 2010

Our first meeting and EGM!

**Ex-Guantanamo Detainee talks** » *Martin ryan* » 8th November 2010

Ex-Guantanamo Bay detainee, Moazzam Begg, speaks about his experiences of being captured and detained at the notorious US detainment site. Co-hosted with Muslim Youth Society.

Begg was labelled an enemy combatant by the US government. He was released on 25 January, 2005 along with Feroz Abbasi, Martin Mubanga and Richard Belmar. President Bush released Moazzam Begg over the objections of the Pentagon, the CIA, and the FBI, who warned that Mr. Begg could still be a dangerous terrorist.

**Welcome meeting** » *The View* » 14th September 2010

Our first meeting and EGM!

**AGM: Electing next year's committee!** » *meeting room 2 Aras Na Macleoin* » 14th April 2011

Human Rights Soc Annual General Meeting: Electing new committee for next year. All positions up for grabs, all welcome!

**Keith Farnan: Human Rights through comedy** » *AM250* » 15th February 2011

Comedian Keith Farnan offers a unique look at human rights and gender issues through the medium of stand up comedy.

Tickets 2 euro.

**Simon Community talk** » *AM150* » 18th November 2010

One of the main organizers of the Simon Community will be speaking about homelessness in Ireland. We will also be showing a short film about homelessness

**Film: Invictus** » *D'Arcy Thompson* » 9th November 2010

Invictus is a 2009 biographical drama film directed by Clint Eastwood starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon. The story is based on the John Carlin book *Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Changed a Nation* about the events in South Africa before and during the 1995 Rugby World Cup, hosted in that country following the dismantling of apartheid.

**Film: Hotel Rwanda** » *D'Arcy Thompson* » 2nd November 2010

Based on real life events in 1994 Rwanda. Tensions between the Hutu and Tutsi peoples lead to a war. Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle), the manager of the Sabena Hôtel des Mille Collines, is Hutu but his wife, Tatiana (Sophie Okonedo), is Tutsi. His marriage is a source of friction with Hutu extremists, most prominently a friendly goods supplier to the hotel who is also the local leader of a brutal anti-Tutsi militia.

The film, which has been called an African Schindler's List, documents Rusesabagina's acts to save the lives of his family and more than a thousand other refugees, by granting them shelter in the besieged Hôtel des Mille Collines. Hotel Rwanda explores genocide, political corruption, and the repercussions of violence.

**EGM!** » *AC 214 (Concourse)* » 19th October 2010

Human Rights Soc are holding an election for the position of Vice-Auditor. Come along to have your vote or run for the position!

**Meeting** » *The Hub* » 13th October 2010

Meeting to discuss events planned for the year and our upcoming EGM. All Welcome!

**Welcome meeting 2** » *AC201* » 21st September 2010 .Our second welcome meeting for those who couldn't be there last week.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Niamh O'Rourke

**Vice-Auditor:** Roisin Mangan

**Secretary:** Clare Killeen

**Treasurer:** Cormac O'Laighin

**PRO:** Robert Kennedy

**Correspondence Secretary:** Rebecca Finnegan

**OCM:** Stephanie Butler

**Co-PRO:** Owen Kelly

**OCM:** Emma Hennessy

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Sean Flannery

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€237.78	Bank charge	€13.90
USC Grant	€1,950.00	Returned Socs Money	€1,669.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,187.78</b>	Speaker travel	€200.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,883.84
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€303.94
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,187.78</b>

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 319 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Niamh O'Rourke	Auditor	60 hours
Robert Kennedy	P.R.O.	40 hours
Cormac O'Laighin	Treasurer	30 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 130 hours

## Huston Soc

The Huston Film Society screened films weekly in the second semester of the academic year.

### Huston Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**Screening of Man Bites Dog** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 14th March 2011

The Huston Film Society presents Man Bites Dog by Remy Belvaux.

Free screening in the Large Acoustic Room, Aras na MacLeinn on Monday the 14th of March.

**Screening of The Beat That My Heart Skipped** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 7th March 2011

The Huston Film Society will be screening Jacques Audiard's The Beat that My Heart Skipped.

**Screening of Black Cat White Cat** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 28th February 2011

The Huston Film Society screens Emir Kusturica's Black Cat White Cat in the Large Acoustic Room.

Screening starts at 9:30 pm on Monday the 28th of February.

**Huston film Soc Screening The Killing Of A Chinese Bookie** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 21st February 2011

The Huston Film Society screens John Cassavete's The Killing Of A Chinese Bookie. 9:30pm in the Large Acoustic Room in Aras na MacLeinn.

**Withnail & I** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 16th February 2011

Huston Film soc presents Withnail & I

**Screening of The Room** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 7th February 2011

Huston Film Society screens Tommy Wiseau's 'The Room'.

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Jeannette Gregor

**Vice-Auditor:** Gordon McCaughley

**Treasurer:** Joanna Nelius

**Minister for Defence and Propaganda:** Rnn Cannon

**Secretary:** Michael Ahern

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€25.00	Bank charge	€12.41
Bank Charge	€6.23	Expenditure Total	€12.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>€31.23</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€18.82
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€31.23</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 79 members.

## Irish Studies Soc

This year for the Irish Studies Society has been a great one. We received full society status early in this academic year. With many theater events, gigs, comedy DVD nights and a very successful Night of Irish Culture the society has had a productive year.

Society Day 1 brought great interest to the society and saw an increase in numbers.

### Irish Studies Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 42 events.

**An Evening of Irish Culture** » *the cube* » 8th April 2011

The Irish Studies Society is having one last hurrah before the academic year is out!

We are hosting 'An Evening of Irish Culture' on Friday April 8th at 7.30pm in The Stage and The Cube in Aras Na Mac Leinn. With Music, Poetry, Dance and hopefully some Drama (yet to be confirmed!!) its shaping up to be a great night! Displaying the talents of NUIG students and those of the wider Galway community its going to be a showcase of what is great about Ireland and its culture! We have confirmed 'Cosa Beoga' the Sean N?s Dance group who were in the finals of The All Ireland Talent Show this year and Padraic Keane- young musician of the year 2011 will be performing...and they are only two of the highlights! With a C?ili after ward it should be a fun evening We would love to see as many societies there!

#### **O Emperor** » *Roisin Dubh* » 25th March 2011

Tickets are limited so anyone who wants to go should contact Mike or Aisling ASAP (yet again you must a member).

#### **Friday evening music and Theater...take your pick!** » *Roisin Dubh or Town Hall Theatre* » 22nd March – 25th March 2011 (4 individual events)

Hello all, as you know we are inviting our members to join us at Roisin Dubh this Friday the 25th to watch O Emperor. Tickets are going fast so if you want to get your hands on a FREE ticket please email Mike at mikelydon9@yahoo.ie or Aisling at A.NOLAN3@nuigalway.ie BEFORE 12 O'CLOCK THURSDAY 24TH(as always you MUST be a member to get a ticket).

If however you're not into live music we are making available to our members FREE tickets to the Brian Friel play The Loves Of Cass Maguire, which is also taking place this Friday the 25th. Brought to you by the Compantas Lir theatre company and starring some of Galway's finest actors, this should be a great night enjoying the work of Ireland's most celebrated living playwright. As with the O Emperor show the cut off for tickets is BEFORE 12 O'CLOCK THURSDAY 24TH (as always you MUST be a member to get a ticket). So contact Mike or Aisling if you want one. We are in the process of working on some other events over the coming weeks so will be in contact. All the best.

#### **The Quare Land** » *Town Hall Theatre* » 21st March – 22nd March 2011 (2 individual events)

he Quare Land is being performed at the Town Hall Theatre. The play was a huge success at this years Galway Arts Festival, having sold out a two week run so is must for anyone intrested in Irish theatre (just check this review)."The Quare Land will readily remind viewers of John B. Keane and with its rhythmic use of dialogue, its joy in pushing against taboos, and the darkness of its conclusion, it will also call to mind the Irish plays of Martin McDonagh" - Irish Theatre Magazine Anyone who is interested in going should contact Mike at mikelydon9@yahoo.ie or Aisling at A.NOLAN3@nuigalway.ie as soon as possible (tickets are available for both nights & you must be a member)

#### **Ham Sandwich Gig** » *Roisin Dubh* » 4th February 2011

Hello all, gig time again. We in the Irish Studies Society would like to invite our members to join us at the album launch of one of the most exiting new bands to come out of Ireland in some time, Ham Sandwich. Tickets for the show are priced at 10 euros but are FREE to Irish Study Society members (again you MUST be a member to get a free ticket). The gig is on Friday the 4th of Febuary so if you want a ticket contact Mike at mikelydon9@yahoo.ie or Aisling at A.NOLAN3@nuigalway.ie , tickets are limited so email soon. Other events lined up in the coming weeks we be announced soon including The Rubber Bandits and a trip to the Gaiety Theatre in Dublin.

#### **Centre Of Irish Studies sean-nos singing Workshops** » *seminar room of the Martha Fox House* » 25th January – 8th March 2011 (7 individual events)

Treasa Ni Mhiollain, the renowned sean-nos singer from Arainn has been appointed the singer in residence for this year at the Centre for Irish Studies.

Treasa is one of the finest exponents of traditional singing in the Irish language and we are delighted that she will be part of Irish Studies for the coming year at NUIG. Treasa will be offering a series of sean-nos singing workshops on Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm, beginning on January 25, 2011 and running for 6 weeks. These will take place in the Seminar Room at the Centre for Irish Studies, are free and open to students, staff and the public. Treasa will cater to all levels. Spread the word!

#### **Live Performace by Luka Bloom Irish Studies Soc** » *Crane Bar* » 12th January – 14th January 2011 (3 individual events)

Hello all, and welcome back. We in the Irish Studies Society would like to begin this new semester by inviting our members to a live performance by Luka Bloom this Friday the 14th of January in the Crane Bar. An internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, Luka Bloom is regarded as one of the most talented Irish songwriters of his generation. Tickets for the show are priced at 18 euros but are being made available to Irish Studies Society members for 5 euros (YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO OBTAIN A TICKET). Tickets are selling fast so if you want one, contact Mike at mikelydon9@yahoo.ie or Aisling at A.NOLAN3@nuigalway.ie BEFORE 5 o'clock Wednesday 12th .We hope to see you there and will be announcing more events in the coming weeks.

#### **Dancing at Lughnasa in the Town Hall Theate** » *Town Hall Theatre* » 7th December 2010

Second Age presents the classic play by Brian Friel. We invite our members to an evening enjoying the work of one of Ireland's greatest playwrights. Details to follow Times will change!

**Night at the Theatre: Slattery's Sago Saga** » *Town Hall Theatre* » 29th November 2010

NUIG Irish Studies Society is happy to invite its members to a special night at the theatre. The Performance Corporation theatre company brings to the Town Hall Theatre Slattery's Sago Saga. Adapted by Arthur Riordan from the unfinished comic masterpiece by Flann O'Brien, Slattery's Sago Saga tells the story of Tim Hartigan's quiet life at Poguemahone Hall which is shattered by the arrival of a Scotch woman with a ridiculously evil plan. Utter confusion awaits in the shape of a politically-correct Leprechaun, a beautiful typist and a tycoon T.D. bent on bankrupting the country. One part carnival, one part surreal satire on modern Ireland, it is an unforgettable theatrical adventure. 'Arthur Riordan has cooked up a monstrous pudding of a comic play.' - Irish Independent

Slattery's Sago Saga is coming to Galway for only one performance on the Mon 29th Nov. Tickets for this show

are 18 euros, BUT we are happy to announce that limited free tickets are being offered to NUIG Irish Studies members. If you are interested in going a sign-up sheet will be placed in the Centre for Irish Studies in the Martha Fox House, or you can email us at A.NOLAN3@nuigalway.ie or mikelydon9@yahoo.ie. Tickets will go to those who sign up first but also to those who have contributed to past events and to those who are willing to contribute to future events! So if you would like to attend, sign up and we will get tickets to you!

**EGM** » *tbc* » 17th November 2010 Irish Studies Soc is hosting an EGM to elect: Secretary, Treasurer, PRO (we already have one but two is needed!) Co- Treasurer, Co-events. If you are interested in holding a committee position sign up to the society at yourspace.nuigalway.ie and details of the venue will follow

**Sign up for Night at the Theatre: Slattery's Sago Saga** » *Centre of Irish Studies* » 8th November – 22nd November 2010 (15 individual events) NUIG Irish Studies Society is happy to invite its members to a special night at the theatre. The Performance Corporation theatre company brings to the Town Hall Theatre Slattery's Sago Saga. Adapted by Arthur Riordan from the unfinished comic masterpiece by Flann O'Brien, Slattery's Sago Saga tells the story of Tim Hartigan's quiet life at Poguemahone Hall which is shattered by the arrival of a Scotch woman with a ridiculously evil plan. Utter confusion awaits in the shape of a politically-correct Leprechaun, a beautiful typist and a tycoon T.D. bent on bankrupting the country. One part carnival, one part surreal satire on modern Ireland, it is an unforgettable theatrical adventure. 'Arthur Riordan has cooked up a monstrous pudding of a comic play.' - Irish Independent

**Poetry & Music in the Crane Bar** » *Crane Bar* » 22nd October 2010 . To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the literary magazine *Crannog* an evening of poetry, music and fun is taking place in the Crane bar. We in the Irish Studies Society invite our members to join them. Free event with limited free refreshments available.

**Irish Studies Movie Nights** » *tbc* » 20th October 2010 Over the coming weeks we will be sending to all our members a list of the finest movies Ireland has produced and asking them to pick their 2 favourite. We will perhaps try and expand this event by contacting the NUIG Film Society and ask their members to give their favourites and join us for the screening. Food & drinks will be provided. Venue will be subject to member response

**No Banjo in the Roisin Dubh.** » *Roisin Dubh* » 17th October 2010 Why not join us in enjoying some of the finest talent Galway has to offer. No Banjo are from Galway's and play blues, soul, rootsters music. Free event with limited refreshments.

**Irish Studies Comedy Dvd Night** » *seminar room of the Martha Fox House* » 13th October 2010 .The Irish Studies society would like to invite its members to an evening enjoying some of the best comedy to come out of Ireland. This Wednesday 13th we will watching some episodes of 'The Savage Eye' & 'Father Ted' before watching a classic stand-up performance by Tommy Tiernan on dvd. Food & drink will be provided so come along. If you are attending please email us to let us know. Hope to see you all there.

**Irish Studies Soc Meet and Greet** » *seminar room of the Martha Fox House* » 29th September 2010 Just a meet and greet for new and old members to throw around ideas for the coming year and perhaps on to college bar afterward. Martha Fox House is the Centre of Irish Studies on Distillery Road across from the church on the same road as the AIB bank - International student office is across the road. Security office is on the same road its about 6 houses down from it

## Committee 2010/2011

**Advisor:** Aisling Nolan

**Secretary:** Claire Long

**PRO:** Jessica Farrell

**Auditor:** Andrew Shevlane

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€484.96	Bank charge	€26.03
USC Grant	€1,260.00	Entertainment	€364.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,744.96</b>	Entry fees	€297.40
		Materials	€575.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€150.00
		Printing	€177.20
		Reception	€55.00
		Stationary	€97.47
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€1,742.10</b>
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2.86

Income	Expenditure
	Total
	€1,744.96

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 157 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Aisling Nolan	Auditor	260 hours
Michael Lydon	Events organiser	30 hours
Leanne Lynch	PRO	50 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 340 hours

## ISS International Students Society

The International Students Society (ISS) welcomed all international students to NUI Galway. We organised trips around Ireland such as:

- Cliffs of Moher and The Burren
- Dublin
- Belfast+Derry+Antrim Coast
- The Aran Islands

We have also had welcome parties, and events such as:

- Welcome Parties
- Bring a dish from your country

The society is a way of meeting international students and also Irish Students and to give advice on any aspects of living in Galway for the year.

## ISS International Students Society Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

**dublin weekend** » *dublin* » 20th November – 21st November 2010 (2 individual events)

we are going to the Jameson distillery and Guinness storehouse etc... and much more!

**Aran Islands Overnight Trip** » *Inishmore, Aran Islands* » 16th April – 17th April 2011 (2 individual events) Weekend Overnight Trip to Inishmore in the Aran Islands. Bus, Ferry and Accommodation all included.

Friday: Leaving Galway at 10.00 a.m to get the ferry to Inishmore. Staying at a hostel overnight and students will have the possibility of renting bicycles to visit the island. Freedom of choice to visit the Island.

Saturday: Visit the Island. Getting the ferry back to Galway at 17.00, will be in Galway around 18.00.

**Weekend trip to Belfast, Antrim Coast, Derry and Sligo** » *Belfast, Derry and Sligo* » 25th February – 27th February 2011 (3 individual events)

The ISS organized a trip to Northern Ireland on the 25-27 of February.

The trip will cost 60 Euros and tickets

Trip Itinerary:

-Friday morning (25th) at 7 am from the Quadrangle in order to get to Belfast around 12.

We stay in the Linen House in the center of Belfast.

Between 1-3pm we will be taking a bus tour around the different parts of Belfast and then the rest of the night is free. -Saturday (26th) morning we will leave Belfast around 9 am and head towards the Antrim Coast (Giants Causeway and Ceric a Rede) and then drive towards Derry where students will have the evening free.

-Sunday (27th) we will leave Derry between 12-14.00 to drive home with a short stop in Sligo. The trip will come back to NUI Galway Sunday night.

**Bring a Dish From Your Country** » *Meeting Rooms, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd March 2011

**BRING A DISH FROM YOUR COUNTRY:** A dinner party for all ISS members!! Get a chance to try food from a bunch of different countries while also showing off some of your own cooking skills!!

**The Burren/Cliffs of Moher Day Trip** » *No suggestions found* » 5th February 2011

Meet at 8:45 am sharp at the quadrangle for the bus. Bring your hiking boots, waterproof clothing, camera, lunch, and an extra euro to pay for the Cliffs! Sign up in the socs box.

**International Students Society Meeting!** » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 13th January 2011 Come along to the first ISS meeting of the new year!

**Bowling!** » *TBA* » 1st November 2010

**Ceili: Traditional Irish Dance** » *college bar* » 27th October 2010

FREE! For those of you who fancy learning some traditional Irish dance with traditional Irish music we will be having a ceili in association with the Students' Union as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish week).

**Overnight trip to Belfast** » *Belfast* » 6th November – 7th November 2010 (2 individual events)

We will be taking a bus trip to Belfast that will include a visit to the Giant's Causeway. Tickets go on sale October 13th! Cost: 50 Euro.

**Trip to Cliffs of Moher** » *The arch of the quadrangle* » 10th October 2010

Will we be taking a guided bus tour to the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren on October the 10th. Cost is €10, buy tickets at socsbox ahead of time.

**Bring a Dish** » *aras na mac leinn - arts room* » 6th October 2010

the International student society will be holding a bring a dish dinner in the arts room of Aras ne Mac Leinn. Bring a dish from your home country and join in for a night of fun and food!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Sara Maeve Cerezo Magee

**Vice-Auditor:** Margaret Wright

**Secretary:** Toni Demaree

**Travel Coordinator:** Kimberly Gorchels

**OCM:** Ericka Kilgore

**Travel Officer 2nd Semester:** Elina Parri

**Events Officer:** Emmet Connolly

**Treasurer:** Emily Sperka

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Kate Hokeness

**PRO:** Bastien Allibert

**Auditor 1st Semester:** Ciara Staunton

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,413.86	Bank charge	€98.83
Bank Charge	€49.73	Dinner	€153.72
Members Contributions	€1,027.99	Entry fees	€1,170.40
Socs box Till	€13,385.00	Society accomm	€4,353.71
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Society transport	€11,525.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>€17,876.58</b>	Expenditure Total	€17,302.16
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€574.42
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€17,876.58</b>

## Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 535 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Sara Maeve Cerezo Magee	Chairperson 2nd semester	40 hours
Elma Parri	Travel Officer	25 hours

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 65 hours

## Italian Soc

Italian society is a society to promote the Italian culture in NUIG and to give Italian and Irish people an opportunity to enjoy the language and culture, and to create a way to make friends between Italian and Irish people here in Galway.

### Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

**Masquerade Ball 2011** » *The Harbour Hotel* » 10th March – 11th March 2011 (2 individual events)

The Italian Soc proudly presents The Masquerade Ball 2011. Come Experience a night of mystery.....

This year Carnevale Ball will be held at the Harbour Hotel. This year the money raised will go to to the Jack and Jill Foundation.

**Carnevale Masquerade Ball** » *No suggestions found* » 10th March – 11th March 2011 (2 individual events) This year Carnevale Ball will be held at the Harbour Hotel. This year the money raised will go to to the Jack and Jill Foundation. Tickets include 3 course dinner, complimentary wine and prosecco reception and entertainment. Come along for a night of decadence, magic and mystery..

**Danteathon Fundraiser** » *Smokies* » 21st February 2011

Hey guys, Its time to raise some money for charity, the Italian Soc will be reading Dante's inferno in the original Italian all day in front of Smokies Cafe on the concourse!!! We will be raising money with a bucket collection for the SERVE development aid charity's house and water cistern building project in Northeast Brasil!

**Meeting!** » *Massimo's* » 8th February 2011

Come along for a night of conversazione italiano with the Italian Soc!

**Film Night!** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 25th January 2011 Improve your Italiano and have some fun by joining us in watching "Ladri di Biciclette"

**Film Night!** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th January 2011

Improve your Italian the fun way - come along to see the acclaimed "Ladri di biciclette" with the Italian Soc!

**Italian Bring A Dish Night** » *Monroes* » 2nd December 2010

Everyone bring along some food and we'll enjoy it and have a chat!!

**Italian Soc Night Out** » *Kings Head* » 27th October 2010

Just getting everyone together for a few drinks and a chat! See you all there!

Ciao

**Italian Tandem Night** » *College Bar* » 18th October 2010

Just a chance for the italian society members to get to know one another. Free pizza, finger food and drinks for those who come.

**First Meeting** » *Smokey's on Concourse* » 13th September 2010

Our first meeting to elect a new committee and get the ball rolling on a new year :)

**Massimos Get together!!** » *Massimos Pub William Street* » 28th September 2010

this is our first get together for the year, hoping to meet all the new member and talk about what they want to do for the year.

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Niamh O'Brien

**Vice-Auditor:** Charlotte Pym

**Secretary:** Alice Daly

**Treasurer:** Marion Carey

**Webmaster:** Alan Duggan

**general member:** Massimo Castelletti

**General Member:** Dania Urthaler

**General Member:** Susanne Larsson

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,629.08	Ball	€2,830.00
Balls	€366.30	Bank charge	€24.11
Socs box Till	€2,805.00	Dinner	€150.00
USC Grant	€1,200.00	Entertainment	€90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,000.38</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€34.00
		Printing	€25.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Expenditure Total	€3,153.11
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€2,776.93
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€2,847.27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,000.38</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 195 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Alan Duggan	Auditor First Term	35 hours
Niamh O'Brien	Auditor From October	110 hours
Alice Daly	Secretary	30 hours
Marion Carey	Treasurer	100 hours

# ALIVE Students: 4 student

# Hours Volunteered: 275 hours

## Juggling Soc

the juggling soc teaches people how to juggle, gives performances around the college and provides social events for jugglers.

### Juggling Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 90 events.

**Juggling Heat 78/80 Bursary** » *Bailey Allen Hallen, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 10th March 2011

"So you think you can juggle?"

Juggling Heat for the USC Spirit of 78/80 bursary. The winner from the heat will go through to the final in the performance category with the winner of that receiving a 1000 euro bursary.

This is completely open to any member/members of the society. It doesn't matter whether you've ever performed with us or not at all. It'll be judged by unbiased people, and with this being a performance bursary lots of emphasis will be on the performance aspect of the juggling rather than just the tricks done (though being the juggling heat I'm sure tricks will still have weight!).

So, do come along, it wont be a show or anything but it'll be a good chance to see the main up and coming juggling acts from the college without having to pay for them :)

**Juggling Extravaganza!** » *Bailey Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 8th February 2011

NUI Galway Juggling Society are proud to present their latest juggling extravaganza stage show, on Tuesday 8th February in the Bailey Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn.

Once again we're flying in a performer for the occasion, Ren? Albert! Ren? is well known known for his hat juggling, his tennis balls, and his fantastic glow-juggling shows.

Starting at 8pm, the show be hosted by a very handsome and mysterious stranger, and will feature a variety of acts from local talent around Galway and Ireland, culminating in a finale performance from Ren? which will BLOW YOUR MIND. Get there early, our last two shows filled the venue to capacity and had people sitting in the aisles. Feb 8th, 8pm, Bailey Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn. BE THERE.

**Rhythm & Spin** » *Outside College Bar* » 16th November 2010

Rhythm & Spin Juggling Society: Outdoor Juggling spectacle with drums

6pm -7pm Outside Áras na Mac Leinn

**Practice Session** » *No suggestions found* » 7th October – 26th May 2011 (34 individual events) Come along to our Thursday practice session to try out our society equipment, you're welcome to practice, much around or sit down and chat, everything provided and everyone welcome!

**Workshop & Practice** » *Áras Na MacLeinn* » 5th October – 31st May 2011 (35 individual events) Come along to our weekly workshop to learn something new juggling related! Be it poi, diabolo, unicycle or something else, it's always something new and always open to everybody!

**Beginner's Workshop with Marco Paoletti** » *Bailey Allen Hall, Aras Na Macleinn* » 21st September 2010 Our big beginner's workshop! Come learn how to juggle 3 balls with a professional juggler. Absolutely no experience necessary, anyone can pick this up!

Refreshments after in the college bar. This is our biggest event every year so be sure not to miss it!

**Clonakilty Motion Festival** » *Clonakilty* » 22nd September – 26th September 2010 (5 individual events) Conakilty Motion Festival

**Tralee Convention** » *Tralee* » 12th November – 14th November 2010 (3 individual events) Tralee Circus Convention Trip

**Berlin Trip** » *Berlin* » 24th January – 29th January 2011 (6 individual events)

**Juggling Convention** » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 1st July – 3rd July 2011 (3 individual events) join us for a weekend of juggling with a show at 8pm on Sat 2nd in the Bailey Allen Hall.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** David Owens

**Treasurer:** Armon Chojnacki

**Vice Auditor:** Michael Hennelly

**Dara:** Dara Finneran

**Equipment Manager:** Charlotte Pym

**Vice-Auditor:** Stephen Mannion

**Secretary:** Brian Phelan

**PRO:** Tara Stacey

**OCM (Oisin Callery Man):** Oisin Callery

**Auditor-Elect:** Paul Hanrahan

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Paul Hanrahan

**Treasurer:** Charlotte Pym

**Vice-Auditor:** Gary Feehan

**Secretary:** Sarah Curley

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3,085.59	Bank charge	€76.58
Bank Charge	€26.19	Dinner	€410.00
Muscailt	€200.00	Entertainment	€275.00
Socs box Till	€2,301.00	Entry fees	€675.00
USC Grant	€6,310.00	Equipment misc	€168.00
<b>Total</b>	€11,922.78	Prizes	€63.00
		Society accomm	€1,279.75
		Society transport	€3,961.00
		Socs day expenses	€373.35
		Speaker travel	€182.17
		Teacher fees	€1,096.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€8,559.85
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,362.93
		<b>Total</b>	€11,922.78

## Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 486 members.

## Labour Youth

This year, Labour Youth was mainly working on getting Derek Nolan elected to the Dáil. As such, we were out constantly during the campaign, leafletting and canvassing. We were also on tv a few times. In addition, we worked with PDS to get Eamon Gilmore to visit Galway.

### Labour Youth Events

This year the society held a total of 224 events.

**Eamon Gilmore addressing NUIG** » *cairnes theatre » 17th October 2010*

Working with the PDS, Labour Youth organised Eamon Gilmore to come down and speak to NUIG.

**Weekly meeting** » *The Hub » 1st September – 31st May 2011 (39 individual events)*

Weekly meeting/committee meeting for NUIG Labour Youth

**Campaign work** » *Galway » 1st September – 28th February 2011 (181 individual events)*

Campaign work for Derek Nolan during the general election.

**Intersarsity Trip** » *NUIG Maynooth » 5th November – 7th November 2010 (3 individual events)*

### Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Liam Duffy

**Auditor:** Cian Moran

**Treasurer:** Paul O'Connor

**Secretary:** Patrick McCusker

**PRO:** Tadgh Malone

**Vice PRO:** Kelly Keady

**Keyboard Warrior:** Brian O'Donnell

### Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Eanna MacDonnchadha

**Vice-Auditor:** Sarah McCarthy

**Treasurer:** Sean McHugh

**Secretary:** Mark Glynn

**PRO:** Cian Moran

**Enforcer:** Paul O'Connor

**Financial Secretary:** Elaine Whelan

**OCM:** Tadgh Malone

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€282.05	Bank charge	€32.67
Bank Charge	€3.90	Hoodies	€257.00
Hoodies	€257.14	Returned Socs Money	€835.00
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Society transport	€329.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,543.09</b>	Expenditure Total	€1,453.67
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€89.42
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,543.09</b>

### Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 115 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Cian Moran	Auditor	460 hours
Paul O'Connor	Treasurer	70 hours

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 530 hours

## Law Soc

Our aims and objectives were to provide the student body with a law focused society that would present them with high profile Irish legal speakers, legal debates and discussions in a relaxed environment. This would supplement their legal (or other) studies, hopefully advance their interest in this area and give them the opportunity to hear first-hand from people who influence the legal regime we live under. On top of hosting excellent speakers we strived to provide a resource to students which would help them to further their legal careers or help them to decide where they are going to go after University by hosting various educational career talks. We also wanted to hold social events which would encourage interaction between members themselves and the committee with a bit of fun for all involved.

We fulfilled these objectives through the events and services which we provided. Representing the Irish legal system we hosted Mr. Justice Ryan of the High Court of Ireland and Dr. Carol Coulter. In our joint "Law Day" event hosted in conjunction with the FLAC Society saw former Supreme Court Judge Catherine McGuinness, Director General of the National Free Legal Advice Centre Noeline Blackwell, Dr. Lydia Foy long time activist for transgender rights and Mr Larry Donnelly manager of the Public Interest Law Alliance speak on the night. John Buckley of the ISPC, Manus De Barra Policy and Human Rights Officer for the Office of the Ombudsman for Children, Dr. Aine Egan lecturer in Family Law. Sam Butt counselor and psychotherapist with Families, Fathers and Friends, Dr. Anne Egan lecturer in Law and Brid Manifold family mediator.

Guests of general interest to all students would have been Peter Pringle and Sonia "Sunny" Jacobs, key speakers at our hugely successful "Life on Deathrow" Event. Paul Willaims, Steve Collins a survivor of gangland crime, Norah Gibbons Director of Advocacy at Barnardos, Dr. Marie Cassidy State Pathologist all spoke at the Law Society this year. The Law Society in conjunction with the Literary and Debating society held "The Galway West Election" event which saw Cllr. Catherine Connolly, Sen Fidelma Healy Eames, Cllr Derek Nolan, Sen Niall O' Brochain, Mr Trevor O' Clochartaigh and Eamon O' Cuiv TD debated topical motions and answered questions from the audience at the event. Sinead Ahern and Dr. Fiona DeLondras of Pro Choice Ireland, Patrick Buckley of the European Life Network, Caroline Simons former Libertas MEP candidate and Liam Gibson Development officer for the Northern Ireland Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child

Educational seminars to inform students as to the career opportunities available to them included presentations from leading law firms A&L Goodbody, William Fry, McCann Fitzgerald, Matheson Ormsby Prentice and Arthur Cox. Our Alternative careers in law seminars saw PriceWaterhouseCoopers, William Fry as well as various academics speak about life as a tax consultant, trade mark attorney and academic to our members. The Ulster Bank, The European Movement, the College of Europe and Kings Inns gave presentations to our members concerning their course and recruitment throughout the academic year.

This year we aimed to increase involvement and awareness of moot court competitions both inside and outside of NUI Galway. Students were provided with information sessions and workshops to enable them compete in The Advocate program, the National Moot Court Competition, the NUI Galway internal moot court competition hosted by the NUI Galway Law Society, The Holland and Knight Moot Court Competition and the UCD Moot Court Competition this year.

This year saw the annual Irish National Law Debates held by the Law Society and the Literary and Debating Society attended by a record breaking 200 debaters for the event. This year saw a convenor elected from each society to oversee the successful functioning and completion of the event held on the weekend of the 11th February.

Finally, we achieved our social goals with a karaoke party held in the college bar, our annual maiden speaker's event, a movie and pizza night held in the McMunn Theatre, the annual Law Ball held this year for the first time in the Meyrick Hotel as well as our regular drinks and food reception held weekly in the college bar.

This Summer we team up with Lit 7 Deb to bring the euros Debate to NUI Galway which will see 600 debaters descend on campus for a week of debates and Irish hospitality. The convenor is our Auditor Nollaig O'Scanlain.

### Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

#### **AGM and end of year Party** » *cairnes theatre and College bar* » 29th March 2011

Voting for executive positions at the AGM will be by secret ballot and voting for non executive positions will be by a simple majority vote.

Nominations for Executive positions have to be returned to Auditor, Nollaig O'Scanlain, by 5pm on Monday 28th March. Nominations will be accepted via email to [n.oscannlain1@nuigalway.ie](mailto:n.oscannlain1@nuigalway.ie) before 5pm on Monday. Please come along and support the nominees and please consider running for positions yourself. After the AGM we will be hosting our end of year party in the College Bar with refreshments.

#### **Coffee with the Committee** » *Hubb Aras na Mac Leinn* » 28th March 2011

The members of the Law Society will be available to meet with members interested in taking up positions on next year's committee. This will be a very informal meeting and it's a chance to find out more about the work of the committee.

If you are interested in getting involved with the society I would advise you to come along to meet with this year's committee members to chat about the roles they have exercised this year so that you can determine what position would be best for you to run for at the AGM. Even if you are not sure that you will be running for a position on the committee come along and meet us to find out more about what we do.

**Fathers' Rights** » *Tyndall Theatre* » 22nd February – 23rd February 2011 (2 individual events) One in three children in Ireland are now born to unmarried parents yet, unlike the mother or a married father the constitution gives the unmarried father no automatic legal status in the lives of his children. This topic is enormously controversial in the backdrop of the recent European Court of Justice ruling. The court decided that an unmarried Irish father's rights were not breached where his partner took his three children to the UK without his consent. The Law Society are delighted to present three of the finest academics and experts on the area, Dr Anne Egan of NUI Galway, Brid Manifold Family Law Solicitor and Sam Butt Counsellor with Families, Fathers and Friends to voice their opinions on this topic which has been ever so controversial as of late.

**Abortion Debate** » *Cairnes Theatre* » 16th February 2011

The motion of the debate will be Abortion: Is it time Ireland followed Europe into the 21st Century?

The Law Society is delighted to present some of the finest academics and experts on the area to voice their opinions on this controversial topic at present. It is very important that every side to this issue must be represented.

**Law Ball** » *Meyrick Hotel, Eyre Square* » 2nd February – 4th February 2011 (3 individual events)

**Law Ball** » *Hotel Meyrick* » 2nd February 2011

**Dr Marie Cassidy, State Pathologist** » *Cairnes Theatre* » 25th November 2010

**Norah Gibbons - Protecting Ireland's Children** » *McMunn Theatre* » 17th November 2010

**Law Soc announce Carol Coulter Irish Times Legal Affairs Correspondent** » *Fottrell Theatre Art Millenium Building* » 10th November 2010

**Steve Collins and Paul Williams** » *cairnes theatre* » 20th October 2010

These two brave men will be addressing the NUI Galway, Law Society with their courageous and heroic stories, and discussing current gangland crime in Ireland. This will be interesting and informative event that is open to all and tickets shall not be required.

**Matheson Ormsby Prentice Presentation** » *IT125G* » 18th October 2010

A graduate programme presentation of the Matheson Ormsby Prentice firm and a chance for students to ask questions followed by a reception

**Arthur Cox - Trainee Programme Presentation** » *The G Hotel* » 12th October 2010

**Maiden Speakers and Karaoke** » *Cairnes theatre followed by karaoke in the college bar* » 6th October 2010 An opportunity for new speakers to address Law Soc on a topic of their choice in an informal manner, with prizes for the best speakers and follows by karaoke in the college bar.

**William Fry** » *IT125G* » 5th October 2010

Graduate Programme Presentation. A presentation on the firm and opportunities available to graduates.

**A & L Goodbody- Trainee Solicitor Graduate Programme Presentation** » *IT 125G* » 28th September 2010

**Life After Death Row** » *Cairnes theatre* » 29th September 2010

An address by Soina 'Sunny' Jacobs and Peter Pringle both wrongly convicted and sentenced to death only to be released after almost a lifetime spent on death row.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Nollaig O'Scannlain

**Secretary:** Tara Gibbons

**Vice-Auditor:** Darran Brennan

**Moot Court Convenor and Marshall of the House:** Conor Harris

**Social Secretary:** Karen Traynor

**Education Officer:** James Tutu

**New Membership Officer:** David Crowe

**PRO:** Sinead Evans

**Debates Convenor:** Evelyn Whymys

**Treasurer:** Liam Carroll

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Tara Gibbons

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Harris

**Treasurer:** Ciara Carlin

**Secretary:** Timothy Feeney

**Members Liason Officer:** Conor Nolan

**Social Secretary:** Edel Prendergast

**Moot Court Convenor:** Jennifer Dalton

**Speakers Convenor:** Cillian Plá@imeann

**Debates Convenor:** Maria O'Flaherty

**Marshall of the House:** Thomas Daniels

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€13,412.16	Ball	€12,574.00
Balls	€19,619.00	Bank charge	€475.00
Bank Charge	€11.30	Dinner	€4,521.65
Fundraising	€675.12	Entertainment	€180.00
Socs box Till	€1,725.00	Entry fees	€1,831.68
Sponsorship	€3,500.00	Equipment misc	€200.00
USC Grant	€19,600.00	Euros	€11,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€58,542.58</b>	Gifts	€74.00
		Hoodies	€702.00
		Materials	€555.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€399.93
		Phone	€40.00
		Printing	€1,296.00
		Reception	€1,196.89
		Security	€300.00
		Society transport	€1,665.75
		Sound	€300.00
		Speaker accomm	€1,482.60
		Speaker travel	€123.90
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€39,418.40</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€110.00</b>
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€19,124.18
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€58,542.58</b>

### Law Ball Balance Sheet - 2010/2011

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,083.09	Ball	€10,712.00
Balls	€12,574.00	Bank charge	€90.08
		Society transport	€1,900.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€12,702.08</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€1,955.01</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€14,657.09</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€14,657.09</b>

## EUDC Euros Balance Sheet - 2010/2011

Income		Expenditure	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0.00	Ball	€496.00
Fundraising	€139,799.05	Bank charge	€96.32
Sponsorship	€46,444.30	Dinner	€64,741.00
		Entertainment	€34,608.50
		Equipment misc	€2,002.20
		Gifts	€442.00
		Hire Bus	€3,500.00
		Hoodies	€775.24
		Lights	€2,420.00
		Materials	€70.00
		Received Money Returned	€7,124.00
		Reception	€4,275.00
		Security	€2,231.00
		Society accomm	€42,122.00
		Society transport	€743.09
		Sound	€750.00
		Speaker accomm	€8,500.00
		Speaker travel	€169.00
		Stationary	€2,060.04
		Video Hire	€200.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€177,325.39</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€8,917.96</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€186,243.35</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€186,243.35</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 631 members.

### ALIVE Hours

David Crowe	Members Liason Officer	40 hours
Marie-alice Cleary	Speakers Convenor	230 hours
Sinead Evans	Public Relations Officer	190 hours
Evelyn Whyms	Debates Convenor	80 hours
Darran Brennan	Vice-Auditor	495 hours
Liam Carroll	Treasurer	200 hours
Conor Harris	Marshall of the House and Moot Court Convenor	200 hours
Tara Gibbons	Secretary and Co-Convenor of the Irish National Law Debates	548 hours
Nollaig O'Scannlain	Auditor	550 hours

# ALIVE Students: 9 student  
# Hours Volunteered: 2533 hours

## Life Society

Our society aims to promote respect for all human life from conception until natural death and to educate people about the intrinsic value of human life. We are a non-religious and non-political society. This year we have volunteered at the Galway Pregnancy Support Accommodation service, hosted the successful Life Week conference, we set up information tables on campus, brought in national and international speakers, organised film screenings and other events.

### Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 129 events.

**Final Meeting for Semester** » *College Bar (upstairs)* » 23rd November 2010

We will make plans for the intervarsity in the spring, design a display board on stem cell research, and discuss events for next semester.

**Film Showing: Juno** » *Information Technology (IT) Building 125G* » 26th October 2010

Life Society will be screening the film 'Juno' about a young teen in a crisis pregnancy. The film received four 2008 Academy Awards nominations: Best Original Screenplay (which Diablo Cody won) Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actress for Ellen Page. A discussion/debate will follow over tea and refreshments.

**Life Society Meeting** » *College Bar upstairs* » 5th October 2010

We'll have a few petitions to sign, some plans to make, and reports on the last week. Bring your friends and your ideas. Tea and refreshments served

**All Ireland Rally for Life** » *Dublin* » 2nd July 2011

The largest pro-life event of the year will take place in Dublin, Saturday 2 July. The All Ireland Rally for Life is a family event with face painting, balloons, music, and inspirational speakers. NUIG Life Society will attend and is organising transportation from Galway if anyone needs a lift on the day. Come march for life along with thousands of pro-life activists from all over Ireland

**Hilary MacBride Pro-Life Climb** » *Croagh Patrick* » 7th May 2011

Join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (Derry) for the annual Climb for Life at Croagh Patrick to raise awareness of the value of each human life from the moment of conception.

**'Babies' Film Screening** » *Large Acoustic Room* » 27th April 2011

Four new babies... Four places on earth... The babies are coming! On Wednesday 27 April at 6 p.m. in the Large Acoustic Room, Life Society will host the final film for the year.

The adventure of a lifetime begins... Directed by award-winning filmmaker Thomas Balmes, from an original idea by producer Alain Chabat, *Babies* simultaneously follows four babies around the world from birth to first steps. The children are, respectively, in order of on-screen introduction: Ponijao, who lives with her family near Opuwo, Namibia; Bayarjargal, who resides with his family in Mongolia, near Bayanchandmani; Mari, who lives with her family in Tokyo, Japan; and Hattie, who resides with her family in San Francisco, California. The film will be followed by Life Society's end of the year BBQ

**BBQ for Life** » *Large Acoustic Room* » 27th April 2011 Everyone is welcome to Life Society's end of the year party. We'll meet in the Large Acoustic Room at 8 p.m. and head outdoors, weather permitting. See you there!

**Special Olympics collection day** » *Smokey's cafe, Concourse* » 15th April 2011 The Life Society committee are organising a collection for Special Olympics Ireland on campus next week and we would really appreciate your help! If you're able to spare an hour to hold a bucket on the day that would be fantastic.

From a backyard summer camp for people with intellectual disabilities in 1962 to a global movement today, Special Olympics has been changing lives and attitudes for more than 40 years. This year, 126 Special Olympics athletes will represent our country at the Special Olympics in Athens. This coming Friday, April 15th, is the national collection day for Special Olympics in Ireland. Time: 10am - 3pm Location: Smokey's cafe, Concourse, NUI Galway. Please give one hour of your time on April 15th to volunteer at our collection. All you need to do is stand and hold a bucket - it couldn't be easier! You can e-mail [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) with the time slot you are able to cover. Don't forget to tell your friends to drop by and donate what they can!

**Pro-Life Training Session** » *Dublin* » 1st April 2011 Bernie Smyth from Precious Life will be hosting a pro-life training session for anyone wishing to become more involved with counselling and/or street sessions. If you would like to travel to Dublin for the training session please contact [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) or come to the next meeting.

**Deadline for Submissions to 'Life: The Ultimate Work of Art' Creative Competition** » *NUI Galway* » 1st April 2011 Entry forms for Life Society's annual creative competition (all genres) must be submitted by 25 March for all 3 categories: NUIG students, secondary school students & general public. Submissions are due by 1 April. First place in each category receives a cash prize (50 for secondary school students and 150 for the other categories) and a plaque. Rules and entry form are available in the Socsbox

**Deadline for Submission of Entry Forms for 'Life: The Ultimate Work of Art' Creative Competition » NUI Galway » 25th March 2011** Entry forms for Life Society's annual creative competition (all genres) must be submitted by 25 March for all 3 categories: NUI Galway students, secondary school students & general public. Submissions are due by 1 April. First place in each category receives a cash prize (50 for secondary school students and 150 for the other categories) and a plaque. Rules and entry form are available in the Socsbox or from [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie)

**'40 Days for Life' Volunteering » Dublin » 21st March – 18th April 2011 (5 individual events)** Members of Life Society will travel to Dublin once a week to volunteer with the 40 Days for Life campaign. This is an outreach at abortion referral centres to present women with positive alternatives. Anyone interested in joining us please send us an e-mail or come along to the next meeting.

**Stem Cell Research Debate » Kirwan Theatre » 16th March 2011** The Literary and Debating Society is hosting a debate on stem cell research Wednesday 16 March at 7 p.m. in the Kirwan Theatre (Arts Concourse). In the past months, Life Society has been promoting ethical (adult) stem cell research that is saving lives without destroying human embryos. Embryonic experiments, on the other hand, have produced no cures and have destroyed countless lives in the process. The scientific community must renew its commitment to Do No Harm as it forges ahead in this exciting new area of research.

**Secondary Schools Outreach » Co. Galway » 14th March – 18th March 2011 (5 individual events)** Life Society will be contacting schools around Galway to inform them about our creative competition as well as current life issues.

**Pro-Life Street Information Session » Cork » 12th March 2011** Life Society will join students from UCC to spread the message of life in Cork.

**Commemoration for Baby X » Dublin » 5th March 2011** Life Society will travel to Dublin for the annual commemoration for Baby X on the anniversary of the X case.

**Pro-Life Intervarsity Conference » Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th February – 27th February 2011 (2 individual events)** Pro-life students from around the country will gather at NUI Galway for a weekend filled with fun, information, and pro-life action. Events include an in-house think tank with Senator Ronan Mullen, a debating workshop, a street information session, presentations on the various pro-life university groups, a talk by a medical doctor on the correct protocol for C in the ABC case, and a film. Everyone is invited.

**Talk by international guest speaker Nick Johnson » Dillon Theatre, Concourse » 24th February 2011** Nick is an American football player from California in the United States. He currently plays for Henderson State in Arkansas and hopes to make his NFL debut next season. He is a regular speaker in the US on the FCA speaking circuit and is a pro-life activist. He will be giving us an international perspective on abortion and giving us new ideas on how to spread the pro-life message - both on and off campus. Check out the facebook event: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=128577773876928> This talk is free. All are welcome. An Ultrasound meeting will be held in Dillon Theatre at 9pm (following Nick Johnson's talk). Ultrasound is a student-run network that links up the various pro-life university groups around the country. All pro-life students are invited to attend!

**Round table discussion on the topic Is abortion really a religious issue » Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd February 2011** Round table discussion on the topic: Is abortion really a religious issue? This discussion will be chaired by a member of NUI Galway's Life Society committee. Participants will be drawn from all religious backgrounds: Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Bahai, Atheist.

This discussion is part of the events for Life Week 2011, raising awareness and challenging students to think anew on life issues! This event is free. All are welcome.

**Talk by Professor William Binchy on Legal implications of the ECHR's ruling in the ABC Vs Ireland case » Larmor Theatre » 22nd February 2011** Talk by Professor William Binchy on Legal implications of the ECHR's ruling in the ABC vs Ireland case.

Prof. Binchy is Regius Professor of Laws at Trinity College and is a Barrister-at-Law. He has worked for the Irish Law Reform Commission, the Department of Justice, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Irish Human Rights Commission. He is well known for his work with Pro Life Campaign (PLC).

See the facebook event: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=188357281187107>

This event is free and all are welcome.

**Pro-Life Chalk Day » In front of Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th February 2011** Come write a message in support of life on the area in front of Aras na Mac Leinn. Chalk will be provided.

**Pro-Life Road Show » Galway, Mayo & Donegal » 10th February – 12th February 2011 (3 individual events)** Students and young people are invited to join a 3 day road show to spread the message of life across 3 counties. Life Society will leave Thursday morning and return on Saturday.

**Launch of 'Life: The Ultimate Work of Art' creative competition » NUI Galway » 7th February – 16th February 2011 (10 individual events)** NUI Galway Life Society will host its pro-life creative competition for secondary school students, NUI Galway students, and the general public. Artists in any genre (including, but not limited to, plays, films, paintings, poems, prose, drawings, music, sculptures, graphic designs, songs, photographs, engravings, and speeches) may submit original work into one of the three categories. Irish language submissions are

especially welcome. The closing date to submit entry forms is 18 March and the competition will conclude on 25 March. Copies of the rules and entry forms are available in the NUIG Societies Office, by e-mail, or by post.

**Life Society Think-In** » *Meeting Room 1 (Aras na Mac Leinn) » 3rd February 2011* We will have a brainstorming session in conjunction with other pro-life groups on upcoming issues and election

**Volunteering in Dublin** » *Life House » 29th January 2011* Life Society will assist with clerical work at the Life House.

**Ultrasound Meeting** » *Dublin » 27th January 2011* Life Society will send 2 delegates to the spring meeting of the pro-life intervarsity group Ultrasound.

**'Bella' Film Screening** » *Large Acoustic Room (Aras na Mac Leinn) » 26th January 2011* Winner of the prestigious Toronto Film Festival Peoples Choice Award as well as a host of other awards, 'Bella' is about love which goes beyond romance and the infinite value of human life: one day in New York City and three lives are changed forever. Come join us Wednesday 26 January at 6 p.m. in the Large Acoustic Room (Aras na Mac Leinn). Discussion and food to follow in the Hub.

**Life Discussion** » *Hub » 25th January 2011* Life Society is hosting an information session on the current situation on life issues in political context, following up contact with candidates from the leading parties. Tea and discussion!

**Church Gate Collection** » *County Galway » 23rd January 2011* Life Society will assist in the Pro-Life Trust church gate collection before and after the weekend Masses.

**Pro-Life Street Information Session** » *Cork » 22nd January 2011* Life Society joins our fellow pro-life students from UCC for a street information session in Cork. In the wake of the ABC case, we are highlighting the fact that treating a woman with a life threatening condition is not an abortion, even if it indirectly results in the death of the unborn child. There is never a medical necessity for an abortion. Rather a doctor must do his best to treat both patients: mother and unborn child. This is why Ireland remains the safest place in the world to be pregnant. The ABC case demonstrates that abortion hurts women: all 3 women in the case suffered from severe complications after they went to England for abortions. Thanks to the excellent maternal medical care in Ireland, the women's lives were saved. Sadly, it was too late to save their unborn children.

**Introduction to Life Society** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th January 2011* Welcome to all the new members! Life Society will provide a short introduction to the society and a discussion of the main issues currently affecting life: the ABC case, Boots decision to sell the morning-after pill over the counter, and stem cell research. We will view a few short clips of some of the positive developments in the recent year while consuming free pizza and tea. We will conclude with a summary of the main events happening this semester and an invitation to contribute fresh ideas & become more involved in defending life at all its stages.

**Societies' Day 2** » *Aras na Mac Leinn » 12th January 2011* Life Society will host an information table at Societies' Day 2 to recruit new members for the spring semester. Please come by and bring your friends!

**Intervarsity Christmas Party** » *UCD Student Centre Rooms 1 & 2 » 2nd December 2010* Celebrate Christmas and the gift of life in Dublin with pro-life student groups from all over the country! If you would like to join NUIG Life Society for the trip please e-mail [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) Bring your friends and something (savory or sweet ) to share for dinner.

**Vigil for Life** » *Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas, Galway City » 27th November 2010* NUIG Life Society will attend the Prayer Vigil for Life held in the Galway Cathedral as part of the worldwide vigil on 27 November to promote respect for nascent human life. Everyone is invited to attend. E-mail [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) for more information.

**Assisted Suicide Debate** » *Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland » 25th November 2010* Life Society will travel to Dublin to attend a debate on assisted suicide Thursday 25 November at 7pm in the Albert Theatre, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, York Street (off St. Stephen's Green). There will be a wine and cheese reception afterwards. Speakers include: Senator Ronan Mullen, Dr. Regina McQuillan (both against Physician Assisted Suicide) and Dr. Adam McAuley, Dr. Simon Mills (for Physician Assisted Suicide). All are invited to attend. If you would like a lift to the event, contact Life Society [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie)

**16 Days against Gendercide and Women's Victimization by Abortion** » *No suggestions found » 25th November – 10th December 2010 (16 individual events)* In recognition of the 16 Days of Action against Gender Violence, 25 November through 10 December 2010, Life Society will host a memorial service and display on campus. The display will be posted on notice boards around campus and will consist of 3,000 crosses to represent the number of Irish female unborn children killed abroad by abortion last year. Another display will commemorate the Irish women hurt by abortion. In addition, members of Life Society will be volunteering with charities that help women in crisis pregnancies and providing information stands to raise awareness. **Christmas Party** » *College Bar » 14th December 2010* Finish off the semester with a pro-life celebration of the birth of a Child! Refreshments provided and everyone welcome

**Stem Cell Research Church Gate Leafletting** » *parishes in Galway City » 20th November – 21st November 2010 (2 individual events)* Life Society will distribute postcards on stem cell research and invitations to the Vigil for Nascent Human Life outside the Masses in Galway City on the weekend.

**Life Team Soccer Game** » *Kingfisher Sports Centre » 14th November 2010*

Play for Life! The Life Society Soccer Team, captained by Marc O Cribi?n, will play teams from other societies on Sunday 14 November. Life Society games will start around 4 and last for 20 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to come and support the team or play on it!

**Pro-Life Street Information Session** » *Shop Street in Galway » 13th November 2010*

Life Society will take the message of life to Shop Street on Saturday afternoon 13 November. We will educate the public on the difference between ethical adult stem cell research (that has produced 73 different cures) and lethal embryonic stem cell research that destroys human life at its earliest stages and has produced no cures. Everyone is welcome to join us, for a few minutes or a few hours!

**Stem Cell Research Information Evening** » *College Bar (upstairs)* » 9th November 2010

Life Society will be discussing the new report 'Join the Dots' on the reasons behind the push for embryonic stem cell research in Ireland and why there is confusion surrounding ethical adult stem cell research. A free DVD with talks by leading experts in the field of stem cell research will be available.

**Viva la Vida Pro-Life Youth Conference** » *Griffith College Dublin* » 5th November – 7th November 2010 (3 individual events)

Life Society will be attending Ireland's 2nd international pro-life youth conference in Dublin 5-7 November. Last year, the attendees learned how to become effective pro-life advocates, met pro-life young people from all over the world, and enjoyed a fun weekend. The cost for the weekend will be 20 euros for Life Society members (including room, breakfast, light refreshments, and conference). Transportation to and from Dublin will be provided free (leaving from NUIG).

**Life Society's Soccer Team Meeting** » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd November 2010

Play for Life! The Life Society Soccer Team, captained by Marc O Cribi?n, will assemble to finalise plans for the inter society tournament taking place Sunday 14 November 3-6 p.m. in the Kingfisher Sports Hall. If you would like to play as a pro-life athlete please contact [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie)

**Volunteering at GPAS** » *Knocknacarra* » 2nd November 2010

Life Society will be volunteering at Galway Pregnancy Accommodation Support. If you'd like to join us contact [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie).

**Volunteering at Galway Pregnancy Accommodation Support** » *Knocknacarra* » 28th October 2010

Life Society will volunteer at GPAS on Thursday 28 October at 8 p.m. GPAS provides free accommodation, food, medical care, and support to any woman in a crisis pregnancy.

**Commemorative Display and Memorial Service** » *Field in front of the Kingfisher* » 8th March 2011

In conjunction with International Women's Day 8 March 2011, NUIG Life Society will host a commemorative display and memorial service at the university for Irish victims of abortion. We will erect small white crosses in the field in front of the Kingfisher Sports Centre for the thousands of Irish unborn children lost in the past year. The memorial service will be held at 1:30. Throughout the day, members of Life Society will be available at the field to discuss the significance of the display to interested students.

**"Juno" film screening and debate** » *IT Building, Room 125G* » 26th October 2010

"Juno" film screening and debate hosted by Life Society is taking place on Tuesday 26 October at 6pm in the IT building, Room 125G.

"Juno" is a whip-smart teen confronting an unplanned pregnancy by her classmate Bleeker. With the help of her best friend Leah, Juno finds her unborn child a "perfect" set of parents: an affluent suburban couple, Mark and Vanessa, longing to adopt. Juno faces some tough decisions, flirts with adulthood and ultimately figures out where she belongs. Refreshments to follow.

**International Rally for Life** » *Seville, Spain* » 23rd October 2010

To coincide with the international conference on abortion taking place in Seville Spain, pro-life advocates will assemble there from all over the world to stand for life. A delegation from NUIG Life Society will attend the event taking place on 23 October at 12 p.m. If you are interested in traveling with us, come along to our next meeting or email us [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie).

**Pro-Life Street Information Session** » *Cork* » 23rd October 2010

Life Society will bring the message of life to Cork on Saturday 23 October. If you would like to help, email [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) for travel information.

**Volunteering with Galway Pregnancy Accommodation Support** » *Knocknacarra* » 21st October 2010

Life Society will be volunteering at GPAS which provides accommodation to women in a crisis pregnancy. Transportation to Knocknacarra is leaving from the quadrangle at 8.

**Speak for Life Campaign** » *College Bar (upstairs)* » 19th October 2010

This week Life Society will explore ways to use the spoken word in turning hearts towards reverence for human life. We will prepare a short presentation to deliver at the upcoming Viva la Vida pro-life youth conference as well as other events. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your own ideas. Tea and refreshments will follow.

**Street Information Session** » *Tralee* » 16th October 2010

Life Society will travel to Tralee to assist with a pro-life street information session on 16 October. We will distribute information about pro-life issues and collect signatures against embryonic stem cell research. We will inform the public about the benefits of ethical adult stem cell research which has provided numerous cures and does not require the destruction of a human being. The government has promised to bring forward legislation on stem cell research and it is important that this legislation not allow lethal experimentation on life at its earliest stages.

**Volunteering at Galway Pregnancy Accommodation Support** » *Knocknacarra* » 14th October 2010

Life Society will leave by car from the quadrangle at 8 p.m. to volunteer at GPAS in Knocknacarra. We will be painting and doing various jobs at the apartments for women in crisis pregnancies. Everyone is invited to come along! Tea afterwards

## **Write for Life: Postcard Campaign & Pro-Life Student Publication Draft** » *College Bar (upstairs)* » 12th October 2010

Life Society members will fill out postcards regarding IVF practices and embryo research on Tuesday from half 5 to 7 upstairs in the College Bar. Everyone is invited to come along and fill out a few! We will also draft our first pro-life student publication for the autumn semester with representatives from GMIT and GTI. If you have a submission relating to life issues that you would like to have printed please bring it along with you.

## **Vigil and Demonstration** » *Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down* » 8th October 2010

We will join pro-life advocates from all over Ireland in front of the Slieve Donard Hotel in Newcastle, Co. Down. Transportation is organised from NUI Galway (leaving early Friday morning and returning in the afternoon) and anyone interested in coming should contact [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie)

## **Pro-Life Street Session** » *Galway* » 26th March 2011

Life Society will take the message of life to Shop Street.

## **Life Chain** » *Eyre Square Galway* » 3rd October 2010

To celebrate Ireland's annual Day for Life, NUIG Life Society will form a life chain on Eyre Square on 3 October from half 6 to 8 in the evening. We will distribute pro-life stickers and hold posters showing the development of the unborn child. After the Life Chain, we will have a small party to celebrate the gift of life that we have received. Everyone is welcome.

## **Pro-Life Appeal and Street Information Session** » *Dublin* » 11th September 2010

Members will travel to Dublin to volunteer with office work and help with a pro-life stand on O'Connell Street in Dublin. A car will leave from NUIG and anyone who wishes to attend should text Maria 0876217702.

## **Introduction to Life Society** » *The Space (Á • ras na Mac LÁ©inn)* » 16th September 2010

Come along for pizza, games, talks, and some pro-life activities. We will plan the year and fill a few committee positions. Bring your friends!

## **Coffee Morning for Life** » *Smokeys* » 21st September 2010

We will have an informal discussion on pro-life issues and give updates on current projects. Free tea and refreshments will be provided. We will have a poster on the table so that you can locate us. Come along and bring your friends!

## **Street Information Session** » *Limerick* » 25th September 2010

Life Society will travel to Limerick for a pro-life street information session. We will leave at 11 from NUIG to arrive in Limerick for half 12. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome! email [lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lifesoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) for more information

## **Life Society Meeting** » *College Bar (upstairs)* » 28th September 2010

We will plan for Sunday 3 October which is the annual Day for Life, discuss the arguments surrounding embryonic stem cell research, and draft letters to local pharmacies encouraging them to remove health and beauty products that use tissue from aborted babies.

## **Crossroads: Walking for Life** » *Ireland* » 16th July – 13th August 2011 (29 individual events)

NUIG Life Society will join Crossroads to walk around Ireland witnessing to the Gospel of Life. Starting in Dublin 16 July, continuing to Cork, Galway, and Derry, and then finishing in Dublin with a pro-life rally on 13 August, a relay of young people will travel on foot wearing pro-life T-shirts and stopping to speak in various towns and cities along the way. Join us in spreading the message of life on the roads of Ireland.

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Maria Mahoney

**Political Affairs Officer:** Adrian O'Boyle

**Vice-Auditor:** Marcus O'Cribin

**PRO:** Bronwen Kearns

**Secretary:** Colin Hamilton

**Treasurer:** Evelyn Fennelly

**Research Officer:** Katherine O'Driscoll

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**Vice-Auditor:** Roisin Carruthers

**Secretary:** Katie O'driscoll

## **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€364.31	Bank charge	€33.40
Bank Charge	€3.88	Dinner	€50.00
Members Contributions	€1,144.43	Entertainment	€60.00
USC Grant	€4,500.00	Entry fees	€170.00

Income		Expenditure	
<b>Total</b>	€6,012.62	Equipment misc	€950.00
		Fundraising/charity	€50.75
		Gifts	€100.00
		Hire Bus	€550.00
		Materials	€750.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€36.00
		Prizes	€200.00
		Reception	€240.00
		Society transport	€750.00
		Socs day expenses	€125.00
		Speaker accomm	€416.31
		Speaker travel	€800.00
		Stationary	€60.00
		Video Hire	€30.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€5,371.46</b>
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€111.74
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€641.16
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,012.62</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 79 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Maria Mahoney	Auditor	400 hours
Marcas O'Cribin	Vice-Auditor	125 hours
Evelyn Fennelly	Treasurer	121 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 646 hours

## Lit & Deb

The Literary and Debating Society entered into its 164th Session this year and continued on with the traditions of providing honest, impartial debate to the students of NUI Galway through a series of thought-provoking debates and competitive workshops.

The LitnDeb hosted a comprehensive and eclectic series of debates this year, ranging from debates on the integrity of football, to the ethics of glamour models. Debates on the efficacy of the Green Party to the possibility of the super natural. We also hosted a number of world class guests over the course of the year, with President's Medals, our highest honour being awarded to Warren Ellis; award winning comic author, Paul Collier; world renowned economist, author Max Brooks, former UN deputy Secretary General Paul Collier. Also this year, Lit and Deb was honoured to welcome President Mary McAleese, who was also conferred with a President's Medal.

A number of competitions were also held over the course of the year, including; The Maidens' Final, The TP O'Connor Debate Competition, The Internal Mace Competition, Speaker of the Year and the annual GIBS night competition.

## Lit & Deb Events

This year the society held a total of 42 events.

**Lit n Deb Welcomes President Mary McAleese to the Kirwan** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *1st April 2011*

On Friday the 1st of April, at 3.00pm, the Literary and Debating Society will be conferring its prestigious President's Medal upon the current Irish President, Mary McAleese. The event will be held in the Kirwan Theatre in NUI, Galway and will be a free event. Doors will open to the

public at 2:45 and the event is scheduled to begin at 3:15. However, due to limited seating, it is recommended that individuals arrive early for the event.

President Mary McAleese, the eight President of Ireland, has since 1997 served the Irish people with enormous dignity and grace. During her term of office, she has taken a particular interest in the Northern Irish Peace process and its implementation, meeting with representatives from across the political and community divide.

The Literary and Debating Society's President's Medal is the Society's oldest and most prestigious award which recognises individuals who have made a unique and lasting contribution to the societal, political and cultural discourse. Previous recipients include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Professor Noam Chomsky and Garry Hynes.

For further information please email the Society at [literaryanddebating@gmail.com](mailto:literaryanddebating@gmail.com)

**Lit n Deb AGM** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *31st March 2011* The AGM of the Literary & Debating Society is to be held on the 31st of March in the Kirwan Theatre when elections will take place for the committee of the 165th Session.

Nominations for the Executive Positions of the Literary and Debating Society's 165th Session are now open. The positions are Auditor, Vice-Auditor and Treasurer. Formal proposals must be submitted in writing to the Auditor or Vice-Auditor with the signature of 2 members of the Literary and Debating Society. They can also be left in an envelope addressed to the Society in the Socs Box in Aras Na Mac Leinn.

Nominations will close on Tuesday 29th at midnight. No further nominations will be permitted after this time.

In addition, nominations for Honorary Life Membership must be submitted within the timeframe above. Two signatures are necessary as above.

**Workshop 19- Galway Australs Competition** » *Rm. 203 the IT Building* » *29th March 2011* This annual competition marks the end of the weekly workshops.

**Speaker of the Year Competition** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *24th March 2011*

The best of the speakers in Lit & Deb fight it out for the title of Speaker of the Year 2011. All have proven themselves throughout the year to win their places in the final. On the night they will debate the motion 'THAT THIS HOUSE WELCOMES THE DEMISE OF THE NATION STATE'.

As we move towards a more globalised view of the world where superpowers and alliance blocks are the main actors, the concept of the individual nation state is being eroded. Are we better of this way or should we be fighting for our own independence?

Speakers include:

Shane Commins - Winner of Maidens Speaking Competition

Maurice Cotter - Finalist of UL, UCC Open and Semi Finalist of Cork and Irish Times Debating Competition

Andrew Hannon - Semi Finalist Irish Times Debating Competition, Semi finalist of National Maidens

Conor Kelly - Winner Aberstwyth, Finalist Trinity, UL, UCD, DCU, Prague and National Maidens

Sean Kearns - Winner of Internal Mace

Timothy Morrow - Winner of Internal Mace

**Workshop 18** » *Rm 203 IT Building* » *22nd March 2011* This week's workshop will focus on debating motions that relate to feminism and gay rights. A practice debate will follow the workshop.

**Embryonic Stem Cell Research Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *16th March 2011* Motion: 'That This House Supports the Use of Embryonic Stem Cells for Scientific Study'

This Wednesday, March 16th, the Literary and Debating Society will be hosting its Embryonic Stem Cell Research Debate. Speaking on the night will be Dr. Richard Hull who is a Professor of Philosophy at NUIG and Director of COBRA (Centre of Bioethical Research and Analysis).

Embryonic stem cell research is a rapidly evolving field of biomedical research. Scientists and researchers have great hope for this type of research and its potential to uncover treatments and possibly even cures for some of the worst diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Diabetes.

However, the process is considered controversial and does raise considerable ethical issues. In the past, this research provoked fear regarding the possibility of human cloning. Nowadays, the main issue related to embryonic stem cell research involves the ongoing debate over when life begins. Some say that life begins at conception and that the use of humans, even immature ones, for research purposes is unethical.

So should legislation on embryonic stem cell research be introduced in Ireland? Does the potential benefits outweigh the potential harms? Or is it simply just an ethical minefield?

Join the Literary and Debating society this Wednesday evening for a lively and interesting discussion as we ask the question, 'Should we Support the Use of Embryonic Stem Cells for Scientific Study?' All are welcome to attend and give their own thoughts on the subject.

**Workshop 17- Terrorism, Liberty and Security Part 2** » *Rm. 203 IT Building* » *15th March 2011* This workshop will be a follow on from last week's workshop. It will focus specifically on how to debate motions that relate to the areas of terror, liberty and security.

There will then be an opportunity to use all this new found knowledge in a practice debate.

**'An Evening with Warren Ellis'** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *10th March 2011* This Thursday, March 10th, the Literary and Debating Society in conjunction with the Comic Book Society will be hosting 'An Evening with Warren Ellis' in the Kirwan Theatre at 7pm. He will be interviewed on the night by Gar O' Brien, a PhD student in film studies at NUIG.

Warren Ellis is a highly successful British comic book creator, author and screenwriter. He is the award-winning creator of graphic novels such

as 'Fell', 'Planetary' and 'Transmetropolitan'. His first novel, 'Crooked Little Vein' was released in 2007. During his career he has worked for Marvel, Avatar and DC Comics. In 2010 he won the Eagle Award for 'Best Web Based Comic' for his online comic 'FreakAngels'. So join us this Thursday for what promises to be a lively and interesting evening with award winning graphic novel author Warren Ellis. All are welcome to attend.

**Workshop 16** » *Room 203 - IT Building* » 8th March 2011 This workshop will focus on how to debate motions that specifically relate to the areas of terror, liberty and security. How to analyze these motions and structure points correctly will also be covered.

Then there will be an opportunity to use all this new found knowledge in a practice debate.

**Maidens Final** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 24th February 2011 Motion: 'That This House Believes that, if Convicted, the US should Pardon Bradley Manning'.

This Thursday sees the final of NUI Galway's Internal Maidens Championship. The six highest ranking speakers from the semi finals will compete against each other in a 3 on 3 individual style of debate. The best speaker on the night will walk away with the Maidens Cup.

**Workshop 15- Maidens Semi Finals** » *IT Building* » 22nd February 2011 This week's workshop will include a brief recap on how to speak in Maidens style, which is a 3-on-3 individual style of debating. Role fulfilment and the differences from Mace style will be discussed. It will then be followed by the Semi Finals of NUI Galway's Internal Maidens Championship

**The Charity Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 17th February 2011 'That This House Believes that Charity Begins at Home' Speakers: Alan Kerins- from the Alan Kerins Projects and

Linda Keane- from Ability West On Thursday 17th February, the Literary and Debating Society will be holding its Charity Debate in the Kirwan Theatre at 7pm. Speakers on the night will include representatives from both of this year's nominated College Week charities.

With College week fast approaching Lit n Deb have decided to explore the issue upon which College Week was originally based- the concept of raising and giving money to charity. Most people would agree that being charitable to any organisation is a very worthwhile pursuit. But then the question arises, should we help charities here in Ireland or those doing work abroad?

**Workshop 14- Introduction to Maidens** » *IT Building* » 15th February 2011 This workshop will be an introduction to the Maidens style of speaking, a 3-on-3 individual style of debating. Role fulfilment and the differences from Mace style will be discussed. It will then be followed by the first round of NUI Galway's Internal Maidens Championship.

**An Audience with Max Brooks** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 10th February 2011 This Thursday, February 10th, the Literary and Debating Society will be hosting an 'Audience with Max Brooks' in the Kirwan Theatre at 7pm. Max Brooks is a best-selling American author and screenwriter.

He is the author of the 2003 book 'The Zombie Survival Guide'. The book explored various pop cultural myths about zombies and also explains how to survive an impending zombie apocalypse. Brooks' second book 'World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War', a post-apocalyptic horror novel which dealt with the war between the human race and zombies, was very well received by both critics and the general public alike when it was published in 2006. He also wrote 'The Zombie Survival Guide: Recorded Attacks' published in 2009 which is the third book in this series.

Brooks was also a member of the writing team at 'Saturday Night Live' from 2001- 2003, a role for which he won an Emmy Award.

So join the Literary and Debating Society this Thursday evening for a lively and interesting audience with best-selling author Max Brooks.

Questions will be taken from the floor on the night. All are welcome to attend.

**Workshop 13 - Judging Debates** » *IT Building* » 8th February 2011 In preparation for the Irish National Law Debates, that will be held in NUIG Galway on the 11th and 12th of February, this week's workshop will focus on judging mace debates. Various aspects of judging will be covered including the how winners of debates are chosen, how to access depth engagement and what constitutes role fulfilment.

The workshop will be followed by the preliminary round of the Internal Mace competition.

**Galway West Election Night 2011** » *O'Flatherty Theatre* » 7th February 2011 After a turbulent few months in Irish politics a general election has finally been called. We, the people of Ireland, now have a choice to make about who we want to lead us through these challenging political and economic times. Who do we want to be our voice for change?

With this in mind, the NUIG Literary and Debating Society in conjunction with the NUIG Law Society present 'Galway West Election Night 2011'. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates running in this constituency. Each candidate will give a 5 minute speech outlining their policies and then questions will be welcomed from the floor. The candidates who will be in attendance are:

Cllr. Catherine Connolly (Ind)

Sen. Fidelma Healy Eames (FG)

Cllr. Derek Nolan (Lab)

Sen. Niall O'Brolchain (Green)

Mr. Trevor O'Clochartaigh (SF)

Eamon O'Cuiv TD (FF)

So join us this Monday night for a lively and interesting audience with the Galway West election candidates. All are welcome to attend.

**An Audience With Paul Collier** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 3rd February 2011 On Thursday, the Literary and Debating Society will host an audience with Mr. Paul Collier. Mr. Collier is Professor of Economics and the Director for the Centre for the Study of African Economies at

Oxford University. From 1998- 2003 he was the Director of the Development Research Group of the World Bank. In 2008 he was awarded a CBE for his 'services to scholarship and development'.

He is the author of 'The Bottom Billion', which in 2008 won the Lionel Gelber, Arthur Ross and Corine prizes and in May 2009 was the joint winner of the Estoril Global Issues Distinguished Book prize. His second book, 'Wars, Guns and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places' was published in March 2009; and his latest book, 'The Plundered Planet: How to Reconcile Prosperity with Nature' was published in May of this year. Paul is currently Advisor to the Strategy and Policy Department of the IMF, advisor to the Africa Region of the World Bank; and he has advised the British Government on its recent White Paper on economic development policy. He has been writing a monthly column for the Independent, and also writes for the New York Times, the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post. His research covers the causes and consequences of civil war; the effects of aid and the problems of democracy in low-income and natural-resources rich societies. **Workshop 12- Economics 101** » *IT Building* » *1st February 2011* The workshop will focus on preparing for an economics debate. Areas that will be given attention are the free market, globalisation and trade. How to analyse and structure points will also be covered. Then there will be an opportunity to use all this new found economic knowledge in a practice debate.

There will also be a review of the Trinity IV motions and the various different approaches to them.

**The Economy Vs The Environment Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *27th January 2011* Both the economy and the environment are divisive issues in Ireland. To some people the environment is something to worry about after the economy is stabilised and the prosperity of the country is secured. To others, the belief is that the economy can only truly be stable when the environmental concerns of the country are addressed. These two concepts are inevitably linked, but is it possible to have one without the other? Is it more important to prioritise one over the other? Or do both need to be given equal consideration?

Ireland has seen conflicts in the past which has demonstrated this struggle between the economy and the environment. A prime example of this was the Corrib Gas Pipe. The pipe would bring money, prosperity and jobs in the short term, but would induce long term damage to the environment. Which is more important? Should the environment be viewed as a hindrance to rapid economic growth, or a means by which long term stability prosperity can be achieved?

So, as part of NUI Galway's 'Green Week', join the Literary and Debating Society this Thursday evening for a lively and interesting debate on the motion 'That This House Would Rather Have a Job Than a Windmill'. All are welcome to attend the debate and give their own thoughts on the subject.

**Workshop 11- Tactics** » *IT Building* » *25th January 2011* This workshop will cover strategies and tactics of debating - showing you not just how to sound good, but how to sound better than everyone else! Various debating concepts will be explained and new ways of approaching the motion will be shown.

**The Human Rights Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *20th January 2011*

This Thursday, the Literary and Debating Society, in conjunction with the Galway One World Centre, will be holding its human rights debate. The Galway One World Centre is an education centre working towards raising awareness and changing attitudes of people in Ireland regarding global development and justice issues.

The debate will analyse the different ways human rights can be interpreted i.e. what constitutes basic human rights? It will examine the ways rights are viewed in the world today, and if this is any different to how the philosophers like John Locke viewed rights in the past. The ways in which human rights are spread throughout the world, and the inequality that exists in this regard will also be discussed. Also, the various methods of ensuring peoples human rights in a meaningful, long term way will also be examined.

So, join the Literary and Debating Society and The Galway One World Centre this Thursday evening for a lively and interesting discussion on the subject of human rights. All are welcome to attend the debate and give their own thoughts on the subject.

**Workshop 10** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *18th January 2011*

Getting Back to Grips : Going back over the basics eg. burdens of proof, models, and also introducing some of the more advanced styles of debating.

**The 'Bailout' Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *25th November 2010*

That This House Welcomes It's New IMF Overlords'

Venue: Kirwan Theatre. Date: Thursday 25th November. Time: 7pm

This Thursday, Lit n Deb tackles the issue that has been dominating news coverage both in Ireland and abroad in recent times- that is the Irish Economy. Ireland's Celtic Tiger past seemed like a lifetime ago when the IMF men arrived in Dublin last week. Are we right to be panicking? Or should we welcome this bailout?

Ireland is in trouble. The banks are falling, the economy is crumbling and the current government is on its last legs. Irish citizens are fed up. But is there really anything that we can do! Without the IMF cash injection Ireland's economy would seize up, but should we welcome the loss of our country's economic sovereignty with open arms?

**Workshop 9** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *23rd November 2010*

**Music Piracy Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *18th November 2010*

The music pirates are going to destroy the music industry! Or are they?

The problem of piracy has been rising for the past 10 years, and the numbers of pirates • are growing day by day yet the profits made by these

companies have been constantly on the rise. It seems to be a victimless crime, yet music stars descend from their mansions to complain about small percentages of their revenue being removed.

Maybe piracy will bring purity back to the music industry putting live gigs and love of the music back to the forefront. Alternatively it could lead to the death of small industry and only allow the large scale companies to exist, killing independent input to music.

This Thursday at 7pm we ask the question, Music Piracy, friend or foe?

**Workshop 8** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 16th November 2010

Intro to International Relations

The world is a big place, and Ireland's not the only country that has issues. This week at Lit & Deb we'll be looking at the world and an overview of some of the conflicts that are taking place. How can we deal with them?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3S13Z7NMfcA>

**Workshop 7** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 9th November 2010

The State & Your Ass In Jail: Law Debates

Workshop on law debates, focusing on the pillars of justice, prisons and contract law. The format of these workshops will be opening with a debate with 3-minute speeches (or perhaps even just 15-minutes prep) on a law motion, then discussion on what teams are missing in terms of points & analysis, some theoretical stuff, then a full-length debate on a related law motion.

**Are Ireland's Licensing Laws Excessive?** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 4th November 2010

Speakers: Cindy Dring from the NUI Galway Health Promotion Office and also a Representative from the Give us the Night' organisation.

Around the world, undoubtedly, Ireland is a country that is synonymous with drink. From the way we, and the rest of the world, celebrates St. Patrick's day to how many public houses there are per head of population here, it is safe to say that alcohol and Ireland go somewhat hand in hand.

However, Ireland drink licensing laws certainly don't reflect many people's liberal attitudes to drink. The current laws that inhibit off licenses selling alcohol after 10pm every night are considered to be draconian by most people. The view of the state is that it will discourage under- age drinking. How? If teenagers want to get alcohol, they will still get it. It will just have to be before 10pm now. Is there really any benefit to this law? While dance floor aficionados are able to enjoy themselves 24-7 in nightclubs around the world, we Irish are shown the door at 2.30 at the weekends. Every day of the week, in countries that have a more cafe style' of drinking, mature individuals are able to enjoy a pint at any hour of the day, without fear of prosecution. In a country that has one of the highest rate of binge drinking in Europe and also one of the highest rates of under- age drinking in Europe, can it really be argued that our licensing laws are working? If all the clubs in a city didn't close at the same time, might there not be so much anti social behaviour on the streets? Maybe the ambulances and A&E's around the country may not be so strained either? With this in mind, Lit n Deb asks, Are Ireland's Licensing Laws Excessive

**Workshop 6** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 2nd November 2010

Review of UCD and some feedback. Also, more tips on how to debate like a pro!

**Panel Discussion on 'This House Believes in the Other Side'** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 28th October 2010

Speakers: Mr. Michael Nugent (Chairperson of Atheist Ireland' ), Ms. Deborah Hyde (Managing editor of the UK based magazine 'The Skeptic' and also Deputy Convenor of the Westminster Skeptics), Ms. Dawn Mitchell (Healer and Angel Whisperer) and Mr. Declan Flynn (Psychic Medium and President of the Spiritual Haven of Ireland') Questions for the panellists can be pre- submitted at [litndeb@gmail.com](mailto:litndeb@gmail.com). Pre-submitted questions will be given preference on the night.

Halloween is the time of the year when the link between the earth and the spiritual world is believed to be at its weakest. It's also the time of the year when people embrace all things spooky and supernatural.

This Halloween, for one night only, the Literary and Debating Society goes all paranormal. Are there really such things as ghosts? Do vampires exist? Is there any truth behind communicating with the dead? Is there any proof for the existence of the 'Other Side' ? It's a Lit n Deb

Investigates' special!!!!

Prizes for anyone who comes in Fancy Dress

**Workshop 5** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 26th October 2010

Prep for UCD. Going back over the basics- models, burdens of proof, making the most of your 15 mins prep. Followed by a practice debate.

After, we sample some of Galway's nightlife!!!!

**Israel- Palestine Panel Discussion** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 21st October 2010

The Future for Israel-Palestine- A Panel Discussion

Speakers: Denis Halliday (Former Assistant General Secretary of the UN), Dr. Ghada Karmi (Palestinian Author and Academic), Paul Usiskin (Co-Chair of Peace Now UK), Tom Carew (Chair of the Ireland-Israel Friendship League).

Questions for the panellists can be pre-submitted to [literaryanddebating@gmail.com](mailto:literaryanddebating@gmail.com). Pre-submitted questions will be given preference on the night. On Thursday, the 21st of October, the Literary and Debating Society will be holding a panel discussion on the future of the Israel-Palestine conflict. On the panel will be Denis Halliday, former Humanitarian Coordinator for the UN in Iraq and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Dr. Ghada Karmi, Palestinian Doctor of Medicine and respected academic and author, Paul Usiskin, Co-Chair of Peace Now UK and regular speaker on the issue of Israel-Palestine, and Tom Carew, chair of the Ireland-Israel Friendship League and member of Scholars for Peace in the Middle

East (SPME). The event will be a panel discussion with members of audience being asked to submit questions to the panel who will use their expertise to analyse the issues at stake. With this in mind, the Literary and Debating Society will use the expertise and experience of its panel to elucidate the subtleties and realities of this complex issue. Informed discourse is at the heart of understanding and resolving the conflict and it is in this vein that the Society asks, 'What is the Future for Israel-Palestine?'

#### **Workshop 4** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 19th October 2010

Intro into Mace Debating 2.

A continuance of the basic basics, concentrating on burdens of proof, model construction, 15-minutes prep etc. Followed by a practice debate. Then, of course, its time to hit the town once again.

**Lit N Deb Going Bowling !** » *'The Planet', Galway Shopping Centre, Headford Road.* » 18th October 2010 Lit N Deb are going bowling tonight in 'The Planet'. A game of bowling is free with the purchase of a refreshment.

So come along, bring your friends, see you all later tonight.

**The Football Debate** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 14th October 2010 This House Believes the Beautiful Game has Lost its Soul. Speakers: Jonathan Wilson (The Guardian), Phillipe Auclair (France Football)

This Thursday, the 14th of October, the Literary and Debating Society of NUI, Galway will be holding its football debate on the motion that 'This House Believes the Beautiful Game has Lost its Soul'. Speaking on the motion will be Jonathan Wilson, respected journalist for the Guardian and Sports Illustrated and author of *Inverting the Pyramid: A History of Football Tactics*, and Phillipe Auclair, France Football's England Correspondent and author of *Cantona: The Rebel Who Would be King*. The debate will analyse the direction of the most popular game in the world and whether money, power and deceit have taken the game away from its roots and its fans.

Football, the Beautiful game, is watched around the world and links people from all over the globe in their love of the game and their teams, both national and club. However, as money has flowed into the game accusations of the unfair play have emerged both on and off the pitch at every level of the game.

Respected clubs in some of the biggest leagues have been brought to the brink of extinction in recent years, other have been saddled with the unsustainable millstone of debt and other have been reduced to the playthings of billionaires.

Players now engage in gamesmanship such as diving, rough play and other forms of cheating to get ahead in the game and managers now go in and out of clubs with frightening speed. Even at the highest levels of FIFA itself, accusations of bribery and other corruption have been rife.

Set against the backdrop of the movement away from the true fans in the stands to the armchair fan, with increasing ticket prices and ever changing television orientated timetables for the bigger leagues, and the current debt and attendance problems of Ireland's own domestic league, the Literary and Debating Society asks 'Has the Beautiful Game Lost its Soul?'

**Workshop 3** » *The IT Building* » 12th October 2010 Tuesday night in Lit&Deb is Workshop Night. Workshop 3 is an introduction to Mace-style debating, concentrating on simpler ideas like structure, points of information, rebuttal, positional requirements etc. Followed by a "pro-am" debate where fresher debaters are teamed up with more experienced speakers.

Then, time to hit the town once more...

**This House Believes that the Green Party is at War with the Irish Countryside.** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 7th October 2010 It must be a tough life being a Green Party member at the moment. Not only do they face the impending doom caused by climate change,

GM crops and oil spills but they are currently about as popular as a toothache. The latest opinion polls show even further losses in public support for them. However, one of the most recent sticks with which the Greens have been beaten with is their apparent hate of the countryside.

Bans on stag hunting and the new legislation regarding the regulation of dog breeding have been interpreted as a direct blow to rural employment. But it's not only rural groups who feel the Greens are attacking the countryside, the environmentalists aren't happy either.

Between the M3 motorway, the lack of support shown to the Shell to Sea campaigners and the plans to build an incinerator in John Gormley's own constituency, many question whether the Greens have sold their political soul for a slice of power in government.

However, the Green party continues to stay strong behind a raft of green policies and initiatives. These include the introduction of a carbon tax and their pledge to phase out fur farming within 3 years. The Green Party have taken a lot of flak in the past for their difficult actions. At the moment, it seems they just can't seem to win with either rural groups, who see their policies as invasive on their way of life, or the environmentalists, who see them as being too soft. Thus, Lit and Deb asks 'Is the Green Party at war with the countryside?'

Speakers on this motion include representatives from rural groups and the Green Party

**Workshop 2 - Debating: The Concept** » *The IT Building* » 5th October 2010

Tuesday night in Lit&Deb is Workshop Night, where fresh-faced novice debaters are transformed into machines of logic and rhetoric. Workshop 2 is an introduction to competitive debating as a theoretical concept. Consider it the first step on the road to making grown people cry, using only your words.

Afterwards, another slice of the Galway nightlife will be served up.

**Gibs Night** » *Kirwan Theatre* » 16th September 2010

Gibs Night, Lit n Deb's annual first time speakers competition, returns this year with the usual mix of speaking, clapping and strange and exotic spot prizes. Gibs is your chance to say anything about everything and make your name as the best speaker of the night. Post-Debate entertainment also guaranteed.

### **Glamour Models » Kirwan Theatre » 23rd September 2010**

Men like breasts. Men are willing to pay for pictures of breasts (interspersed with football news, fast cars and shark attacks). Some women are willing to show their breasts for money. These women make money. Some would say these glamour models are making capitalism work for themselves by making best use of the assets available to them. Some would say that they are giving into a male-dominated paradigm of society which undermines the feminist movement by allowing women to be seen as little more than airheaded fantasy sexual objects rather than educational, social and working equals. To keep you abreast of the opinions flying back and forth on this issue, Lit n Deb asks 'Are glamour models good role models?'

### **Workshop 1 » IT Building » 28th September 2010**

Tuesday night in Lit&Deb is Workshop Night, where over the course of 20-odd weeks fresh-faced novice debaters are transformed into machines of logic and rhetoric. The first workshop, on the 28th of September, is an informal introduction to this aspect of the society and the world of arguing for fun. Bring your friends and learn how to defeat someone twice your size using only your words or how to sound way smarter than you actually are. Afterwards, we will hit the town for an intro to Galway nightlife!

### **Education Debate » Kirwan Theatre » 30th September 2010**

The education system is supposed to be the engine of the new smart economy, which will lead us to a bright future of solving the world's problems such as cancer and global warming. Ireland is on the cusp, or so we're told, of being a genuine contender in the race to develop the latest technology.

Worldwide, the Irish education system is generally regarded as being quite good, despite being horribly under-funded. In recent years the pressure of thousands of new students has started to strain the system. At present, many believe that the wheels seem to be coming off the educational bus.

Amid talk of University fees returning, pre-fabs remaining, the question of Irish being compulsory, the escalation of the 'points race' and funding to all schools retracting, Lit n Deb asks 'Is the Irish education system failing?'

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## **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,898.06	Ball	€75.00
Balls	€1,200.00	Bank charge	€154.40
Bank Charge	€45.43	Dinner	€2,715.90
Members Contributions	€910.16	Entertainment	€338.50
USC Grant	€29,023.30	Entry fees	€5,076.80

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
<b>Total</b>	€34,076.95	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€799.45
		Printing	€1,752.00
		Prizes	€130.00
		Promotions	€102.86
		Received Money Returned	€155.95
		Reception	€1,535.20
		Society accomm	€1,795.65
		Society transport	€11,001.58
		Speaker accomm	€1,514.60
		Speaker travel	€3,566.54
		Expenditure Total	€30,714.43
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€79.86
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,362.52
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€34,076.95</b>

### Lit n Deb Denny Schools Balance Sheet - 2010/2011

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
<b>Income Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Opening Bank Balance	1,175.59	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€103.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€103.00
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	€0.00
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€1,072.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,175.59</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,175.59</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 527 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Evelyn Whyms	Schools Convenor	300 hours
Conor Lane	attendee/speaker	40 hours
Conor Keane	Recording Secretary	650 hours
Chris Barrett	Debates Secretary	650 hours
Ronan Fitzpatrick	Vice-Auditor	750 hours
Fanchea Daly	Communications Director	300 hours
Neasa O'Callaghan	Literary Officer	160 hours
Timothy Morrow	External Convenor	500 hours
Conor Kelly	Auditor	950 hours
Cian Moran	Clerk of the House	180 hours

# ALIVE Students: 10 student

# Hours Volunteered: 4480 hours

## Lotus Society

The Lotus Society is dedicated to integrating Eastern practices and philosophies into our western culture and campus life. We have achieved this by providing tuition in various yogic practices (vinyasa flow, hatha, ashtanga etc.) and by building a community of people with a common desire to improve their physical, emotional and mental well-being.

### Lotus Society Events

This year the society held a total of 133 events.

**Lotus Soc Yoga Retreat** » *Galway Yoga Centre, Athenry* » 1st April – 3rd April 2011 (3 individual events)

A weekend of yoga, tantra, meditation and relaxation in scenic Athenry. Classes taught by Swami Shraddhamurti and Swami Chetanmurti.

**Healthy Lunch!** » *the HUB* » 26th January 2011

We're teaming up with Tony Monks to host a "Healthy lunches" day. Everyone bring along a healthy/veggie lunch and we can all share.

**Vinyasa Flow class (Intermediate level)** » *The View* » 22nd March – 19th April 2011 (5 individual events)

Kick start your day with some vinyasa flow yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential.

**Hatha Flow Yoga (Beginners/Improvers)** » *The View* » 21st March – 11th April 2011 (4 individual events)

Start your week with some flow based Hatha yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential!

**Exam Destress Yoga!** » *The View* » 31st March – 14th April 2011 (3 individual events)

**Ayurvedic Yoga (improvers level)** » *The View* » 24th February – 17th March 2011 (4 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Thursday evening at 5.45pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

**Ayurvedic Yoga (intermediate level)** » *The View* » 24th February – 17th March 2011 (4 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Thursday evening at 7.00pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**FILM: The Darjeeling Limited** » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th February 2011

A delightful movie by Wes Anderson starring Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman and Adrien Brody. Shhnacks provided!

**Yoga (Improvers level)** » *The View* » 27th January – 10th February 2011 (3 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Thursday evening at 5.45pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**Yoga (intermediate level)** » *The View* » 27th January – 10th February 2011 (3 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Thursday evening at 7.00pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**Beginners Ashtanga** » *The Space* » 25th January – 8th March 2011 (7 individual events)

Learn yoga with Christina, every Tuesday at 5:05pm. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**Vinyasa Flow class (Intermediate level)** » *The View* » 25th January – 8th March 2011 (7 individual events)

Kick start your day with some invigorating yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**Hatha Flow!** » *The View* » 24th January – 7th March 2011 (7 individual events)

Start your week with some flow based Hatha yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**Hatha Flow!** » *The View* » 24th January – 7th March 2011 (7 individual events)

Start your week with some flow based Hatha yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!

**Intermediate Vinyasa Flow!** » *The View* » 16th November – 7th December 2010 (4 individual events)

Kick start your day with some invigorating yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential.

**Beginners Vinyasa Flow!** » *The Space* » 16th November – 7th December 2010 (4 individual events)

Learn yoga with Aoife, every Tuesday at 5:15. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential.

**Beginners Yoga!** » *C223, School of Chemistry* » 10th November – 15th December 2010 (6 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Wednesday evening at 6:15pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.

**Intermediate Ayurvedic Yoga!** » *C223, School of Chemistry* » 10th November – 15th December 2010 (6 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.

**Beginners Vinyasa Flow!** » *The View* » 4th November – 9th December 2010 (6 individual events)

Kick start your day with some invigorating yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.

**Hatha Flow!** » *The View* » 1st November – 6th December 2010 (6 individual events)

Start your week with some flow based Hatha yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability. Booking essential...

**Beginners Yoga!** » *The View* » 1st November – 6th December 2010 (6 individual events)

Start your week with some flow based Hatha yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability. Booking essential...

**Downtime Session** » *The Space* » 6th October – 24th November 2010 (8 individual events)

Come practice yoga, meditation, tai chi or simply relax. Yoga equipment provided!

**Beginners Yoga!** » *The Space* » 5th October – 9th November 2010 (6 individual events)

Learn yoga with Aoife, every Tuesday at 5:15. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential.

**Intermediate Vinyasa Flow!** » *The View* » 5th October – 9th November 2010 (6 individual events)

Kick start your day with some invigorating yoga! Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential.

**Intermediate Ayurvedic Yoga!** » *C223, School of Chemistry* » 29th September – 3rd November 2010 (6 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential.

**Beginners Ayurvedic Yoga!** » *C223, School of Chemistry* » 29th September – 3rd November 2010 (6 individual events)

Wind down after a hectic day every Wednesday evening at 6:15pm. Gary teaches a very relaxing style of Hatha yoga. Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) to check availability - booking essential.

**Lotus Society EGM** » *Meeting Room 1* » 23rd September 2010

EGM of the Lotus Soc to vote in new committee members (secretary, OCM, etc) and welcome new members.

**Sign up for Beginners Yoga Classes!** » *Socs Box* » 26th October 2010

Lotus Soc Presents...

Beginners YOGA Classes!

MONDAY: 2.15-3.25PM and 3.35-4.45PM

(starting Nov 1st - 22 euro for 6 weeks)

THURSDAY MORNING: 7.40-8.50AM

(starting Oct 28th - 20 euro for 6 weeks)

Sign up at the Socs Box now!

**Sign up for YOGA classes!** » *Socs Box* » 17th January 2011

Book a place in one of our yoga courses!

Monday (beginners): 2.20-3.30pm

Monday (beginners): 3.35-4.45pm

Tuesday (intermediates): 7.40-8.50AM

Thursday (improvers): 5.45-6.45pm

Thursday (intermediates): 7.00-8.15pm

25 euro for a 7 week course

Contact [lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie) for more details

**Sign up for YOGA!** » *Socs Box* » 14th March 2011

There are 4 classes to choose from:

Monday Hatha Flow (Beginners/Improvers): 1.05pm-2pm

Monday Hatha Flow (Beginners/Improvers): 2.10pm-3.25pm

Tuesday Vinyasa Flow (Intermediate): 7.40AM-8.50AM

Tuesday Ashtanga (Beginners/Improvers): 5.05-6.15pm

22 euro for a 6 week course (that's 4 classes before the easter break and 2 after), and sign up is at the socs box. If you've any questions contact

[lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:lotus@socs.nuigalway.ie)

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Vice-Auditor:** Fiona Gillespie

**PRO officer:** Jolanta Karpinska

**Secretary:** Alan O'Callaghan

**Auditor:** Nelly Berg

**Treasurer:** Lewy Blue

## **Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** Lewy Blue

**Treasurer:** Oliver Grant

**Class Sign-up Administrator:** Jennifer Lertola

**Social Events Organiser:** Rachel Kelly

**Secretary:** Nelly Berg

**Vice-Auditor:** Phoebe Ni Choitir

**Equipment Manager:** Fiona Gillespie

**PRO:** Jolanta Karpinska

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€100.07
Bank Charge	€95.11	Equipment misc	€443.00
Classes	€1,155.00	Hire Bus	€135.00
Socs box Till	€7,830.00	Society accomm	€1,440.00
USC Grant	€942.93	Socs Box Till Refund	€107.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,023.04</b>	Socs Box Till Refund Manual	€155.00
		Teacher fees	€7,050.00
		Expenditure Total	€9,430.07
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€592.97
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,023.04</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 384 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Lewy Blue	Treasurer	140 hours
Alan O'Callaghan	Secretary	100 hours
Nelly Berg	Auditor	250 hours
Jolanta Karpinska	PRO	180 hours

# ALIVE Students: 4 student

# Hours Volunteered: 670 hours

## Malaysian Society

The Malaysian Society functions primarily to achieve its three aims in the constitution which are to promote unity among Malaysian students, to encourage interaction and cultural exchange between Malaysians and the locals, and to liaise with the Malaysian Students Department in Dublin and the students here in Galway.

Many activities have been held to build and strengthen the relationship among the students. Mixers were a good avenue for being acquainted with the new juniors, and to catch up with each other's wellbeing, such as the Induction week and the Eid Celebration

The society has also been the medium of communication for the Malaysian Students Department based in Dublin, to update them about the students' welfare, and to relay important messages to the students. We also held a Malaysia Cultural Day to introduce Malaysia to NUIG, by setting up an exhibition while serving some Malaysian delicacies

## Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

**Eid Celebration** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 25th September 2010

Bring Malaysians together and strengthen our bonds while seeking forgiveness for our past mistakes, and preparing to face a new academic year together. The Raya celebration is organised specially for Malaysians in Galway so that we can feel like we are celebrating AidilFitri just like at home. A Malaysian Feast will be served and a nasyid performance by Azri Bohari.

**Induction Week** » *Galway* » 9th September – 19th September 2010 (11 individual events)

Introduce the juniors to the university, the town and the Malaysian community here in Galway. To help them prepare the basic necessities needed to settle down and trying our best in making them feel at home.

**Final Year Students Party** » *The Cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 26th March 2011

To wish the Final Meds best of luck for their final exams, and the last gathering before exams and summer holidays.

**Annual General Meeting** » *Small Lecture Theatre, CSI* » 18th March 2011

To elect new committee members for the 2011/2012 session

**Galway Excursion** » *Sleepzone, Connemara* » 9th October – 10th October 2010 (2 individual events)

Theme: 7 Habits Of Highly Effective Young Doctors?

-A talk by Dr. Raja Effendi

-Barbeque

-Visit to Kylemore Abbey and Connemara National Park

**Girls Day Out: Eat. Play. Love.** » *The Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 30th January 2011

Games and a dessert making competition, girls only!

**Colours of Malaysia** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 10th February 2011

The Malaysian Society presents an insight into Malaysia, its people and vast and colourful culture and its gastronomic adventures. A unique mosaic of cultural diversity not to be missed! All welcome.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Culture Promotion Officer:** Aisyah Abd Razak

**Sports & Recreation Officer:** Hassan Firhan

**Academic Officer:** Rohani Ahmad

**Quartermaster:** Norlisa Khalid

**Secretary:** Noor Diana Mohd Azli Lee

**Vice-Auditor:** Natrah Abd Manan

**Welfare Officer:** Nur Fazdlin Abdul Rahim

**Public Relations Officer:** Mohamed Hizwan Mohd Aidnil

**Women's Affairs Officer:** Farah Azemee

**Multimedia Officer:** Ahmad Syafiq Ismail

**Auditor:** Muhammad Aminuddin Ashari

**Treasurer:** Nurul Fariheen Othman

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Azri Bohari

**Secretary:** Farah Nadia Fadzil

**Treasurer:** Ilani Azmi

**Committee member:** Nik Nur Sarahana Hanafi

**Event Coordinator:** Norlisa Khalid

**Personal Relations Officer:** Nor Aslam Haji Mohd Noor

**Vice-Auditor:** Jihan 'alya Mohd Nordin

**Committee member:** Noor Diana Mohd Azli Lee

**Committee member:** Mohamed Hizwan Mohd Aidnil

**Committee member:** Mohamad Khairul Amilin Ismail

**Event Coordinator:** Khalidah Mohd Zain

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€535.85	Bank charge	€0.84
Members Contributions	€1,075.00	Dinner	€522.35
Sponsorship	€300.00	Entry fees	€80.00
USC Grant	€2,600.00	Printing	€22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,510.85</b>	Prizes	€44.11
		Returned Socs Money	€1,466.39
		Society accomm	€623.79
		Society transport	€1,373.15
		Speaker travel	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,232.63
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€278.22
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,510.85</b>

## Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 31 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Nur Fazdlin Abdul Rahim	Welfare bureau	25 hours
Aisyah Abd Razak	Cultural Promotion Officer	20 hours
Sarah Murniati Che Mat Nor	Member	5 hours
Natrah Abd Manan	Vice Auditor	50 hours
Noor Diana Mohd Azli Lee	Secretary	60 hours

# ALIVE Students: 5 student

# Hours Volunteered: 160 hours

## Marine Soc

This year our society held film nights, a quiz nite and a trip abroad. We met every week at the beginning of the year and then changed to meet twice a month.

### Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**AGM** » *College Bar* » 31st March 2011

AGM-to elect a new committee

**Marine soc quiz** » *college bar* » 16th November 2010

Marine soc is holding a quiz in aid of the seal sanctuary in Dingle. There will be lots of cool prizes. FREE food and if you bring you SU card there could be some offers too. Come on down its for a good cause.

**Table Quiz** » *College Bar* » 11th November 2010

Come to our General knowledge Table Quiz in aid of the Seal Sanctuary, €4.5 per person and 4 per table. All welcome.

**Video Night - Finding Nemo** » *Annex Theatre* » 21st October 2010

Finding Nemo. Because original plots are hard.

**EGM** » *The Hub, Aras na MacLeinn* » 6th October 2010

EGM - Like an AGM but with emergencies.

**Italy Trip** » *Italy* » 11th March – 14th March 2011 (4 individual events)

Trip Abroad

**EGM + Film Night: Life Aquatic** » *The View* » 20th September 2010

The first meeting of the year to discuss the societies agenda and elect few more committee members. To be followed afterwards by light snacks/refreshments and our first marine themed movie showing, which this time is an eccentric comedy directed by Wes Anderson - 'Life Aquatic' will shine a new light upon the depths of the ocean and bring out a new perspective on the day-to-day life of marine explorers.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Muppet:** Shane Murphy

**PRO:** Millie Kennedy

**Secretary:** Edel Sheerin

**Auditor:** Laura Adams

**2nd Year Representative:** Sarah Lawless

**1st Year Representative:** Aisling Hearty

**Travel Officer:** Martin Oliver

**Vice-Auditor:** Jeremy Sterling

**Treasurer:** Niamh Scully

**3rd Year Representative:** Aoibheann Gillespie-Mules

**Official Committee Member:** Emily Panter

**4th Year Representative:** Catherine O'Sullivan

**Travel officer :** Tara Ward

**OCM:** Evelina Sereikaite

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Niamh Scully

**Vice-Auditor:** Jeremy Sterling

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€103.71	Bank charge	€45.30
Bank Charge	€22.73	Entry fees	€20.00

Income		Expenditure	
Socs box Till	€980.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€80.78
USC Grant	€2,510.00	Reception	€200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,616.44</b>	Society accomm	€1,039.40
		Society transport	€1,026.78
		Socs day expenses	€20.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,432.26
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€147.71
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,184.18
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,616.44</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 223 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Jeremy Sterling	Vice Auditor	52 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	52 hours	

## Maths Soc

This year the maths society organised 30 seminars, a film screening and a Christmas party. We expanded both our programme of events from last year. For the first time, the society invited speakers from mainland Europe. We invited two speakers from each of Germany (Toborg, Maas) and Croatia (Nakic, Svob). We expanded our audience significantly this year, with the seminar series proving an excellent meeting point for postgrads, undergrads and staff.

## Maths Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 13th May 2011

Mr Lukas Maas speaks about "Representations of Spin groups" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 29th April 2011

Dr Louise Nolan speaks about "The cosmic censorship hypothesis" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 15th April 2011

Ms Imke Toborg speaks about "Lattices of subgroups of finite groups" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 8th April 2011

Ms Anamari Nakic and Ms Andrea Svob speak about "Design theory" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 25th March 2011

Dr Johnny Burns speaks about "Cows and symmetric spaces". Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 11th March 2011

Dr Patrick Browne speaks about "Drake's equation and other amusements". Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

### Mathsoc film Screening » C219 » 4th March 2011

Mathsoc hosts a screening of the infamous Mad Maths videos, featuring members of the department from the 1980s!

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 28th February 2011

Dr Emil Skoldberg speaks about "Modal Logic". Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

### Mathsoc Seminar » C219 » 18th February 2011

Mr Alberto Alvarez Iglesias speaks about "Survival Analysis and the economic crisis". Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 11th February 2011

Mr Thomas Gilroy speaks about "An historical overview of vertex operator algebras" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 4th February 2011

Dr David Quinn speaks about "Sperner and Tucker: Combinatorial Lemmata in topology." Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 28th January 2011

Mr Pdraig O Cathain speaks about "A new family of regular subgroups." Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 14th January 2011

Mr Jorge Bruno speaks about "Brion's formula and miraculous cancellation". Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

**Mathsoc AGM and Christmas Dinner** » C219 » 3rd December 2010

AGM and Christmas dinner held in the Thai Garden".

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 21st January 2011

Mr Barry Hurley speaks about "Mathematics and Music". Refreshments and general mathematical discussion follow.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 26th November 2010

In this weeks seminar, Dr Paul Wilson will speak about "Tournaments that admit a unique Hamiltonian circuit" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion to follow, all welcome

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 19th November 2010

Mr (soon to be Dr) Liam Naughton speaks about Groups, Symmetry, Marks and other topics of interest. This promises to be a fascinating retrospective from a mathematician at the height of his powers. Not to be missed.

Refreshments and discussion afterwards. **Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 12th November 2010

Cara Dooley will speak about her important research in the area of Bayesian Statistics. Not to be missed. General mathematical discussion and refreshments afterwards.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 5th November 2010

Dr Petri Piiroinen speaks about teaching a robot to walk. Refreshments afterwards.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 29th October 2010

Pdraig O Cathain speaks about Ramsey Theory. The talk will be accessible to all with a basic understanding of graph theory. Refreshments afterwards.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 22nd October 2010

Dr Patrick Browne speaks about applications of Lie algebras to the real world. Props will include a glass of water and a belt. Not to be missed. Refreshments afterwards.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 15th October 2010

In this weeks seminar, Dr James Cruickshank will speak about

"Aspects of Geometry" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion to follow, all welcome.

**Mathsoc Seminars** » C219 » 8th October 2010

In this week's seminar Neil Humphries speaks about

"Discontinuity Geometry"

Refreshments and general mathematical discussion to follow, all welcome.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 1st October 2010

In this week's seminar, Dr Claas roever will speak about "Simple groups of functions"

Refreshments and general mathematical discussion to follow, all welcome.

**Mathsoc Seminar** » C219 » 17th September 2010

In our first meeting, Tobias Rossmann speaks about "State based dynamics, a universal algebra perspective" Refreshments and general mathematical discussion afterwards, all welcome.

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Treasurer:** Kevin Doherty

**Auditor:** Pdraig O'Cathain

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Kevin Doherty

**Treasurer:** James McTigue

**Secretary:** Jorge Bruno

**Vice-Auditor:** Alberto Alvarez Iglesias

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€476.71	Bank charge	€30.54
Bank Charge	€15.45	Dinner	€2,349.74
USC Grant	€4,300.00	Entertainment	€1,630.52
<b>Total</b>	€4,792.16	Reception	€154.32
		Returned Socs Money	€127.00
		Speaker travel	€468.42
		Expenditure Total	€4,760.54
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€31.62
		<b>Total</b>	€4,792.16

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 132 members.

### Mature Students

Mature Students Society were very active this year. We organised an AGM in September, two parties for the Children of the members of the society, an end of first semester party, a year end party and a trip to Malta.

An AGM was held on 21/09/2010 where the new Committee members were appointed.

Our Halloween Party was held in the Cube and was attended by over 110 kids. We had games, bouncy castles and arts and crafts, face painting, spooky music and a supply of sweets. We also provided tea and coffee and finger food for the parents.

The Christmas Party was also a great success. 180 registered for the event. We transformed the Cube into a Christmas wonderland and the stage area into Santa's grotto. Each kid got a bag of goodies. There was a bouncy castle, father christmas, arts and crafts, table of refreshments for parents. At this event we collected funds for SVP and we raised €71.25. The Children were brought by their parents to see santa in the grotto. Photos were taken and put up our our facebook page for all the parents.

We also held an end of semester party before the Christmas break in the college bar. This was very well attended and we had fingerfood for our members.

Malta Trip: There were 16 students who participated in this trip. We left Galway on Go Bus 1:45am the day we finished writing exams! We arrived in Malta at 12:35 local time and were collected by coach and taken to the hotel. We stayed at the Alexandra Hotel in St. Julian's, only a few minutes walk from the beach. Although there was a light drizzle when we arrived, the sun soon came out and continued during our stay. Malta is a beautiful country, with a very welcoming Maltese people that speak English. It is a relatively small island (about the same size of the Isle of Man). The the food was delicious, nutritious and above all a fraction of the price in Ireland. Transport around Malta is available by local bus which costs 49c per trip (regardless of how far you travel) or alternatively by tour bus. There are several companies that provide the tours and cost only €13 per person - it is a hop-on hop-off bus system. The cities are fortified with high walls. Malta is also a colony of Italy, Portugal and France. There are 365 churches in Malta and every church has two clocks on it, both have different times (this is, according to the locals, to confuse the devil). The Maltese people are predominantly Catholic. The capital of Malta is Valletta. Between viewing their 365 churches and impressive monuments to their beautiful stained glass giftware, there is a lot to see and do in Malta, not to mention their bays which can be viewed by tourist boat rides. Our trip to Malta was a great success.

The last event we held was our summer party in the College Bar. We first spent a few hours in the Large Acoustic Room watching footage of the trip to Malta, after which we enjoyed pizza and refreshments.

## Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

**AGM Mature students society** » Aras na Mac Leinn - Meeting Room 1 » 21st September 2010

AGM to elect new committee members for the Mature students society 2010/2011

**Summer Party** » Large Acoustic Room - College Bar » 20th May 2011

Come along to the end of term party. We will be showing the footage from Malta. Join us in the College Bar for pizza and refreshments for all!

**Mature students Society Trip to Malta!!** » Malta » 16th April – 19th April 2011 (4 individual events)

From its North African and Arabic influences to the Sicilian-inspired cuisine, Malta is a microcosm of the Mediterranean. Few European countries have such concentrated history, architecture and, yes, beaches in so tiny an area.

**End of Term Party** » College Bar » 17th December 2010

The end of term party for all Mature Students. Come and celebrate end of term

**Childrens Christmas Party** » The Cube Aras Na Mac Leinn » 11th December 2010

Childrens Christmas Party for children/grandchildren of students currently studying at NUIG, it takes place on Saturday 11th of December from 1pm - 5pm the cube, Aras Na Mac Leinn. Lots of fun activities and treats for the kiddies, Santa will be there with a gift for every child. There will also be tea/coffee and cake/biscuits for adults. (This is a free event).

**Childrens Halloween Party** » The View, Aras na Mac Leinn » 30th October 2010

Mature Students Society are hosting a Childrens Halloween Party, The View Aras Na Mac Leinn, October 30th @ 2-4pm, Prizes for best fancy dressed, Spooky arts and crafts, Scary face painting, Lots of yummy goodies and fun Halloween games. Open to all students children/grandchildren

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Owen Ward

**Vice-Auditor:** Jacqueline Nee

**Treasurer:** Michelle Mitchell

**Sport Officer:** Martin Joyce

**Development Officer:** Damien O'Connell

**Vice Treasurer:** Margaret Wright

**Secretary:** Catriona Hayes

## Committee 2011/2012

**Treasurer:** Michelle Mitchell

**Auditor:** Owen Ward

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€558.31	Bank charge	€8.12
Members Contributions	€215.75	Entertainment	€431.35
Socs box Till	€20.00	Fundraising/charity	€71.25
Sponsorship	€575.00	Gifts	€337.94
USC Grant	€2,740.00	Makeup/Props	€36.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,109.06</b>	Materials	€84.98
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€205.19
		Prizes	€53.33
		Society accomm	€1,131.00
		Society transport	€1,280.00
		Stationary	€29.79
		Expenditure Total	€3,669.20
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€439.86
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,109.06</b>

## Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 262 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Michelle Mitchell	Treasurer/ Organisation of Children's Halloween & Christmas Parties	49 hours
Jacqueline Nee	Vice Auditor	15 hours
Owen Ward	Auditor	50 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 114 hours

## Medicine Soc

An integral part of the medical student body, the Medical society in a longstanding society which organises a variety of educational events, parties, sporting tournaments and of course the annual Medball. It plays a vital role in establishing links between the various medical years and indeed their more senior medical colleagues through extra curricular activities and this year was no different. Highlights of the 2010/11 year include the impressive student summer research conference which was followed by a wonderfully laid out reception in the clinical science institute in UCHG and was adjudicated by UCHG consultant Tim Counihan and visiting external professors from England. December saw the staging of a very successful MedBall 2010 which really surpassed expectations and was one of the most memorable Balls of recent memory which was extremely well attended by consultants from UCHG and students alike and was kindly sponsored by MPS this year.

The annual ciaran toomey inter-med soccer tournament was staged in january out in Salthill astroturf pitches and was well attended by all the years and saw a final med team fortunate to grind out a win facilitated by the 4th meds having to field without some star players.

The spring/summer of 2011 saw the emergence of many excellent fun filled class trips which fostered the bonding of relationships within the medical faculty through extra curricular activities on the trips which included the final med class's trip to greece, the fourth meds trip to achill island and the 3rd med's surfing trip lahinch in county clare.

It must be noted that medsoc in 2010/11 remained active in providing financial support with a donation of 3000 euro to its closely related society Voluntary Services Abroad which sends medical students abroad to developing countries to provide direct medical aid. Other donations provided with the profits made from the Medball include one to the national breast cancer research institute in Galway, also to Enable Ireland which provides free services to children and adults with disabilities and their families and has a centre adjacent to UCHG and also a donation to Draocht Society and charity which is a fantastic charity that helps raise funds and sends volunteers to support the running of an orphanage in Nepal which was set up in 2008 by NUIG Medical student Melanie Hennessy.

## Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

**Final med class trip** » *Aya napa, Greece* » 30th May – 6th June 2011 (8 individual events)

Before they set off on their careers as interns in various hospitals around the country, this is the final trip of their time in college which is filled with water activities and sight seeing among many other extra curricular activities.

**Third med class trip** » *Lahinch Co. Clare* » 25th May – 27th May 2011 (3 individual events)

A two night stay with planned surfing activities in the wonderful sea-side resort in lahinch coun=ty clare, this short two night trip will serve as a much needed topic following a hectic schedule of summer exams

**Class trip** » *Achill Island* » 27th May – 29th May 2011 (3 individual events)

The class trip to Achill Island promises to be a great event for all! This is the last chance to spend some quality class bonding time together before people head off on their overseas electives.

**Ciaran toomey annual soccer tournament** » *Drom pitches, Salthill devon F.C.* » 5th February 2011 Fantastic soccer tournament... battle of the best of the med years! Everybody welcome to play and all support greatly appreciated. Food and prizes will be served!

**Medball** » *Radisson blue hotel Galway* » 19th December – 20th December 2010 (2 individual events)

The event of the year!

**Summer Research project conference** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 10th November 2010

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Maria Costello

**Secretary:** Aoife Newman

**PRO:** Charmaine Wang

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Caitriona Fahy

**Treasurer:** Liam O'Reilly

**Auditor:** Katharine Harkin

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Sharon Holland

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Mairtin O'Maolain

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€3,482.40	Ball	€28,233.60
Balls	€34,635.00	Bank charge	€195.58
Bank Charge	€183.08	Entertainment	€200.00
USC Grant	€3,221.41	Hall hire	€180.00
<b>Total</b>	€41,521.89	Materials	€500.00
		Printing	€600.00
		Received Money Returned	€51.00
		Reception	€273.00
		Returned Socs Money	€202.00
		Society accomm	€1,520.00
		Society transport	€680.00
		Expenditure Total	€32,635.18
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€1,354.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€8,886.71
		<b>Total</b>	€41,521.89

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 294 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Maria Costello	Vice-Auditor	45 hours
Katharine Harkin	Auditor	80 hours

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 125 hours

## Microsoc

Microsoc is a society in the Microbiology department, N.U.I. Galway, set up and run by the post-graduate students. The aims of Microsoc shall be the promotion of microbiology and the development of a sense of community in the department through the organisation of social events. The society is involved in arranging monthly talks given by both visiting speakers and researchers within the university and various courses of relevance for students within the department. In addition, the society also organises social events throughout the year including table quizzes, coffee mornings, the post-graduate ball, seasonal events such as the summer BBQ and the Christmas party.

## Microsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

### **Microbiology Seminar** » *Dunican Theatre* » *1st April 2011*

Microbiology Seminar will be given by Dr. David Nedwell. The title of the seminar is: 'Methodologies used to study microbial populations in the Antarctic'.

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided in the Common room before the seminar.

### **Microbiology Seminar** » *Dunican Theatre* » *15th April 2011*

Microbiology Seminar entitled: 'Using high throughput methods to study the E. coli acid stress response' by Dr Peter Lund, School of Biosciences, University of Birmingham, UK.

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided in the Common room before the seminar.

### **Postgrad Ball** » *Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill* » *14th April – 15th April 2011 (2 individual events)*

NUI Galway Postgrad Ball, hosted by Microsoc will take place in the Galway Bay Hotel. Music by Boxtie, followed by DJ. Not to be missed!

Any remaining tickets will be available from the Socs Box.

### **Postgrad Ball Ticket Sales** » *Smokies* » *24th March 2011*

Limited number of extra tickets will be available from Smokies. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment. Tickets ?45. Ball will be held in the Galway Bay Hotel on the 14th April. Music on the night by Boxtie. Promises to be a great evenings entertainment.

### **Postgrad Ball Ticket Sales** » *aras na mac leinn (the foyer)* » *22nd February 2011*

Tickets on sale for NUI Galway Postgraduate Ball. Event expected to sell out quickly so get to Aras na Mac Leinn early to avoid disappointment.

### **Pure Skill** » *Pure Skill, Knocknacarra.* » *9th February 2011*

Microsoc host an evening at Pure Skill Galway. Promises to be a fun, competitive event. All members welcome.

### **Microsoc Seminar Series** » *Dunican Lecture Theatre* » *20th January 2011*

Dr Roy D Sleator from Cork Institute of Technology will giving a presentation based on his research in the field of gastrointestinal microbiology with emphasis on biotechnological innovations. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the Microbiology common room from 12.45.

### **Microsoc Xmas Party** » *Busker Brownes Pub* » *15th December – 16th December 2010 (2 individual events)*

Microsocs annual fancy dress Xmas party is back! Prizes for best costumes, finger food and lots more!

The Christmas Party was held in Busker Brownes pub. The theme for this year?s party was ?Children's TV characters?. Like previous Christmas parties, everyone made a huge effort with their costumes and the party was a roaring success. Prizes were awarded to those with the most imaginative and creative costumes.

### **Microsoc Seminar Series** » *Dunican Lecture Theatre* » *10th December 2010*

Microsoc Seminar Series continues with a presentation from Dr Florence Abram, NUI Galway. Florence will be giving a presentation outlining her research interests and work to date. Tea, coffee and biscuits available in the Microbiology common room from 12.45. All are welcome to attend.

### **Coffee and Mince Pies Charity Fundraiser** » *microbiology common room* » *8th December 2010*

Tea, coffee, cakes and mince pies. All in aid of a good cause!

All proceeds raised from this event were donated to Multiple Sclerosis Ireland.

### **Microsoc Seminar Series** » *Dunican Lecture Theatre* » *26th November 2010*

Dr Cindy Smith of NUI Galway will be giving a presentation on her work. The title of her talk is: "Structure and function of microbial communities in aquatic environments...mud, mucus and more."

Tea/coffee and biscuits provided in the Common room before the seminar.

### **College Bar Evening** » *College Bar* » *18th November 2010*

Drinks in college bar to welcome all new society members!

Microsoc held a night-out in the College Bar, NUI Galway in semester 1 to allow all of its members to meet up; finger food was kindly supplied by the College Bar and a great night was enjoyed by all.

### **Microsoc Meeting** » *Dunican Theatre* » *27th October 2010*

Microsoc will have a meeting on Wednesday (October 27th) at 5 o'clock in the Micro Common room to discuss organising events for the year ahead.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice Public Relations Officer:** Helena Kelly

**Secretary:** Claire Cunningham

**Vice-Treasurer:** Conor Feehily

**Public Relations Officer:** Malgorzata Wronska

**Auditor:** Marcus Twomey

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### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€7,092.85	Ball	€9,957.55
Balls	€9,835.70	Bank charge	€116.83
Bank Charge	€60.15	Dinner	€173.85
Fundraising	€1,017.01	Entertainment	€3,629.39
Members Contributions	€400.00	Entry fees	€250.00
Socs box Till	€1,980.00	Equipment misc	€673.77
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Fundraising/charity	€500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€21,385.71</b>	Gifts	€175.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€170.00
		Reception	€176.05
		Returned Socs Money	€137.50
		Speaker accomm	€135.00
		Speaker travel	€455.00
		Expenditure Total	€16,549.94
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,835.77
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€21,385.71</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 102 members.

## Musical Society (GUMS)

2010/2011 was yet another successful year for GUMS. Under the enthusiastic leadership of John Joyce, our strong and determined committee worked so well together. The new committee was voted for at the AGM in April 2010 and the first task was to choose what musical we would be putting on stage in February 2011. After much debate, we decided on The Wedding Singer and work got under way to get the rights and score to the show.

The first committee meeting of the academic year 2010-2011 was held on the 09/09/10 and it was decided to hold our EGM on the 15th of the month. Here 4 positions were filled. Eva-Marie Costello took over the position of musical director, Diarmuid Scahill became PR assistant, Siobhán McCormack got one of 2 school's liason officer positions and Julie Sheridan was voted costume assistant. It was decided that auditions for The Wedding Singer be held on Tuesday the 21st with callbacks on the 23rd of September, during societies and clubs week. Audition day was a huge success thanks to our excellent PR team, with more than 200 people tuning out to showcase their singing, dancing and acting talents. As well as this we also signed people up for backstage crew, orchestra and set.

After such a huge turn out, the production team were left with the extremely difficult task of choosing those for callbacks. Competition was fierce but nevertheless the lead roles were finalised. Meet and greet took place in the cube on the 27th where we announced the lead roles to a huge cast and headed to the college bar to begin introductions.

Rehearsals took place twice a week, one dancing and one singing, with an extra acting rehearsal for the leads. After a few weeks of rehearsals, our events co-ordinator, Tizzy, organised a bowling night at Galway Leisure World for some bonding and some serious competition. Tizzy definitely did a great job throughout the year organising many great nights out, DVD nights and even collaborating with choral soc for a night of sing-song and musical fun.

Of course our major event in 1st semester was NUIG's Got Talent, which is getting bigger and better each year. Heats were held in the college bar between the 19th of October to the 1st of November with the final being held in the Bailey Allen Hall where over 300 hundred people attended. Dinner and drinks were served and a truly spectacular night was had by all, with our most successful final to date. A very popular performer walked away with the €1000 on the night, an Irish Dancer by the name of Cathal Kearney.

On the 24th of November 18 members took a trip to the capital to see Hairspray, the musical, an unbelievable experience. Rehearsals finished before Christmas exams, with a well deserved break had by all .

Second semester continued with extra long rehearsals during the week. Weekend rehearsals were also introduced in the weeks before the show. A performance at the Musicaitl press launch in the 19th of January in the Bank of Ireland theatre, gave a sneak preview of the amazing show that was to come. The highlight of GUMS calendar, The Wedding Singer, took place in the Blackbox theatre from the 8th to the 12th of February. It was a huge success, a true reflection of all the hard work and dedication put in by our wonderful cast, hard working production team and committee not to mention everyone who helped out with set, hair and make-up. With great audiences every night, a fun and enjoyable night was had by ourselves backstage and of course most importantly, the brilliant audience whos turned out in huge numbers every night. A very positive review from AIMS really was the cherry on the cake.

The Annual Musical Ball took place in the Galway Bay hotel on the 23rd of March, with Joe and the Legends and DJ John Browne providing the entertainment. This was an opportunity for all involved in GUMS throughout the year to let their hair down and party like it was 1986!!

The Society Awards were held on the 30th of March in the Bailey Allen Hall, where we recieved 2 awards, 'Best Small Publication' for our Wedding Singer programme and 'Most Alive Society' for being the society who voluteering the most hours throughout the year. Our very own Orna NÁ Bhrion and Diarmuid Scahill performed on the night, showcasing their bursary award winning performance. A great night we had by everyone involved.

20 GUMS members made the annual trip to London's West End this year, taking in 4 musicals, The Lion King, Billy Elliot, Legally Blonde and Wicked. This is definitely the highlight of the year for those who make the trip and is such a great opportunity, special thanks to Tizzy (Emma Tuite) for organising this.

We are delighted to share that GUMS have been nominated for an AIMS award this year for Best Choreography and we are very much looking forwards to attending the awards, and are so proud of all our dancers and our Choreographer Michael Flanagan.

Last but not least on our agenda for this year is the School's awards which were held in in May. This event is run by the 2 School's Liason Officers on the committee SiobhÁn McCormack and Aisling Gaffney, which involves members of the committee attending musicals in schools in the Galway area and holding an awards ceremony for them at the end of the year. Members of the society will also be providing workshops for the students in singing, dancing and acting later in the semester. The feedback form the schools and the teachers was excelent and very much enjoyed by the almost 300 attendees.

John Joyce was a true leader throughout the year and made it easy for us to work as a team. Great friendships were formed and everyone should be extremely proud of the year that GUMS had. Congradulations to everyone involved and good luck to the incoming committee of 2011-2012, we hope that you all have as enjoyable and successful a year as we did.

## **Musical Society (GUMS) Events**

This year the society held a total of 63 events.

**Meet and Greet** » *The Cube* » 27th September 2010

We will introduce the Committee and announce the cast of The Wedding Singer. Ice-breakers and other such fun will be had and afterwards we will retire to the College Bar to continue the bonding process!

**The Wedding Singer DVD Night** » *The View, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 23rd September 2010

First Meeting of all the cast of The Wedding Singer with a viewing of the original Adam Sandler Film.

**Auditions for The Wedding Singer** » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 21st September 2010

Calling all singers, dancers and actors to come along and auditions for this year's hilarious 80's musical, The Wedding Singer.

The musical is a brilliant way to meet new people and have a great time too so warm up those vocal cords and put on your dancing shoes, The Wedding Singer will be an experience you don't want to miss!

**Trip to London's West End** » *THE WEST END!!!!* » 5th April – 7th April 2011 (3 individual events)

**AGM** » *large acoustic room* » 13th April 2011

**GUMS table quiz** » *Busker Brownes* » 29th March 2011

Table quiz!!!!!! Finger food, spot prizes and fun to be had, ?5 pp and ?20 per team of 4

**The Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 1st February 2011

**Dialogue Rehearsal** » *Large Acoustic Room* » 15th October 2010

Acting Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Bowling** » *Galway Leisure World, Galway Shopping Centre* » 13th October 2010

Night out Bowling!! STRIKE!

**Singing Rehearsal** » *The Space* » 13th October 2010

Singing Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Dance Rehearsal** » *The Cube* » 11th October 2010

Dance Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**The Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 2nd February 2011

**The Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *the cube* » 31st January 2011

**Wedding singer rehearsals** » *The space aras na mac leinn* » 27th January 2011

**Orchestra rehearsal for the wedding singer** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 26th January 2011

**Wedding singer rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 26th January 2011

**Wedding singer rehearsals** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 25th January 2011

**Dance Rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 24th January 2011

**Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 23rd January 2011

**Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 22nd January 2011

**Orchestra Rehearsals for the Wedding Singer** » *the space* » 21st January 2011

**Wedding singer Rehearsals** » *tbc* » 20th January 2011

**Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 18th January 2011

**Wedding singer Rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 17th January 2011

**Wedding singer rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 16th January 2011

**Wedding singer rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 15th January 2011

**Wedding singer rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 13th January 2011

**Wedding singer rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 12th January 2011

**The Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 11th January 2011

**DANCE REHERSALS** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 10th January 2011

**The Wedding Singer Rehearsals** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 10th January 2011

**Dance Rehearsals** » *The Cube aras na mac leinn* » 22nd November 2010

**Dance Rehearsal** » *the cube aras na mac leinn* » 15th November 2010

Dance rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Acting Rehearsal** » *Aras Ui Cathail Lecture Theatre* » 11th November 2010

**Singing Rehearsal** » *TBC* » 10th November 2010

**Dance Rehearsal** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 8th November 2010

**Singing Rehearsal** » *Aras Ui Cathail Lecture Theatre* » 3rd November 2010

Singing Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Dance Rehearsal** » *The Stage* » 28th October 2010

Dance Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Singing Rehearsal** » *The Cube* » 27th October 2010

Singing Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Dance Rehearsal** » *The Cube, Aras na MacLeinn* » 25th October 2010

Dance Rehearsals

**Dialogue Rehearsal** » *Aras Ui Cathail Lecture Theatre* » 21st October 2010

Acting Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Dance Rehearsal** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre, Arts Millenium* » 20th October 2010

Dance Rehearsal for The Wedding Singer

**Musical Ball** » *No suggestions found* » 23rd March 2011

Lets celebrate a GREAT year in style. Get on your ball gowns and your dancing shoes because tonight we're gonna party like its 1986!

**The Wedding Singer Musical** » *Black Box Theatre, Dyke Road* » 8th February – 12th February 2011 (5 individual events)

It's 1985 and Robbie Hart lives in his grandmother's basement in New Jersey and sings in a popular wedding band. When his fiancée leaves him standing at the altar his world is turned upside down and his outlook changes from "Love is what I do" to "Somebody kill me". This hilarious

musical adaptation of the Adam Sandler movie is a colourful and energetic marriage of comedy and rock music. (Includes adult themes and content. )

**Press Launch** » *The BOI theatre* » 19th January 2011

**Cast night out :)** » *Kelly's* » 19th January 2011

**Hairspray Trip** » *Grand Canal Theatre, Dublin* » 24th November 2010

Group outing to see the West End version of Hairspray in the Grand Canal Theatre, Dublin starring Michael Ball!

**DVD Night with Choral Soc** » *IT250* » 18th November 2010

Watching Moulin Rouge with Choral Soc! We encourage you all to sing along!

**NUIG's Got Talent Grand Final** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 16th November 2010

Grand Final of the Talent Competition that has taken the NUIG campus by storm this semester! 17 acts, only one can win €1000! Tickets available at the Soc Box. €10 includes dinner and a voting card! Full bar and entertainment guaranteed!

**The Wiz DVD Night** » *Meeting Room 1* » 27th October 2010

Premiere of The Wiz DVD!

**NUIG's Got Talent; Heat** » *College Bar* » 19th October – 2nd November 2010 (3 individual events)

Would you like to win €1000?! Have you a talent that could make you a star? Do you watch X Factor and Britain's Got Talent and think "I could do that"? Well this is your chance to show the world (NUIG!) what you're made of! Whether you're a singer, dancer, musician, actor, comedian, juggler, gymnast or horse whisperer, NUIG's Got Talent wants you! Sign up at the Socs Box and enter the entertainment craze that will have everyone talking and could win you a grand!

**School's Awards** » *Fottrell Theatre AM Building* » 26th May 2011

GUMS members attended and judged various shows during the year that were presented by schools in the Galway area. Tonight we will be presenting them with awards for their great efforts. It rewards the enthusiasm, passion, hard-work and talent of the teachers and students who put so much work into their shows during the year. It is a way of showing our support and encouragement for the rising young stars in Galways schools and perhaps future NUIG students.

**Dialogue Rehearsal** » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 7th October 2010

Acting Rehearsals for the Leads of The Wedding Singer!

**Singing Rehearsal** » *The Space* » 6th October 2010

Singing Rehearsal for the Cast and Chorus of The Wedding Singer!

**Dance Rehearsals** » *The Cube* » 4th October 2010

Dancing Rehearsal for the Cast and Chorus of The Wedding Singer!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** John Joyce

**Treasurer:** Laura Donnelly

**Secretary:** Sharon Sexton

**Musical Director:** Eva-marie Costello

**PR Assistant:** Diarmuid Scahill

**Head of Set:** Eoin Ryan

**Choreographer:** Michael Flanagan

**Entertainments Officer:** Emma Tuite

**Schools Liason Officer/OCM:** Siobhan McCormack

**Vice-Auditor:** Sinead Monaghan

**Staff Treasurer:** Tony Hall

**Promotion and Publicity Officer:** Ciaran McDonagh

**Schools Liason Officer/OCM:** Aisling Gaffney

**Head of Costumes:** Triona Ni Dhuibhir

**Director:** Rory Kitt

**Assistant Choreographer:** Gillian Keady

**Ordinary Committee Member/OCM:** Donal Duffy

**Costume Assistant:** Julie Sheridan

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Laura Donnelly

**Treasurer:** Aisling McGee

**Promotion and Publicity Officer:** Oisín Tierney

**Assistant Choreographer:** Gillian Keady

**Musical Director:** Megan Lohan

**Set Assistant:** Oisín Minogue

**School Liaison Officer/ OCM:** Elizabeth Moon

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Paul Herron

**Vice-Auditor:** Aisling Gaffney

**Secretary:** Eva-marie Costello

**PR Assistant:** Hazel Doyle

**Choreographer:** Diarmuid Scahill

**Head of Set:** Donal Duffy

**Entertainment Officer/ OCM:** Sophie Connolly

**School Liaison Officer/ OCM:** Caoimhin O'Higgins

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€6,672.52	Ball	€1,593.00
Bank Charge	€80.07	Bank charge	€155.47
Fundraising	€90.00	Costumes	€1,355.25
Members Contributions	€985.73	Dinner	€2,210.10
Muscailt	€500.00	Entertainment	€2,500.00
Socs box Till	€14,480.00	Entry fees	€630.00
Sponsorship	€1,024.00	Equipment misc	€110.00
Ticket Sales	€1,055.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,593.00
USC Grant	€10,233.18	Hire Bus	€400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€35,120.50</b>	Hoodies	€1,121.00
		Lights	€3,118.00
		Makeup/Props	€90.00
		Materials	€527.50
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€218.00
		Performing rights	€2,421.31
		Postage	€123.00
		Printing	€750.00
		Prizes	€2,045.00
		Promotions	€263.40
		Received Money Returned	€180.00
		Returned Socs Money	€80.00
		Set	€2,500.00
		Society accomm	€1,906.40
		Society transport	€890.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€8.00
		Sound	€5,417.00
		Expenditure Total	€32,205.43
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,915.07
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€35,120.50</b>

## Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 475 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Emma Tuite	Entertainment Officer/Chorus	470 hours
Kate Barrett	Chorus Member/ Volunteer	250 hours
Orla McHugh	Volunteer	290 hours
Jennifer Brennan	Chorus	300 hours
Gillian Keady	Assistant choreographer	500 hours
Mohammed Hamza	Cast Member	300 hours

Hazel Doyle	volunteer	280 hours
Triona Ni Dhuibhir	Head of Costumes	295 hours
John Joyce	Auditor	600 hours
Donal Duffy	OCM	450 hours
Caoimhin O'Higgins	cast member	220 hours
Aisling Gaffney	OCM/ School Liaison Officer/ Cast Member	411 hours
Rion Breslin	Cast Member	290 hours
Ciaran McDonagh	Public Relations Officer/performer	475 hours
Rory Bowens	Lead Guitarist in Orchestra	50 hours
Diarmuid Scahill	PR assistant	480 hours
Emmet Leyden	Volunteer	40 hours
Elizabeth Moon	Cast Member	450 hours
Aisling McGee	Volunteer	240 hours
Padraig Synnott	Orchestra Member	50 hours
Paul Herron	Cast Member	300 hours
Eoin Ryan	Head of Set and Stage	400 hours
Fergal O'Hanlon	Volunteer	213 hours
Sophie Connolly	Cast Member	350 hours
Karen Hughes	Band Member	50 hours
Eva Costello	Musical Director	400 hours
Oisin Tierney	Cast member	350 hours
Jessica Mullins	Cast Member	300 hours
Michael Flanagan	Choreographer/Cast Member	500 hours
Aisling Schmidt	volunteer	300 hours
Sinead Casey	Cast Member	280 hours
Laura Donnelly	treasurer/cast	407 hours
Siobhan McCormack	Committee Member/Schools Liaison Officer/Cast Member	420 hours
Ruth Darcy	Volunteer and lead role in musical	320 hours
Sinead Monaghan	Vice-auditor	350 hours
Jacinta Hennigan	Volunteer	270 hours
Darragh O'Connor	Cast Member	265 hours

# ALIVE Students: 37 student

# Hours Volunteered: 11916 hours

## MusicSoc

This year the Music Society went under huge change. There was a change of constitution making with the society changing names to Ents and Music Soc along with the creation of new committee positions. It was a very active year with at least one event per week in semester 1 and at least two a week in semester two. The society held weekly/bi-weekly jamming sessions on Mondays and Thursdays, revived Witless with attendance increased and held Take Me Out twice in the college bar with an attendance of about 1000 at the first and 500 at the second. We also were involved in organising numerous other events such as NUIG Suit Up Day and the National Mystery Tour to Sligo. Our membership increased also, helping us to become the third largest society on campus. We have had a great response to our use of online media. We also formed links with the Roisin Dubh to set up affordable ticket prices for our members.

### MusicSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 187 events.

**Singer Song Writer Workshop** » *small Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 25th November 2010

come along and be creative with musicians and writers.

**Song Writers workshops** » *small Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 11th November 2010

**Music and Ents Jamming Session** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 7th October – 25th November 2010 (8 individual events)

**Music and Ents Jamming Session** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 30th September 2010

**EGM** » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 27th September 2010

Come along and elected to the Music and Ents soc committee

**WITLESS Heat 3- The Acoustic Sessions** » *college bar* » 15th February 2011

The third heat takes place on Tuesday, Feb 15th. Kick off at 8:00pm.

**BANDS:**

Kynewolf

Octopus Tattoo

Aidan Breen & Aaron Hastings

Rory Bowens

Con Artists

Padraig Jack

<http://www.nuigcollegebar.com/modules/news/article.php?storyid=83>

**Take Me Out** » *college bar* » 14th February 2011

You have see it on TV now see it in the College Bar where boh the boys and girls get to choose with a chance for romance and great prizes. Join the fun.

**Jamming Sessions** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 25th November – 3rd December 2010 (2 individual events)

Meet up with like-mided musicians to jam and have a laugh! All welcome!xxx

**Jamming** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 21st October 2010

**Music Soc EGM/Amalgamation with Ents Soc** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 16th September 2010

Music Soc's general meeting to discuss plans and ideas and the merger with Ents Soc.

**Music and Ents Jamming Session** » *Large and Small Acoustic Rooms* » 2nd December – 16th December 2010 (15 individual events)

Come and jam! All acoustic, electric and vocals welcome

**Weekly Jamming Sessions** » *Large Acoustic and Small Acoustic Rooms* » 10th January – 25th April 2011 (16 individual events)

**Weekly Jamming Sessions** » *Large Acoustic and Small Acoustic Rooms* » 13th January – 14th April 2011 (14 individual events)

Come and Jam with us. Monday and Thursday! We also like to eat pizza!

**WITLESS HEAT 1** » *College Bar* » 1st February – 1st June 2011 (121 individual events)

WITLESS starts at 8:30pm in the College Bar | NUI Galway so come along and support bands that are students from the college. The line up is Strawberry Blonde

Skyboy

Humdrum Flounder

The Slopes

Zero Moda

**WITLESS HEAT 2** » *College Bar* » 8th February 2011

come see the next lot of great bands! Yeah!

Nuig EntsandMusic

The second heat takes place on tomorrow Tuesday, Feb 8th. Kick off at 8:30pm.

**BANDS:**

Steppie Clarke

The Cubists

Neon Tactics

Leathermen & The Tax Collectors

The Colour of Bob

Voting by text. Winner goes through to final on the Tuesday of College Week.

**WITLESS Final** » *College Bar* » 1st March 2011

Come and see your favourite finalists!

**Music and Ents AGM** » *Large Acoustic room* » 30th March 2011

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Grainne Meagher

**Treasurer:** Neil Grogan

**Secretary:** James Finan

**Photographer:** Leah Mollica

**Strategic Advisor:** Declan Taggart

**Public Relations Team:** Patrick Faherty

**Internal Sec:** Laura Higgins

**Postgrad Officer:** Patrick Melia

**Auditor:** Paul Curley

**Jammin Officer:** Eoghan Page

**Technologist:** Fergus Molloy

**Speakers Conveyor:** Patrick Conboy

**Public Relations Officer:** Nikki O'Byrne

**OCM:** Peter O'Toole

**Societies Liason:** Conor Nugent

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Aoife Ni Shuilleabhain

**Vice-Auditor:** Peter O'Toole

**Treasurer:** Caroline Jennings

**Venue Organiser:** Paul Curley

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,308.65	Bank charge	€86.85
Bank Charge	€31.17	Entertainment	€5,503.00
Socs box Till	€5,763.00	Equipment misc	€353.00
Ticket Sales	€17.00	Prizes	€1,950.00
USC Grant	€2,500.00	Received Money Returned	€16.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,619.82</b>	Reception	€188.00
		Returned Socs Money	€20.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€40.00
		Sound	€350.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,506.85
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€1,310.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,112.97
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,619.82</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 988 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Peter O'Toole	OCM	147 hours
Neil Grogan	Treasurer	40 hours
Paul Curley	Auditor	800 hours
Eoin Butler	OCM, IT, Webmaster	310 hours

# ALIVE Students: 4 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1297 hours

## Muslim Youth Soc

The Muslim Youth Society has been represented in previous years but has not been very active for some time. We started the year with a new committee who, although inexperienced, organised some great events.

Our aim is to highlight Islam around campus, to create awareness and to educate the student population that Muslims are not what they are portrayed to be in the media.

This year, the Muslim Youth Soc has made itself more aware around campus. We have held numerous events, such as talks, debates, cake sales, and charity fundraisers and have had great feedback from not only society members, but the general student public.

We organised themed weeks such as, Charity Week, Islamic Awareness Week and Justice Awareness Week and had an International Speakers Tour.

Prayer in Islam is very important; it is one of the five pillars of Islam. The one who does not pray is not considered to be a Muslim. That's why it is very important for a Muslim to find a place to pray.

Muslims pray 5 times a day, one at sunrise, one when the sun is at 90 degree angle, one at mid day, one at sunset and one at midnight.

Students spend most of their time in campus during college days for 8-9 months. This means that Muslim students who have to pray will miss their prayer or lectures if they had to go outside the campus for prayer.

The prayer room in the campus is used by 20-30 students each day during college days this year.

Next year the number of students will increase by 50-60 students this is because there is a new contract by between the Irish and Malaysian governments to send more students to study medicine in Irish colleges.

The prayer room is also used for the Friday congregation prayer that takes place every week from 1-2pm. This is for those who can't make it to the mosque in Westside community centre due to exams or lectures starting early.

### Muslim Youth Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 41 events.

**Jumma Prayer** » *CSI Prayer Room » 4th February – 27th May 2011 (17 individual events)*

Brother Shahid will be giving short talks(kutbah) during Friday prayers every Friday, for the rest of this semester in Clinical Science Institute at 1.15.

Brother Shahid is well known speaker from South Africa, he has experience in delivering talks to students during Friday prayers, Friday is considered as a holy day for the Muslims, comparing to the Sunday for the Catholics, for this reason is very important for the Muslims, to gather on Friday afternoon time to listen to the weekly reminder and pray.

**Islamic Sharia Law** » *Bliath na Creige community centre (upper clybaun road, knocknacarra) » 6th March – 22nd May 2011 (12 individual events)*

Full Sharia law course for Muslims, 12 weeks long, 1 day per week (Sunday), for only 45 minutes from 12pm-12.45pm.

Sharia Law is Muslim or Islamic law, both civil and criminal justice as well as regulating individual conduct both personal and moral.

Tutors will be NUIG students who will use sources from the Quran and Sunnah (sayings of the prophet peace be upon him).

Quran lessons, Hadith (sayings of the prophet peace be upon him) Lessons, stories of the prophets and history of religions all will be covered.

Attendance will be taken.,

Course is free of charge.,

LOCATION&MAP <http://www.galwaympg.net/frameset/iqrabanner1.html>

**Islamic Exhibition (forget what you think you know)** » *aras na mac leinn - » 24th February 2011* Learn about the fastest growing religion in Ireland through Islamic Exhibition in aras na mac leinn on Thursday 24th Feb 11am-3pm

The Five Pillars of Islam

Science in Quran

The prophets in Islam

women in Islam

There will also be

-Halal Food (food that Muslims are allowed to eat)

-Henna (Tatoos)

-calligraphy in Arabic

**Revolution in The Middle East and Its Relevance to the Muslim Ummah (nation)** » *CSI small lecture theatre* » 22nd February 2011

sorry shiekh kalid won't be able to make it today we really apologise for any inconvenience caused

**Islam vs Atheism (debate)** » *Kirwan Theatre concourse* » 14th February 2011

International Public Speaker Hamza Andreas Tzortzis will speak for Islam, whilst Michael Nugent, of Atheist Ireland, will speak for Atheism. Interesting views to be heard on both sides so it's not to be missed!

Michael Nugent, a writer from Dublin, Ireland, and chair of the advocacy group Atheist Ireland.

HAMZA ANDREAS TZORTZIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKER ON ISLAM, A WRITER AND RESEARCHER. HE HAS DEBATED PROMINENT INTELLECTUALS AND ACADEMICS. SOME OF HIS INTERLOCUTORS INCLUDE THE LEADING HUMANIST AND BEST SELLING AUTHOR PETER CAVE, THE EDITOR OF THE PHILOSOPHY NOW MAGAZINE RICK LEWIS AND THE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED PROFESSOR SIMON BLACKBURN. MORE RECENTLY HAMZA DEBATED ONE OF THE LEADING AMERICAN ATHEISTS AND SECULAR ACTIVISTS DR. ED BUCKNER, THE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN ATHEISTS.

**Blind man journey to islam** » *colm hEocha theatre arts millenium (AM250)* » 7th February 2011

Abu Hafsa (Father of Hafsa), Abdul Malik (Servant of God), formerly Jerome is the first 100% blind person who was accepted into professional wrestling. He came to Islam after reading about the beautiful story of Malcolm X, and then later he studied Islam and began to read the Quran in Arabic Braille.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=7849611105754182960#>

Abu Hafsa will be coming to galway to tell his story on how a blind english man became a muslim

**Gain more knowlege about islam (camp)** » *13 sandyview revirside masjid galway* » 21st January – 22nd January 2011 (2 individual events)

Umar Abdullah

embraced Islam in 1991, Founded the Islamic Promotion Organisation (Dawah Tables) 1993.

Khateeb (lecturer of friday prayer) of Chiswick since 1994.

Regular speaker at University's since 1993.

Umar works as a personal boxing trainer.

Umar Abdullah will be coming from london as well as Abdul al Haseeb from dublin to give a series of talks for students in the masjid in riverside galway for both males and females.

The boys will stay the night where after fajir there will be a morning jog then down to the woods (in galway) for a BBQ and another talk by Skiekh Umar Abdullah.

**One Day National Fast** » *view in aras na mac lienn* » 10th November 2010

Fast from sunrise (8.30 am) till sunset (5.50 pm) and get people to sponsor you for charity (money will be going to the orphans around the world).sponsoring forms will be available at the soc box from 27th oct.

Fasting is great it teaches you how to be patient and how to care for others plus your doing it for charity.

Dinner will be provided on the day for the people who managed to complete a full days fast at sunset which is around 5.15pm in the view aras na mac lienn).

**Bake sale and Tattoo(Hinna drawings)** » *foyer Á'zas na mac LÁ'zn* » 28th October 2010

MYS will be selling cakes for charity. The cakes will be homemade by lots of different people from different cultures and religions. Come and try them and support the orphans around the world.

There will also be Tattoo drawings (hinnah) for anyone who wants to get a tattoo. This type of tattoo called hinnah is not permanent but usually lasts for about a month.

**Four Lions Film** » *Fottrell Theatre arts millennium building* » 27th October 2010

A well known and a very funny film Four Lions will be shown by MYS for charity week. The cost of entry will be 4 Euro. All the money will be going to orphans and children in need around the world.

**Enemy Combatant: My Imprisonment at Guantanamo, Bagram & Kandahar (Afghanistan) By Moazzam Begg** » *Martin Ryan Institute Annex Lecture theater* » 8th October 2010

Moazzem Begg (look below for biography) will be coming to NUIG on the 8th november to give a talk on his Imprisonment at Guantanamo, Bagram & Kandahar (Afghanistan) prisons starting off on how he ended up there at the first place.

Biography: Moazzam Begg was born in 1968 in Birmingham to Muslim parents from Pakistan. His mother died when he was six, and his father sent him to the Jewish King David school in Birmingham, because he thought it inculcated good values. In his 20s Begg became more interested in politics " Islamic politics. He never fitted one dogma neatly " conservative when it came to family values, leftist when it came to issues of equality.

Moved by the plight of the Afghani people, in 2001 Begg traveled to Kabul with his family to start a school for basic education and provide

water pumps. When the allied attack on Afghanistan began in October 2001, Begg and his family moved to Islamabad in Pakistan for safety. It was there that he was seized in January 2002 by Pakistani police and CIA officers, bundled into a back of a car and taken back to Kabul, where he was held in a windowless cellar at Bagram airbase for nearly a year. Hooded, shackled and cuffed, he was taken first to the US detention facility at Kandahar, then on to Bagram, and finally to Guantanamo Bay. During his internment, he was kicked and beaten, suffocated with a bag over his head, stripped naked, chained by his hands to the top of a door and left hanging, and led to believe he was about to be executed. One psychiatrist encouraged him to kill himself. In all he spend three years in prison, much of it in solitary confinement, and was subjected to over three hundred interrogations, as well as death threats and torture, witnessing the killings of two detainees.

Begg is one of nine British citizens who were held at Camp X-Ray, Guantánamo Bay by the government of the United States of America. Begg was labeled an enemy combatant' by the US government, imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit and whose precise nature has never been determined.

He was released on January 25, 2005 along with Feroz Abbasi, Martin Mubanga and Richard Belmar, without charge though he received no compensation or an apology. President Bush released Moazzam Begg over the objections of the Pentagon, the CIA, and the FBI, who warned that Mr. Begg could still be a dangerous terrorist.

Begg is the author of a book about his Guantánamo experiences titled *Enemy Combatant: My Imprisonment at Guantánamo, Bagram, and Kandahar*, co-written with Victoria Brittain. It is the first book to be published by a former Guantánamo Bay prisoner.

**Major Signs of the Last Day** » *Large lecture theatre, Clinical Science Institute, NUIG* » 6th October 2010 Brother Uthman Lateef, a speaker from UK is coming to Galway for two days to give two inspiring lectures. The first lecture will be on Wednesday, the 6th of October with the topic 'The major signs of the last day'. The second lecture will be on Thursday, the 7th of October and the topic will be on 'The Return of Christ'.

Brother Uthman Lateef has a BA (Hons) in History, MA (Dist) in Crusader Studies and is currently completing a PhD in the Muslim effort to reclaim Jerusalem during the Crusades. Uthman Lateef has studied in Syria and Egypt and is a popular speaker and khateeb at universities and mosques across the UK. He is currently working for the The Hittin Institute.

**The Return of Christ** » *Small lecture theatre, Clinical Science Institute (CS), NUIG* » 7th October 2010 Brother Uthman Lateef, a speaker from UK is coming to Galway for two days to give two inspiring lectures. The first lecture will be on Wednesday, the 6th of October with the topic 'The major signs of the last day'. The second lecture will be on Thursday, the 7th of October and the topic will be on 'The Return of Christ'.

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**Public Relation Officer:** Khalidah Mohd Zain

**Secretary:** Aisyah Abd Razak

**Publication Officer:** Mahrukh Azhar

**event coordinator:** Nailah Rehan

**Education officer:** Shahid Hassim

**Vice-Auditor:** Azri Bohari

**event coordinator:** Farah Rehan

**Event Coordinator:** Amana Nazir

**Publication Officer:** Ayesha Azeem

**Prayer Room Officer:** Wan Muhammad Redha Wan Amran

**event coordinator:** Ferzana Nazir

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**Event Co-Ordinator:** Farah Rehan

**Publications Officer:** Ferzana Nazir

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,646.97	Bank charge	€31.25
Fundraising	€353.20	Dinner	€564.00

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Members Contributions	€150.00	Equipment misc	€76.31
USC Grant	€1,820.00	Fundraising/charity	€100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,970.17</b>	Hall hire	€240.00
		Materials	€370.00
		Printing	€300.00
		Promotions	€100.00
		Returned Socs Money	€294.63
		Speaker accomm	€80.00
		Speaker travel	€392.38
		Teacher fees	€84.82
		Expenditure Total	€2,633.39
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,336.78
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,970.17</b>

## Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 99 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Mustapha Al Hayani	Auditor	300 hours
Aisyah Abd Razak	Campaign Officer	20 hours
Sarah Murniati Che Mat Nor	Member	5 hours
Nur Nasuha Edid	public relation officer	200 hours
Iffah Salim	treasurer and volunteer	50 hours

# ALIVE Students: 5 student

# Hours Volunteered: 575 hours

## NOM Soc

NOM society got up and running this year. We got a great deal organised. Our most successful event was the Harry Potter Party we ran in December. This was a quiz that we organised in the back of the Bar. Art Soc painted banners which divided the teams into the Hogwarts schools!

We tried to start up baking classes but it didn't come into fruition this year but we are going to work on it for next year.

The Chaplin was very supportive and gave us the use of the kitchen when we needed it. We have all enjoyed this year and looking forward to building on it for next year.

## NOM Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** » BOI Theatre » 12th October 2010

"Why is a raven like a writing desk?"

It's Mental Health Week, which means it's time for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, courtesy of Comedy Soc & Nom Soc! Entry is FREE! There will be cupcakes and tea and prizes for the best mad hat!

cakes and cupcakes will be inspired by Alice in Wonderland so go mad with ideas!

We will have our tea party table set up in the entrance of the BOI

Bringing together some of the best new faces in Irish Comedy for a fast paced blast of top rate comedy. Ireland has an abundance of new talent and we felt it was time for the Galway faithful to cast their eye over the best of the new crop. Galway's favourite Kiwi and Mad Hatter Danny Dowling will be dishing out prizes for the best hat so get creative and wear a hat. Making the trip west for the Tea Party is Damian Clarke (on

Skype), David O'Gorman, Gerry McBride, Damon Blake and Chris Kent “ Winner 2009 Bulmers Comedy Award & So You Think your Funny 2010 Finalist.

**NOM Soc Valentine's Day Bake Sale & Baking Class Sign Up!** » TBA » 14th February 2011

You are very welcome to come down to enjoy the baked goods of NOM Soc and friends. We will be eating lovely things and celebrating Valentine's Day the sweetest way possible. Buy some noms and share the love. Venue to be announced. Watch this space.

We will have sign ups for our Baking classes so call down and sign up at the bake sale. We will also have sign ups for tshirts and aprons. :) for more info email nomsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

**Intro Meeting for all New and Old Members** » the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th January 2011

Come along and discuss what we are going to do this semester. Bring Noms if you wish! The Hub is the restaurant at the end of Aras in Mac Leinn , turn right when you come in the main doors and it is the last door on your left!

**Socs Day Baking Demo** » the Art Room » 12th January 2011

Come and join us in the Art Room to see what Nom Soc get up to! Nomminess gauranteed

**Nom Soc Committee Meeting** » the Hub » 11th January 2011

Come to the meeting to discuss Socs day and plans for a baking demo. See you all there and bring your thinking caps

**Harry Potter Party** » Backof the College Bar » 1st December 2010

Celebrate the release of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by coming down to the College Bar on the 1st of December! Nom soc and Art soc will be providing delicious food and decor for a fun filled party! The Sorting Hat will place you in the right House, and you'll have to work with your House to earn important House points! The House with the most points will win the Hogwarts House Cup (aka an awesome prize!)

You can now sign up in the SocsBox! It costs €3 per person, but you'll get loads of yummy treats (think butterbeer and chocolate frogs)! Places are limited, so sign up asap! If you're going in a group, let the SocsBox know :)

The games involved and the prizes will be announced closer to the time, so keep an ear out young wizards!

**NOM Soc Pumpkin Carving!** » Aras na Mac Leinn - Foyer » 28th October 2010

PUMPKIN CARVING will take place in the foyer in Aras na Mac Leinn on Thursday 28th October at 10.30am! It's going to be absolutely awesome, with prizes for the best carving! Signups are €3 and they are taking place in the SocsBox straight away! We'll provide the pumpkins and the carving stuff, you just have to bring your awesome ideas!

**NOM Soc EGM** » the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th October 2010

Come join NOM Soc. We have to elect a committee and talk about NOM ideas for the year. EVERYONE is more than welcome. If you have never baked a thing in your life we want you there, if you are a master baker we want you there, if you are somewhere in between-we want you there! The more the merrier. NOMs will be provided. Seriously delicious business will take place.

**Committee 2010/2011**

**Public Relations Officer:** Paula Healy

**Auditor:** Pamela O'Connor

**Secretary:** Naomi Moran

**Video Co-Ordinator:** Armon Chojnacki

**Creative Director:** Aoife Ni Shuilleabhain

**Vice-Auditor:** Emma Van Der Putten

**Treasurer:** Chloe Stafford

**Cookbook Co-Ordinator:** Rebecca Hastings

**Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** Pamela O'Connor

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5.00	Bank charge	€27.36
Balls	€40.00	Equipment misc	€362.81
Bank Charge	€4.77	Materials	€22.00
Socs box Till	€141.00	Reception	€36.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Expenditure Total	€448.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>€690.77</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€242.60
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€690.77</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 188 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Pamela O'Connor	Auditor	400 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 400 hours

## Nothing Specific

The NSS is a platform for the odd, random, bizarre and importantly fun aspects of all things non-specific! A society formed in 2007 by bored yet passionate men and women, the nothing specific society has since provided NUIG with original and varied events on a semi regular basis! We are always open for new, random and even insane ideas from members of the students, we will see if it can be done and make one hell of an event. We are Nothing Specific!!!!

## Nothing Specific Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

### **The Second Annual Nothing Specific Society Cardboard Battle Ultimate Showdown of Ultimate Destiny**

» *The Presidents Lawn » 24th February 2011*

For the second year in a row, the NSS will be marching on to the Presidents Lawn, joined by other cardboard warriors from around the world, and they will launch the biggest cardboard battle in the history of Galway, and mankind. Mankind, that word should have a new meaning for all of us today. We can't be consumed by our petty differences anymore. We must be united in our common interests. And perhaps, it's sheer coincidence that today is the 24th of February, and you will once again be fighting for your freedom, not from tyranny, oppression or persecution, but from annihilation! we're fighting for our right to live, to exist! And should we win the day, the 24th of February will no longer be known as just another day, but as the day when NSS declared in one voice "We will not go quietly into the night! We will not vanish without a fight! We're going to live on! We're going to survive! TODAY, WE CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDANCE DAY!"

We're going to live on! We're going to survive! TODAY, WE CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDANCE DAY!"

### **Nothing Specific Society's 3rd Birthday Party!** » *massimo's » 27th January – 28th January 2011 (2 individual events)*

This Thursday, the NSS will be celebrating it's 3rd Birthday Party! So come along and join us for fun, party games, and cake!

Festivities start at 9pm in Massimo's Bar

### **NSS World Record Attempt!** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 13th January 2011*

Semester 2 kicks off with a BANG, as the Nothing Specific Society attempts to break, not one, but TWO World Records, "Most Jaffa Cakes Eaten in One Minute" and "Most Ferrero Rocher Eaten in One Minute", because if you can't become a champion in 60 seconds, what's the point?

### **NSS Classic Cartoons Night** » *The Space » 11th November – 12th November 2010 (2 individual events)*

The NSS, for your viewing pleasure, will be hosting a Classic Cartoon Night this Thursday in the Space, Aras Mac Leinn. So call on down and see all your old favourites, like Earthworm Jim, the Tick, Pinky and the Brain, and possibly more....

### **Where's Wally?** » *All over campus » 21st October 2010*

This Thursday, the Nothing Specific Society will be hosting Live Action "Where's Wally?"

So call on down and search for all your favourites, including Wally, Wenda, Odlaw, Wizard Whiebeard, and possibly more....

Sign up at The front desk in Aras Mac Leinn...

### **Nerf Pistol Duels!** » *Aras na Mac Leinn - the stage » 7th October 2010*

Has your honour been insulted? Do you demand Satisfaction?

Well then call on down to the Stage in Aras Mac Leinn, any time between 2 and 6, and battle it out with REAL Nerf Pistols.

It can be either Pistols at 10 paces, or Wild West Quick Draw, or if you know of any other dueling styles, it's entirely up to you!

### **Nothing Specific Society Autumn Forum/Lemonade Social** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 4th October 2010*

The Nothing Specific Society will be hosting it's annual Autumn Forum.

So come along and meet the heroes of the NSS, and if you have any suggestions for upcoming events, we'll be glad to hear them.

There will be lemonade!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Safety Officer:** Daniel Considine

**Treasurer:** Shane Malone

**Auditor:** Gallagher Daniel

**Secretary:** Laura Adams

**Trainee Treasurer:** Conor Palmer

**Gunnery Sergeant:** Noel Ajay Colleran

**PRO:** Joseph Neary

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Joseph Neary

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€363.27	Bank charge	€24.16
Fundraising	€625.00	Costumes	€15.00
Hoodies	€338.00	Equipment misc	€284.00
Members Contributions	€100.00	Fundraising/charity	€525.00
Socs box Till	€290.00	Materials	€160.56
Ticket Sales	€2.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€200.00
USC Grant	€2,840.00	Printing	€83.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,558.27</b>	Received Money Returned	€300.00
		Reception	€260.00
		Society accomm	€1,791.88
		Socs day expenses	€713.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,356.60
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€201.67
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,558.27</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 762 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Noel Ajay Colleran	Gunnery Sergeant	140 hours
Jeremy Sterling	Imperial Guard	30 hours
Gallagher Daniel	Auditor	140 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 310 hours

## Orchestra Soc

The orchestra society is NUI Galway's very own chamber orchestra. It is comprised of over 30 musicians who rehearse every Monday evening during the academic year. Every year we hold three or four concerts. This year, we performed a Christmas concert with the renowned tenor David O'Leary in Dublin on December 22nd.

We performed with the professional clarinetist Robert Solyom for concerts in Galway and Tralee in April. We also give a free concert at the Muscailt festival every year. We teamed up with Choral Society and Trad Soc for the chorchedrad concert as part of NUI Galway music Week in november in the bailey Allen hall.

### Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 34 events.

**Orchestra Rehearsal** » Large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn, » 4th October – 23rd May 2011 (34 individual events) Rehearsal!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Peter Berrill

**Secretary:** Cian Blaix

**PRO:** Joseph Egan

**PRO:** Catherine Renssen

**PRO:** Emma Harte

**Vice-Auditor:** Katherine Walsh

**Librarian:** Linnea Pettersson

**PRO:** Pdraig Synnott

**Unofficial Mascot:** Elizabeth Brett

**PRO:** Julianne Harte

## Committee 2011/2012

**Secretary:** Katherine Walsh

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€638.19	Bank charge	€43.41
Bank Charge	€20.59	Dinner	€645.90
Muscailt	€200.00	Entertainment	€270.00
USC Grant	€7,000.00	Printing	€160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,858.78</b>	Reception	€141.10
		Society accomm	€1,095.00
		Society transport	€1,113.50
		Teacher fees	€3,160.00
		Expenditure Total	€6,628.91
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,229.87
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,858.78</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 188 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Colm O'Rourke	Violist	41 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 41 hours

## Organic Gardening Society

The Organic Gardening Society maintains an on campus garden on Distillery Road. We work to learn better gardening practices and share them with any interested students. We have weekly meetings where work is done in the garden, seeds are planted, fruits and vegetables are harvested and knowledge is shared. We hope to begin networking with other similar organization on campus to spread our message to interested students and get different kinds of people involved in the project.

## Organic Gardening Society Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

**Talk on How to Grow Your Own Organic Veg!** » *O hEocha Theatre, Arts Millennium Building » 8th February 2011*

What's involved in growing your own.... Potatoes, Carrots, Spinach, Cauliflowers, Courgettes, Tomatoes, Strawberries, etc... by Cait Curran  
Editor Organic Matters Magazine  
Community Garden Co-Ordinator, Organic Grower and Seller ... Ireland's foremost authority on organics  
Everyone Welcome!

**Planning meeting** » *No suggestions found* » 21st October 2010

Plan for upcoming events

**General Meeting** » *Moffets* » 14th October 2010

Meeting to plan upcoming events

**Open Garden** » *Organic Garden - Distillery Road, to left of Security Building* » 21st September – 23rd November 2010 (10 individual events)

Garden open to anyone who wants to come help!

**General Meeting** » *aras na mac leinn - meeting room 2 (upstairs)* » 16th September 2010

First meeting of the year, determine committee and upcoming events.

**General Meeting** » *aras na mac leinn - meeting room 1 (upstairs)* » 30th September 2010

Meeting to plan upcoming events

## Committee 2010/2011

**OCM:** Colm O'Dwyer

**Treasurer:** David Noonan

**OCM:** Paul O'Donnell

**OCM:** Kevin Christie

**OCM:** Bart Royeaerd

**OCM:** Raquel Perlman

**Vice-Auditor:** Andrew Joyce

**Auditor:** Ann Jackson

**OCM:** Karen Kane

**OCM:** Dan Griffin

**OCM:** Andrew Hassett

**Secretary:** Kathryn Seaton

## Committee 2011/2012

**OCM:** Colm O'Dwyer

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€389.06	Bank charge	€11.43
USC Grant	€10.00	Expenditure Total	€11.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>€399.06</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€387.63
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€399.06</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 276 members.

## Palestine Solidarity Soc

The issue of Palestine has been an unresolved matter for many years now. we at the Palestine Solidarity Society want to share the experiences of these plighted people with you, in a way that will encourage debate and spur people on in an effort to raise awareness of the unspoken atrocities.

Join up and help us to educate others on the true facts of the constant war that is lived out everyday in this part of the world.

-Films and documentaries of the perpetual struggle will be shown throughout the year.

-Discussion and debate with intellectuals in the area as well as those personally affected will be held to encourage understanding.

-Joint initiatives with other societies to show all aspects of Palestine; culturally, academically and historically.

## Palestine Solidarity Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

**EGM** » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 5th April 2011

Positions up for grabs, Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, PRO and Campaigns Officer

**IRISH PREMIER OF DOCUMENTARY FROM GAZA: INSHALLAH** » *The Town Hall Theatre* » 9th November 2010

INSHALLAH with live link up to Gaza for Q&A after screening.

A new documentary from Gaza directed by Maurice Jacobsen who has been working there for the last year. "The goal of the project is to show western audiences Gaza as a society that is diverse, intelligent, hard working and creative, says Maurice, at the same time it is a community that is deeply troubled, living under a complete political, economic and military siege.

The documentary will be followed by a live two-way Q&A session at the conclusion of each screening between locals audiences and members of the Gazan community from the studios of the Media Group, Gaza City. These discussions will be videotaped for inclusion on the project's companion web site and will be incorporated into the final edit of the documentary. During these sessions no question will be off limits and an opened dialogue will be encouraged.

**A land without a people for a people without a land????** » *TBC* » 26th October 2010

Still to this day, the Israeli government are demolishing the house of Palestinians and building settlements for Israeli settlers where the land of the Palestinians once was. We will be discussing this in detail and looking at ways of raising awareness of this.

**Occupation 101 - Documentary Showing** » *Siobhan McKenna Theatre, Arts Millennium Building* » 5th October 2010

Screening of Occupation 101 - A thought-provoking and powerful documentary film on the current and historical root causes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Unlike any other film ever produced on the conflict -- 'Occupation 101' presents a comprehensive analysis of the facts and hidden truths surrounding the never ending controversy and dispels many of its long-perceived myths and misconceptions.

**Palestine Solidarity Society AGM** » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 28th September 2010

We will be electing a committee as well as setting out our plans for the year. Come along and have your say on how the society is run.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Joseph Loughnane

**Vice-Auditor:** Luke Connolly

**Activist :** Esraa Hegazy

**Secretary:** Colm Bohan

**Activist :** Ian Daly

**Activist :** Brendan Phair

**Treasurer:** Sarah Shwaiki

**Public Relations Officer:** Hassan Elsafty

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Hassan Elsafty

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€114.72	Bank charge	€6.36
Bank Charge	€3.20	Expenditure Total	€6.36
<b>Total</b>	€117.92	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€111.56
		<b>Total</b>	€117.92

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 107 members.

## Philosophy Soc

This year we organised a number of informative and social events.

### Philosophy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**'Momento' film screening & discussion** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 11th October – 12th October 2010 (2 individual events)

Screening of the Christopher Nolan film, 'Momento' followed by group discussion. Refreshments will be provided.

**Screening of Derek Jarman's 'Wittgenstein'** » *McMunn Theatre (adjacent to Smokie's)* » 28th October 2010

Screening of Derek Jarman's singular biopic of logician/ philosopher Ludvig Wittgenstein.

With post-screening refreshments brought to you with wiley stealth.

**Philosophy Soc. EGM** » *meeting room 2 Aras Na Mclein ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclein)* » 22nd November 2010

EGM to overhaul current committee. There are a few positions available and we would like to fill them before the end of the semester. We will also be outlining events in the new year and discuss funding available.

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Richard Seery

**Vice-Auditor:** Oliver Corcoran

**Public Relations Officer:** Joseph Loughnane

**Secretary:** Anna Mullarkey

**Treasurer:** Robin Allen

**Vice-Secretary:** Ann Murphy

**General committee member:** Christopher O'Boyce

**Sub PRO :** Patrick McCusker

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€331.41	Bank charge	€3.08
USC Grant	€520.00	Reception	€130.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>€851.41</b>	Returned Socs Money	€700.00
		Expenditure Total	€834.01
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€17.40
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€851.41</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 179 members.

## Photography Soc

PhotoSoc is a society that brings an artistic view to the University. Throughout the year there have been exhibitions, and critique weeks as well as many different classes such as Darkroom lessons and guest speakers covering most topics. Many members have seen their own work in the college newspaper SIN as well as in other papers and online. Not only has the society done photos of everyday life but the society has also worked with other societies covering their events and taking photos for them. This year saw the launch of a new society website [www.photosoc.nuigalway.ie](http://www.photosoc.nuigalway.ie), where members can interact on a forum and share their photos.

### Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

**Photo Soc Meet & Greet** » *NUIG College Bar* » 28th September 2010

Meet and greet with the new members of Photo Soc. Free finger good.

**Socs Day** » *Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 14th September 2010

Socs Day! Signup of new society members.

**Ruth Vaughan Photography** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 8th March 2011

Guest Speaker Ruth Vaughan is giving a talk about her photography experiences and tips.

Portraiture and Studio Work

**Mike Patterson Photography** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 22nd February 2011

Guest Speaker Mike Patterson is giving a talk about his photography experiences and tips.

**"The View Camera and fine art photography" - Carsten Wolffe** » *ac 201 concourse* » 8th February 2011

Our own Carsten Wolffe will be giving a presentation tonight on "The View Camera and fine art photography". It's sure to be a very interesting talk!

**Photo-Stitching & Introduction to HDR - Joe Hyland** » *ac 201 concourse* » 1st February 2011

A workshop on Photo-Stitching using Microsoft ICE as well as an Introduction to HDR Photography with our webmaster Joe Hyland.

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *AC 201 concourse* » 18th January 2011

General society meeting to discuss plans for the semester.

**Socs Day & Welcome Back Party** » *College Bar* » 12th January 2011

Society Party tonight to welcome everyone back and welcome the new socs day signups to the society.

**Infrared Photography - Mark Grealish** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 16th November 2010

Mark Grealish will be joining us for a display of his amazing Infrared Photography and a class on the equipments and methods involved.

**Tour of the Darkroom** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 9th November 2010

The darkroom should now be fully setup and tonight we will be taking a tour and taking names for upcoming tutorials and classes.

**AGM & Pizza Party** » *AC 201* » 29th March 2011

There will be the election of a new committee tonight followed by pizza in the College Bar!

**Meet & Greet** » *The Cellar Bar* » 12th October 2010

Meet and Greet so that we can all get to know each other!

**1st Meeting!** » *AC201 (Concourse near Bank Of Ireland)* » 5th October 2010

First Meeting! Will be covering events that are going to be happening. Future plans. Trips. Classes. Etc!

We are also having an election for the position of vice-auditor, a good opportunity to get involved on the committee this year!

**AGM** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 7th September 2010

AGM elect new committee members

**PhotoSoc Party** » *College Bar* » 15th September 2010 PhotoSoc Party

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 21st September 2010 PhotoSoc Meeting

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 5th October 2010 PhotoSoc Meeting

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 12th October 2010 PhotoSoc Meeting

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 19th October 2010 PhotoSoc Meeting

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 26th October 2010 PhotoSoc Meeting

**Photography 101 and New Website Launch** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 2nd November 2010

This week our very own Vice Auditor Joanna will be doing a presentation and lesson about photography, composition, terms, camera setting etc.

It will be a great talk, bring your cameras along and ask plenty of questions!

The new website is now online and we'll be having a look through some of the features during the meeting. [www.photosoc.nuigalway.ie](http://www.photosoc.nuigalway.ie)

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *AC 201 Concourse* » 30th November 2010 PhotoSoc Meeting

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *ac 201 concourse* » 11th January 2011 PhotoSoc Meeting

**PhotoSoc Meeting** » *ac 201 concourse* » 25th January 2011 PhotoSoc Meeting

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Joanna Nelius

**Webmaster:** Joe Hyland

**OCM:** Caoimhin De Burca

**OCM:** Carsten Wolff

**OCM:** Anunt Singh Gill

**Secretary:** Elisha Bourke

**Treasurer:** Tara Galvez

**Auditor:** Leah Mollica

**OCM:** Grace Burke

**PRO:** Robert Kennedy

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Joe Hyland

**Secretary:** David McLaughlin

**Equipment Officer:** Carsten Wolff

**Vice-Auditor:** Caoimhin De Burca

**PR:** Owen Kelly

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.03	Bank charge	€41.00
Socs box Till	€2,090.00	Equipment misc	€234.14
USC Grant	€504.95	Materials	€144.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,594.98</b>	Printing	€85.00
		Received Money Returned	€285.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€1,445.00
		Socs Box Till Refund Manual	€360.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,594.98
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,594.98</b>

### Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 423 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Leah Mollica	Auditor	200 hours
Karen Flanagan	Volunteer for Socs day	20 hours
Elisha Bourke	secretary of the society	95 hours
Noel McGreal	Volunteer on socs day and helping out throughout the year	30 hours
Joe Hyland	Webmaster	80 hours

# ALIVE Students: 5 student

# Hours Volunteered: 425 hours

## Physics Soc

The aim of Physics Society is to expose its\ members to areas of Science and Mathematics with which they are not familiar and to facilitate copious cool down and de-stress time from their studies!

This comprises annually of a mix of Scientific talks, visits to external Scientific/ Engineering organisations, parties, trips, organising the NUIG Science Ball etc.

Recent highlights include visits to the European Space Agency, Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics, Isar II nuclear power plant, Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and the Stefanik Observatory.

Remember, P for Physics P for Party!

### Physics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 35 events.

**Science Party** » College Bar » 14th September 2010

The annual Science Party is back!!

300 tickets €5 per ticket Tickets available from Physics Society desk on Socs Day

Each ticket entitles you to.....3 refreshment vouchers and finger food.

Band playing in the College Bar!! See you there!

**First meeting!!** » *Physics room 220 (Green corridor on concourse) » 13th September 2010*

Meeting the new committee

Making some tentative plans for the year

Organising for Socs Day which is tomorrow

Getting ready for the party tomorrow

**Physics Soc Lecture Series presents Dr Petri Piironen** » *Physics Dept. Room 220 on concourse » 14th March 2011*

Physics Soc lecture series is back again this year, starting with a lecture from Dr. Petri Piironen of the School of Mathematics, Statistics & Applied Mathematics here in NUIG.

Topic: "Stability of Standing, Walking and Running".

Mechanics and related topics e.g. modeling and analysis of walking which was part of Dr. Piironen's PhD thesis

All welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

**Nuclear Power for Ireland: Facts and Fiction** » *AM250 - COLM O H-EOCHA THEATRE Arts Millennium building » 9th March 2011*

Presented by Professor Philip Walton, Professor Ian McAulay & Mr Denis Duff

Historically the Irish Government's policy has been firmly opposed to nuclear energy on the grounds of the risks it poses, yet some argue that nuclear energy is one of the cleanest, safest and economic forms of energy available to mankind today. Nuclear power has been employed successfully over the past 50 years by many countries yet Ireland continues to reject it.

Three members of the BENE (Better Environment with Nuclear Energy) group; Professor Philip Walton, Professor Ian McAulay & Mr Denis Duff will explain why this is the case and also put forward their reasons why they believe Ireland should adopt nuclear energy as an important part of our energy mix.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL CONTACT [physicsnuig@gmail.com](mailto:physicsnuig@gmail.com)

**Foreign Trip** » *Prague, Czech Republic » 5th January – 11th January 2011 (7 individual events)*

30 PhysicsSoc members are going to Prague for 6 days from the 5th - 11th January 2011.

Total cost €50!!. Places have filled up already We will be visiting Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and Å tefÅ ;nik Observatory as well as keeping up the usual PhysicsSoc traditions when abroad (and at home)

**Last party of this semester** » *TBA » 25th November – 26th November 2010 (2 individual events)* The last party PhysicsSoc are organising of this semester.

It's on Thursday 25th November (the last day of lectures) Contact us at [physicsnuig@gmail.com](mailto:physicsnuig@gmail.com) for more details

**Science Ball 2010** » *Galway Bay Hotel » 4th November – 5th November 2010 (2 individual events)* Champagne reception with harpist. 4 course meal. Band and DJ. After party the next day in the College Bar

**Science ball tickets on Sale** » *Socs Box » 20th October – 4th November 2010 (16 individual events)* The last remaining tickets for the Science Ball (which takes place on Thursday 04th November in the Galway Bay Hotel) are on sale now in the Scos Box. Full tickets €60 and afters €25. Join physics soc on Facebook : "Nuig physics soc" for more details about the ball and other events!

**NUIG Science Ball ticket sales** » *Orbsen Building Foyer » 18th October 2010* All tickets will be on sale today!! Student ID required. €60 for a full ticket (400 available)

€25 for an after party ticket (400 available)

**NUIG Science Ball ticket sales** » *Orbsen Building Foyer » 15th October 2010* Tickets will be sold to 4th year Science students today. All other ticket sales will take place next monday (18th October).

Student ID required €60 for a full ticket (400 available) €25 for an after party ticket (400 available)

**Physics Soc Mystery Tour** » *That's the mystery! Starts in the College Bar » 21st October – 22nd October 2010 (2 individual events)*

Physics Soc presents NUIG's BEST mystery tour! Kicking off in the back room of the college bar at 7:30 with pre-tour games. All are welcome, tickets available from the Socsbox at 8euro each (please bring along your student card to buy the tickets) which include two complimentary refreshments, finger food and one great night! This is an over 18's event only.

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Mark Coughlan

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Sheil

**Treasurer:** Aisling Butler

**Secretary:** Adam Beatty

**OCM:** Colm Lynch

**OCM:** Siobhan Marley

**OCM:** Enda Clyne

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,162.02	Ball	€19,605.45
Balls	€23,549.00	Bank charge	€398.44
Bank Charge	€114.20	Dinner	€24.70
Hoodies	€40.00	Entertainment	€5,795.74
Socs box Till	€5,907.00	Equipment misc	€27.83
Sponsorship	€3,000.00	Fundraising/charity	€910.00
Ticket Sales	€2,225.00	Hoodies	€576.00
<b>Total</b>	€39,997.22	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€30.00
		Phone	€200.00
		Postage	€6.12
		Printing	€144.94
		Reception	€350.00
		Society accomm	€2,448.00
		Society transport	€5,150.46
		Socs day expenses	€113.24
		Stationary	€3.80
		Expenditure Total	€35,784.72
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€37.98
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,212.50
		<b>Total</b>	€39,997.22

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 784 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Conor Sheil	Vice-Auditor	170 hours
Mark Coughlan	Auditor	200 hours
Aisling Butler	Treasurer	250 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 620 hours

## Poker

Throughout the year Poker Soc ran a number of events on a weekly basis. NUIG PokerSoc was also crowned the inaugural All Ireland Intervarsity's champions in February, a title we will hope to retain next year when we host the Poker Intervarsity's.

In Semester 1 we held eight weekly tournaments consisting of; €20 freeze outs, €10 re-buys as well as a heads up tournament. We also ran a league for the first time, with the top ten progressing to a league final free roll.

In semester 2 we again held our weekly tournaments. Following from the success of the Semester 1 league we decided to continue the league in semester 2. We also held a satellite to the Paddy Poker Student Masters, which allowed six players to qualify directly.

**Poker Events** This year the society held a total of 20 events.

**10 Euro Rebuy.** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 15th March 2011

10 Euro Rebuy. Texas hold-em 5k starting stack, ?5 rebuys, blind every 12mins

**20 Euro Freezeout.** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 8th March 2011

20 Euro Freezeout. Texas hold-em 15k starting stack with 20 min levels

**10 Euro Rebuy** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 1st March 2011

10 Euro Rebuy. Texas hold-em 5k starting stack, ?5 rebuys, blind every 12mins

**20 Euro Freezeout** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 22nd February 2011

20 Euro Freezeout. Texas hold-em 15k starting stack with 20 min levels

**10 Euro Rebuy** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 15th February 2011

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**10 Euro Rebuy** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 18th January 2011

10 Euro Rebuy. Texas hold-em 5k starting stack, ?5 rebuys, blind every 12mins

**20 Euro Freezeout** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 11th January 2011

20 Euro Freezeout. Texas hold-em 15k starting stack with 20 min levels

**PokerSoc - AGM - Tuesday 22nd March 2011** » *aras na mac leinn - The View* » 22nd March 2011

On the agenda is: Election of next years committee (Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Officer, Equipment Manager and Other Committee Members). If you are interested in being involved in the committee let us know which position and what you would bring to that position(email to poker@socs.nuigalway.ie)

Any other business...(suggestions for next year)

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 23rd November 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 16th November 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 9th November 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 2nd November 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 26th October 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 19th October 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 12th October 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 5th October 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 21st September 2010

The NUIG Poker Society would like to welcome you to the weekly Poker Tournament. Held every Tuesday in "The View". These tournaments will be a variation of both a Freezeout and Rebuy. Alternating every week.

**Poker Tournament** » *The View* » 28th September 2010

The weekly Poker Soc tournament. Held every Tuesday In the View. Alteration between Freezeout and Rebuy tournaments.

**Poker For Beginners** » *The View* » 30th September 2010

Intrested in poker, but never played it properly. Have a understanding or even none at all about the rules of Poker. Poker Soc will be hosting a Beginners night for players who would like to get into the world of poker this Thursday. Various infromation will be thaught, the general rules of poker, understading when to bet, what all the terminolgy means, giving a brief description on how to shuffle. If you are new to poker this night will help you understand the fundamentals of the poker game.

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Equipment Manager:** Kevin Dunne

**Vice-Auditor:** Aidan Walsh

**Treasurer:** Diarmuid Lenehan

**OCM:** Fawzi Nashat

**Auditor:** Adam Carlin

**Secretary:** James Killeen

**OCM:** Fahad Ahmad

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€345.57	Bank charge	€91.06
Members Contributions	€137.00	Entry fees	€350.00
Socs box Till	€5,790.00	Prizes	€6,305.00
Ticket Sales	€180.00	Received Money Returned	€125.00
USC Grant	€420.00	Expenditure Total	€6,871.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,872.57</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1.51
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,872.57</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 529 members.

## Polish Society

Polish Soc: our goal is to familiarise NUIG and Galway community consisting of different nationalities with the Polish culture and Polish traditions through many different events such as workshops, film screenings and nights out.

### Polish Society Events

This year the society held a total of 115 events.

**Polish Soc AGM** » *Leisure World (next to Tesco) » 18th November 2010*

We are going to have our AGM meeting on Monday in Leisure World (next to Tesco SC) before our biweekly Monday's bowling night. All are welcome!

**Polish Film Night - FINAL SCREENING: 'SEXMISSION' (1984)** » *Aras na Mac Leinn - Large Acoustic Room » 29th March 2011*

This comedy from 1984 is well-known to every Pole, with many quotes from the dialogues functioning in everyday language. As much fun in this witty social and political satire is had at the expense of various forms of sexism and authoritarianism, one can't help but wonder what the communist censors made of it all! Find out how the two endangered males in an all-female society try to rescue themselves from the sex-change... and humanity from authoritarian feminism!

**Polish Film Night - Spring Special: JASMINUM (2006)** » *Aras na Mac Leinn - Large Acoustic Room » 22nd March 2011*

To welcome the blooming season, we have prepared a special screening for our Film Nights: a beautifully scented comedy, JASMINUM. It is going to be almost the last film presented this season, so don't miss the occasion! As usual, we will have some Polish snacks and drinks to accompany the screening.

**Polish Conversation Class** » *aras na mac leinn - meeting room 1 (upstairs) » 21st March – 29th March 2011 (2 individual events)*  
simply come and talk in Polish :)

**Polish Film Night - Child-Friendly Krakow Special** » *Aras na Mac Leinn - Large Acoustic Room » 15th March 2011*

ZAKOCHANY ANIOL / AN ANGEL IN LOVE (2005), we're going to show a beautiful and heart-lifting comedy set in Krakow. You can bring all families along, as the screening is child-friendly and for all audiences. There's going to be comedy, romance, adventure and other surprising twists. :) Great food provided, as usual. :) Don't miss it!

**Back to 60's End of Carnival Party** » *Fibber Magees (Eyre Square, opposite the Skeff) » 5th March 2011*

This Saturday, 5 March 2011, we are saying goodbye to the Carnival of 2011. During our BACK TO 60's END OF CARNIVAL PARTY, we will dance to some of the greatest hits of the colourful decade (Polish and international), so retro styling is most welcome (whether it is flower-power, Elvis Presley or Jackie Kennedy)!

The party starts @ 8 pm and for all the early birds we have a special offer - a free shot of vodka with every pint bought before 9 pm! And this is to celebrate the last days of Carnival in a traditional Polish way - sledzik(Herring) style.

**Polish Highland Style Glass Painting Workshops for St Valentine's** » *Aras na Mac Leinn - Arts Room » 8th February 2011*

A great opportunity to create unique gifts for the loved ones! Sign up: [polishsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:polishsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We will be painting on glass. Materials provided, great fun for a whole family! Polish snacks and warm drinks as usual!

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**Polish Soc & Marzanna Drowning Party** » *college bar* » 20th March 2011

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## Committee 2010/2011

**Soc Assistant:** Arek Pietrowski

**PR Officer Assistant:** Magda Kuzma

**Vice-Auditor:** Mieszko Wilk

**PR Officer:** Antonio Gallardo

**Secretary:** Anna Sikora-Carelse

**Treasurer:** Oliver Grant

**Auditor:** Agnieszka Kaczmarczyk

## Committee 2011/2012

**Vice-Auditor:** Oliver Grant

**Auditor:** Anna Sikora

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€473.52	Bank charge	€46.56
USC Grant	€2,200.00	Entertainment	€236.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,673.52</b>	Materials	€127.16
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€49.99
		Reception	€53.53

Income	Expenditure	
	Socs day expenses	€16.27
	Teacher fees	€2,049.84
	Expenditure Total	€2,579.35
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€94.17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,673.52</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 85 members.

## Political Discussion Soc

Welcome to PDS, ever friendly and willing to talk! Seriously we'll talk about anything! Why? Because anything - I mean anything - can be made political. We'll make your attachment to your favourite teddy bear (The aptly named Mr Bear) an issue of childhood politics which provides heated discussion and debate. Of course we could discuss governing politics if you really want to but really don't be put off if that's not your first love. Politics is all around us in everything we say and do and most of the time we love it! So we'd love it if you talked to us, come annoy us (just not when we're eating) and we can welcome you into PDS!

### Political Discussion Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

#### **Meet The Candidates** » *Kirwan Theatre » 8th March 2011*

Hi guys, that time of year has come around once more when we must elect our next SU committee.

In the kirwan theatre on Tuesday, March 8th @ 8pm, you will have the opportunity to witness a debate, between all election candidates, with the wonderful Mr Paddy Duffy. You will have the opportunity to ask the candidates any questions; and we hope by the time you leave you will know who you will be voting for on Thursday.

We hope to see you at what will be a night of heated, and passionate debate and discussion.

#### **Garret Fitzgerald : A Life In Politics** » *Kirwan Theatre » 7th February 2011*

Former Taoiseach Dr Garret Fitzgerald will be addressing the society on his experiences in politics, his feelings on his legacy as Taoiseach, and his feelings on the current crisis. All are welcome to attend and ask Dr Fitzgerald any questions you may have.

#### **The Political Discussion Society presents Eamon O Cuiv** » *Kirwan Theatre on Concourse » 24th January 2011*

The Political Discussion Society presents Eamon O Cuiv at the Kirwan at 8pm on Monday. Mr O Cuiv will be discussing government policy and the upcoming election, and we urge you to come along to make your voice heard.

#### **An Audience with Eamon Gilmore** » *Cairnes Theatre, Concourse » 11th October 2010*

The Political Discussion Society are hosting an audience with Eamon Gilmore, leader of the Labour Party where he will be presenting his stance on the current political climate of the country and sharing his political ambitions. Speech followed by Q&A .

#### **PDS Open Forum** » *meeting room 2 Aras Na Macleinn » 20th September 2010*

#### **PDS Open Forum** » *the cube aras na mac leinn » 14th February 2011*

#### **Mad Men Marathon** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 16th February 2011*

#### **AGM** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 8th April 2011*

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Patrick McCusker

**Treasurer:** Paul O'Connor

**Corresponding Secretary:** Cormac O'Malley

**OCM:** Eoghan Fallon

**Vice-Auditor:** Meabh McDonnell

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## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,772.80	Bank charge	€21.55
Balls	€310.60	Dinner	€115.00
USC Grant	€2,810.00	Printing	€1,766.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,893.40</b>	Society accomm	€95.00
		Speaker accomm	€350.00
		Speaker travel	€95.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,443.15
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€345.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,450.25
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,893.40</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 309 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Paul O'Connor	Treasurer	60 hours
Cian Moran	OCM	42 hours
Meabh McDonnell	Vice-Auditor	64 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 166 hours

## Postgraduate Research Soc

2010-11 was the inaugural year of the PostGrad Research Society. Summer '10 was spent setting up the society and drumming up interest in it. Weekly events were set up to attract PostGrad students into joining the society and raising general awareness. These weekly events were run throughout the year.

The main aim of the society was to create a way for PostGrad students to socialise together and share knowledge. Research based PostGrads can feel isolated from the rest of university life and the society was set up to try and remedy this situation.

As well as the social side, events were run throughout the year for students gain knowledge in relevant fields. Members were encouraged to share their experience and knowledge with each other.

## Postgraduate Research Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 71 events.

**Inkscape Tutorial** » *arts millenium - AM107* » 15th March 2011

"Inkscape is an open-source vector graphics editor similar to Adobe Illustrator, Corel Draw, Freehand, or Xara X and it is freely available. In contrast to raster (bitmap) graphics editors such as Photoshop or Gimp, Inkscape stores its graphics in a vector format. This allows you to create extremely high quality, non-pixelated images and diagrams. Inkscape can be used to illustrate publications, presentations, reports and theses. It

can also be used to mock up software or hardware user interfaces and can import bitmap images for inclusion in diagrams. Inkscape is of great use to people in all medical, scientific, technical, graphic design and business fields who require a convenient tool for illustrating their research, concepts, designs, publications and presentations. A major selling point of Inkscape is the speed at which detailed, high-quality diagrams and scientific/technical illustrations can be assembled and the re-usability of these illustrations."

You will need to bring your laptops as the computers in the room don't have it installed...please download and install this before the session, It can be downloaded here under "Official Release Packages": <http://inkscape.org/download/>

### **Salsa Party** » *Red Square* » *12th March 2011*

Marcelo is organising a salsa party on March 12 at 8pm (until late) at Red Square Bar. Free for everyone who joined the previous or current salsa course, E5 for everybody else. Email us to be put on the guestlist. Thanks to those of you who already have!

### **Presenting Skills** » *career seminar room* » *8th March 2011*

Fantastic course 8th March on key presenting skills - essential for those with a conference coming up over the summer!! Careers seminar room 6pm with Pamela Devins...there are still places left for this and its a really worthwhile hour spent, especially the new PhD/Masters students so please e-mail and let me know if you'd like to attend ([postgrad@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:postgrad@socs.nuigalway.ie)).

### **Creating and Maintaining a Blog** » *arts millenium* » *2nd March 2011*

Learn how to create and maintain an online blog during the course of your PhD. This is a very useful tool to keep track of your work and motivate.

### **Writing Group** » *career seminar room* » *1st March 2011*

"It's a PhD, not a nobel Prize: How experienced examiners assess research theses". Thanks to those who have confirmed attendance, there are still a few places should you like to come along - just have a read of the paper before and let us know you're attending.

### **Thesis Writing Workshop** » *Moore Institute* » *15th February 2011*

Come and listen to invited speaker Dr. Kelly Coate who will chat about some of the challenges of thesis writing and offer advice on ways in which you might cope with these challenges. She will also offer ideas on how the PGR Soc might want to take forward its plans to develop more academic activities for its members.

Barbara Heisserer will also be giving a short presentation on how the Soc and Pol group have formed a group and how they organise the sessions. You can see their blog below

<https://writingreadingclub.wordpress.com/>

The evening will be followed by a light buffet and wine reception with the purpose of giving an opportunity for students to network and perhaps develop small interdisciplinary support groups. 6pm Tonight ?Moore Seminar Room?, main arts/science concourse ? see interactive campus map for location.

### **PostGrad Table Quiz** » *college bar* » *1st February 2011*

Table quiz in the back room of the College Bar. Come test your knowledge and see if you can win!

### **Dodgeball** » *kingfisher* » *28th January – 18th February 2011 (4 individual events)*

See if you can duck, dive and dodge your way past the other teams dodgeballs (and maybe a wrench or 2)

### **Salsa** » *massimo's* » *26th January – 6th April 2011 (11 individual events)*

Learn to salsa dance!

### **Christmas Party** » *college bar* » *10th December 2010*

You are all warmly invited to the Postgraduate Researchers Society Christmas Party Friday 10th December in the back room (Corrib Room) of the College Bar from 7pm onwards.

If you are a new Postgrad this is the perfect opportunity to meet new people, we have a welcome team in black and white "Postgraduate" T-shirts, so grab one of us and we will make you feel welcome! There are drinks vouchers, finger food, games, a Raffle, spot prizes, sign ups for next years dodgeball tournament and Salsa classes, and of course the usual pizza and pitcher deals. It's guaranteed to be a great night!

We also have vouchers for drinks in town afterwards for a Massimo's takeover!!

### **Fun Run** » *aras na mac leinn* » *16th November 2010*

Fun run in aid of COPE Galway. Raise some money, get some fresh air, have some fun

### **Table Quiz** » *back room of the College Bar* » *3rd November 2010*

Table Quiz, come and grab a table with a group of mates, only €2 entry! 6 rounds of questions, and prizes for winners and runners up, best name and most stupid answer!! A Jolly old Craic if ever there was one!

### **Halloween Party!!!** » *back room of the College Bar* » *29th October 2010*

Boo y'all! Fancy Dress Halloween Party, prizes to be won for winners of the scary games, also prizes for best and worst dressed!! Terrifying Postgrad refreshments provided! DJ and Finger Food with an after party in Massimo's till late, so come along, dress up and get spooked!!! Only E2, get your tickets at wednesday coffee morning or friday Pizza and Pitcher, and Socs Box, or e-mail us!!!

### **Pre-Ceile Meet and Greet** » *Upstairs, College Bar* » *27th October 2010*

Come and join our meet and greet for Postgrads with some free Finger Food upstairs in the College Bar before dancing the night away with the SU Ceile in the college bar. Should be a cracking night and a great way to meet some new people!!

### **Basketball** » *Kingfisher Gym » 15th October 2010*

Basketball Baby!!! Starting with skills and game practice, this will develop into a league so come and set up teams and get to Kevin Durrant standard, or perhaps the more familiar Michael Jordan, Lisa Leslie, Wilt Chamberlain or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Ladies and Gentlemen and all standards are welcome so get off the couch and come and have some ball in a basket fun!!

### **Ping Pong** » *Kingfisher Gym » 15th October 2010*

Ping Pong!!! Or TT as the cool cats say, we have loads of room for you all to come and hit some balls. Similar to the way more popular beer-ping, this is just as much fun, with a less painful head the next day and all equipment is available. For those of you who are interested, we can even get a trainer and coach in if there are enough of us!! Innit! So come along, forget hammer time, this is TT time!!!

### **PostGrad Table Quiz** » *college bar » 6th October 2010*

6 rounds including Geog, History and Politics, Animals, Pop culture, Science, Sports

College Bar back room. Prizes were 2 bottles wine and chocolates for winners, 1 bottle wine and chocolates for runners up, bottle of wine for best name, 2 pitchers for most stupid answer

### **Pizza and Refreshments** » *College Bar » 25th June – 1st April 2011 (41 individual events)*

Pizza and Refreshments for €10 in College Bar every Friday!

Live music, games and other activities taking place

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** William Daly

**PRO:** Bonnie Long

**Secretary:** Garry Higgins

**Sport's officer:** Rosita Kouwenaar

**Treasurer:** Ciara Staunton

**Social Officer:** Emma Brannlund

**Vice-Auditor:** Kathryn Hughes

## **Other Information**

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 318 members.

### **ALIVE Hours**

Bonnie Long	Public Relations Officer	100 hours
Kathryn Hughes	Auditor	200 hours
Garry Higgins	Secretary	120 hours
Shashank Sharma	Treasurer	200 hours
Rosita Kouwenaar	Sports officer	40 hours
Emma Brannlund	Social Officer	250 hours
William Daly	Auditor	500 hours

# ALIVE Students: 7 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1410 hours

## **Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc**

Throughout the year we held meetings, giving information about Gaisce, organising events and helping our members to achieve their awards. Also this year we had a trip to Aran Islands on the 22nd to the 24th of October for our Bronze and Silver Applicants which involved hill walking. We also had a table quiz held in the college bar which was a great success with great prizes and games. We are currently finalising our Camino trip for Gold participants who shall be flying out at the end of May to undertake a week of walking on the historical trails of Spain. For this, we had a meeting with guest speakers who were previously on the trip. Three of our members applied for their awards this year.

### **Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events**

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

**General meeting/catch up!!** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 2nd February 2011*

just a quick meeting to see how everyone is getting on with their award and organising some trips!!

FREE PIZZA!!!

**Meeting!!** » *aras na mac leinn - meeting room 1 (upstairs) » 10th November 2010*

Important for everyone to attend because you'll meet your PALs and they can help you with your activities and sign off your agreement form!

**Bronze/Silver Adventure Trip to the Aran Islands!** » *Inis Mor » 22nd October – 24th October 2010 (3 individual events)*

Our bi-annual bronze and silver adventure trip to the Aran Islands.

Three days and two nights of hiking and cycling around the island in order to complete the adventure section of the Gaisce award.

**Gaisce Quiz** » *The College Bar » 13th October 2010*

So you wanna get your hands on €101?

The first Gaisce fundraising event of the year.

A table quiz like no other, challenges, awesome prizes, and free FREE food.

€5/person €20 per table of 4

Free "refreshment" for each team member.

**Meeting!!** » *meeting room 1 Aras Na Mclain ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclain) » 6th October 2010*

come along to the skills workshop tonight if you need help discovering your skills!!

also another chance to order hoodies!!and just if you need to ask some questions, we are here to help!!everyone welcome!!!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Isabel Haugh

**Treasurer:** Billy Stewart

**Events Manager:** Sorcha Farrell

**Vice - Events Manager:** Lorcan Murray

**Secretary:** Michelle Healy

**Vice-Auditor:** Frances Dennehy

**Gold Pal:** Lorraine Tansey

**PRO:** Paul Herron

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€91.21	Affill/Mem fees	€450.00
Bank Charge	€13.27	Bank charge	€51.40
Fundraising	€211.00	Dinner	€173.95
Hoodies	€25.00	Received Money Returned	€200.00
Members Contributions	€840.00	Society accomm	€641.00
Socs box Till	€555.00	Society transport	€752.00
USC Grant	€1,320.00	Socs day expenses	€12.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,055.48</b>	Speaker accomm	€190.00
		Speaker travel	€91.60
		Teacher fees	€350.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,911.95
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€143.53
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,055.48</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 317 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Sorcha Farrell	Events Manager and Bronze Pal	110 hours
Michelle Healy	secretary	70 hours
Christina Quinn	Volunteer	30 hours
Billy Stewart	Treasurer	33 hours

Paul Herron	Public Relations Officer/ OCM	40 hours
Frances Dennehy	Vice Auditor	40 hours

# ALIVE Students: 6 student  
 # Hours Volunteered: 323 hours

## Psychological Society

The main objective of our society was promote psychology within the university. We aimed to bring psychology to those with all levels on interest or involvement in psychology, be they psychology students or those with a passing interest. With this in mind, we endeavoured to arrange academic events which featured psychology topics which are ordinarily not covered in the undergraduate syllabus. Such lectures this year included: lectures on sport psychology, eating disorders, criminal psychology and positive psychology.

### Psychological Society Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

**Psych Soc go to Cardiff** » *CardiffAs* » 29th January – 1st February 2011 (4 individual events)

As part of our partnership with psychsoc Cardiff, we will visit the city and university.

**Psychology Student Congress** » *UCC* » 1st April – 3rd April 2011 (3 individual events)

\* The congress as you know is on the 1st and 2nd of April which is a Friday and Saturday. It will take place from 6pm on Friday where students will enjoy a welcome from the psychology department, a guest speaker, and a social (food and band) before the big day

\* The following day i.e. Saturday, there will be presentations from 9 until 5 (depending on number of attendees, this may be earlier). This is followed by a guest speaker, dinner, awards, until about 10pm and a large social (band and dj) late into the night.

**Counselling Psychology** » *Am250* » 24th March 2011

or anyone interested in pursuing study or a career in the field of Counseling psychology should come along to the Cairnes theatre at 7 next Tuesday, the 9th of March. Tammie Scott will be giving an insight into life as a counseling psychologist and how to go about becoming on

**PSI Presentation Workshop** » *Cois Abhainn* » 23rd March 2011

The presentation workshop is going to be on the 23rd of March (next Wednesday) at 6:30 in the lecture room downstairs in Cois Abhainn. I've attached a poster with all the details. You are going to have to email studentassociation@psihq.ie to register and state whether you are a psi member or not. It's free for members and ?10 for non-members. However, if you choos to join on the night you can pay ?25 for the workshop and membership for the year (so effectively the workshop would be free). I hope you can all make it and if one or two could volunteer to do a draft presentation on the night, that'd be perfect. Denis O'Hora (a judge at the congress) may be coming along to give any advice and tips he has along with that from Aileen and Brendan.

**Psych Soc Football Tournament - Take on the lecturers!** » *Corrib Village - Astro Turf Cages* » 10th March 2011

We'll be hosting a charity football tournament in the Corrib Village cages next Thursday the 10th from 5 till 7 followed by a free refreshments and finger food in the college bar and onto town. We're looking for teams of 5 and its ?5 to play. The lecturers have their own team ready to take us students on. Dr. Denis O'Hora, Dr. Padraic Mac Neela and Dr. Brian McGuire are confirmed.

**Understanding Eating Disorders** » *Tyndall Theatre* » 23rd February 2011

Deirdre Cowman (Acting Service Co-Ordinator at Bodywhys) will give an introduction to the signs, symptoms and causes of eating disorders and outline how to support someone with an eating disorder.

There will be time for discussion and questions and an opportunity to find out about the local Bodywhys Galway support group.

**Positive Psychology** » *IT 125G* » 23rd November 2010

Dr. Zelda Di Blasi a member of the Applied psychology department who has developed modules about positive psychology and carried out research in the area will be giving a general introduction to the field of positive psychology, focusing specifically on studies that examined the relationship between positive emotions and health, providing scientific evidence for this link, and explaining how positive emotions such as happiness, mindfulness and optimism can be enhanced to increase wellbeing and performance. This research is based on controlled trials, some of which we have been conducting here in UCC in the past few years.

**Sports Psychology** » *Mc Munn theatre - Concourse* » 18th November 2010

Niamh Flynn, DHP BA MMEDSCI MBA, director of Bodywatch Ltd, the successful Sport Psychology company based in The Galway Clinic will be coming in to speak to us about sports psychology.

**Forensic Psychology: Helping the Police with their Inquiries** » Cairnes theatre » 9th November 2010

Forensic Clinical Psychologist Dr. John Bogue will be presenting a lecture for the Psychological Society . Having previously worked as Senior Clinical Psychologist with The Irish Prison Service, Dr. Bogue specialises in post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and criminal casework with the talk sure to be enjoyable and engaging for all those with an interest in the topic or Psychology in general.

**Psych Soc Committee Meeting** » Art Room » 19th October 2010

Committee meeting to talk about the upcoming events and finalize dates, any members who want to get involved can come along!

**Psych Soc Table Quiz - Mental Health Week** » College bar » 12th October 2010

Come to the college bar for a table quiz to promote Mental Health Week!

Themed rounds - general knowledge, music, sport etc. etc.

€5 in - €20 per table Top prize €100!! Plenty of other prizes!!

Free food!!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Peter O'Reilly

**Secretary:** David Egan

**Treasurer:** Sinead Carroll

**PRO:** Martina Dwyer

**PRO:** Triona Ni Dhuibhir

**OCM:** MÃ©adhbh Brosnan

**OCM:** Aidan Fitzsimons

**Vice-Auditor:** Owen Harney

**Co Vice-Auditor:** Chris Noone

**OCM:** Katie McMeekin

**OCM:** Marlo Verket

**OCM:** William Arnold

**OCM:** Aishling Clancy

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Ruth Ni Bheolain

**OCM:** Muiris O'Connell

**OCM:** Fiona O'Donovan

**OCM:** Jessica Killilea

**OCM:** Jonathan Dowling

**OCM:** Lynda Naughton

**OCM:** Orla O'Callaghan

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€214.93	Bank charge	€17.98
Bank Charge	€9.08	Dinner	€45.00
Fundraising	€400.00	Hoodies	€150.00
Members Contributions	€150.00	Reception	€205.00
Socs box Till	€1,260.00	Returned Socs Money	€273.30
USC Grant	€1,650.00	Society accomm	€1,603.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,684.01</b>	Society transport	€809.80
		Speaker accomm	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€3,154.40
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€300.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€529.61
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,684.01</b>

## Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 457 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Chris Noone	PRO	104 hours
Owen Harney	Vice-Auditor	102 hours
David Egan	Secretary	40 hours
Triona Ni Dhuibhir	Committee member	20 hours
Peter O'Reilly	Auditor	100 hours
William Arnold	Secretary	30 hours
Aishling Clancy	OCM	40 hours

# ALIVE Students: 7 student

# Hours Volunteered: 436 hours

## Quiz Soc

Quiz Soc is a collaborative society who produce and run table quizzes as well as many other events! Most of our quizzes help to raise money for charities and we try to integrate with other societies as much as possible.

### Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

**Harry Potter Party** » college bar » 1st December 2010

Quiz Soc joined forces with Nom Soc and Art Soc to produce a Harry Potter Party. There was a table quiz as well as other fun foody events!

**Meet and Greet Quiz Soc Night!** » aras na mac leinn - meeting room 2 (upstairs) » 29th September 2010 Do you love Quizzes?

Looking to meet a few more people on campus who have similar interests? Why not come join Quiz Soc for a meet and greet session on Wednesday the 29th? We are looking to meet new first years and full year international students who want to help out with running quizzes this year. Snacks and drinks will be served and craic will be had! See you there!

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Pamela O'Connor

**Vice-Auditor:** Christina Folsom

**Erasmus Rep:** Cillian McMahon

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€113.75	Bank charge	€12.31
USC Grant	€20.00	Expenditure Total	€12.31
<b>Total</b>	€133.75	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€30.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€121.44
		<b>Total</b>	€133.75

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 308 members.

## RadioSoc

This year Radiosoc served the purpose of introducing new students to the world of radio and the campus station Flirt FM. Introductory meetings and training sessions were held at the beginning of the year which were later followed up by a libel/media law lecture presented by Marie McGonagle and then a trip to UCC for CROALs 2011 Campus Connections.

### RadioSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

**Campus Connections** » *UCC (NUIG bus leaving the quad Friday morning) » 26th November – 28th November 2010 (3 individual events)*

Campus Connections is an annual event that brings together campus radio stations in Ireland for a day of advanced training and networking, this year Cork Campus Radio 98.3FM are hosting.

The workshops will include

Libel Law & Social Networking,

Sound and Vision for you and your station

Show Prep.

During the day studio tours will be given also demos of our mobile broadcast unit during the breaks.

Registration is at 11:30 on the 27th

Travel, accommodation, lunch and dinner is taken care of so all you need to cover is a good night out in Cork.

If your interested contact your station manager as soon as you can as places are numbered.

**Media law/libel lecture** » *IT250 » 27th October 2010*

Marie McGonagle from the faculty of Law gives a presentation on media laws in Ireland today. It extensively covers law and libel relevant to print and radio and is essential for all involved with Sin newspaper, Radiosoc and Flirt FM.

**Radio Introduction Evening** » *aras na mac leinn - The View » 22nd September 2010*

A meet and greet for new people interested in radio, meet the crew behind Flirt FM and sign up for your very own radio show.

**Training and Introduction** » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd September 2010*

We're holding a meet and greet at 9pm in the view upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn. It's a great chance to meet the people behind the station and let's us get to know you lovely freshers and get you into radio.

**Radio Soc EGM and Flirt Introduction (pt 2)** » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th September 2010*

we're gonna meet to fill up the committee spots and have a quick think on the year ahead, after that we'll be doing a run down of last weeks meeting for those that missed it (basic introduction to Flirt FM and doing shows here), People that were at Thursdays meet can take off then if they want, or stick around to hear more great stuff about the station!

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Darragh O'Connor

**Secretary:** Melissa Mannion

**P.R.O:** Brian Clarke

**O.C.M:** Charlotte Pym

**O.C.M:** Claire Mullane

**O.C.M:** Shauna Brereton

**O.C.M:** Seagh MacSiurdain

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Lane

**Treasurer:** Robin Allen

**O.C.M:** Rory Bowens

**O.C.M:** Feidhlim Seoighe

**O.C.M:** Aine O'Reilly

**O.C.M:** Niamh O'Brien

**O.C.M:** Marianna Donnat

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,373.06	Bank charge	€19.64
Bank Charge	€8.60	Returned Socs Money	€785.00
USC Grant	€30.00	Teacher fees	€589.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,411.66</b>	Expenditure Total	€1,394.14
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Closing Bank Balance	€17.52
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,411.66</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 323 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Conor Lane	Vice-auditor	80 hours
Niamh O'Brien	OCM/Presenter	20 hours
Darragh O'Connor	Auditor	100 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 200 hours

## Rock Soc

This year Rock soc organised quite a few events. We had several showcases featuring students bands in the galway area, we were part of the Hydrogen event which unfortunately got cancelled , we had two EGM's. We have organised quite a few events outside of the college including Rock/Metal/Punk DJ night in Sally longs, ROCK SOC Presents "I WAS THERE" @ Kelly's and we are associated with events such as A.W.O.L Tattoos and Piercing Grand Opening night! in Sally Longs. We are also hoping to keep organising events into the summer such as more showcases and gigs in the Galway area.

## Rock Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

**Wizards of Firetop Mountain/Absolutist/Anderson Mesa/Seven Even** » *Aras na nGael* » 10th April 2011

US vs THEM, in association with ROCK SOC, presents:

Wizards Of Fire Top Mountain- Dublin Doom

Absolutist- Aberdeen Sludge Crust

Anderson Mesa- Sadly the Last Ever Galway show

Seven Even- New Dunmore 90's Emo.€6 -Doors 20:30

**Alternative DJ Night with Daniel Hielscher** » *Sally Long's* » 8th April 2011

Rock soc in association with Us vs THEM's Daniel Hielscher present the weekly Alternative DJ set at Sally Long's

Providing the banging sounds of Metal/Punk/Hardcore and everything in between...

Set kicks off from 21:30. Free Admission

**Alternative DJ Night** » *Sally Long's* » 1st April 2011

US vs THEM in association with Rock Soc, presents the weekly Alternative DJ night, with Daniel Hielscher at the helm, banging out

metal/punk/rock/hardcore and everything in between!!! Free Admission!! 21:30 onward **ROCK SOC Presents "I WAS THERE" @**

**Kelly's** » *Kelly's Bar, Galway* » 19th April 2011 ROCK SOC is proud to present our first off campus gig!

Featuring Galway's finest alternative acts....

NeverNoodz

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/NeverNoodz/147121605313952>

Violins Is Not The Answer

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Violins-Is-Not-The-Answer/182589195116273>

DeadHorse

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=133960483302784&ref=ts>

Plus support! Doors 8pm €6. see main event page for details: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=100865649996890>

**A.W.O.L Tattoos and Piercing Grand Opening night!** » *Sally Long's Abbeygate Street Galway* » 9th April – 10th April 2011

(2 individual events) Our friends at A.W.O.L Tattoo and Piercing are hosting their grand opening night in Sally's, We at Rock Soc want to support their venture as this sets the stage to finally bring to Galway a truly amazing alternative social scene. The night promises to be fantastic

with performances from Dublin's own SEDETTES of SEDITION INDUSTRIES (in association with DR SKETCHY'S DUBLIN), Solo performance by Lucy Rheinheart, Dixie dread and Pixie Spitfire, the amazeballs trio SKELETON CREW fulfilling your punk and psychobilly needs and the awesome D.J greatness that is Gareth Cummins of DAMAGED Punk Club Dublin! There will be enough demonic entertainment to traumatise a herd of Elephants!!!

Check out the official event page on Facebook for more details, you can find A.W.O.L beside Sally's. See you all there!!!

**Estel & Fuzz Orchestra** » *Aras na nGael* » *31st March 2011* ROCK SOC in association with USvsTHEM presents:

Estel

<http://www.myspace.com/estelrocks>

Fuzz Orchestra

<http://www.myspace.com/fuzzorchestra>

with support from

We Come In Pieces

Gummidge. Arus Na nGael Thursday 31st March €6

**Hands Up Who Wants To Die/Menfolk/Rites/Christians Vs Lions** » *Kelly's Bar - Galway* » *24th March 2011*

USvsTHEM presents in association with Rock Soc,

Hands Up Who Wants To Die

<http://www.myspace.com/theapocalypsehasbegun>

Menfolk (Denmark)<http://www.myspace.com/menfolk>

Rites<http://www.myspace.com/ritesgalway>

Christians vs Lions: [www.myspace.com/desperationformen](http://www.myspace.com/desperationformen)

Kellys - Thursday 24th March 8pm- adm: €6

**Alternative DJ Night** » *Sally Long's* » *18th March 2011* ROCK SOC in association with US vs THEM presents our weekly DJ set in

Sally's from 21:30 onwards. Free Admission Metal/Punk/Hardcore/Rock

**Such Gold- NY Melodic Hardcore Punk, Starters, Morning Lights and Vagrants** » *Richardson's Pub Eyre SQ* » *12th*

*March 2011* Us vs THEM, in association with Rock Soc, presents Such Gold- NY Melodic Hardcore Punk, Starters, Morning Lights and Vagrants.

Starters- Passionate Melodic Punk from Dublin

Morning Lights- Up Tempo Melodic Punk

Vagrants-Fast HC

Get your stomping boots on folks!!

**Rock/Metal/Punk DJ night** » *Sally Long's* » *11th March – 12th March 2011* US vs THEM in association with ROCK SOC present a

weekly alternative DJ night in Sally long's. Rock - Metal – Punk! FREE ADMISSION!!!

**Rock Soc EGM** » *Meeting Room 1 Aras Na Mac Leinn ( directly above the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mac leinn)* » *2nd March 2011*

Rock Soc will be discussing it's future and restructuring it's committee.

**Raise a Glass to Dimebag Darrell and John Lennon Day** » *Sally Longs* » *8th December – 9th December 2010 (2 individual events)*

Dimebag Darrell Abbot and John Lennon were born on December 8th. It seems only fitting to celebrate the great contribution they both made to music and culture on a global scale.

**Rock Soc Showcase** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *18th November 2010*

Live Student Bands From NUIG will be playing from 16:00 to 18:00.

Lexington 125

The Colour of Bob

Humdrum Flounder

**Rock Soc showcase** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *16th November 2010*

Live Student Bands From NUIG will be playing from 16:00 to 18:00.

Skyboy

**Rock Soc Showcase** » *the HUB, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *15th November 2010*

Live Student Bands from NUIG will be playing between 16:00 and 8:00

The COK Idea

Dead Horse

**Rock Soc EGM** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » *2nd November 2010*

We will be electing our first official committee. If you are interested in taking a committee position we'd like to hear from you! Refreshments will be served and some snacks.

**Rock Soc Meeting** » *meeting room 1 Aras Na Mcein ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mcein) » 26th October 2010*

This meeting will discuss our plans for music week, our regular events, and we will be looking for members to volunteer their time to the society.

We are looking for people to:

design posters/flyers,

help distribute posters flyers,

manage lessons and tutors,

help organising bands, PA and lighting for our gigs,

help the running of our flirt.fm show,

scout for bands to take part in our showcases.

All are welcome so please come along!

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Graham Keane

**Vice-Auditor:** Michael Pentzin

**Secretary:** Josephine Carlin

**Treasurer:** Paul O'Connor

**PRO:** Michael Joyce

**OCM:** Jane Hanberry

## **Other Information**

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 241 members.

## **ALIVE Hours**

Paul O'Connor	Treasurer	39 hours
Enda Scanlon	PRO	10 hours
Josephine Carlin	Secretary	100 hours

# ALIVE Students: 3 student

# Hours Volunteered: 149 hours

## **Rotaract Soc**

The society's motto is 'Service above Self', an objective it obtains through service projects, event organisation and its members addressing the communities physical and social needs while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. We are the youth branch of the Rotary club and are part of an international organisation. Rotaract SOC is now in its fifth year here in NUI Galway and its 42st year worldwide. We strive to give back to the community while having the craic! We volunteer within the community, with local organisations as well as fundraising for charities that we feel need our support. We help causes that we feel are relevant to students today by organising fun social events, sporting events, and our biggest event Socs in the City Fashion Show which takes place in November and is a huge undertaking with training the models, sourcing the clothes and organising the venue and entertainment.

## **Rotaract Soc Events**

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

**Jersey Break** » *College Bar » 24th March 2011*

An American themed party. Spring Break American Games! Sign your team up for the Jersey Break Challenge from 7pm. Dress up as your favourite American personality!!! Prizes for the winners and best dressed! DJ Byrno playing till late.

**Rotaract Weekly Meeting** » *AM 110 » 17th January – 28th March 2011 (11 individual events)*

We'll be organising more events for our chosen charities and societies nights out :)

**NUIG's Christmas Day** » *College Bar then Central Park Niteclub » 25th November 2010*

UCD, NUIM, DCU and UCC all have one..now we do too! NUIG's Christmas Day is back for its 2nd year and it promises to be bigger and better than last year. Christmas Dinner will be available in the College Bar during carvery hours, with a DJ playing all the usual Christmas tunes

from 7pm that evening. The party continues then in Central Park Niteclub with free admission for everyone in the College Bar that night. Hope to see you all there!

### **Socs in the City Fashion Show 2010** » Radisson SAS, Galway » 18th November 2010

The 5th annual Socs in the City Fashion Show takes place this year in the Radisson, Galway. It promises to be an unforgettable night with the party continuing in Central Park night-club after the show. Free entry with a valid ticket. Hope to see you all there!

### **Socs in the City Launch Party** » Townhouse Bar then Central Park Niteclub » 1st November 2010

The Socs in the City Launch Party takes place this year in the Townhouse Bar beside the Spanish Arch. It promises to be a great night with the party continuing in Central Park Niteclub afterwards. Hope to see you all there!

### **Rotaract Weekly Meeting** » AM110 » 20th September – 22nd November 2010 (10 individual events)

Organising events each week such as the Fashion Show, Christmas Day, Dodgeball and weekly volunteering.

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**OCM:** Ciara Brady

**Auditor:** Ultan Roe

**Web Master:** Aisling Daly

**Charities Officer 2:** Simone Donnellan

**Treasurer:** Aisling Switzer

**Vice-Auditor:** Deirdre Kirwan

**Social Chair:** Etain Byrne

**Secretary:** David Egan

**1st Year Liason:** Eimear O'Reilly

**Semester 1 secretary:** Sarah Lyons

## **Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** Aine Cooke

**Treasurer:** Deirdre Kirwan

**Vice-Auditor:** Catherine Lowe

## **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,198.98	Bank charge	€48.20
Fundraising	€5,749.00	Costumes	€30.00
Socs box Till	€1,565.00	Entertainment	€4,939.45
Sponsorship	€500.00	Fundraising/charity	€2,955.00
USC Grant	€3,700.00	Society accomm	€1,319.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,712.98</b>	Society transport	€3,639.00
		Speaker travel	€30.00
		Expenditure Total	€12,961.15
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€751.83
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,712.98</b>

## **Other Information**

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 220 members.

### **ALIVE Hours**

David Egan	Secretary	40 hours
Findabhair Ni Fhaolain	Volunteer, Model in the NUIG Socs in the City fashion show	70 hours
Christina Quinn	Fundraiser	5 hours
Kelley McCafferty	PRO /Volunteer/International Affairs Officer	200 hours
Patricia Callanan	Fundraiser/Volunteer/Stylist	170 hours
Mary Breen	Volunteer	100 hours
Deirdre Kirwan	Vice-Auditor Fashion show director	700 hours

Etain Byrne	social chair and head stylist for fashion show	370 hours
Catherine Lowe	Assistant Director and Fundraiser	80 hours
Ciara Brady	Rotary Liason	505 hours

# ALIVE Students: 10 student  
# Hours Volunteered: 2240 hours

## Rovers

The aims of Rover Soc are to:

1. Allow existing Rover Scouts to gather socially.
  - This helps renew interest for anyone who may have given up on Scouting previously.
  - It helps to train new leaders, which are often in very short supply in scouting groups.
  - This contributes to the social aspect of students' lives as teamwork is unavoidable throughout our activities.
  - Even outside of the college year, various Scouting groups could organize joint-group activities amongst themselves through contacts made in this society.
2. Allow current non-scouts to engage in and sample what Scouts has to offer.
  - Since many activities involve students living and working in close quarters with each other, Rovers is strictly an over-18s society. As such, this society is only able to take in non-scouts who are 18.
  - However, we feel that it's very important to allow non-scouts to join so they can get a taste of all that Scouting Ireland has to offer.
  - We hope that these non-scouts would be motivated to join their local group after engaging (and having a good time) in some social activities.

### Rover Scouts Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

**Rover Soc - Weekend Away** » *National Water activity Centre, Killaloe* » 4th March – 5th March 2011 (2 individual events)

Friday evening - Bus from Galway, arrive, unpack, watch loads of DVDs etc...

Saturday morning - Get dropped off at Broadford and walk back over the hill to Killaloe

Saturday evening - Drop everyone off in Killaloe/Ballina for 'free time'. We have the option of going to Limerick for the cinema, but we can decide on that later.

Sunday morning - Wake up, pack up, mess around, bus back to Galway.

**'Get wet for charity' challenge** » *aras na mac leinn* » 1st February 2011

A college-week fundraiser with games involving water balloons

**Rover Scouts First Meeting** » *The Space - Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th January 2011

Come and find out about our new Society. We will be making plans and electing a committee. All welcome.

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Sean Mooney

**Vice-Auditor:** Ronan O'Keeffe

**Treasurer:** Carl Byrne

**Secretary:** Keith Webster

**Extraordinary Committee Member (female):**

**Extraordinary Committee Member (male):**

Claire McCallion

Cillian Lineen

**Public Relations Officer:** Aine O'Reilly

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 92 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Claire McCallion	Extraordinary Committee Member (female)	18 hours
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# ALIVE Students: 1 student  
# Hours Volunteered: 18 hours

## Sinn Fein Soc

We held weekly meetings during the year and went on a number of trips. As it was an election year we were also very busy supporting our candidates.

### Sinn Fein Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

**Ogra Shinn Fein Soc** » *AC 216 - Down Behind the Bank Of Ireland* » 28th September – 30th November 2010 (10 individual events)

Why not come along to Ogra Shinn Fein Socs weekly meeting.

At our meeting we will be discussing many topics that relate to the students in the College and the Politics of our Country.

So why not come along to the weekly meeting for a bit of banter and some good aul craic and see if our position appeals to you.

All Students are most welcome!

**Ogra Shinn Fein Soc** » *Meeting Room 1, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 16th September 2010

All are welcome to our first Meeting Which will be held in Meeting Room 1 in Aras NA MacLeinn.

At this meetin we aim to give Everyone an Overview of The Party,what our Party is about.

All are most welcome to attend and everybodys participation is welcomed.

See all of you there!

**Ogra Shinn Fein Soc** » *IT Building - Meet in the Lobby* » 21st September 2010

Come along to The weekly meeting of SinnFein, Find out more about the Party of the future.

Air your views and ideas on ways we could move forward. All Welcome to attend. Hope to see you there @ 7

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Conor Stitt

**Treasurer:** Conor McManus

**Oifigeach Na Geailge:** Senan MacAoidh

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,189.44	Bank charge	€19.92
Bank Charge	€10.14	Returned Socs Money	€705.78
Members Contributions	€59.00	Society transport	€200.00
USC Grant	€70.00	Expenditure Total	€925.70
<b>Total</b>	€1,328.58	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€402.88
		<b>Total</b>	€1,328.58

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 122 members.

## Skeptic Soc

Skeptic Soc had a quiet year, due to most of our founding committee going on Erasmus. The rest of our committee were extremely busy due to Postgraduate studies and other academic work. We kept the society otherwise active by running four events this year. Next year the society will be far more active, with all of our founding committee being back in NUI Galway. We already have a list of planned skeptical events which we are really looking forward to running on and off campus. Stay tuned!

### Skeptic Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

## Mike Garde (Dialogue Ireland) "Cultism and New Religious Movements in Ireland" » AM250 » 1st December 2010

Ireland, like most European countries, has in recent decades been experiencing the presence of New Religious Movements (NRMs), sometimes referred to as "cults" or (in some continental countries) "sects". The term NRM can be understood to include spiritual as well as religious movements properly so called. "New" may refer to movements that have been founded mainly over the past fifty years, though older movements are sometimes included.

Mike Garde (Dialogue Ireland) will give a talk on the phenomenon of NRMs in Ireland and highlight many of the tricks leaders employ to maintain power over their followers

## Dr Paul O'Donoghue «What to Believe: Skeptics and true believers.» » IT250 » 24th November 2010

What we believe informs and dictates our actions and therefore may result in consequences that are detrimental to our physical and psychological wellbeing. This presentation will explore a range of systems that vie for our attention, particularly through the popular media and will critique these from a scientific perspective. It will also be argued that the public promotion of science and critical thinking is crucial in society today as a defense against potentially dangerous claims and notions

## An evening of "Bullshit" and refreshments » Dillon Theatre » 24th October 2010

Our first social event of the year! Wooop. This is the start of our weekly screenings of the programme "Bullshit", followed by some in depth discussions on all things skeptical in the pub afterwards. The first episodes that we are going to show is "Alternative therapies" and "Life coaching". Sure it may be as biased as hell which is something we may abhor but screw it, its funny.

## Public Lecture - Stem Cell Research » AM 110 » 6th October 2010

To celebrate International Stem Cell Awareness Day, NUI Skeptics Society have invited two directors of the Irish Stem Cell Foundation ([www.irishstemcellfoundation.org](http://www.irishstemcellfoundation.org)) Dr. Stephen Sullivan and Martin Codyre to discuss the increasingly complex issue of Stem Cell Research. There will be a Q & A and refreshments afterwards.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Niall McGinty

**Secretary:** Aaron Hastings

**Vice-Auditor:** Shane Tuohy

**Treasurer:** Patrick O'Flaherty

**OCM:** Claire McNelis

**OCM:** Megan MacCourt

**OCM:** Constance Corry

**OCM:** Owen Harney

## Committee 2011/2012

**Auditor:** Charles Doyle

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€621.56	Bank charge	€34.77
USC Grant	€1,600.00	Dinner	€196.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,221.56</b>	Received Money Returned	€225.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,489.97
		Society transport	€27.40
		Speaker accomm	€50.00
		Speaker travel	€43.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,067.06
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€154.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,221.56</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 213 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Aaron Hastings	Secretary	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	10 hours	

## Slainte Soc.

This year Slainte really built on the successes of previous years while expanding the society's remit as a student lead health promotion society. We got off to a flying start this year with a 50c clinic where we measured BMI and blood pressure of over 100 students. We highlighted the importance of diet and exercise to all who attended and had a range of information leaflets available to all students and staff in attendance. All money raised was donated to the Movember campaign in which we participated with the Students Union. As part of Movember many of our members donated their faces for a month in order to both raise awareness about mens health issues and to raise money for charity. We also held a table quiz in the college bar as part of Healthy Living Week which despite a small turnout was a great success.

This year we ran the 6th annual Teddy Bear Hospital in January, the event was attended by over 1300 children from over 30 schools in Galway city and county. The event received extensive media coverage both locally and nationally. As a society who strongly supports the Irish language we ensured that there were sufficient volunteers on hand to engage with students from Gaeltacht areas. We received very positive feedback from parents teachers and indeed students themselves. We hope to build on this success next year with a bigger and more focused event.

This year also saw the return of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service to NUI Galway after a significant absence. We were extremely proud of the staff and students who attended over the 2 days. The demand far exceeded our expectations and a return visit is planned for Semester 1 next year.

## Slainte Soc. Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

**Blood Donation Clinic** » *The Cube ?ras na Mac L?inn* » 29th March – 30th March 2011 (2 individual events)

Sl?ainte Soc and the IBTS are bringing a blood donation clinic to NUI Galway's ?ras na Mac L?inn.

**50c Clinic** » *the HUB* » 2nd November 2010

Come along and have your blood pressure and BMI checked for only 50c.

All proceeds to Movember in association with NUI Galway Students Union.

**Teddy Bear Hosital** » *bailey allen hall* » 27th January – 28th January 2011 (2 individual events)

SlainteSoc hosts the 6th Annual Teddy Bear Hospital. The event is designed to show young children that going to the doctor and medical procedures are not so scary after all. If you're interested in volunteering drop us a line at [slainte@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:slainte@socs.nuigalway.ie)

**Teddy Bear Hospital - Information Evening** » *Dillon Theatre* » 19th January 2011

Information Evening for all those interested in attending this year's Teddy Bear Hospital.

**Movember Table Quiz** » *college bar* » 15th November 2010

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## Committee 2010/2011

**OCM:** Michael McNamara

**OCM:** Fergus Keane

**PRO:** Maria Duignan

**Secretary:** Michelle Furey

**OCM:** Claire Kearney

**Treasurer:** Stephen Chiu

**OCM:** Mairtin O'Maolain

**OCM:** Laura Morrison

**Auditor:** Bryan Reidy

**OCM:** Yvonne Lillis

**Vice-Auditor:** Mohammed Hamza

**OCM:** Kathleen McDonnell

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€7.07	Bank charge	€6.75
Sponsorship	€218.46	Costumes	€170.00
USC Grant	€1,055.00	Equipment misc	€1,071.75
<b>Total</b>	€1,280.53	Makeup/Props	€17.97
		Materials	€13.46
		Expenditure Total	€1,279.93
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€225.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.28
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.32
		<b>Total</b>	€1,280.53

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 351 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Laura Hennessy	Volunteer	25 hours
Carl Byrne	Volunteer	10 hours
Bryan Reidy	Auditor	440 hours
Sinead Coen	volunteer	6 hours
Mohammed Hamza	Vice Auditor	430 hours
Sarah O'Dwyer	Teddy Bear Hospital Doctor	6 hours
Tomas Costelloe	Doctor at Teddy Bear Hospital	8 hours
Aoife Kirk	Volunteer at Teddy Bear Hospital	9 hours
Lorna O'Dwyer	Teddy bear hospital volunteer	3 hours
Sarah Murniati Che Mat Nor	Member	5 hours
Niamh Crowley	Teddy Bear Hospital	4 hours
Kevin Davoren	Teddy Bear Hospital Doctor	8 hours
Natrah Abd Manan	Volunteer	5 hours
Evelyn Fennelly	Ordinary Society Member	25 hours
Maria Duignan	PRO	30 hours
Orla Harney	Volunteer	25 hours
Sinead Lally	volunteer	8 hours
Matthew Sheridan	Volunteer	8 hours
Laura Reynolds	Volunteer	4 hours
Caoimhe O'Sullivan	Volunteer at Teddy Bear Hospital	6 hours
Hanin Hamza	Volunteer	25 hours

Mairtin O'Maolain	OCM	20 hours
Tomas O'Flatharta	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	7 hours

# ALIVE Students: 23 student  
# Hours Volunteered: 1117 hours

## St. Vincent de Paul

This year, St. Vincent de Paul Society recruited new members, and tried new things. We were trying to learn from the example of the bigger SVP societies in Dublin, Maynooth, etc. We learned that they had activities such as a food collection, and guest speakers. Therefore, we held a food and toy collection in the run-up to Christmas. Students donated food and toys, which were then distributed by Galway Area SVP.

We also organised a talk with a guest speaker-Fr. Peter Mc Verry. This was a great success, and it was a very inspiring evening. As was the case last year, it was at times difficult to organise events and meetings, due to our small membership base. For example, we had organised a table-quiz, but we had to cancel it due to a very small turn-out. This was an education in itself, however, as we learned that we would really need to increase the amount of publicity we do for our events. It also would be a good idea for us to team up with another society for these events, to guarantee a good turn-out.

It was also difficult to organise our AGM, as exams were approaching, and people were not all available at the same time. It will be necessary now to hold the AGM next September instead. The lesson here is to organise the AGM much earlier in years to come. Overall, however, it was a good year, and we raised over 300 Euro for Galway area SVP, and lots of fun.

### St. Vincent de Paul Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

#### **Fundraising Table Quiz-The theme is "Ireland" » College Bar » 14th March 2011**

Come along and have lots of fun at our table quiz. It's in aid of a wonderful cause- Galway St. Vincent de Paul. At 20 Euro per table, this promises to be a night of great entertainment, spot prizes and fun. All of the questions will have an Irish theme, as it is Seactain na Gaeilge, and the week of St. Patrick's Day.

#### **Guest Speaker-Fr. Peter Mc Verry » Dillon Theatre, arts concourse » 21st March 2011**

Next Monday 21st, we have a very interesting guest speaker-Fr. Peter Mc Verry. He will speak at 6pm in the Dillon Theatre, on the concourse. Fr. Mc Verry has worked with young homeless people in Dublin for more than 30 years. In 1979, he opened a hostel for homeless people in Dublin, and since then, he has also formed the Peter McVerry Trust, a charitable organisation, raising much needed funds for support services for the young homeless community in Dublin. The talk promises to be both insightful and inspiring. The event is free, and all are welcome to attend.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Soc Christmas food & gift appeal » large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn » 24th November 2010**

The NUI Galway SVP Soc is holding a food & gift appeal. We are asking students and staff to make a donation in the form of some non-perishable food items, or in the form of a gift for a child or teenager. These donations will be distributed to families within Galway. We will be collecting the donations on Wednesday 24th November 1pm-3.30pm in the Large Acoustic Room.

For the present-giving, pick one of the following age-groups: Girl or boy aged: 0-3, 4-7, 8-12, or teenager. Please do not wrap gifts.

For the food collection, some ideas (but not limited to): cereals, biscuits, sweets, Christmas crackers, napkins, nutella, jam, tinned fruit or veg, pasta, sauces, cake mix, rice etc

Thank you so much for your generosity! :)

#### **Weekly meeting » meeting room 2 Aras Na Mclain ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mclain) » 24th November 2010**

our weekly meeting-all welcome-planning events and activities!

#### **Yummy Cake Sale » Aras na mac leinn -foyer » 3rd November 2010**

A very delicious cake sale in aid of St. Vincent de Paul charity. If you'd like to bake something for us, that would be wonderful! Just bring it along on the day! :)

### Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Mary McDonnell

**Treasurer:** Kevin McCague

**Secretary:** Michelle Larkin

**PRO:** Angela Sweeney

## Committee 2011/2012

Secretary: Angela Sweeney

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€276.59	Bank charge	€14.23
Fundraising	€306.85	Fundraising/charity	€328.79
USC Grant	€500.00	Materials	€70.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,083.44</b>	Received Money Returned	€249.23
		Reception	€8.96
		Speaker travel	€40.00
		Expenditure Total	€711.98
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€371.46
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,083.44</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 98 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Rhoda Emefiele	fundraiser	12 hours
Royale Chigozie	Committee Member and Fundraising	10 hours
Angela Sweeney	Secretary	23 hours
Ann-marie Meehan	Various	10 hours
Kevin McCague	Treasurer	25 hours

# ALIVE Students: 5 student

# Hours Volunteered: 80 hours

## Suas Society

Suas is a youth and education focused organisation which aims to address educational disadvantage in Ireland and in the developing world. Suas is secular and a registered charity.

Suas Volunteer Programme: Offers young people the chance to work as teaching assistants along side the teachers in Suas's 8 partner organisations in India and Kenya for 10 weeks over the summer.

Local Volunteering: We run a homework club four times a week with the Galway Refugee Support Group.

Awareness Raising: We organise events to raise awareness on campus of various global, development and justice issues and promote multiculturalism within Ireland. We run a Global Issues Seminar Course. Topics covered include Health, Debt, Trade, Equality, the Environment, Gender, Human Rights, HIV, Conflict and Trade.

Fundraising: Suas organises lots of events such as bag packing, quiz nights and the St. Paddy's Day Face Painting Fundraising Extravaganza to raise money for the partner schools!

Most of all we have great craic. The Suas Intervarsity is another highlight of the year where we meet up with all the other Suas Socs in Ireland and we enjoy a few nights out throughout the year. Drop by to one of our meetings to learn more about what we get up to.

## Suas Society Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

### Valentine's Day Bake Sale » *aras na mac leinn* » 14th February 2011

On Monday Suas will be holding a Valentine's Day themed bake sale to raise funds for disadvantaged schools in both India and Kenya. The sale will include Valentine's themed baked goods as well as coffee and tea. So come along at any time between 12 and 6 to support this great cause, and get some delicious snacks!

### Suas Homework Club Information Session » *Main concourse* » 27th January 2011

Come along to hear about Suas society's homework club with the Galway Refugee Support Group.

Suas society members will be at the entrance of the concourse to meet you.

### Suas Volunteer Programme Information Session » *Arts Millemium Building, Colm O'Heocha* » 25th November 2010

If you're interested in volunteering as a teaching assistant in India or Kenya for 10 weeks this summer, come along to hear people's stories and to find out more!

### Suas homework club training evening » *The space, Aras na mac leinn* » 29th September 2010

Training for whoever is interested in volunteering with NUIG's homework club with the Galway Refugee Support Group! Any questions mail [galwaymentor@suas.ie](mailto:galwaymentor@suas.ie)

## Committee 2010/2011

**Treasurer:** Nessa Golden

**Homework Club Coordinator:** Julie D'lima

**Auditor:** Eolann MacFadden

**Vice-Auditor:** Aine Mannion

**Secretary:** Katie O'Connor

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€547.51	Bank charge	€55.59
USC Grant	€1,900.00	Equipment misc	€80.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,447.51</b>	Materials	€337.69
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€250.96
		Prizes	€1,000.00
		Promotions	€17.31
		Returned Socs Money	€556.81
		Expenditure Total	€2,299.16
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€148.35
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,447.51</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 275 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Rebecca Tomkins	Volunteer	26 hours
Petra Bateman	Homework Club Volunteer/Fundraiser	28 hours
Louise O'Meara	Homework Club Volunteer	12 hours
Maeve Ginnell	volunteer	12 hours
Ross Clohessy	Homework Club volunteer with Galway Refugee Support Group Centre.	7 hours

# ALIVE Students: 5 student

# Hours Volunteered: 85 hours

## Subhoro Soc

Cathaoirleach: Louise Ni Dhaibheid

Runai: Fearghal O Maolagain

Cisteoir: Aodhan Mac an Mhilih

Baineann an Cumann Subhoro no Cumann Ealaine na Ceathrun Rua leis na healaiona ar fad ar nos damhsa, ceol, dramaíocht, filíocht, scríbhneoireacht srl. Athraíonn an bheim o bhliain go bliain agus i mbliana bhi an-suim ag na mic leinn ata sa chumann i gcursai dramaíochta agus chuir an Cumann an drama ó Sarah Scanlon • ar staitse faoi dho, i gConamara agus ag Feile na gColaisti triu leibheal a bhi ar siul ar an bpríomhchamps sa chathair. Faraor níor eirigh linn aon duais a bhaint amach ach bhi neart spraoi ag baint len e a chur le cheile. Bhi na mic leinn sa chumann ag cleachtadh faoi dho gach uile sheachtain agus nuair a bhi se nios gaire den am chun dul ar staitse, bhi cleachtadh tri huair in aghaidh na seachtaine. Bhi nios mo na 60 ball ag an gCumann i mbliana sa cholaiste idir an fhoireann agus na mic leinn. Bhi coiste gníomhach againn agus chas muid le cheile uair amháin sa mhi chun cruinniu a bheith againn agus imeachtaí a eagra. Bhi se i bhfad nios easca i mbliana mar gheall go raibh muid claraithe go hoifigiúil leis an bpríomhchamps. Bhiomar i dteidil airgead a fhail ar nos na gcumann eile agus chabhraigh an t-airgead go mar an Cumann a fheabhsu.

I rith na bliana, bhi ceardlann damhsa ar an sean-nos curtha ar fail agus dha cheardlann amhránaíochta ar siul do bhaill an chumainn. Bhi dha imeacht mhóra eagraithe againn; turas chuig an Oireachtas agus an tSeachtain Ealaine. Chuaigh 30 ball on gCumann chuig an Oireachtas agus bhá cã°pla duine on gCumann pairteach sna comortais chomh maith. I rith na seachtaine ealaine bhi gasuir na haite istigh chun ceolchoirm a dheanamh do mhic IÁ©inn agus foireann an Acadaimh agus muintir na haite. Bhi ceardlann amhránaíochta agus cleasaíocht laimhe ar siul agus comortas griangrafadóireachta a reachtail i measc na mball sa chumann.

I rith na bliana bhá dha cheolchoirm loin againn agus meascan alainn de chultúr na hEireann le feiceail agus le cloisteail ag an da cheann. Thug an Cumann Subhoro blaiseadh alainn de nosanna na Gaeltachta agus cultúr na hEireann do na mic leinn i mbliana. Rud eile a d'oibrigh thar cionn i mbliana na an Comortas Scoraíochta. Bhi ranganna eagsula agus fiú an fhoireann ag glacadh pairt sa chomortas. Chuir se go mor le atmaisfear an champais i rith an dara seimeastar!

Is i Jayne Ni Dhrisceoil, Oifigeach na Mac Leinn 2011-2012, a bheidh ag stiúiriú an chumainn don treimhse 2011-2012.

### Subhoro Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 34 events.

**Craobh Scoraíochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 14th March 2011

Beidh na ranganna san Acadamh in iomaíocht a cheile chun an chead ait a bhuaicint sa chraobh! Is iad an chead, an dara agus an cheathru bliana a bheas ar staitse sa chraobh. Beidh meascan idir aisteoireacht, damhsa, ceol, amhran, scealaíocht agus ní bheadh a fhios agat cead eile. Ta duaiseanna iontacha le fail.....Bigi linn!!

**Dara babhta den Chomortas Scoraíochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 9th March 2011 Beidh na ranganna san Acadamh in iomaíocht a cheile arís an tseachtain seo chomh maith leis an bhfoireann chun dul tríd chuig an gCraobh i gceann seachtaine! Is iad an ceathru bliain agus an fhoireann a bheas ar staitse sa bhabhta seo. Beidh meascan idir aisteoireacht, damhsa, ceol, amhran, scealaíocht agus ní bheadh a fhios agat cead eile.....Bigi linn!!

**Drama "Sarah Scanlon"** » *Feile na gColaisti, Ollscoil na hEireann, Gaillimh* » 4th March 2011

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Subhoro ag dul in iomaíocht leis na colaisti ar fud na tíre! Buail isteach agus tabharaígi bhur dtacaíochta doibh!!!

**Cead bhabhta den Chomortas Scoraíochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 2nd March 2011 Beidh na ranganna san Acadamh in iomaíocht a cheile chun dul tríd chuig an gCraobh i gceann coicise! Is iad an chead agus an dara bliana a bheas ar staitse sa bhabhta seo. Beidh meascan idir aisteoireacht, damhsa, ceol, amhran, scealaíocht agus ní bheadh a fhios agat cead eile.....Bigi linn!!

**Seachtain Ealaine** » *Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 14th February – 17th February 2011 (4 individual events)

Ta an Cumann Subhoro ag tabhairt seans iontach de bhaill na gcumann blaiseadh a fhail do na healaiona ar fad i rith na seachtaine! Beidh meascan alainn idir amhran, damhsa, scríbhneoireacht, ceol srl... Reachtafar comortas griangrafadóireachta le linn na seachtaine chomh maith! Na cailligi bhur seans agus bigi linn chun tallann na haite seo a fheiceail!!!!

**Ceadlann Scríbhneoireachta** » *Seomra 104, Bloc 2, Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge* » 14th February 2011 Is i Caitriona Ni Chonaola a bheas ag deanamh na ceardlanna scríbhneoireachta. Biodh do peann agus do smaointi reidh agaibh!!!

**Cleachtadh Dramaíochta** » *Bloc 4, Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge* » 25th November 2010

Beidh mic leinn ata pairteach sa drama Sarah Scanlon ag cleachtadh inniu. Caithfidh gach duine ata pairteach a bheith i lathair!

**Cleachtadh Dramaíochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh* » 18th November 2010

Beidh mic leinn ata pairteach sa drama Sarah Scanlon ag cleachtadh inniu. Caithfidh gach duine ata pairteach a bheith i lathair!

**ChOrches Trad** » *Halla Bailey Allen, Ollscoil na hEireann, Gaillimh* » 15th November 2010

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Subhoro ag dul ar staitse leis an gCumann Trad, An Orchestra Soc agus An Choral Soc chun trathnona alainn ceol agus amhran a thaispeaint daoibh! Ceolchoirm den scoth a bheas ann!! Na cailligi bhur seans!!! Bigi linn!

**Cleachtadh Dramaiochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh* » 11th November 2010

Beidh mic leinn ata pairteach sa drama Sarah Scanlon ag cleachtadh inniu. Caithfidh gach duine ata pairteach a bheith i lathair!

**Ceardlann Damhsa ar an sean-nos** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 9th November 2010

Is i Louise Ni Dhaibheid a bheas i mbun muinteoireachta. Tabhair libh bhur mbroga damhsa!!!

**Cleachtadh Dramaiochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 4th November 2010

Beidh na mic leinn o Shubhoro ag cleachtadh don drama Sarah Scanlon. Caithfidh na haisteoiri uilig a bheith i lathair.

**Ceardlann Damhsa ar an sean-nos** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 2nd November 2010

Is i Louise Ni Dhaibheid a bheas i mbun muinteoireachta. bigi linn agus bigi ag damhsa!!!

**Turas chuig Oireactas na Samhna** » *Cill Airne, Co. Ciarrai* » 29th October – 31st October 2010 (3 individual events) Beidh bus ag fagail an Acadaimh ag a 2i.n chun dul sios chuig Cill Airne chuig Oireactas na Samhna. Ta 30 mac leinn on gCumann Subhoro ag dul sios agus ta an t-adh linn go bhfuil cupla duine ag glacadh pairt sna chomortais chomh maith agus go n-eiri leo! Deireadh seachtaine iontach a bheas ann....bigi linn ar mhaithe leis an gcrac!

**Ceardlann Dramaiochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 21st October 2010

Is i Caitriona Ni Chonaola a bheas ag deanamh na cearlanna sa halla. Ta failte roimh chach! Bigi linn!!!

**Ceardlann Damhsa ar an sean-nos** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 5th October 2010

Is Louise Ni Dhaibheid a bheas i mbun muinteoireachta! Bigi linn agus bigi ag damhsa!

**Drama "Sarah Scanlon"** » *Seanscoil Shailearna, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe* » 28th February 2011

Beidh aisteoiri on gCumann Subhoro ag dul ar staitse leis an drama "Sarah Scanlon". Beidh cead isteach ?5 do dhaoine fasta, ?3 do mhic leinn agus saor in aisce do phaisti ann. Beidh Siamsoiri Oga Leitir Moir mar aionna speisialta againn chomh maith. Ba mhor duinn bhur gcuid tacaiochta. Ta failte 's fichead roimh chach.

**Cleasaiocht Laimhe** » *Halla an Acadaimh, Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 17th February 2011 Is e Cory O Brollachain a bheas i mbun cleasaiochta laimhe.

**Ceardlann Amhr?na?ochta ar an Sean-nos** » *Bloc 2, Seomra 105 in Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 16th February 2011 Is i Sile Ni Scanlain a bheas a mhuinteoireachta.

**Ceolchoirm le siams ir ga Leitir Moir** » *Halla an Acadaimh, Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 15th February 2011 Beidh ceol, damhsa agus amhrain den scoth le choisteail agus le feiceail.

Bigi Linn! :)

**Ceardlann damsha ar an sean-nos** » *Halla an Acadaimh, Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 14th February 2011

Is i Louise Ni Dhaibheid a bheas a mhuinteoireachta.

**Ceolchoirm Loin na Samhna** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 27th October 2010

Meascan idir ceol, damhsa, amhrain agus craic o mhic leinn an Diploma sa Cheol sa Spideal. Bigi linn!!!

**Ceardlann Damhsa ar an sean-nos** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 14th September 2010

Is i Louise Ni Dhaibheid a bheas i mbun muinteoireachta. Biodh bhur mbroga damhsa agaibh!!!

**La na bhFreshers** » *Halla Bailey Allen, Ollscoil na hEireann, Gaillimh* » 14th September 2010

Beidh mic leinn on gCumann Subhoro istigh ar an bprionmhchamps ag lorg baill nua den chumann agus ag tabhairt eolais faoin gCumann do gach duine! Bi ag caint linn! :)

**Ceardlann Damhsa ar an sean-nos** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 27th September 2010

Is i Louise Ni Dhaibheid a bheas i mbun muinteoireachta. Ta failte roimh na mic leinn ar fad.

**Ceardlann Dramaiochta** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 29th September 2010

Is i Marianne Ni Chinneide a bheas ag deanamh na ceardlanna. Ta failte 's fichead roimh chach!

**La Oscailte i gCarna** » *Ionaid an Acadaimh, Carna* » 29th September 2010

Beidh Oifigeach na Mac Leinn, Louise Ni Dhaibheid, ag deanamh cur i lathair faoin gCumann Subhoro agus faoi ceard a dheanann muid ag an La Oscailte i gCarna. Bigi Linn!!!!

**Ceardlann Amhranaiochta** » *Seomra 105, Bloc 2, Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge* » 30th September 2010

Is e Briocan Bairead, mac leinn na triu bliana san Acadamh, a bheas i mbun muinteoireachta ag an gceardlann. Bigi linn agus bigi ag casadh :)

**Cead Ceolchoirm Loin** » *Halla an Acadaimh, An Cheathru Rua* » 21st September 2010

Ceol, amhrain agus damhsa le feiceail agus le cloisteail o Johnny Connolly, Louise Ni Dhaibheid agus Freda Ni Giolla Chathain. Bigi linn!!!

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Louise Devitt

**Treasurer:** Aidan McEvelly

**Vice-Auditor:** Maeve McAlister

**Secretary:** Fearghal Mulligan

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Costumes	€300.00
Members Contributions	€1,213.00	Entry fees	€525.00
USC Grant	€2,013.00	Society accomm	€1,151.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,226.00</b>	Society transport	€750.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,726.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€500.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,226.00</b>

### Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 35 members.

## Trad Soc

Our main aim as the NUIG Traditional Music Society is to bring Trad musicians of all ages and abilities together to both learn music and play in sessions together. We are an extremely active society with events happening every week from playing at our weekly session in the Crane on tuesday nights to starting a new session in Kellys on wednesday (changed to thursday evenings now due to the success of the sessions we played around St Patricks Day. We had a very successful year which was topped off by winning the Most Successful Award at the Socs Awards Ball on the 29th March. We played at nearly every ball that was on, from the Science Ball, Arts Ball, International Med Students Ball to the Engineering Ball. We kept the students entertained playing at different concerts e.g. ChOrchesTrad during Music Week, Concert for Japan, different CÃ©ilÃ©s throughout the year. Little did we know as the new committee last September that we would have such an amazing and successful year. We were in demand continuously and unfortunately we even had to turn down playing at some events due to or heavy schedule. We had a very successful trip to Glasgow taking in a weekend of Traditional Music at the Celtic Connections Festival. Everyone that went really enjoyed it and it was a great way for the new first years to meet the more senior members of the society.

### Trad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 45 events.

**Trad Soc Tuesday** » *The Crane Bar, Sea Road* » 26th October – 27th October 2010 (2 individual events)

Come along to the weekly Trad Soc session in the Crane Bar, just round the corner from the Roisin. A great way to meet new people, have a few tunes, and have the craic! And remember, "you don't have to pla to cum"!!

Every Tuesday, 9.30 - 12.30. Everyone welcome

**Trad Soc Fleadh 2011** » *The Crane Bar, Sea Road Galway* » 15th February 2011

we are having a "Trad Fleadh!" There will be a competition amongst the members of Trad Soc and the winners will go onto represent the Society at the final in March! There is prize money for the winner! If u want to partake in this please let us know asap and we can organise a date for the Trad Fleadh!

**Trad Soc Session** » *Kellys Bar* » 2nd February – 27th April 2011 (13 individual events)

Our Weekly Session in Kellys is aimed at our Muisicians and is an open session , all are welcome , a quieter session where ye all hopefully get to know each other , compared to our mental tuesday night session , come along !

**Trad Soc Weekly Session** » *The Crane Bar, Sea Road, Galway* » 1st February – 3rd May 2011 (14 individual events)

Everyone is welcome to come to our weekly session upstairs in The Crane Bar, "You Dont have to play to come"

**Trad Soc Tuesday** » *The Crane Bar, Sea Road* » 30th November – 21st December 2010 (4 individual events) Come along to Trad Soc's weekly session in the Crane Bar, Sea Road for some tunes and some craic. And remember, "You don't have to play to cum".

All welcome!

**Bodhran Lessons** » *large acoustic room, aras na mac leinn* » 23rd November – 28th December 2010 (6 individual events) Trad Soc presents Bodhran lessons by the lovely Paul Mc Clure. Only 5euros!

**Traditional Music Society Session!!!!** » *Crane Bar, Sea Road Galway* » 16th November 2010

Trad Soc are having their weekly session in The Crane Bar kicking off around half 9!!!! Promises to be a good night of tunes and craic and a few pints!!!! U dont have to play to cum!!!!!!

**ChOrchesTrad** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 15th November 2010

Monday 15th ChOrches Trad Choral, Orchestra & Trad Soc with Guests Cumann Soisialta & Subhoro from the Acadamh present an evening of music, song & dance.7.30pm Bailey Allen Hall. Adm Free.

**Trad Society Weekly Session** » *The Crane Bar* » 19th October – 20th October 2010 (2 individual events) Trad Music Society are having their weekly session in the Crane Bar (3 doors down from Massimos) kicking off around half 9! The more the merrier and "u dont have to play to cum!!!!!!"

**Trad Society weekly session** » *Crane Bar, Sea Road, Galway.* » 12th October 2010

Traditional Music Society are having their usual weekly session in the Crane Bar and everyone is more than welcome! Plenty of tunes and craic to be had and as our saying goes "u don't have to play to cum!!!!"

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** Jonathon Donoghue

**Secretary:** Ciaran Nolan

**Events Manager:** Gearoid Kelly

**Liasons Officer:** Ian Worley

**Musical Director:** Emma Harte

**Junior PRO:** Zara NÃ Choistealbha

**Treasurer:** Mairead O'Connor

**OCM:** Maeve Hopkins

**Webmaster:** Eoin Butler

**PRO:** Lilian Fennell

**Ceili Master:** Shane Devlin

**Junior Auditor:** Chris Noone

## Committee 2011/2012

**OCM:** Steven Mullally

**OCM:** Emma Harte

**Vice Auditor/Treasurer:** David Crowe

**Vice Secretary:** Eoin McEvoy

**OCM:** Kate Nevin

**Liason Officer:** Jonathon Donoghue

**OCM:** Shane Devlin

**Auditor:** Gearoid Kelly

**Secretary:** Kieran Fleming

**OCM:** Jennifer Trousdell

**Musical Director:** Paul McClure

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€485.26	Bank charge	€12.32
Fundraising	€2,550.00	Dinner	€115.00
Members Contributions	€400.00	Entertainment	€100.00
Socs box Till	€2,054.00	Entry fees	€400.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Prizes	€2,050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,489.26</b>	Reception	€150.00
		Society accomm	€2,090.86
		Society transport	€1,420.00
		Sound	€295.00
		Teacher fees	€500.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,133.18
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€1,135.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€356.08
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,489.26</b>

## Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 523 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Maeve Hopkins	OCM	300 hours
Ciaran Nolan	Secretary, Volunteer	144 hours
Gearoid Kelly	Events Manager Volunteer	350 hours
Jonathon Donoghue	Auditor	555 hours
Mairead O'Connor	Vice auditor/ Treasurer	400 hours
James Frawley	Musician	40 hours
Eoin Butler	ocm, webmaster	350 hours

# ALIVE Students: 7 student

# Hours Volunteered: 2139 hours

## Vegetarian Society

The aim of Vegetarian Society is the active promotion of vegetarian food and a healthier way of eating. This promotion is through special events at eateries on campus, healthy lunch share, promotion of Meatless Monday, vegetarian cooking courses, publishing articles and recipes in SIN.

### Vegetarian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

#### Summer Lunch - Vegetarian » college bar » 4th May 2011

College Bar are putting on a special vegetarian lunch to celebrate the beginning of summer. The bar that can be enjoyed without the manicness of the academic year going on. Veggie Soc will have a stand promoting why to eat more vegetarian food for healthier body and healthier environment (18% of the carbon footprint comes from livestock - meat!) we hope to have a nutritionist on the day to answer general queries. There will be tasty nibbles, Tortilla Chips and Chilli Dip, Pita Chips with Hummus and Crudites with Dips. For main course there is a choice of Aubergine Lasagne, Nut Roast with a spicey tomato sauce or Lentil Stew suitable for vegans; all served with vegetables and potatoes. The price is only E4.95 and the Veggie soc are giving E1 off making it E3.95 for the first 50 people.

#### EGM » hub » 16th February 2011

EGM: elect new officers, plan trips and most importantly eat good food!!!

#### Healthy Lunch » the HUB » 19th January – 30th March 2011 (11 individual events)

Healthy Vegetarian Lunch. Bring your lunch or a dish to share and make new friends.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Secretary:** Lili ZÃ¡ch

**Vice-Auditor:** Rebecca Mann

**PR:** Nicola Donohoe

**Auditor:** Tony Monks

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€35.15		
USC Grant	€200.00	Expenditure Total	€0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€235.15</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Closing Bank Balance	€235.15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€235.15</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 73 members.

## Voluntary Services Abroad Soc

Voluntary Services Abroad is a student-led, non profit society and charity run by fourth year medical students from NUIG. The role and aim of the society is to raise funds for the benefit of health care facilities in the developing world. During this coming summer, over 30 medical students from the current 4th years will be undertaking their medical electives in numerous developing countries including Kenya, Tanzania and Vietnam. All of the money raised during the academic year will be taken and spent according to the needs of the partner hospitals and clinics, where the health care volunteers will be undergoing their VSA experience.

This year presented a tough challenge in terms of fund raising, affected by the current economic climate. However all committee members and general society members made a huge effort to raise as much funds as possible. The usual fund raising events such as the Halloween Ball, VSA Christmas concert were well attended and enjoyed by all. Other funds were raised through selling VSA hoodies and t-shirts, selling Santa hats at the Med Ball and the usual Christmas caroling on Shop Street. In addition, this year there were new fund raising events held including the Polar Bear Swim held at Salthill Prom, which will hopefully be continued as a tradition in years to come.

All general fund raising events were organised by teams of VSA volunteers so that there was maximum participation. This idea worked very well. Personal fund raising events to raise a personal target of 1500 euro has also been a challenge, but efforts are still continuing so as to raise even more funds.

Overall this years society was well organised, and events were greatly supported by all society members including those not participating in the VSA experience and the general public.

## Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

**Travellers Tales** » *Arts Millenium - Colm O hEocha Theatre (AM250)* » 16th September 2010

VSA presents the opportunity for Medical students to complete electives in hospitals in underdeveloped countries as well as providing these hospitals with much needed funds for medical supplies, equipment and medicines. This summer 7 groups of students travelled to various locations across the globe and tonight, they will tell share with us their experiences. All welcome

**Annual VSA Bed Push** » *Galway, Gort, Ennis, Limerick* » 13th May – 14th May 2011 (2 individual events)

VSA's annual bed push to raise more funds for countries in the developing world will be taking place.

Money collection itinerary

10am: Depart UCHG

10.30am: Collection on the way to and at Eyre Square

11.30am: Collection down Shop St

1.30pm: Collection at Salthill

3.30pm: Collection at Gort

5.30pm: Head to Ennis

Saturday May 14th

10am: Collect in Ennis

12pm: Depart Ennis for Limerick

1pm: Collect in Limerick

**End Of Exams Party** » *The Radisson NightClub* » 19th May – 20th May 2011 (2 individual events)

Re-opening of the former Radisson nightclub for one night only.

DJ BYRNO and Ed Martin

Rhythm-SchemeDoors open 10.30pm 8 euro on the door. Proceeds from the night go to VSA partner healthcare facilities in developing world.

**VSA Band Aid** » *the college bar* » 21st March 2011

This is a personal event organised and run by one of the healthcare volunteers taking part in the VSA experience, all of the funds which go directly towards healthcare facilities in the developing world.

**Sponsored Silence** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 3rd February – 10th February 2011 (8 individual events) This is being organised by a determined and supportive second medical year student, with the funds being donated to two great causes, one of which is VSA.

**Santa Hat Sale** » *The Radisson* » 19th December – 20th December 2010 (2 individual events)

Once again VSA will be spreading Christmas cheer by selling Santa Hats at the Med Ball.

**VSA Merchandise** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 17th November – 19th November 2010 (3 individual events)

Re-designed VSA hoodies and T-shirts will be sold to raise VSA funds.

Bottle Green Hoody with VSA Logo - 30 euro

Grey T-shirt with VSA logo -15 euro

Hoody/T-shirt Combo - 40 euro. All profits go to VSA cause

**Polar Bear Swim** » *No suggestions found* » 18th December 2010

Hold onto your breaths! VSA will be holding their first ever polar bear swim! We are hoping for 2-3 (or more if you dare!) brave and courageous volunteers from each medical class to jump or run into the sea in order to raise even more funds for VSA.

**VSA Christmas Concert** » *Galway Bay Hotel* » 22nd November 2010 It's that time of year again!! The VSA Christmas Concert is a spectacle of wonder to behold. A talent competition unlike any other; each medical year will fight for the coveted title of winner by mimicking lecturers, attempting comedy and generally making a show of themselves. Fun and laughter guaranteed.

Buses will be provided to the venue from the quad and we shall sample the fine nightlife of Galway's premier social region, Salthill, afterwards. Off campus; double the fun.

Come get your festive spirit on with NUIG's most wholesome charity, before the exam grinch comes a-knocking.

**VSA Annual Halloween Ball** » *Halo Nightclub, Abbeygate St.* » 28th October – 29th October 2010 (2 individual events) VSA proudly presents the Annual Halloween Ball at Halo Nightclub. Highly anticipated and highly fun, dress up as your own worst nightmare. Or any one of the X Factor contestants; VSA is not here to judge.... An unrivalled night of festive frivolity is forecast so get your tickets early! Prizes for the 'best' dressed individuals will be presented on the night (X Factor inspired or otherwise,...probably mostly the latter).

Tickets €10 and available from Socs Box from Oct 20th. Ticket-only event and doors are strictly 10.30pm-12.00am.

**VSA Coffee Morning** » *Community Cafe, Shantalla* » 7th October 2010 A pleasant morning of coffee, tea, and all things nice, is promised. The best value philanthropy in town-give us a few euros and feel good for at least a day! Do come along.... Ah go on, go on, go on, go on, go on etc

**VSA Quiz** » *The Quays Bar, Quay St* » 6th October 2010 The Annual VSA Table Quiz

A momentous occasion in the VSA calendar; we invite one and all to attend this celebration of intellectual godliness in the Quays bar on Quay St near the Quay at 8.30pm on Wednesday the 6th of October. Prizes and pride are at stake! Bring your brain, your friends and the elusive craic.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Vice-Auditor:** Roisin Rice

**Treasurer:** Paula Wrafter

**PRO:** Sharon Holland

**Volunteer Officer:** Jennifer Hennebry

**Student Liaison Officer:** Helen Earley

**Treasurer 2:** Bronagh Lang

**Bag Packing Officer:** Colette Flynn

**Bed-push Coordinator:** Jody Khan

**Auditor:** Raymond Scanlon

**Secretary:** Olivia Gonzalez

**PRO:** Grainne Rooney

**Student Liaison Officer:** Damian Barry

**Bed-push Coordinator:** Laurence Quinn

**Bag Packing Officer:** David Devlin

**Correspondence Officer:** Sinead Byrne

**OCM:** Liam O'Reilly

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€10,473.14	Ball	€8,500.00
Balls	€8,363.00	Bank charge	€563.79
Bank Charge	€551.29	Fundraising/charity	€102,126.30

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Fundraising	€82,670.31	Hall hire	€150.00
Hoodies	€2,865.00	Hire Bus	€250.00
Socs box Till	€16,295.00	Hoodies	€2,117.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Materials	€817.05
<b>Total</b>	€121,717.74	Promotions	€193.60
		Expenditure Total	€114,717.74
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€100.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€7,000.00
		<b>Total</b>	€121,717.74

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 441 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Laura Nestor	Volunteer, fundraiser	100 hours
Sharon Holland	PRO, Fundraiser	100 hours
Ruairi Irwin	Volunteer	100 hours
Aoife Kirk	Polar Bear swimmer!	4 hours
Amy Purcell	Fundraiser and volunteer	100 hours
Raymond Scanlon	Auditor	240 hours
Colette Flynn	Committee member, Volunteer & Fundraiser	100 hours
Olivia Gonzalez	Secretary	250 hours
Maria Duignan	Fundraising, being mute	100 hours
Katharine Harkin	Fundraiser	100 hours
Michael Fahy	Fundraiser	100 hours
Ciana McCarthy	Volunteer, fundraiser	100 hours
Penelope McLoughlin	Volunteer	25 hours
Brian Craven	Volunteer and Fundraiser	100 hours
Helen Earley	Student Liaison Officer, Fundraiser	100 hours
Laurence Quinn	Volunteer and event organiser	100 hours
Tara McDonnell	Volunteer/Fundraiser	110 hours
Maria Costello	Volunteer and fundraiser	100 hours
Jennifer Hennebry	Volunteer officer (committee member) and volunteer	100 hours
Mairtin O'Maolain	VSA Class Rep	40 hours
Paula Wrafter	Treasurer/ volunteer/ fundraiser	340 hours

# ALIVE Students: 21 student

# Hours Volunteered: 2409 hours

## Writers Group Soc

Literate? Good, that's all we need.

Writers groups can be intimidating and harsh.

Not us, though. If you've been writing all your life, just picked up a pen yesterday, or fall somewhere in the middle, Writers soc wants you to come along and meet some people in the same boat. Or meet people in altogether fancier ships, with extra sails and publishing deals, who we can learn from.

Writers soc workshops writing and slam poetry, holds open mic nights, storytelling nights, and connect with other societies. We talk a bunch too.

We publish our journal "Freehand" so people can see what everyone in the society is getting up to, and people get to see their name in print.

Want a souvenir at the end of the college year? Want to improve your writing? Want to make some good friends? Come to Writers Soc!

### Writers Group Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

**Writers Soc AGM** » *Meeting Room 1 & 2 Aras na Mac Leinn » 7th April 2011*

So...the year is coming to a close (sad...I know) and we have to ensure that Writers Soc continues on in the year 2011/2012. Some of our Committee members are stepping down as they have college work and some are leaving us in general. This is an emotion provoking thought and it makes me sad to say this but we have to elect a new committee for the upcoming Semester in September. So, if you would like to be a part of something bigger and feel a loyal bond to Writers Soc please come along and nominate yourself for a position. And even if you don't want a position on the committee, still come along as we need everyone's vote for this.

**Poetry Slam** » *Galway Arts Centre, 47 Dominick Street, Galway » 15th March 2011*

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To participate you need one poem/piece that will take about 3 minutes to perform. Judges on the night will select their favourite and the winner will be invited to be a guest reader at the next slam as well as qualifying for the CÃ©irt Grand Slam which will take place during next year's CÃ©irt International Festival of Literature 12-17 April 2011.

**Beat Day!** » *Bailey Allen Hall » 21st February 2011*

Come chill in the Bailey Allen Hall and learn about the writers of the 'Beat' movement. Great music, free tea, poetry wall, book sale and silly moustaches!

**Writers Meeting** » *venue to be confirmed » 20th January – 7th April 2011 (12 individual events)*

Every Thursday Writers Soc holds meetings where everyone is welcome to come and share some of their writing work or simply sit and listen to the creativeness of others. Writing exercises are also part of the weekly meetings so if you have trouble continuing that action packed novel or simply feel you need more inspiration for another poem, there is something for everyone.

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2011. Admission is free and wine will be provided. All are welcome.

**Writers meeting » Meeting in Eyre Square » 4th November 2010**

We are meeting in Eyre Square at 8pm and from there we are going to Gar's house for the meeting.

Hope to see you all there!

Remember to send in your work to be workshopped!

**Writers Meeting » Meeting in Eyre Square at 8pm » 27th October 2010**

Hey Guys, another week is apoun us! we are meeting at 8pm in Eyre Square and from there we will head to Gar's house. Anything any of you want workshopped, please email it in to: writers@socs.nuigalway.ie

hope to see you all Wednesday.

**North Beach Poetry Slam » The Crane Bar, Sea Road, Galway » 25th October 2010**

October Poetry Slam Monday 25th with Guest Poet: Martin Daws (Wales), Farrago Autumn Slam Champion 2010.

Poets wishing to take part in the slam should please bring along 2 max. 3 minute poems.

**Writers meeting » Meeting place is the Roisin Dubh » 21st October 2010**

Hey guys

we are meeting outside the Roisin Dubh at 8pm.

from there we will head over to Sarah Griff's place to hold our writers gathering.

please email in work to be workshopped before 5pm thursday 21st oct.

hope to see you all there!

**Fiction Slam » CafÃ© 8 @ The Museum, Spanish Arch, Galway » 15th October 2010**

Over The Edge presents its second annual fiction slam with Featured Reader, Kevin Barry, at CafÃ© 8 @ The Museum, Spanish Arch, Galway on Friday, October 15th, 8pm.

All participating writers should bring two pieces of their own fiction, as there are two rounds. The time limit in both rounds is five minutes. No entrance fee, all are welcome!

**Writers Meeting » Spanish Arch 8pm » 14th October 2010**

We are meeting at the Spanish Arch tomorrow, 14th October, at 8pm. From there we will make our way to Dave Rocks house where the meeting will be held. Please don't forget to send us in your work so that we can print it out and bring it along! See you all there!!!!!!!

**Poetry Slam » The Crane Bar, Sea Road, Galway » 11th October 2010**

Elaine Feeney will be present in The Crane Bar at 9pm on Monday 11th October for a poetry slam. Poets wishing to take part in the poetry slam should bring along 2 max. 3 minute poems. Otherwise entry is 3€ for students!

**Writers Meeting » Java's » 7th October 2010**

Hey guysFirst Writers soc meeting, Thursday 7th Oct, in Java's at 8pm.

This is a map showing you exactly where to go.

Hope to see you all there!

**Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Nicholas Fitzgerald

**Treasurer:** Shannon Maguire

**Freehand Editor:** Katherine Porter

**Messiah (Complex):** Dave Rock

**PRO:** Johanna Stock

**Vice-Auditor:** Shaun Leonard

**The Potential:** Joshua Robbins

**Lovely Sarah:** Sarah Maria Griffin

**Committee 2011/2012**

**Auditor:** Joshua Robbins

**Treasurer:** Eoghan Page

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€14.91	Bank charge	€36.43
Bank Charge	€12.47	Entertainment	€232.64
USC Grant	€5,030.00	Prizes	€1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,057.38</b>	Returned Socs Money	€3,738.15
		Expenditure Total	€5,007.22
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€50.16
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,057.38</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 327 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Johanna Stock	PRO	110 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	110 hours	

## Young Fine Gael Soc

Young Fine Gael (YFG) is the youth wing of the Fine Gael party and always welcomes new members aged between 15 and 30. Young Fine Gael is the only vehicle for young people to seek political change in this country. As an autonomous youth organisation, it has the advantage of embodying the values of the senior Party, while maintaining the independence to express views of young people.

Members of YFG can also be members of Fine Gael and take part fully in the party at all levels. YFG has its own President and National Executive.

YFG was founded by Garret FitzGerald in 1977 as Ireland's first independent political youth organisation. YFG has been involved in many political campaigns since then. In more recent years YFG has campaigned effectively on issues such as the Nice Treaty, Insurance for Young Drivers, the price of housing for young Homebuyers and the issue of youth depression and suicide.

YFG believes strongly in the ideal of the European Union and is a member of the Youth of the European People's Party (YEPP) an organisation of one and a half million members. YFG conforms strongly to the ideas of Christian Democracy and Compassionate Centrism. This means that YFG, like Fine Gael evaluates everything and tries to move on what it sees as the right thing to do in each given situation.

YFG is an organisation with a network of thousands of members nationwide, and an unrivalled programme of social events, weekends away and nights out. So as well as an opportunity to voice your opinion on the issues that matter to you, you get a packed social life into the bargain!

## Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 37 events.

**YFG AGM** » Meeting Room 2, ?ras na Mac L?inn » 28th March 2011

The AGM will be taking place on Monday 28th March 2011 at 20:00; (location: Meeting Room 2).

We will be celebrating our achievements and success over the past 12 months and will be electing a new committee for the next academic year ?11-?12.

The positions up for election are -

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Public Relations Officer

Refreshments will be provided on the night and we will be having a social afterwards in the College Bar

We look forward to seeing you there!

**YFG: Dail Trip** » *Leinster House, Dublin* » 23rd March 2011

NUI Galway YFG will be having a trip to Dublin to visit Leinster House & The National Museum of Ireland at Collins Barracks. We will be meeting at 6:30am at the Tourist Office in Eyre Square Galway to take the train to Dublin for the trip to Dail Eireann. All are welcome to come along, please contact us at [yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie) for more info!

**YFG Hosts: Cllr. Sean Kyne and Cllr. Hildergarde Naughton** » *AC218* » 15th February 2011

YFG will be hosting Cllr. Sean Kyne and Cllr. Hildergarde Naughton who will be speaking about their election campaign and what they stand for. come along, hear what they have to say and ask the candidates the questions you want to know the answers to. College bar afterwards.

**YFG Hosts: Jim Higgins MEP** » *TBA* » 10th February 2011

This Week YFG will be hosting Jim Higgins MEP, In the 2004 European Parliament election Higgins was elected to the European Parliament as a Fine Gael / European People's Party MEP for the North West constituency. He was re-elected at the 2009 European Parliament election. At the European Parliament, he serves as a member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism. He is a substitute member of the Petitions Committee. He is also a substituent member of the Fisheries Committee. Higgins' other duties include membership of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and he is a substitute member of the Delegation for Relations with Japan.

He is one of five MEPs to hold the position of Quaestor. He was elected by other parliamentarians in the European Parliament to this position.

**YFG: Election Canvassing** » *Quad* » 10th February – 24th February 2011 (3 individual events)

YFG will be holding biweekly canvassing for the various candidates in Galway West meeting at 7:30pm at the Quad, please check your emails for the latest updates. Texts will also be sent out with the latests updates. for more information please email [yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie)

**YFG: Election Canvassing** » *Quad* » 8th February – 22nd February 2011 (3 individual events)

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**YFG Hosts: Senator Fidelma Healy Eames & Cllr. Brian Walsh** » *TBA* » 26th January 2011

This week, YFG will be hosting Fine Gael Galway West General Election Candidates, Senator Fidelma Healy Eames and Galway City Cllr Brian Walsh, who will be talking to the branch about their manifestos, goals and aims for the upcoming election! Come along hear what they have to say and ask some questions of your own!

College Bar afterwards!

**YFG: Weekly Canvass/Leaflet Drop** » *The Quad* » 25th January 2011

YFG will be meeting at 7pm at the Quad to leaflet drop/canvass for Cllr Hildergarde Naughton for the upcoming General Election!

Refreshments Afterwards!

**YFG Committee Meeting** » *IT208* » 17th January – 28th March 2011 (11 individual events)

YFG Committee Meeting - Please check your emails/texts for details and agenda.

**YFG Christmas Party** » *College Bar* » 24th November 2010

YFG will be holding our Christmas Party this Wednesday 24th in the College bar at 8pm. It promises to be a great night of craic with free food and beverages! Hope to see you all there at a night which you won't want to miss!

**YFG Hosts: Ireland North West MEP Jim Higgins** » *Ac201* » 18th November 2010

YFG will be hosting Ireland North West MEP Jim Higgins! In the 2004 European Parliament election Higgins was elected to the European Parliament as a Fine Gael / European People's Party MEP for the North West constituency. He was re-elected at the 2009 European Parliament election.

At the European Parliament, he serves as a member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism. He is a substitute member of the Petitions Committee. He is also a substituent member of the Fisheries Committee. Higgins' other duties include membership of the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and he is a substitute member of the Delegation for Relations with Japan. He is one of five MEPs to hold the position of Quaestor. He was elected by other parliamentarians in the European Parliament to this position. Come along to hear what Jim has to say about Europe in Ireland today and ask your own questions! College Bar Afterwards!

**YFG National Conference** » *Charleville, Cork* » 12th November – 14th November 2010 (3 individual events)

The Young Fine Gael National Conference will take place in the Charleville Park Hotel from 12 - 14 November 2010. Charleville Park Hotel, Co. Cork.

**YFG branch meeting** » *AC 202* » 10th November 2010

Hey all, We are holding a branch meeting this Wednesday to discuss our trip to Cork for National Conference. All those interested in going should attend as we are talking about buses, tickets, accommodation etc. Last chance to buy tickets as we need to finalise numbers.

Hope to see you all there!!

### **YFG National Exec Hustings » AC201 » 4th November 2010**

YFG will be hosting the hustings for the upcoming National Exec election at National Conference. Come along to meet all the candidates, hear what they have to say and ask them the any burning questions you may have!

College Bar afterwards!

**Galway West general election candidate selection hustings. » AC 201 » 28th October 2010** YFG will be hosting a debate between the people running to be selected as candidates in the next general election for the Galway West constituency. This will be a very interesting night where you will see first hand Fine Gael's process of selecting candidates who go in front of the electorate. It will also be a fantastic opportunity for the people who are voting in the convention to find out more about the candidates and what they stand for. And of course we will go for some refreshments in the College bar after!

### **YFG Hosts: Galway West FG Hustings » AC201 » 28th October 2010**

YFG will be hosting the Galway West Fine Gael candidates who are seeking to run for Fine Gael in the next General Election. Present on the night will be: Pádraic McCormack T.D, Senator Fidelma Healy Eames, Cllr. Brian Walsh, Cllr. Sean Kyne, Keith Stephens & Cllr. Seosamh O Laoi, Come along and listen to what the candidates will offer if they are elected, meet your local reps and ask them your burning questions!

### **Branch Meeting » AC202, Concourse » 13th October 2010**

Branch meeting to discuss National Conference, motions for National Conference and other upcoming events. Followed by the College Bar! Hope to see you there!

### **Michael Collins Night » Meeting Room 1, Aras Na Mcein ( directly about the help desk on 2nd floor as you enter Aras Na Mac Leinn) » 5th October 2010**

YFG this week will be showing "Michael Collins" the 1996, an award winning, historical biopic directed by Neil Jordan and starring Liam Neeson, Aidan Quinn, Stephen Rea, Alan Rickman & Julia Roberts, about the controversial life and death of Michael Collins, who led the IRA against British rule and founded the Irish Free State (Eire) in 1921. The meeting will take place in Meeting Room 1 @ 8:30pm and its one film, you can't afford to miss!

### **Freshers' Fest - "Whack-a-dodo" » Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 12th September 2010**

Join the Young Fine Gael Society this Sunday for Fresher's Fest, where we will be hosting a "Whack-a-dodo" game! Are you the greatest dodo whacker? Prove it this Sunday for 2-5:30pm in the Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Leinn!

### **First Meeting » AC202, Concourse » 15th September 2010**

This year we have another hectic and fun packed year ahead of us, and it all kicks off this week with our introductory meeting at 8pm on Wednesday the 15th of September (Tonight), in AC202, on the Concourse, between the Larmor and the O'Flaherty Theatres (map) (one of our Committee Members will be standing on the concourse outside the room, to help you find the room). This meeting is where we get to know one another, you get to meet this year's committee, discuss events and plans for the upcoming year (feel free to come up and add your own at the meeting) and afterwards we will be having Free Pizza & Refreshments!!!

### **YFG Hosts: Denis Naughten TD » AC202, Concourse » 23rd September 2010**

YFG will be hosting a meeting with our guest speaker, Denis Naughten TD at 9PM, with the location TBA.

Deputy Naughten was re-elected to the Dáil in May, 2007, delivering an additional seat for the Fine Gael Party for the second occasion, in the new Constituency of Roscommon/South Leitrim. In 1997, Denis secured a second seat for Fine Gael in the Longford/Roscommon Constituency. He was Fine Gael Front Bench Spokesperson on Immigration and Integration, September, 2007-July, 2010.

He was Fine Gael Front Bench Spokesperson on Agriculture & Food, 2004-07.

He was previously spokesperson on Transport, from June 2002 to October 2004.

Elected to Dáil Éireann in 1997, Denis was Fine Gael's Front Bench Spokesperson on Enterprise, Trade & Employment from June 2000 to February 2001, becoming the youngest member of the Fine Gael Front Bench to hold an economic portfolio. He was the party's spokesperson on Youth Affairs, School Transport, and Adult Education from 1997 to June 2000.

Denis was elected to Seanad Éireann in a Bye-Election, Agricultural Panel in January 1997 and became the youngest ever member of the Seanad. During the 28th Dáil he was a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education & Science, the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Tourism, Sport and Recreation and the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Enterprise & Small Business. He was a member of Roscommon County Council and the Western Health Board from Jan. 1997 to Oct. 2003.

He is co-author of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education & Science reports on School Transport in Ireland and on Science & Technology. He is the son of the late Liam Naughten who was a Dáil Deputy from 1982 to 1989 and a member of the Seanad from 1981 to 1982 and 1989 to 1996.

## Committee 2010/2011

**Auditor:** David McLaughlin

**Secretary:** Matthew Tumulty

**Vice-Auditor:** Gregory Lawless

**Webmaster:** Gearoid Moroney

**Asst PRO:** Luke King-Hamill

**Assistant treasurer:** Anthony Tumulty

**OCM:** James McNicholas

**Treasurer:** Johnathan Tumulty

**Membership Officer:** Conor Ryan

**PRO:** Rory Boyle

**Asst Secretary:** Louise Scott

**Assistant PRO:** Maria Gorman

**OCM:** Liam Farrell

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€522.75	Affill/Mem fees	€217.00
Bank Charge	€13.75	Bank charge	€27.36
Societies day	€105.33	Dinner	€485.15
Sponsorship	€50.00	Hoodies	€300.00
Ticket Sales	€1,375.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€143.80
USC Grant	€2,770.00	Received Money Returned	€360.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,836.83</b>	Society accomm	€500.00
		Society transport	€769.00
		Teacher fees	€66.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,868.31
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€25.33
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,943.19
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,836.83</b>

## Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 379 members.

## ALIVE Hours

Luke King-Hamill	Asst. PRO	40 hours
Louise Scott	Assistant secretary	70 hours
Johnathan Tumulty	Treasurers	50 hours
Marie-alice Cleary	Volunteer	20 hours
David McLaughlin	Chairperson/auditor	75 hours
Liam Farrell	Events secretary/ OCM	50 hours
Gearoid Moroney	Committee Member	40 hours
Matthew Tumulty	Secretary	165 hours

# ALIVE Students: 8 student

# Hours Volunteered: 510 hours

## ZooSoc

The zoological society aka zoo soc is a society that is interested in every aspect of the living world, but especially animals. The society goes on trips (this year we went to FOTA wildlife island in Co.Cork,the Salthill Atlantaquarium & the Burren Bird-of-Prey Centre), holds interesting talks from guest speakers (this year Mr.Michel Dugon a centipede PhD researcher from NUIG gave a talk about \"Venom & Venom Systems\" followed by snacks and tea&coffee) and generally has a great time (\"Adopt-a-Native-tree\" Day attracted a lot of attention and compliments, as did our anti-sharkfinning campaign during Green Week! We also managed to get Society hoodies for our members). We are a big society but we love having new members. They bring new and fresh ideas, along with great energy to the society!

### ZooSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**EGM** » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse* » *20th September 2010*

1st Meet & Greet,introducing & welcoming new members,welcoming back old members,socialising,committee elections,idea-exchange to create an agenda...COME ONE COME ALL!!!

**TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF SEA SHEPARD IRELAND (CONSERVATION SOCIETY)** » *The Corrib Room, College Bar* » *28th March 2011*

Screening of short intro. movie what Sea Sheppard Conservation Society is all about and its efforts worldwide.

Table Quiz with spot prizes for 5 categories & Grand Prizes- Enter a team of 4 for 20euro,or enter yourself for just 5euro!!!!

LOTS OF FABULOUS AND EDIBLE PRIZES AHOY :D

Fingerfood will be provided!!!!!!!!!!

COME ONE COME ALL AND GET INFORMED

**Zoological Burren trip-Bird of Prey Centre,Ailwee caves and other localities** » *Starting point-The Quadrangle* » *25th February 2011*

Visiting the Burren Birds of Prey Centre in Ballyvaughan-eagle,falcon,hawk,owl flying demonstrations/expert falconist speaker/guided tour. Chance to also visit Ailwee limestone caves.

Stop on way at Kinvara castle, Bishop Quarters beach (rare migratory Brent Geese)-great photo opportunities,rare bird sightings!

Return via Lisdoonvarna (possibility for food!),Doolin Coastal Road-porpoise sightings,amazing scenery,stop at "the Rian" beach if not too late. BRING A CAMERA!!!

Tickets only 13euro at Socsbox. Bring some food for Lunch,snacks provided on the bus. Spaces limited to 43 seater minibus!

**"Sharkwater" Documentary Film Night & Letter Writing campaign** » *Aras Ui Cathail* » *27th January 2011*

With FilmSoc Screening of acclaimed Canadian documentary film "Sharkwater", about the misunderstanding and confusion people have about the largest most magnificent predator of the Oceans: Sharks! COME ALONG EVERYONE, and afterwards please participate in our letter writing campaign calling on various restaurants around the country to remove lethal & unsustainable Shark fin products from their menus!!!

ALSO: we will have a LIVE SKYPE CONVERSATION/Q&A with the director of the Shark conservation organisation

www.sharktrust.org!!!!!!!! So, film is 1 and 1/2 hours long and then YOU can ask a shark expert any questions about these beautiful creatures that you might have, then sign a letter to save them(we will provide the material:letter, envelope & stamps,JUST BRING YOURSELF :))!!! See you there!

(Aras Ui Cathail is the building located just left of the entrance of Aras na Mac Leinn.The screening will be in Filmsocs usual lecture theatre 102,the only one in the building located on the ground floor.)

**GREEN DAY STAND - Make a difference,adopt a native tree!** » *bailey allen hall* » *25th January 2011*

Stand 1: giving as much info as possible about current conservation efforts

worldwide for flora & fauna,showing students where volunteer opportunities

exist,what projects are being run & how they can get involved! (groups:ie. Ecovolunteers,Atlantic Whale Foundation,Global Vision International etc.,websites,descriptions,prices&accomodation etc.) & what is threatened with extinction (an info

stand basically-VERY helpful if you have decided to volunteer abroad in the next summer & would like to see what animal conservation projects are being offered & where!!!) Stand2: giving all the materials and

info to "Adopt a Native Tree": saplings/whips of Oak,Ash,Hazel,Beech;pots,specific tree-growing info & advice (COURTESY OF THE

BOTANY SOCIETY!),soils,rooting powder and EVERYTHING else provided so you can just carry your newly adopted tree home and make it grow successfully and are able to adequately & knowledgeably care for it!

**Zoosoc & Marinesoc's Exclusive Galway Atlantaquarium Feeding Tour** » *Meet outside the MRI Annex (NUIG entrance nearest cathedral)* » *19th November 2010*

-Meet at 12:15pm in front of MRI Annex.

-Start out (walking or public transport) at 12:30pm.

-1pm to 4:30pm: Watch the fishies feed(!!!),with our exclusive guided tour of Galway's only Atlantic Aquarium.

-Will try to go to a nice bar down in Salthill for FREE refreshments after!

\*THIS EVENT IS COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE FOR EVERYONE,ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!!!\*

PS: Please sign-up at the SocsBox beforehand!

### **1st Zoology talk with Mr.Michel Dugon(NUIG Zoology Department)-An Introduction to Venomous Animals and Venom Systems!!! + Refreshments!!!** » MRI Annex Seminar Room (upstairs) » 11th November 2010

Topics covered will include: 1.What is a venomous animal? What is the difference between poisonous and venomous?

2.What is venom? Mechanisms of venom-injection described and are there similarities?

3.Human & Venom: How dead is dead?? (+ lots of exciting anecdotes from personal experience & cool pictures included!!!)

Do NOT miss this highly exciting and informative talk!!!!

Mr. Michel Dugon is a postgraduate researcher working on giant centipedes ("Scolopendromorpha") for his PhD, under Zoology Chief of Department Prof. Wallace Arthur, and has over 10 years of field (jungle!) experience working in tracking, describing, trapping & trading of venomous animals (especially snakes) in South East Asia (Malaysia,Indonesia,Thailand etc.). He has established and managed his own wildlife park, and has trained & performed as a snake-charmer for a long time in his past! He is regularly asked to give talks on a national and international level. We are extremely lucky to have him! Please do not miss this incredible opportunity! Looking forward to see you all there!!!+ LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided afterwards, courtesy of Zoosoc !!!! (Cheese & crackers,fruits, biscuit, juices & tea) WHAT MORE COULD YOU POSSIBLY WANT!!!!

**Trip to FOTA wildlife park and overnight stay** » Cork city » 24th October – 25th October 2010 (2 individual events) Meet in Eyre Square at 7:45am as we will all depart together,please be punctual!!!

Departure from Galway train station at 8:05am with bus eireann (just off Eyre Square, around corner from the tourist office).Arrive Cork city (Parnell Place) 12:25pm & take train to FOTA from Kent station at 1pm.

Tour in FOTA Park with an exclusive behind the scene view. Lunch in the park and afternoon free time to enjoy the park more closely. Stayover in the Kinlay house hostel (breakfast provided), you can also enjoy Cork's jazz festival which is on the same week end.On Monday, you can take the bus back anytime you want from 7:25 AM to 6:25 PM you can choose whichever you want. (There's a bus at 8:25, 9:25,10:25..etc.)

**Meeting,Elections & Food** » College Bar » 4th October 2010

We will meet up for a secondary AGM to fill outstanding committee positions,chat about what's happening this Semester, & members in attendance will receive free dinner in the form of pizza!

## **Committee 2010/2011**

**Auditor:** Sebastian Stock

**2nd Year Representative:** Aoife Mahon

**Treasurer:** Cyrielle Penaud

**OCM:** Niamh Kinnarney

**OCM:** Jeremy Sterling

**Secretary:** Jessica Larson

**PRO:** Rosemarie Greene

**3rd Year rep.:** Grainne Greaney

**OCM:** Barry Smyth

## **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€118.28	Bank charge	€8.12
Members Contributions	€112.90	Dinner	€105.00
Socs box Till	€1,003.00	Entertainment	€220.00
USC Grant	€1,990.00	Entry fees	€124.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,224.18</b>	Gifts	€185.98
		Hoodies	€225.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€92.58
		Prizes	€100.00
		Returned Socs Money	€240.00
		Society accomm	€616.00

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	
	Society transport	€1,209.00
	Expenditure Total	€3,125.68
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€98.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,224.18</b>

### Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 163 members.

### ALIVE Hours

Jessica Larson	Secretary	51 hours
Sebastian Stock	Auditor	260 hours

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 311 hours

## Socs Awards 2011

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The awards were held in the Bailey Allen Hall on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Music provided by Transmitter. Plus performances from the Musical Society, Izaac Burke, Juggling Society and Trad Soc.

### **Awards to Represent NUI Galway at the Board of Irish College Societies (BICS)**

Best Society Award: DramSoc  
Most Improved Society: GiGSoc  
Best Civic Contribution Award: Draiocht Society  
Best Society Event Award: DramSoc, ISDA Festival  
Best Fresher Award: Ronan Gallagher, DramSoc  
Best Individual Award: Neasa O'Callaghan  
Best New Society Award: Comic Book Society  
Best Online Presence Award: Comedy Soc  
Best Poster Award: Literary and Debating Society

### **Societies Awards**

Best Photo Award: Joe Hyland, Photo Society  
Best Small Publication Award: Musical Society (GUMS), for the Wedding Singer Programme  
Best Media Publication Award: Art Soc/Comic Book Soc, for Lunatic Fringe  
Best Cultural Contribution Award: Anime and Manga Society  
Best Departmental Award: Accountancy and Finance Society  
Most Successful Society: Trad Soc

### **Other Awards**

#### **Muscailt Awards**

Innovation Award: Orchestra Society  
Best New Society Award: Comic Society  
Best Event Award: Juggling Society

Most ALIVE Society: Musical (GUMS) Society

Societies Soccer Tournament Award: Literary and Debating Society

### **Special Awards**

"Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" Award: Johanna Stock  
"I Have a Dream" Award: Nollaig O'Scannlain  
"Dogged Determination" Award: Sean Burke  
"Of Course We Can" Award: Patrick Clancy  
"Events Guru" Award: Nora Ni Dhomhnaill  
"Helping Hand" Award: Johnny Donoghue  
"We Have Made Aras na Mac Leinn Our Home" Award: FanSci  
"You Light Up My Life" Award: Seagh MacSiurdain  
"Lifetime Achievement" Award: Joseph Loughnane  
"Licenced to Thrill Award": Nothing Specific Society  
"Phoenix Award": Ents and Music Society

# USCG

## USCG Student Reps

Societies Chairperson: Tadhg Tynan

### Student Reps:

Academic : Sebastian Stock (Zoo Soc)

Social and religious: Stephanie Furlong (Human Rights)

Social & Gaming: Fintan Hegarty (Chess Soc)

Artistic & Performing: Séagh mac Siúrdáin (Dramsoc, Cumann Dramaicohta, Radio Soc)

Debating & Political: Joseph Loughnane(Palestine Solidarity Soc, SWSS, PDS, Philosophy Soc)

### Staff Reps:

Fionnuala Gallagher: Arts Office

Lorraine Tansey: Alive

Patrick O'Donohoe: Chaplain

Padraic McNeela: Psychology Department.

Frances McCormack: English Department

## Áras na Mac Léinn

### Room Usage

Venue	# Events	# Hours
The Cube	615	3800
The Stage	555	3447.5
The Space	751	2746.5
Meeting room 1	639	2610.5
Meeting Room 2	578	2423
The View	687	3212
Large Acoustic	865	3055
Small Acoustic	1246	2186
Art Room	602	1602
Total	6538	25082.5

## Society Statistics Comparison

Society Statistics	2009-2010	2010 - 2011	
Number of societies who completed an end of year report	92	96	4.35%
membership individual students	5731	7517	31.16%
society total membership numbers	26622	31714	19.13%
Number of committee members	616	737	19.64%
societies turnover	905564	1160108	28.11%
Charity Fundraising	160650	158484	-1.35%
socsbox turnover	89189.4	153535	72.14%
socsbox running cost	89105.75	71934.61	-19.27%
Alive participants	315	339	7.62%
Number of Society Events on the calendar	2159	3832	77.49%
number of events booked in Aras na Mac léinn	no figures	6538	

## Themed Weeks



# NUIG Music Week 2010

MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup>

## ChOrchesTrad

An evening of music, song & dance.

7.30pm Bailey Allen Hall | Admission Free

TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup>

## Rhythm & Spin

Juggling Society: Outdoor Juggling spectacle with drums.

6pm-7pm Outside Áras na Mac Léinn.

## NUIG's Got Talent

The grand finale with €1000 top prize. Includes dinner, entertainment and full bar

7pm Bailey Allen Hall | Admission €10

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup>

## TOWER of Song

Arts in Action present

Anna McCarthy(Blasterbra), Laura Sheeran & Jimmy Monahan(Music for Dead Birds)

Workshop & performance.

1-3pm Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léin | Admission Free

### ++PLUS++

> Poster Sale 15th & 16th in Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer 10am-6pm <

> Busking, Free Sessions, Impromptu Music Events, <

> Poetry Slam, Karaoke and much more <

Info & Tickets from Socsbox, Tel:(091)492852



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# THEATRE WEEK



## Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

'A week of Theatre, Literature and Film'

### Jerome Hynes One Act Play Series

Series Director: Naomi Moran

#### The Key to Hell

By Niamh Dennis: A play about the depths of greed, the limits of love and the effects of addiction. Sam and Ellen have sold the soul of their first born child to the guardian of the gates of Hell in return for a key that grants them their every wish, but at what price?

#### Death of a Movie Star

By Thomas Dooley: To die or not to die, that is the question. Galway 2033. John is seeking a release from poverty and isolation when an encounter with his estranged daughter forces him to reconsider his options.

#### A Hero Returns

By Maedbh Haicead:

This absurdist play revolves around the reunion of two long-lost characters who share a close but strange relationship.

#### Sleep Skips My Heart

By Sarah Griffin: A tale of strangeness in the grey of the Dublin suburbs in the 90s about love between friends, love between brothers, sleep, death and growing up.

#### Remember December

By David Kilgannon: When Margaret and Gerry meet in a café old passion and feelings are ignited as hearts and minds reach fever pitch.

#### A Presidential Crisis or People Drowning Everywhere

By Michael Shields: The President Has No Clothes. The People Are Perplexed. The Country Is In Crisis. The Nation Is In Need. What / Who Will Fall Next?

2 plays lunchtimes Tuesday–Thursday at 1pm.

3 plays Tuesday & Wednesday at 7pm.

All six plays Thursday at 6pm. The Cube Theatre.

### Alumni Showcase

A night of creative collaboration with NUI Galway Alumni. Special guests include writers Mary Mullen, Alan McMonagle, Rab Fulton, Ann Irwin and theatre from Fregoli, Mephisto, Sideshow, Colours Street Theatre, plus many more writers and performers. Refreshments will be served. Monday 7pm. The Cube Theatre

### Digging Art & A Pale Moon Rose

*Digging Art*, written and performed by Thomas Dooley, is the winner of the Múscailt Monologue Competition. A cynical construction worker discovers that Art, like Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

*A Pale Moon Rose* was written and directed by award winning playwright Neil Flynn, winner of the International Playwrights' Festival, London 2007. This production is performed by Jerry Fitzgerald.

Wednesday & Thursday 6pm. BOI Theatre.

### Dramsoc Production of *Fight Club*

Directors: Lee Vahey & Claudia O'Sullivan

*Fight Club* is a dramatic adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk's 1996 transgressive cult novel of the same name. Nothing is more striking in *Fight Club* as its basic conceit: by submitting to their own isolated consumerism, men have to recreate the American urban nightmare.

Tuesday – Saturday, 8.30pm. BOI Theatre.

### Dramsoc Workshops

#### Demystifying Shakespeare:

Shakespeare is sex and murder, power and money, betrayal and revenge, love and hate, joy and sorrow. We demystify his unfamiliar language and free his poetry from preciousness when we tell his stories in our own terms. The first part of the class will be a brief discussion of Ashley Strand's approach to Shakespeare's work; the second will work on student monologues.

Monday 6.30pm Bailey Allen Hall

#### Theatre Make-Up Workshop

Come along to learn the art of theatre make-up. Sign up at the SocsBox, only €5!

Tuesday 3pm, BOI Theatre

## MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

### Writers' Soc Beat Day:

FREE

Bailey Allen Hall, All Day

### Demystifying Shakespeare Workshop:

FREE

Bailey Allen Hall Áras na Mac Léinn, 6:30 - 9:30pm

### Alumni Showcase Night:

FREE

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, 7pm

### Film Screening:

FREE

Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn  
*Film adaptations of Shakespeare's plays – all star casts, line-up includes 2 critically acclaimed Japanese adaptations by Kurosawa*

**Much Ado About Nothing (1993)** 3pm

Directed by Kenneth Branagh

**Othello (1995)** 5pm

Directed by Oliver Parker

**Twelfth Night (1996)** 8pm

Directed by Trevor Nunn

## TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>

### One Act Play Series:

Tickets €2/€3

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, 1pm

### The Key to Hell

Remember December

### Theatre Make-Up Workshop:

Tickets €5

Bank of Ireland Theatre, 3pm

### One Act Play Series:

Tickets €4/€6

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, 7pm

### The Key to Hell

Death of a Movie Star

Remember December

### Fight Club:

Tickets €5/€8

Bank of Ireland Theatre, 8.30pm

### Film Screening:

FREE

Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Romeo & Juliet (1968)** 3pm.

Directed By Franco Zeffirelli.

**Ran (1985)** 5pm

Akira Kurosawa's **King Lear**

**Hamlet (1996)** 8pm

Directed By Kenneth Branagh

## For Information

Societies' Office, Áras Na Mac Léinn.

ph: 091 492852 (ext. # 2852)

email: socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie

Tickets from the SocsBox, Áras na Mac Léinn.

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[www.socs.nuigalway.ie](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie)

## WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

### One Act Play Series:

Tickets €2/€3

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, 1pm

### Death of a Movie Star

Sleep Skips My Heart

### Monologue Double Bill:

FREE

Bank of Ireland Theatre, 6pm

**A Pale Moon Rose & Digging Art**

### One Act Play Series:

Tickets €4/€6

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, 7pm

### Sleep Skips My Heart

**A Hero Returns**

**A Presidential Crisis or People Drowning Everywhere**

### Fight Club:

Tickets €5/€8

Bank of Ireland Theatre, 8.30pm

### Writers' Soc Beat Party:

Tickets €5

Massimos, Sea Road, 9pm

*Theme is 60s' hipster, find that costume sharpish. The night will include jazz music, food and much more, all welcome!*

### Film Screening:

FREE

Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Richard III (1995)** 3pm

Directed By Richard Loncraine

**Throne of Blood (1957)** 3pm

Akira Kurosawa's **Macbeth**

**Taming of the Shrew (1967)** 5pm

By Franco Zeffirelli 8pm

## THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

### NSS Cardboard Battle Intersociety:

President's Lawn, 12 Noon

*A National War of epic cardboard proportions. Come along during the week to build your armor in Áras na Mac Léinn.*

### One Act Play Series:

Tickets €2/€3

The Cube Theatre, 1pm

**A Presidential Crisis or People Drowning Everywhere**

**A Hero Returns**

### Monologue Double Bill:

FREE

Bank of Ireland Theatre, 6pm

**A Pale Moon Rose & Digging Art**

### OMNIBUS One Act Play Series:

Tickets €6/€9

The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, 6pm

### The Key to Hell

Sleep Skips My Heart

**A Hero Returns**

Death of a Movie Star

Remember December

**A Presidential Crisis or People Drowning Everywhere**

*This year six plays were chosen to participate in the Jerome Hynes One Act Play Series. They were then matched up with Alumni Theatre Practitioners Mephisto, Fregoli & Eileen Gibbons. One Act Series Director Naomi Moran*

### Fight Club:

Tickets €5/€8

Bank of Ireland Theatre, 8.30pm

### ISDA Variety Show:

Tickets €3

Kelly's Bar, Bridge St, 9pm - late

### Writers' Soc Beat Day

Writers' Soc present Beat Day in conjunction with Comic, English and BACon Socs. The day includes a reading of Allen Ginsberg's *Howl*, a stage for writers to read their work, a poetry wall in Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer, a Writers' Soc Personal Poetry Stand and much more. The day will feature novel writer and previous writer-in-residence at NUIG, Mike McCormack. Monday Bailey Hall All Day

### Theatre Week Parties

#### ISDA Variety Show

Come celebrate Dramsoc's hosting of Irish Student Drama Awards in NUIG from March 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Kelly's Bar, Bridge St, 9pm - late

#### Beat Party

Theme is 60s' hipster, find that costume sharpish. The night will include jazz music, food and much more, all welcome!

Wednesday 9pm, Massimos, Sea Road

### NSS Cardboard Battle Intersociety

Come along to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nothing Society Cardboard Battle Intersociety. This year it is a National War of epic cardboard proportions. Come along during the week to Áras na Mac Léinn to build your own armour.

Thursday 12 Noon, President's Lawn.

### Shakespeare's Adaptations

#### Much Ado About Nothing (1993)

Monday 3pm Bailey Allen Hall

Directed By Kenneth Branagh Young lovers Hero and Claudio, soon to wed, conspire to get verbal sparring partners and confirmed singles Benedick and Beatrice to wed as well. Branagh's love for the material is contagious in this exuberant adaptation.

#### Othello (1995)

Monday 5pm Bailey Allen Hall

Directed by Oliver Parker this adaptation features excellent performances from Laurence Fishburne in the title role and Kenneth Branagh as the evil Iago.

#### Twelfth Night (1996)

Monday 8pm Bailey Allen Hall

Directed by Trevor Nunn. Done on a tight budget and using few sets, but what it lacks in scale it makes up for in heart. Helena Bonham Carter, Imogen Stubbs Toby Stephens, and Stephen Mangan make their woolly-headed passions both charming and melancholy.

#### Romeo & Juliet (1968)

Tuesday 3pm Bailey Allen Hall

Franco Zeffirelli's 1968 adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* was unique in its day for casting young actors in the play's pivotal roles. Seventeen-year-old Leonard Whiting and 15-year-old Olivia Hussey play the titular pair.

#### Ran (1985)

Tuesday 5pm Bailey Allen Hall

Directed by Akira Kurosawa. A version of Shakespeare's "King Lear," set in feudal Japan where aging ruler, Lord Hidetora, unleashes a power struggle amongst his three sons.

#### Hamlet (1996)

Tuesday 8pm Bailey Allen Hall

Kenneth Branagh's sprawling, finely textured adaptation of Shakespeare's masterpiece lives up to its source material, using strong performances and a sharp cinematic focus to create a powerfully resonant film that wastes none of its 246 minutes. Starring Kenneth Branagh as the title character, Kate Winslet as Ophelia, Derek Jacobi as Claudius and Julie Christie as Gertrude.

#### Richard III (1995)

Wednesday 3pm Bailey Allen Hall

Directed by Richard Loncraine. This unique adaptation of William Shakespeare's "Richard III" switches the story's setting from the 1480s to the 1930s and imagines what a fascist England might have been like.

#### Throne of Blood (1957)

Wednesday 5pm Bailey Allen Hall

*Macbeth* is re-imagined as a samurai in feudal Japan in director Akira Kurosawa's classic adaptation of the Shakespearean tragedy. Familiar with Orson Welles's more faithful adaptation, Kurosawa chose to place a more personal stamp on his version by translating the events and characters to historical Japan. The shift to Japanese settings is seamless, creating a historically accurate & resonant work with a culturally distinct visual style

#### Taming of the Shrew (1967)

Wednesday 8pm Bailey Allen Hall

This adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy stars the often married, to each other, Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. It may not be reverent enough for purists, but this *Taming of the Shrew* is too funny – and fun – for the rest of us to



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# Green Week



## Green Fair

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Bailey Allen**

**Galway Market Traders Clothes  
Bring and Buy Clothes Stand**

In aid of St Vincent de Paul. *Clean out your wardrobe and drop good quality clean clothes to the Socsbox up to Monday 24th at 8pm*

*(open Monday - Thursday 10am-11pm Fridays 10am - 6pm).*

**Restyling Demonstrations**

*with fashion students from GTI-Transform that dud into a cat walk masterpiece with handy tips.*

**Hair and Makeup Demonstrations**

*you don't have to destroy the planet to look good.*

**Stalls:**

Young Friends of the Earth  
Gluaiseacht  
NUI Galway Energy Management Bureau  
Climate Camp Ireland  
Critical Mass Galway  
Slow Foods Galway  
Bird Watch Ireland  
Eco Soc  
Zoo Soc  
Organic Garden Society  
Geography Society  
Young Fine Gael Society  
Ógra Fianna Fail Society  
Ógra Sinn Fein Society  
Labour Youth Society  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
Energy Society  
DJ Society  
Water Conservation  
Shell to Sea  
Car sharing  
Waste  
Galway Cycling Campaign  
Applied Ecology Unit  
Smokey's Joes Green Catering  
Take the Segway Challenge  
Alternative Cycles Demonstration  
NUIG Energy Night  
Documentaries  
Films

**1pm Direct  
Action  
Workshop**

## Discussions

**Tuesday 25th**

**Public Discussion on the Past Present and Future of Irelands Natural Resources**

The evening will include a presentation from An Taisce an open discussion chaired by Lelia Doolin and a screening of The Pipe with Director Risteard Ó Domhnaill

Bailey Allen Hall 7pm (Inter society event)

**Wednesday 26th**

**The NUI Galway Energy Night**

Exhibition 5:30pm in the Orbsen Building Foyer

**Future of Energy of in Ireland**

7pm O'Flaherty Theatre

Panel Discussion with RTE Environmental Editor Paul Cunningham with Top experts from the fields of energy technology, policy, innovation and business (Chemistry, Energy & Physis Societies)

**The Economy Vs The Environment Debate**

7pm Kirwan Theatre (Lit & Deb)

## Films

**Tuesday 25th**

**Wall-E Filmsoc**

7.30pm Arus ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre

**Wednesday 26th**

**Avitar Filmsoc**

7.30pm Arus ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre

**Thursday 27th**

**Sharkwater Zoosoc & Filmsoc**

7.30pm Arus ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre

Screening of acclaimed Canadian documentary letter writing campaign calling on various restaurants around the country to remove unsustainable Shark fin products from their menus. Followed by Live Skype Q&A with the director of the Shark conservation organisation [www.sharktrust.org](http://www.sharktrust.org)



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# UCG Spirit of 78/80 Socs Bursary

A joint venture launched by the alumni of '78-'80 and the Societies saw six €1000 bursaries awarded at a gala concert. The societies ran heats and 4 finalists were put through to the final round. 5 were chosen by a panel of judges and the 6<sup>th</sup> was audience choice.

The winners were: Isaac Burke (Solist) , Orna Ni Bhroin & Diarmuid Scahill (Group), Dave Rock (Performance) Aron Hegarty & Teresa brennan (Joint Performance winners), Finte (Audience Choice) Julie D'Lima (Volunteering)



**Vanessa Farnan & Gillian Madders: Irish Dancers**



**The Slopes: The Slopes Band**



**Peter Berrill: Trumpet**



**Juggling  
Dave Owens, Dara Finneran and Paul Hanrahan:**



**Orna Ni Bhroin & Diarmuid Scahill  
Piano & Vocals**



**Meaghan LaGrandeur: Fiddle & Vocal**



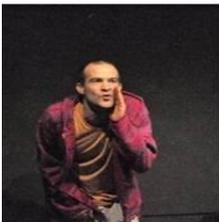
**Aron Hegarty: Actor**



**Ronan & the Scientists  
Trad Group**



**Teresa Brennan: Vocal piano & guitar**



**Dave Rock:  
Performance poet.**



**Highly Strung: String Quartet**



**Orna Joyce: Opera Singer**



**Siomha McGarry: Ballerina**



**Finte: Trad world music**



**Isaac Burke: Pianist**



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# Fáilte Fest

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## CAMPUS CHALLENGE '10

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# Sunday

Counselling

Chaplaincy

Mentors

September 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 11pm

Make Sure to bring this book with you

Numerous University Services participated in the The Failte fest Campus Challenge which was designed and coordinated by the Societies Officer to welcome first year students to the campus.

Fáilte Fest Evening Events  
5.30pm – 11pm

**TABLE QUIZ**

**Father Ted Quiz** with Prizes  
Hosted by Quiz Soc  
The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn  
6pm-7:30pm

*First prize: Win a Pizza Party for 20 friends. Includes  
10 College Bar 12" Signature Pizza and  
Refreshments from our Pizza Menu.*

**Variety Show**

Hosted by  
GUMS Musical Soc  
All performers welcome  
**Prize for the audience favourite First year  
– Epson Office Machine.**  
The Bank Of Ireland Theatre  
5.30pm-7pm

**The Big Fáilte Ball**

Live Music with **Transmitter**  
and DJ Soc Disco  
Plus Comedians Danny Dowling  
& friends  
Bailey Allen Hall 5.30pm – 9pm  
*Come straight from your challenge to the  
first big party of the year.*  
Free pizza salad and soft drink for the first  
500 completed books returned.



Transmitter

**College Bar**

**Welcome Party**  
with iRADIO DJ, 8.30pm

**Films in Áras na Mac Léinn**

Hosted by Film Soc

<b>Hot Tub Time Machine</b> <i>Time-travelling comedy with John Cusack. Four friends whose lives are going nowhere find themselves transported back to 1986 by a magical time-bending Jacuzzi.</i>	<b>The Space:</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Green Zone</b> <i>War thriller starring Matt Damon as a U.S. Army officer who goes rogue in Iraq.</i>	<b>Large Acoustic Room:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Shutter Island</b> <i>Shutter Island, a 1950s-era psychological thriller from Martin Scorsese stars Leonardo DiCaprio.</i>	<b>The View:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>The Ghost</b> <i>A ghost writer is hired to complete the memoirs of a former British prime minister and uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy starring Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan</i>	<b>The Space:</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Kickass</b> <i>The latest comic-book superhero movie, about an awkward teenager who sets out to become a real-life crime-fighting superhero and take down an evil drug lord.</i>	<b>The View:</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>
<b>The Bounty Hunter</b> <i>An action rom-com starring Gerard Butler hunting his ex-wife, Jennifer Anniston, on a run-for-their-lives adventure.</i>	<b>Large Acoustic Room:</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>

Fáilte Fest Evening Events  
5.30pm – 11pm

**TABLE QUIZ**

**Father Ted Quiz** with Prizes  
Hosted by Quiz Soc  
The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn  
6pm-7.30pm

*First prize: Win a Pizza Party for 20 friends. Includes  
10 College Bar 12" Signature Pizza and  
Refreshments from our Pizza Menu.*

**Variety Show**

Hosted by  
GUMS Musical Soc  
All performers welcome  
**Prize for the audience favourite First year  
– Epson Office Machine.**  
The Bank Of Ireland Theatre  
5.30pm-7pm

**The Big Fáilte Ball**

Live Music with **Transmitter**  
and DJ Soc Disco  
Plus Comedians Danny Dowling  
& friends  
Bailey Allen Hall 5.30pm – 9pm  
*Come straight from your challenge to the  
first big party of the year.*  
Free pizza salad and soft drink for the first  
500 completed books returned.



Transmitter

**College Bar**

**Welcome Party**  
with iRADIO DJ, 8.30pm

**Films in Áras na Mac Léinn**

Hosted by Film Soc

<b>Hot Tub Time Machine</b>	<b>The Space:</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
<i>Time-travelling comedy with John Cusack. Four friends whose lives are going nowhere find themselves transported back to 1986 by a magical time-bending Jacuzzi.</i>		
<b>Green Zone</b>	<b>Large Acoustic Room:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<i>War thriller starring Matt Damon as a U.S. Army officer who goes rogue in Iraq.</i>		
<b>Shutter Island</b>	<b>The View:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<i>Shutter Island, a 1950s-era psychological thriller from Martin Scorsese stars Leonardo DiCaprio.</i>		
<b>The Ghost</b>	<b>The Space:</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
<i>A ghost writer is hired to complete the memoirs of a former British prime minister and uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy starring Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan</i>		
<b>Kickass</b>	<b>The View:</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>
<i>The latest comic-book superhero movie, about an awkward teenager who sets out to become a real-life crime-fighting superhero and take down an evil drug lord.</i>		
<b>The Bounty Hunter</b>	<b>Large Acoustic Room:</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>
<i>An action rom-com starring Gerard Butler hunting his ex-wife, Jennifer Anniston, on a run-for-their-lives adventure.</i>		

## How to do the challenge

Today is a fantastic opportunity to check out the great extracurricular opportunities on campus. Wander around the campus, call in and meet the people, take up the challenges, eat lots of free food and most of all, have fun.

**Each event you participate in or place you visit will get you a sticker. Affix the stickers on the back page. All the challenges take place from 2pm – 5pm unless otherwise stated.**

Collect **six stickers** of each colour and be entered in the **Big Draw**,

**Information desks** can be found at Áras na Mac Léinn, The Sports Complex Kingfisher Club, Árus Uí Chathail and the Arts Millennium Building open from **1pm to 5.00pm.**

**Return your completed booklets to the front desk in Aras na Mac Léinn by 5.30pm to be in the draw. Winners will be announced at 6.45pm in the Bailey Allen Hall.**

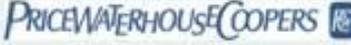
**The first 500 completed booklets (all 30 stickers) returned get a voucher for pizza, salad and a soft drink in the Bailey Allen Hall at the Big Failte Ball available from 6pm.**

### Big Draw

- Netbook
- 1 Year Kingfisher Club Gym Membership
- Wii Console and games
- €150 on your SU Card to spend at SU Shop, Smokey's Café, The Wall Café or College Bar
- 20 Free College Bar Carvery Dinners (a months worth) on your SU Card
- €100 voucher Port West Outdoor Store
- €100 Hairdressing Voucher
- Dinner for two in the Galway Bay Hotel
- 2 Afters Tickets to the Arts Ball
- 2 Afters Tickets to the Commerce Ball
- 2 tickets to the annual NUIG Sports Awards
- 4 tickets to the annual NUI Galway Musical
- Gaelic Football Jersey
- In-line Hockey Skates
- Sunday lunch for 2 at the Harbour Hotel
- 40 Free Tea/Coffees on your SU Card for use at either SU Shop, Smokey's Café, The Wall Café or College Bar.



## BLUE

Services	Challenge & Venue
<b>Career Development Centre</b> Arts Science Building (blue doors off the Concourse)	Collect your <b>free candy floss or popcorn</b> at the <b>Career Development Centre</b> in the <b>Arts Science Building</b> Sponsored by 
<b>Join the Party in Áras Uí Chathail</b>	<b>Live Music:</b> singer songwriter <b>Denis Mockler</b> 2pm – 3.30pm <b>Jenny O'Brien</b> from the Band <b>Fraggle Rock</b> 3.30pm – 5pm
<b>Information Solutions &amp; Services</b>	Activate your NUIG, Computer Account <b>Room 101 Finnegan Suite, Aras Uí Chathail</b>
<b>Student Contact Centre</b>	Find out what the Student Contact Centre does! <b>Áras Uí Chathail –(ground Floor)</b>
<b>Student Services</b>	Pick up your 10 tips for success at the Student services desk <b>Áras Uí Chathail – (first floor)</b>
<b>Health Promotion</b>	Take the e-PUB online alcohol programme <b>McKenna Suite, Room 104 in Áras Uí Chathail</b>

## Green

Service	Challenge, Venue & Time
<b>Chaplains</b>	Mass in the Chapel at <b>1pm.</b> <b>Pizza Party</b> in the garden fresh from the oven with live entertainment.
<b>Student Counseling Services</b>	Take a break with the counsellors from your busy day & collect your <b>KITKAT – No. 5 Distillery Road</b>
<b>Library</b>	Collect info on upcoming library orientation from the main library desk
<b>Friars Café Togo</b> (Cairnes Building)	Lots of goody bags and great promotions and have a bounce on the bouncy castle in the court yard.
<b>Organic Garden</b> Distillery Road	<b>Picnic in the Garden,</b> Call to the <b>Organic Gardening Society</b> garden on Distillery Road for a visit and refreshments and try some of our own grown produce.
<b>Camara Society</b> drop off centre Distillery Road	Call to our house at the end of distillery (before you turn down to the sports centre) and play <b>Wii Surfing</b> and join us for <b>lemonade and bickies</b> on the lawn.

# Red

Venue	Challenge	All in Áras na Mac Léinn
Foyer	<b>Juggle &amp; Spin</b> Learn to juggle and try out the decks. - <b>Juggling &amp; DJ Society</b> <b>Plus get Sports Store freebies and your hair braided.</b>	
Bailey Allen Hall	<b>Fansoc Games watch out for the Weir wolf</b> plus charity bake sale give a little get a lot of tasty goodies. - <b>Fansci Soc</b>	
Bailey Allen Hall	<b>Bungee Run</b> can you beat your opponent... faster, stronger and more to say!! - <b>Literary &amp; Debating Society</b>	
Bailey Allen Hall	<b>Gladiator</b> Take the inflatable gladiator challenge - <b>Nothing Specific Society</b>	
The View (upstairs)	<b>Improv Theatre Session – Dramsoc &amp; Cumann Dramaíochta</b> Performances & the Staged and Confused Improvisation Session unleash your dramatic side or just pop in and watch the fun.	
Meeting Room (Upstairs)	<b>Man V Badger</b> - are you a man or a badger and other fun challenges? - <b>Bacon Society</b>	
Outside	<b>Sponge a Banker</b> - feeling the pinch get your revenge - <b>Sinn Fein Society</b>	
Outside	<b>Giant Chess</b> - <b>Chess Society</b>	
The Large Acoustic Room	<b>Whack a dodo</b> – how good is your aim – <b>Young Fine Gael Society.</b>	
The Cube	<b>Under Sea Experience</b> chill out in the magical underwater world. _ Marine Society	
Green Balcony (upstairs)	<b>Bickies on the Balcony – with tea!</b> stop off for tea and bickies and a chat admire the green floor with <b>Christian Union Soc.</b>	
Art Room (upstairs)	<b>Build a Pinnata</b> - <b>Art Society</b> Check out our art room and help build the pinnata - <b>Art Society.</b>	
The Stage	<b>Eco Space</b> – films, info, drop your 'one step change' into the eco cottage (prize for the best suggestion) try our herb teas and wholesome treats and don't forget to hug the tree. – <b>Eco Soc</b>	
The Space Upstairs	<b>Gaming:</b> Xbox RockBand, Halo Gaming, our BotWar robots will be on show plus lots of info. - <b>Compsoc</b>	

# Yellow

Services	Challenge & Venue	
<b>Students' Union</b>	<b>Giant Games Room Bailey Allan Hall.</b>	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Starting from <b>The Students Union Office</b> at 2pm
<b>College Bar</b>	Text "SUCard" (all one word) to 51500 to get the code word. Quote the word to a staff member at the College Bar to get your sticker.	
<b>Alive</b>	Scale, climb, slide, ascend and soar through the <b>ALIVE</b> Inflatable Challenge, make it out "ALIVE" and earn a sticker! Fastest time of the halfhour wins a prize - every halfan hour. <b>Arts Millennium Building</b>	
<b>Arts Office</b> Áras na Mac Léinn	<b>Arts Office Riddle:</b> 'A derisory gesture up on the green (Balcony) There's a guy who's being mean' Bring down to the Arts Office the name of the girl who is shocked by this gesture. Hint: Check visual art in Áras na Mac Léinn / cock a snoop	
<b>An Bialann</b>	<b>An Bhialann, Subway, Starbucks</b> Free Mini Muffins with all Starbucks Coffees! Live action cooking and great deals - Don't forget to collect your vouchers for even more savings.	
<b>Flirt FM</b> Áras na Mac Léinn	<b>Shoutout!</b> Tour the new Studios & record a shout out which will air on Flirt FM the following week. Heard around Galway county and online around the world, so get your best radio voices in gear!	

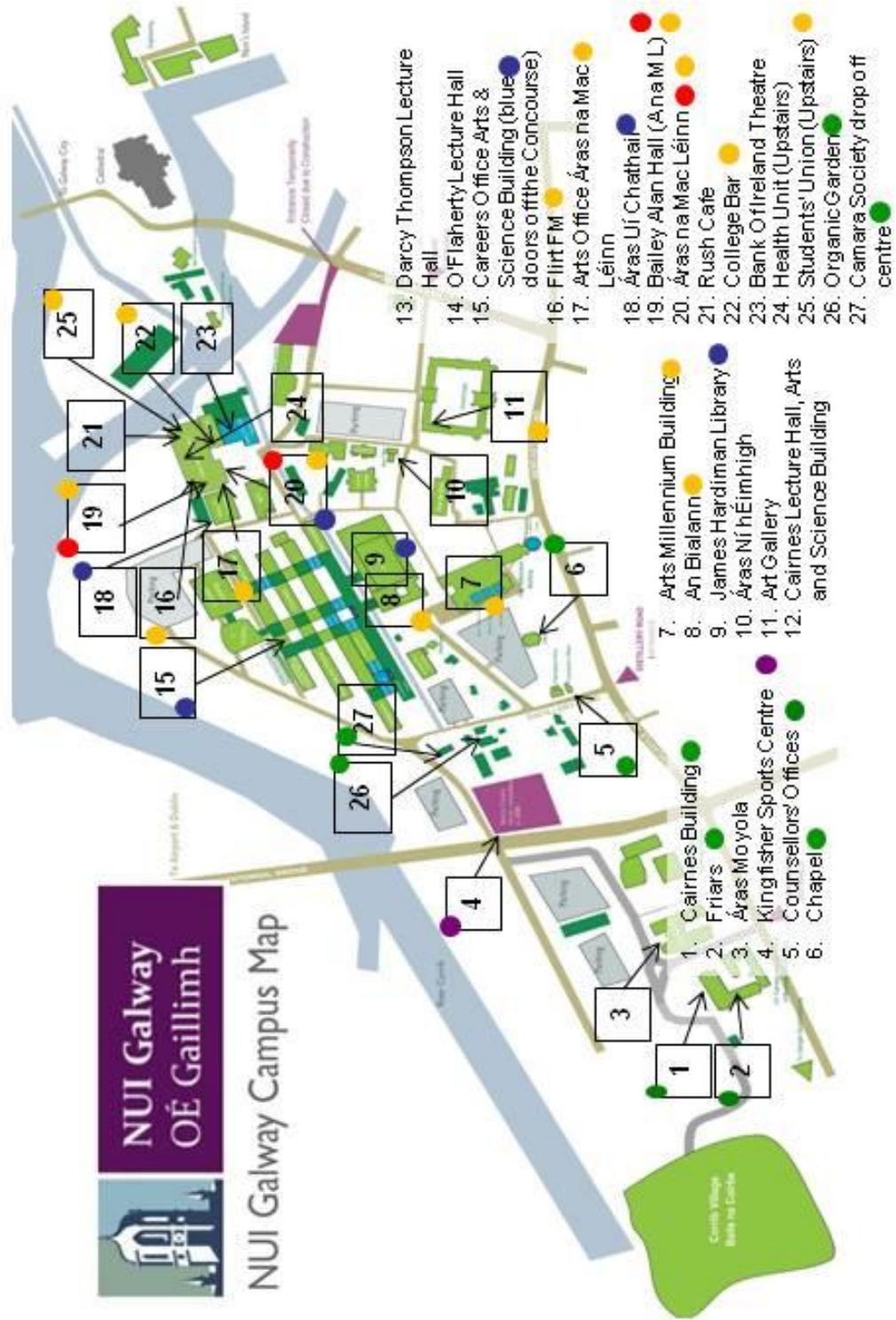
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Venue	Activity	All In the Sports Centre
<b>Kingfisher Entrance</b>	Sign up for your trip in the RIB. Life jackets provided. This trip up the Corrib is short but exhilarating. Experienced members of the <b>Sailing Club</b> will be there to introduce you to this activity.	
<b>Sports Hall 1</b>	<b>Archery Club</b> Take aim. Are you a budding Robin Hood or a Maid Marion? great fun.	
<b>Sports Hall 2</b>	<b>Ski and Snow Board Wii Fitness</b> , have a go at snowboarding	
<b>Sports Hall 3</b>	<b>In line Hockey</b> - its fast its fun , skates provided , have a go <b>2.00pm -3.30pm</b>	
<b>Sports Hall 3</b>	<b>Five aside soccer</b> , we will put you into teams. <b>3.30pm -5pm.</b>	
<b>Climbing Wall</b>	<b>Mountaineering Club</b> Climb the wall grab a prize.	
<b>Information Desk</b>	<b>Get your 'Off The Couch' timetable</b>	
<b>Information Desk</b>	<b>Go on a tour of the Kingfisher Gym</b>	



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## NUI Galway Campus Map

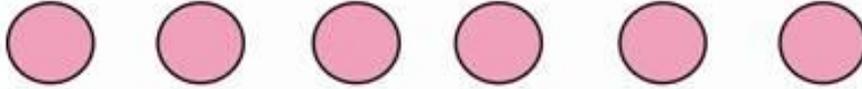


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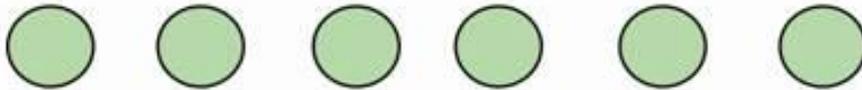
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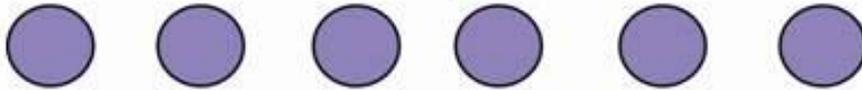
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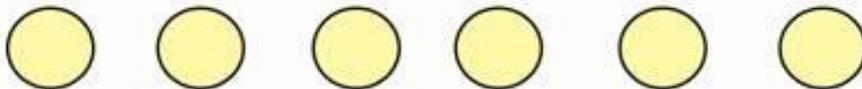
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### To be in the Big Draw

Get all your blue, red, green purple & yellow stickers and affix to be in with a chance to win a prize. Return your completed book to the Info Desks in Áras na Mac Léinn by **5.30pm 12/9/2010.**

Winners announced at 6.45pm in The Bailey Allen Hall, winners will also receive text. The first 500 completed booklet (all 30 stickers) returned get a voucher for pizza, salad and a soft drink in the Bailey Allen Hall at the Big Fáilte Ball available from 6pm.



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# Múscailt

FÉILE EALAÍON | ARTS FESTIVAL



7 – 12 Feabhra | February 2011  
[www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie](http://www.muscailt.nuigalway.ie)

Múscailt is organised by the Arts Office and this year the Societies participated with a variety of events.

## Black Hole Paradise -Art Society

Monday / 18:00 / Áras na Mac Léinn foyer / Free / Exhibition all Week

NUI Galway's Art Society presents an evening of artwork, discussion and the launch of Lunatic Fringe (a collaboration with ComicBookSoc). Black Hole Paradise is a melting pot of ideas from different students. The idea is to tackle the juxtaposition of the metaphorical undertones suggested by subject matter. Opening with special guest. The exhibition continues throughout the week and is open all day.

## DanSoc Variety Show

Monday / 19:00 / The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn / Free

Dansoc will burst into the Bank of Ireland theatre on the first day of the Festival with high energy and impressive dance routines. The show consists of a mix of street and modern dance by members that take part in the wide range of classes held throughout the year by the society. Up and running for many years now, Dansoc form an important part of NUI Galway's performing arts societies. Come and watch them bring it!

## NUI Galway Chamber Orchestra Concert



Monday / 20:00 / Aula Maxima Upper / Free

Programme: Mendelssohn's 1st movement of The Italian Symphony and Weber's Clarinet Concerto no.1 in F minor, with special guest soloist Robert Solyon.

## Comic Chillout Zone

Tuesday / 11:00 / Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn / Free

The Comic Book Society present their debut Comics & Zine Fair. Join us to discover Ireland's comics culture, meet local and national comics creators, trade comics and stories, with a special guest talk and more. Plenty of tea and cake available! which takes place on Wednesday.

Comic Chillout Zone 11:00-19:00 Tue & Wed

## Juggling Soc Gala Show

Tuesday / 20:00 / Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn / Free

The NUI Galway Juggling Society will be putting on a full gala show, featuring internationally acclaimed professional jugglers and our own talent within the university. Showcasing modern styles of juggling, as well as traditional circus styles. An evening full of world class performance, suitable for all ages.

## The Wedding Singer

Tuesday / 20:00 / Black Box Theatre / €12/8

NUI Galway Musical Society (GUMS) present The Wedding Singer - A Musical Comedy

Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer until his fiancée leaves him at the altar. Heartbroken, he is forced to re-examine the meaning of love and marriage with the help of Julia, a waitress from one of his wedding-singing venues.

A fun show with lovable characters, a hilarious story and a rockin' soundtrack with original songs such as "It's your Wedding Day", "Somebody Kill Me" and "Someday", to name but a few. You are sure to leave the theatre smiling after this musical.

Tickets (€12/8) available from

-The Socs Box, Áras na Mac Léinn. Enquiries: 091 -492852 (no phone bookings)

-The Town Hall Theatre, Courthouse Square

Enquiries & Bookings: 091-569777, or online at [www.tht.ie](http://www.tht.ie)

Tuesday-Saturday, 8pm

## Malaysian Cultural Day

Thursday / 11:00 / Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn / Free

The Malaysian Society presents an insight into Malaysia, its people and vast and colourful culture and its gastronomic adventures. All welcome.

11am-6pm

## Choral Soc Do Campus

Thursday / 13:00 / Smokey Joe's, Library, Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer / Free

Choral Soc are bringing the music to YOU! They will be filling various locations around the college with melodious voices. Look out (or rather listen out) for them at strategic

## *aro* This Lime Tree Bower

Thursday / 20:00 / Bank of Ireland Theatre / €5/10

Dramasoc presents This Lime Tree Bower by Conor McPherson. Set in a small Irish seaside town, This Lime Tree Bower is a funny and moving tale of how three inextricably linked lives are turned upside down in a matter of days.

Thursday 1pm & 8pm, Friday 8pm

Tickets (€5/10) from the Socs Box, Áras na Mac Léinn und campus