

# NUI Galway Societies End of Year Report 2013-2014



Rover Society – winners of Best Photo at BICS 2014



Oisín Robbins – Winner of 2014  
Lifetime Achievement Award



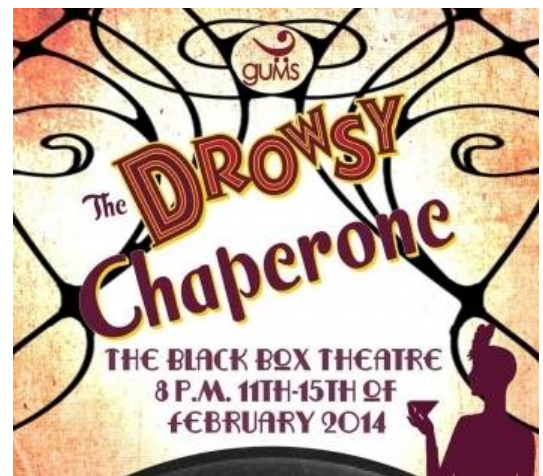
NUIG at Board of Irish College Societies Awards



Astronomy Society – Best Departmental Society  
plus Best New Society at National BICS Awards



GiGSoc Einner of Best Society with  
University President Jim Browne



*The Drowsy Chaperone*,  
Musical Society  
Winner of Best Society

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## End of Year Video



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### Introduction:

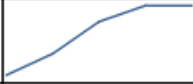
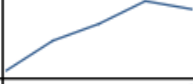
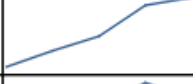

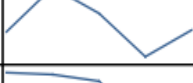


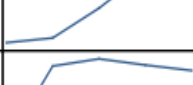
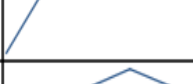

This year there are 105 societies completed their end of year report, of these 9 are new societies established this year. They organise almost 3000 events each year (including guest speakers, classes, debates, film screenings, fundraisers, trips, parties, committee meetings and rehearsals) with which 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. 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 both the local community and the wider world. Our membership stands at 51709 of which 48810 are students. That represents 9378 unique memberships of which 8724 are students. NUI Galway Societies have won more BICS National Societies Awards than any other college in Ireland.

The committee members volunteered 106,006 hours to society work. This is the equivalent of 110 full time workers on a 40 hour week during term time providing a valuable service to the University community, which in monetary value at minimum wage would cost a million euro. To fully appreciate Societies contribution to the University and to put this in context, societies provide the equivalent of 110 full time workers during term-time providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of €448,572 which they have raise themselves, equalling a total monetary value of almost 1.5 million euro.

In this report in addition to statistics you will see in the societies own words what they achieved this year. The continuing support of the university with infrastructure and space is vital to supporting our students to utelise the opportunity they have for learning through their involvement in societies which encourages them and to fully realise their potential as active citizens.

Ríona Hughes  
Societies Officer

## Statistical Comparison

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	<b>2013-2014</b>		Trend	% change over average of last three years
Number of societies who completed the end of year report	92	96	102	105	<b>105</b>	0.00%		+4%
Number of individual students who are members	5,763	7,517	8,516	9,858	<b>9,378</b>	-4.87%		+9%
Societies' total membership	25,662	31,714	37,157	48,743	<b>51,709</b>	6.08%		+32%
Number of committee members	616	737	863	988	<b>908</b>	-8.10%		+5%
Society Turnover	905,564	1,160,108	1,010,904	763,878	<b>915,919</b>	19.90%		-6%
Charity Fundraising	160,650	158,484	150,984	97,594	<b>82,145</b>	-15.83%		-39%
Socsbox Turnover	89,289	162,396	128,814	144,881	<b>141,915</b>	-2.05%		-2%
ALIVE participants	315	339	490	673	<b>646</b>	-4.01%		+29%
Number of Societies events on calendar plus committee meetings	2,159	3,832	3,987	3,854	<b>3,737</b>	-3.04%		-4%
Total of all events booked into Aras na Mac Leinn	<i>No figures</i>	6,538	6,804	6,974	<b>6,812</b>	-2.32%		+1%



## Societies Income & Expenditure - 2013/2014

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Income Category	Amount		Expenditure Category	Amount	
Balls	€90,375.07	12.01%	Affil/Mem fees	€7,444.04	1.03%
Fundraising	€100,742.98	13.39%	Ball	€135,933.14	18.81%
Hoodies	€1,002.00	0.13%	Bank charge	€4,958.37	0.69%
Members Contributions	€14,520.98	1.93%	Costumes	€6,053.16	0.84%
Muscait	€1,050.00	0.14%	Dinner	€36,013.23	4.98%
Online Till	€9,460.00	1.26%	Entertainment	€100,183.36	13.86%
Societies day	€140.00	0.02%	Entry fees	€38,449.32	5.32%
Socs box Till	€141,915.00	18.86%	Equipment misc	€24,773.82	3.43%
Sponsorship	€43,741.38	5.81%	Euros	€711.79	0.10%
Ticket Sales	€183,710.72	24.42%	Fundraising/charity	€82,145.51	11.36%
USC Grant	€165,792.91	22.03%	Gifts	€1,920.47	0.27%
			Hall hire	€1,484.36	0.21%
			Hire Bus	€8,285.08	1.15%
			Hoodies	€6,313.92	0.87%
			Lights	€5,623.92	0.78%
			Livestock	€340.00	0.05%
			Makeup/Props	€1,874.79	0.26%
			Materials	€9,483.28	1.31%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	€9,532.70	1.32%
			Performing rights	€8,333.71	1.15%
			Postage	€78.98	0.01%
			Printing	€7,148.40	0.99%
			Prizes	€7,653.93	1.06%
			Promotions	€4,934.87	0.68%
			Reception	€11,849.01	1.64%
			Security	€3,265.00	0.45%
			Set	€5,486.63	0.76%
			Society accomm	€52,373.82	7.25%
			Society transport	€65,341.31	9.04%
			Socs day expenses	€2,539.93	0.35%
			Sound	€19,689.89	2.72%
			Speaker accomm	€4,049.45	0.56%
			Speaker travel	€7,459.52	1.03%
			Stationary	€1,054.53	0.15%
			Teacher fees	€36,762.51	5.09%
			Video Hire	€3,257.41	0.45%
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>€752,450.04</b>		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€722,803.16</b>	
<b>Opening Balance Total</b>	<b>€163,469.41</b>		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€192,495.26</b>	
			<b>Cash In Hand Total</b>	<b>€621.03</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€915,919.45</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>€915,919.45</b>	

# Individual Society Reports

Please excuse any spelling errors in the main body of the report as the report generator currently dislikes fadas, inverted commas or euro signs! While every effort has been made to correct this, there may be some left over.

## Amnesty Soc

Amnesty aimed to raise awareness about human rights. Through showings of movies, collaborations and discussions we attempted to increase knowledge of certain topics. We concentrated mainly on the death penalty and did a demonstration at the beginning of the year and had a related guest speaker at the end.

### Amnesty Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

#### **BAKESALE!!!** » » 24th October 2013

Amnesty Soc will be having Bake sale with lots of treats and goodies made even better because you know it's for a good cause!

#### **Amnesty EGM** » small Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st January 2014

#### **Persepolis and Popcorn!!!** » AC203 » 12th February 2014

Oscar nominated movie that follows the life of a young girl in the Iranian revolution. There will be free popcorn!!!

#### **Peter Pringle and Suny Jacobs Guest speakers** » AM150 » 12th March 2014

Sonia 'Sunny' Jacobs and Peter Pringle each served years on death row. Jacobs 17 years in the United States and Pringle 15 years in Ireland. Both were exonerated after their convictions were overturned for murders that they did not commit.

Sunny and Peter are inspirational messengers against the death penalty; campaigning for human rights and for reminding us of the power of the human spirit to triumph over adversity, suffering and injustice.-<http://sunnyandpeter.com/>

### Committee 2013/2014

**Secretary:** Mary Egan

**PRO:** Aishling Heffernan

**Auditor:** Ellie Parfrey Taylor

**Vice-Auditor:** Malin Bergman

**Treasurer:** Leigh Keeney

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Ellie Parfrey Taylor

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€326.33	Bank charge	€5.66
Fundraising	€105.00	Expenditure Total	€5.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>€431.33</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€425.67
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€431.33</b>

### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 443 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Amnesty Soc

**Robert Hogan**

OCM

10 hours

**Mary Egan**

Secretary

42 hours

Amnesty International is the world's biggest human rights organisation, with more than 2.2 million members. Amnesty International is independent of any government, political party, or religion. Amnesty International wants to see a world in which all people enjoy the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

**# ALIVE Students:** 2 student

**# Hours Volunteered:** 52 hours

## An Cumann Craic

Is i an aidhm ata ag an Cumann Craic na imeachtaí a chuir ar siúl thrid mheán na Gaeilge. Deanann muid é seo chun cultúr agus teanga na Gaeilge a chuir chun cinn. Freastalaíonn muid orthu siúd a labhraíonn an Ghaeilge agus doibh siúd ina bhfuil suim acu sa dteanga agus cultúr.

The objective of the Cumann Craic is to create events through the medium of the Irish language. This is done in order to promote the Irish language and its culture. We accommodate those who speak Irish as well as those who has an interest in the language and culture.

### An Cumann Craic Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

#### **Ciorcal Comhrá » Cafe Áras na Gaeilge » 23rd October 2013**

Beimid ag bualadh suas i gCafe Áras na Gaeilge agus ag dul ar aghaidh go dtí an Chlub Áras na Gaeilge i srí Sid Dominic i ndiaidh sin le haghaidh ceol agus craic.

We will be meeting up in the Cafe in Áras na Gaeilge at 7pm. Afterwards we will move into the Club Áras na Gaeilge in Dominick Street in town for ceol and some craic.

#### **Take Me Out » Club Conradh na Gaeilge » 14th November – 15th November 2013 (2 individual events)**

Buachailli, faigh do chuid Lynx reidh,

Cailíní, thóg na cosáí amach!!

BEIDH TOG AMACH ME AR SIÚL 14u - Club Conradh na Gaeilge. 9.30pm

#### **COMHRÁ SA CHLUB » Club Áras na Gael, Dominic Street » 15th January 2014**

Meeting and fun

#### **Céilí Mór » » 22nd January 2014**

Ceili Mór i mbear an chloiste in eíneacht le Dansoc Nuig agus Nuig Tradsoc. Beidh damhsa, ceol beo agus craic ar siúl. Duaiseanna ar an oíche don cupla is fearr agus an iarracht is fearr.

Ceili in The College Bar in association with Dansoc and with live music from Tradsoc. Great craic and spot prizes to be won on the night for best couple, best attempt and for beginners! Don't miss out!!

#### **Feile Father Ted » Club Conradh na Gaeilge, Dominic Street, Gaillimh » 13th February – 14th February 2014 (2 individual events)**

A fun Father Ted themed night including a quiz on all things Father Ted and a raffle - Has anyone got number 11?

Dress up as your favorite character and there will be a golden cleric awarded to the best costume!



It wouldn't be a Father Ted night without tea and sandwiches and a little bit of ah go on go on go on go on! And Mrs. Doyle will be there with them!

**La Mor na Gaeilge » Baile Atha Cliath » 15th February – 16th February 2014 (2 individual events)**

The march for language rights will leave from the Garden of Remembrance at Parnell Square in Dublin at 2.00pm and you, your family and friends are most welcome to take part. Further information available at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/531981476900881/?fref=ts>.

Please spread the word - n? neart go cur le ch?ile

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Ruth Darcy

**Secretary:** Feidhlim Seoighe

**Treasurer:** Diarmaid O'Fatharta

**Oifigeach Poibl:** Jennifer Ni Chonaire

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact:** Ruth Darcy

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€547.20	Dinner	€55.69
Socs box Till	€600.00	Entertainment	€15.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Entry fees	€30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,647.20</b>	Hire Bus	€980.00
		Materials	€35.00
		Received Money Returned	€20.00
		Society accomm	€600.00
		Society transport	€190.00
		Stationary	€20.23
		Expenditure Total	€1,945.92
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€701.28
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,647.20</b>

**Other Information**

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 686 members.

**ALIVE Participation**

An Cumann Craic		
<b>Ruth Darcy</b>	Auditor	250 hours
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	250 hours	

# Anime and Manga Society

Hey All, We are the Anime & Manga Society! As a society we provide a forum for Anime, Manga, Foreign Film, Cosplay and Japanese Culture. We have anime screenings every Tuesday and Thursday and will have other events running throughout the year.

## Anime and Manga Society Events

This year the society held a total of 43 events.

### **Sushi & Games** » » *17th September 2013*

Join Anime and Manga Soc for a special night of games and Japanese cuisine!

### **EGM and Summer Wars** » » *24th September 2013*

Anime and Manga are having our EGM for vacant positions on the Anime and Manga Society and Akumakon Committees. Come along to take part. We will be showing the hype OVA "Summer Wars" after the EGM.

### **Tiger and Bunny** » *The Dillon Theatre, Concourse* » *26th September 2013*

Anime and Manga presents the popular anime "Tiger and Bunny"....it is quite awesome. Lots and lots of commercialised superheroes. Want to see a superhero sponsored by Pepsi? Now you can! Thanks....and thank again. [http://myanimelist.net/anime/9941/Tiger\\_&\\_Bunny](http://myanimelist.net/anime/9941/Tiger_&_Bunny)

### **Final Fantasy VII Advent Children** » » *1st October 2013*

Come and watch the 3D Animation of the critically acclaimed PSX title Final Fantasy VII. What have you missed? Well Aries died?

### **Spirited Away** » *Dillon Theatre, Arts Concourse* » *3rd October 2013*

Anime and Manga Soc presents Spirited Away or Sen to Chihiro no Kamikakushi (Sen and Chihiro's Spiriting Away) in Japan is a 2001 Studio Ghibli fantasy animation. It follows the story of ten year old Chihiro as she stumbles up a very fancy bathhouse and ends up in a fantastical world of Japanese supernatural creatures. It is akin to C.C Lewis Alice in Wonderland.

### **Anime and Manga Bake sale** » *foyer Áras na mac Léinn* » *3rd October 2013*

Bake sale to raise money for anime and manga

### **Code Geass** » » *8th October 2013*

On August 10th of the year 2010 the Holy Empire of Britannia began a campaign of conquest, its sights set on Japan. Operations were completed in one month thanks to Britannia's deployment of new mobile humanoid armour vehicles dubbed Nightmare Frames. Japan's rights and identity were stripped away, the once proud nation now referred to as Area 11. Its citizens, Elevens, are forced to scratch out a living while the Britannian aristocracy lives comfortably within their settlements. Pockets of resistance appear throughout Area 11, working towards independence for Japan. Lelouch, an exiled Imperial Prince of Britannia posing as a student, finds himself in the heart of the ongoing conflict for the island nation. Through a chance meeting with a mysterious girl named C.C., Lelouch gains his Geass, the power of the king. Now endowed with absolute dominance over any person, Lelouch may finally realize his goal of bringing down Britannia from within!

### **Cowboy Bebop: The Series** » *Dillon Theatre* » *10th October 2013*

Enter a world in the distant future, where Bounty Hunters roam the solar system. Spike and Jet, bounty hunting partners, set out on journeys in an ever struggling effort to win bounty rewards to survive. While traveling, they meet up with other very interesting people. Could Faye, the beautiful and ridiculously poor gambler, Edward, the computer genius, and Ein, the engineered dog be a good addition to the group?

### **Akumaday** » » *12th October 2013*

Does January just feel too far away to experience the fun that shall be Akumakon?

Well, worry no more! We here at Akumakon are planning a warm-up day of events on October 12th that should tie over your convention-cravings for just a little longer! There will be a wide variety of events taking place, from Panels to Gaming to a Cosplay Masquerade to Showings along with being able to Pre-Register in person.

### **From Up on Poppy Hill** » » *15th October 2013*

Hey lads and lassies, it's time for another Studio Ghibli film. This animated film was released in 2011 and is based off a manga from the 80s with the same name. Set in 1963, Yokohama, a girl called Umi Matsuki is living in a boarding house. She and her other school friends find out that the school is going to be demolished for redevelopment and they will not let this happen.

**Japanese Spiderman » » 17th October 2013**

We will be showing a few episodes of what is produced in Japan during the 70s involving Spiderman. There will be a lot of silliness and it is produced by the Toei Animation who made the DragonBall and Digimon anime, and Marvel somewhat had a small part in it. Spiderman has a large mech... and a motorbike... and shoots ropes... is an alien and his long lost brother looks like Rowen Down Jr but Asian. Warning: This is really bad, so bad that it's funny.

**Dramatic Reading » Siobhan McKenna Theatre, AM Building » 22nd October 2013**

A special meeting of the anime and manga society where one of our own members, Andrew Downey, will be reading a select manga or fanfic. What is it you ask? You'll have to come along and find out!

**Halloween Special » Dillon Theatre » 24th October 2013**

Get ready for the Anime and Manga Halloween special, featuring two spooky anime: Hellsing and Another

**Hellsing:** Hellsing follows the antiheroic vampire, Alucard, and a police girl-turned-vampire, Seras Victoria, two vampires employed by the vampire-extermination group of England, the Hellsing Organization. Slowly but surely, through their active duty, they find a new breed of vampires beginning to arise.

**Another:** 26 years ago, in a third-year classroom of a middle school, there was a student named Misaki. As an honors student who was also good at sports, she was popular with her classmates. When she suddenly died, her classmates decided to carry on as if she was still alive until graduation. Then, in the spring of 1998, a boy named Sakakibara Kouichi transfers to the class, and he grows suspicious of the fearful atmosphere in that classroom. In particular, there is a beautiful, aloof girl named Mei Misaki who wears an eyepatch and is always alone drawing pictures.

**Halloween Night » » 31st October 2013**

Our extra super awesome HALLOWEEN PARTY (applause)

We will be doing a plethora of cool activities including a showing of The Ring (is rly scary). We are all dressing up for a Halloween dress party so come along in your spookiest best for happy fun times. Those who come along in costume will be granted FREE PIZZA, so don't miss your chance!

**Karaoke Night! » » 5th November 2013**

Hey guys! It's our annual Anime and Manga Karaoke Night! Come along and enjoy a night where we all embarrass ourselves singing our favourite songs in solos, duos, and even quartets. There will be tunes craic and good times so don't miss it!

**Attack on Titan » Dillon Theatre » 7th November 2013**

Several hundred years ago, humans were nearly exterminated by titans. Titans are typically several stories tall, seem to have no intelligence, devour human beings and, worst of all, seem to do it for the pleasure rather than as a food source. A small percentage of humanity survived by walling themselves in a city protected by extremely high walls, even taller than the biggest of titans.

Flash forward to the present and the city has not seen a titan in over 100 years. Teenage boy Eren and his foster sister Mikasa witness something horrific as the city walls are destroyed by a colossal titan that appears out of thin air. As the smaller titans flood the city, the two kids watch in horror as their mother is eaten alive. Eren vows that he will murder every single titan and take revenge for all of mankind.

**Kids on the Slope » » 12th November 2013**

The beginning of summer, 1966.

Because of his father's job situation, freshman high school student Kaoru Nishimi moves by himself from Yokosuka to Kyushu to live with relatives. Until then, Kaoru was an honor roll student who tended to keep to himself, but meeting notorious bad boy Sentaro Kawabuchi starts to change him. Through his devil-may-care classmate, Kaoru learns the attractions of jazz and finds the first person he can call a "friend". He also discovers how much fun it is to play music with a pal.

Other characters include Sentaro's kind childhood chum, Ritsuko, who is the daughter of a record shop owner; the mysterious upperclassman, Yurika; and Brother Jun, the much-admired leader among their peers. Set against the backdrop of a seaside town with a scent of American culture, this series is a drama about young people coming into their own, crossing each other's paths, and finding friendship, love, and music!

**Music Week Society Team up - Interstella 5555 » » 14th November 2013**



For music week the Anime and Manga society and the Music society come together to bring you a special event!  
We will start with a showing of Interstella 5555: a musical animated movie bringing the funky beats of Daft Punk and the anime style of animation together for a visual and musical experience. There will be Pizza and some beverages on the night as well, so come along!  
Afterwards we will be heading out to the Scholars Rest on Newcastle Road for an after event meet up, so even more reason to pop on by!

#### **Taster Showings » » 19th November 2013**

An anime taster night that showcases the pilot episodes of a number of new anime's this year such as Silver Spoon, Pokémon Origins and Kill la Kill

#### **Special Victorian Night - Black Butler » Dillon theatre » 21st November 2013**

Victorian Society and Anime and Manga Society come together for special showing of Black Butler accompanied by tea and other goodies. In Victorian-era Europe, a young boy loses everything he once held near and dear to a vicious plot. In his moment of death, he strikes a deal with a demon: his soul, in exchange for revenge. Ciel Phantomhive is now the head of the Phantomhive corporation, handling all business affairs as well as the underground work for the Queen of England. His new partner is a demon butler, Sebastian Michaelis, whose powers as a butler is only surpassed by his strength as a demon. The story follows the two along with their other servants, as they work to unravel the plot behind Ciel's parents' murder, and the horrendous tragedies that befell Ciel in the month directly after.

#### **Christmas Party » The Skeff Bar, Galway » 26th November 2013**

It's that time of year again! This year's Anime Soc Christmas party will be in the Skeff and there will be free finger food. The theme is Christmas jumpers and on the night we will do some fundraising for local charity Jigsaw. The Christmas party is always a great night, not to be missed! See you all there! :D

#### **Anime Bring and Watch » » 28th November 2013**

An anime bring and show night. You bring the anime you want to watch and we'll screen it. Anything goes!

#### **D. Gray Man » » 14th January 2014**

Towards the end of the 19th century, Allen Walker officially joins the organization of Exorcists that destroy the beings known as Akuma; mechanic weapons made by the Millennium Earl with the suffering souls of the dead. Allen has both a cursed eye and an anti-Akuma weapon as an arm, bearing the power of "Innocence", a gift given to him as an apostle of God. Allen, along with his fellow Exorcists must put a stop to the Millennium Earl's ultimate plot that could lead to the destruction of the world and all who live on it.

#### **Abridged Night Special » Meet in the hub » 16th January 2014**

A marathon run of the most popular abridged series such as Dragon Ball Z abridged by Team Four Star and Yu Gi Oh GX abridged. Abridged series are shortened satires of popular anime by fans of the shows often with hilarious results. This showing is in honour of the presence of Masako X and xthedarkone at Akumakon this year, both of whom are prolific abridged series creators

#### **My Neighbour Totoro » » 21st January 2014**

Follow the adventures of Satsuki and her four-year-old sister Mei when they move into a new home in the countryside. To their delight they discover that their new neighbour is a mysterious forest spirit called Totoro who can be seen only through the eyes of a child. Totoro introduces them to extraordinary characters, including a cat that doubles as a bus, takes them on a journey through the wonders of nature.

#### **JoJo's Bizarre Adventure Showing » » 28th January 2014**

The story of JoJo's Bizarre Adventure centres around the misadventures of the Joestars, a powerful family with English roots. This one's a real must see!!

#### **Archer » » 30th January 2014**

'At ISIS, an international spy agency, global crises are merely opportunities for its highly trained employees to confuse, undermine, betray and royally screw each other.' By popular demand, and in collaboration with our friends over at the Archery Club! :D

#### **Mega Variety Night!! » » 4th February 2014**

Ever tried Sushi? Well here's your chance! We'll also have card games, video games, Pokémon X and Y tournament, Pokémon Master Quest and more!

**Soul Eater!** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 6th February 2014

A school (full of witches, magical creatures and crazy professors), where magical teens learn to increase their power to fight dark forces! It's not Harry Potter, but close enough that we are teaming up with Potter Soc to bring you Soul Eater! It's a fantastic show, not to be missed!

**Battle Royale screening** » *O Flaherty Theatre* » 13th February 2014

What is the best way to celebrate Valentine's week that a showing of blood and gore and violence?

Battle Royale is a 2000 Japanese action thriller film adapted from the 1999 novel of the same name by Koushun Takami. It is the final film directed by Kinji Fukasaku, the screenplay written by his son Kenta, and stars Takeshi Kitano. The film tells the story of Shuya Nanahara, a high-school student struggling with the death of his father, who is forced by the government to compete in a deadly game where the students must kill each other in order to win. The film aroused both domestic and international controversy and was either banned outright or deliberately excluded from distribution in several countries.

**Host Club/Maid Cafe/Karaoke Night** » » 18th February 2014

Come along to the Anime and Manga host club/maid cafe/karaoke night. Have you ever need taken care of while enjoying some refreshments and hopefully great singing! A night of comfort and laughs!

**Kamen Rider movie night** » *o Flaherty* » 20th February 2014

Come and join us for a movie night featuring Kamen rider! We will show Kamen Rider ? Kamen Rider Fourze & OOO: Movie War Mega Max and Kamen Rider ? Kamen Rider Wizard & Fourze: Movie War Ultimatum. Both are an action packed time filled with goodness. Don't miss it.

**POKEMON WEEK!!** » *NUIG* » 24th February – 28th February 2014 (5 individual events)

A POKEMON event every day for a week!!

Monday: Pokémon Pub Quiz, Cellar bar, 8pm

Tuesday: Pokémon Movie Night, LAR, 8pm

Wednesday: Pokémon Gaming, Location TBA

Thursday: Pokémon Origins, O'Flaherty Theatre, 7pm

Friday: 'Pokémon feels' episodes showing, Location TBA

**Samurai Flamenco** » » 11th March 2014

Male model Masayoshi Hazama decides to become a superhero, despite having no superpowers or the technology to create a high-powered suit. He becomes the hero, Samurai Flamenco and begins to fight crime in the name of justice.

**Baccano!** » » 13th March 2014

Based on the award winning light novels of the same name, this anime adaptation follows several events that initially seem unrelated, both in time and place, but are part of a much bigger story - one of alchemy, survival and immortality.

**24 hour anime extravaganza!!** » » 15th March – 16th March 2014 (2 individual events)

24 hour anime event/ marathon/ extravaganza on the 15/16th of March in the Large acoustic room. There will be showings, card gaming, computer gaming and our manga library at the event with competitions with many prizes to be won! So come along at 12 to the Large acoustic room for all the madness next Saturday!

**A.G.M.** » *O Flaherty Theatre* » 3rd April 2014

Anime and Manga society's AGM, with elections for the following positions: Auditor, Vice Auditor, Treasurer, Webmaster, Secretary, Librarian, with refreshments and a society night out to follow! :D

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Event Manager:** Dara MacEoin

**Vice-Auditor:** Andrew Downey

**Secretary:** Leagh O'Mara

**Magazine Editor:** Michael Crampton

**Auditor:** Rowan Hynes

**Con Director:** Niall Finn

**Librarian:** David Sheerin

**Treasurer:** Conor Roberts

**PRO:** Rebecca Kelly

**OCM:** Emma Tyrrell

**OCM:** James Hamilton

**OCM:** Rory O'Connor

**Webmaster:** David Concannon

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Andrew Downey

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,784.82	Bank charge	€49.53
Members Contributions	€1.00	Dinner	€230.00
Socs box Till	€2,239.00	Entertainment	€408.68
Ticket Sales	€105.00	Entry fees	€2,239.00
USC Grant	€3,000.00	Equipment misc	€515.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,129.82</b>	Hoodies	€660.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€145.00
		Prizes	€80.00
		Reception	€38.85
		Society accomm	€1,344.00
		Society transport	€391.25
		Socs day expenses	€48.47
		Speaker travel	€300.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€6,449.78</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€475.04</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,129.82</b>

### Akumakon Balance Sheet 2013/2014

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,112.96	Bank charge	€60.07
Ticket Sales	€11985.00	Dinner	€553.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,097.96</b>	Equipment misc	€174.37
		Fundraising/charity	€3588.00
		Gifts	€42.50
		Printing	€238.05
		Speaker accomm	€525.60
		Speaker travel	€3725.52
		Video Hire	€150.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€9,057.41</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€4040.55</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,097.96</b>



## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 487 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Anime and Manga Society

<a href="#"><u>Blue Hanley</u></a>	Akumakon staff/Special Events	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Emma Tyrrell</u></a>	OCM/ Akumakon Staff	253 hours
<a href="#"><u>Dara MacEoin</u></a>	Events Manager/Games Co-Ordinator For Akumakon 2014	375 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rowan Hynes</u></a>	Auditor	315 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Clarke</u></a>	Akumakon Staff	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Felix Delos Santos Iii</u></a>	Volunteer work with Akumakon	25 hours
<a href="#"><u>Niall Finn</u></a>	Akumakon Con-Director	349 hours
<a href="#"><u>David Sheerin</u></a>	Librarian	80 hours
<a href="#"><u>Leagh O'Mara</u></a>	Secretary/Secretary and Security for Akumakon	300 hours
<a href="#"><u>Andrew Downey</u></a>	Vice Auditor	600 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rory O'Connor</u></a>	OCM/Akumakon staff	116 hours
<a href="#"><u>Brian Dillon</u></a>	Volunteer staff for Akumakon	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>James Hamilton</u></a>	Committee member	250 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sei Ji Andrew Chuah</u></a>	Akumakon translator, MC	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rozalia Kenderesi</u></a>	Volunteer	1 hours

Anime and Manga Society exists to celebrate Japanese animation and culture and to bring a wide variety of students together to participate in creative and exciting events. We are very active and have several different events each week, this lets students make lots of new friends and share great experiences with them.

# ALIVE Students: 15 students

# Hours Volunteered: 2824 hours

# Archaeology Soc

Founded in 1968, the NUIG Archaeology Society has for many years enhanced the university experience of students with a passion for both the prehistoric and the more recent past. With a programme that features guest lectures, workshops, demonstrations, film nights and both national and international trips, the society has something for everybody with an interest in the past and the discipline of archaeology.

## Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 42 events.

### **E.G.M.** » *IT 125 G* » 17th September 2013

The Archaeology Society Extraordinary general meeting gives a chance to everybody interested to join the society committee. Followed by fun and refreshments in the Scholars Rest

### **Indiana Jones Marathon** » » 18th September 2013

A marathon night of entertainment featuring THREE Indiana Jones movies, pizza and refreshments...not to be missed!!

### **Equinox Weekend Trip** » *Loughcrew...* » 21st September – 22nd September 2013 (2 individual events)

Tickets €35 on sale from SocsBox Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th Sep.

### **Aiseiri Launch Reception** » *view in Áras na mac Léinn* » 23rd September 2013

Aiseiri Launch Reception with music from medieval duo Nuada and an assortment of refreshments

### **Aiseiri: Medieval Torture Device and Weaponry Display** » *Áras na mac Léinn (outside)* » 23rd September 2013

Display of replica medieval torture equipment, swords, shields, helmets

### **Aiseiri: Historical NUIG Treasure Hunt** » *Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer)* » 23rd September 2013

Historical NUIG Treasure Hunt

### **Aiseiri: Medieval Torture Equipment and Weapons Display** » *Áras na mac Léinn (outside)* » 24th September 2013

Display of replica medieval torture equipment and weapons

### **Aiseiri: Prehistoric Pottery Class/Workshop: Pottery Production and Use in Archaeology** » » 24th September

Pottery is an extremely common, though often overlooked artefact found regularly during archaeological digs. Ceramics are found in vast array of site types and pertaining to all levels of the social hierarchy. The humble cooking pot may not inspire the imagination but it can prove invaluable in telling us about the daily lives of people whose history was never recorded in the written record. This talk will provide an interesting insight into the history of pottery making and use from prehistoric funereal urns to early modern prestige goods. Decorative techniques and firing methods will be explained alongside in-class demonstrations. There will also be the opportunity to get some hands-on experience in making your pot. Historical accuracy is up to you!

### **Aiseiri: Late Medieval Re-enactment with "Claiomh"** » *Áras na mac Léinn (outside)* » 24th September 2013

Throughout the day re-enactment group "Claiomh" will be providing insight into the Later Medieval period with an exciting combination of demonstration and presentation featuring sword fighting, historical talks and an opportunity for a hands-on insight into period accurate material culture such as weaponry, armour and pottery

### **Aiseiri: Society Variety Day** » » 25th September 2013

### **Aiseiri: Bake Sale, plus Spinning and Textile Production Demonstrations** » *foyer Áras na mac Léinn* » 25th September 2013

Bake Sale, plus Spinning and Textile Production Demonstrations

### **Aiseiri: Medieval Torture Equipment and Weapons Display** » *Áras na mac Léinn (outside)* » 26th September 2013

Display of replica medieval torture equipment and weapons

**Aiseiri: Glass Bead Making Workshops: A discussion of ancient glass beads and a practical and interactive demonstration of the techniques of glass bead making » » 26th September 2013**

A discussion of ancient glass beads and a practical and interactive demonstration of the techniques of glass bead making. With Mags Mannion Glass beads have been a popular and important aspect of body ornament from earliest times. Human engagement with beads however extends far beyond their use as jewellery. Beads are known to have been used to convey unspoken complex social messages, as mnemonic devices in traditional Scandinavian storytelling, as non-verbal communicators among native North Americans, and as symbolically charged objects among enslaved Americans and as amulets to ward off danger. The study of body ornament therefore allows an insight into the social and cultural structures and beliefs of society and provides a means of exploring the ways in which individuals and societies engaged with each other. This practical demonstration will explore the motifs and techniques used by artisans to produce a variety of different types of beads.

**Roaring Twenties Speakeasy » Busker Brownes » 2nd October 2013**

In association with An Cumann Staire.

COSTUME COMPETITION, JAZZ, CARD GAMES

Tickets available at SocsBox (Price tbc)

**Lecture: Dr Marian Dowd, IT Sligo » IT125 G » 8th October 2013**

Moneen Cave: insights into Bronze Age and Late Medieval life in the Burren

**Flint Knapping Demonstration » IT 125 (1st Floor) » 9th October 2013**

With Dr Phil Harding of Time Team!

**Lecture: Dr Ben Gearey » IT125 G » 15th October 2013**

"From Opprobrium to Opportunity"? Reflections on Irish Peatland Archaeology

**Viking Dublin Trip » Dublin City » 18th October – 19th October 2013 (2 individual events)**

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE...SO BOOK EARLY

**Katherine Beatty (UCC), Ruptured Gaze: The Face in the Archaeological Imagination » IT 125 G (ground floor) » 22nd October 2013**

The ultimate goal of this research is to revitalize the entity of the face, neglected throughout bioarchaeological discourse by the traditional overshadowing emphasis of the skull (i.e. craniometry), through the engaging and enriching contribution of archaeological facial reconstructions. Additional consideration will be given to the fluctuating archaeological imagination of these productions as well as past archaeological re-presentations of the Irish countenance displayed throughout a range of material culture.

Archaeology is inherently an enquiry into the relationship with our worldly surroundings as well as an investigation into alterity. This so being, we in the discipline must understand the demand and appeal the face imposes upon our examinations of past and present conditions. This research will illustrate this commanding ethical response of the face is decidedly present in the archaeological record, appearing in mortuary practices and treatment of human remains.

The forceful punctuation of the notions of face and flesh in craniofacial reconstruction shatter our sense of isolation and rupture our consideration of time and space. I put forward that a study of this pursuit is of the utmost primacy for the nature of my inquiry into the encounter of countenance and its presence in the discipline of (bio) archaeology. Through this venture, the dynamic relationship of the face, archaeology, and peoples past and present will be exposed.

**Kiki Ingridsson (NUIG), Samhain, the Otherworld and Early Irish Textual Sources » IT 125 G (ground floor) » 29th October 2013**

Guest lecture...followed by finger food and refreshments in The Scholars Rest

**Troy Movie Screening » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 6th November 2013**

In association with FilmSoc

Troy (2004) Director: Wolfgang Petersen

An adaptation of Homer's great epic, the film follows the assault on Troy by the united Greek forces and chronicles the fates of the men involved. Pizza and Refreshments!!

**Neil Jackman (Abarta Audio Guides), The Mill at Kilbegly » IT 125 G (ground floor) » 12th November 2013**

Guest Lecture...followed by finger food and refreshments in The Scholars Rest

Bio: Neil Jackman directed the excavation on behalf of Valerie J.Keeley Ltd for Galway County Council and the National Roads Authority. Neil

has excavated sites around Ireland since 1999. Today Neil is the owner of Abarta Audioguides, a company that aims to make the history and archaeology of Ireland fun and accessible through downloadable audioguides and tours.

Abstract: In South Roscommon during the summer of 2007 in advance of works on the M6 Ballinasloe - Athlone Road Scheme, archaeologists excavated the remains of an early-medieval horizontal mill from shallow peat deposits at the base of a hill. The mill is one of the finest preserved examples dating to the early medieval period ever discovered in Europe. All of the structural timbers that formed the undercroft were discovered intact, along with the flume, wheel hub and paddles, post-and-wattle channels and a number of artefacts. As well as informing us about the ingenuity of the millwrights, the site represents one of the most significant assemblages of early medieval carpentry and gives a deep insight into the methods and techniques of these skilled carpenters of the seventh and eighth centuries. This lecture will aim to give an overview of the site itself and what it can reveal about the traditions and techniques of early medieval agriculture, it will also look at the relationship between the mill and the nearby church site and look at the role of industrial agriculture played in the economy of monastic Ireland.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY » *Scholars Rest » 18th December 2013***

We would like to invite you all to our Christmas party on Wednesday the 18th of December in the Scholars Rest. We will be having an informal dinner at six (anyone who is available to attend is more than welcome) and then we will be staying on in the pub for the evening. Christmas themed clothing and costumes are optional!

**Dave Swift (Claíomh - Irish Living History & Military Heritage): An Introduction to the history and material culture of the Gallowglass » *Careers Seminar Room (beside archaeology department) » 22nd January 2014***

Dave Swift - Claíomh - Irish Living History & Military Heritage

An Introduction to the history and material culture of the Gallowglass

Bio: Dave Swift has been working as a field archaeologist since 1999. He is also the founder of Claíomh which is a Living History reconstruction business specialising in interpretations of medieval and early modern life in Ireland. Dave is continually working with museums, heritage sites, educational institutions and media companies in order to spread awareness of Irish archaeology and history

**National Museum Dublin Trip » » 25th January 2014**

Saturday 25th January

National Museum Dublin Trip

**Damian Shiels - Rubicon Heritage Services Ltd: Conflict Archaeology in the Republic of Ireland » *IT125G (ground floor) » 28th January 2014***

Damian Shiels, Rubicon Heritage Services Ltd

Title: Conflict Archaeology in the Republic of Ireland

Bio: Damian Shiels is a Company Director of Rubicon Heritage Services Ltd and a Conflict Archaeologist. He was formerly one of the curators of the Soldiers & Chiefs Military History Exhibition at the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks. He is founder of the Kinsale Battlefield Project and led the archaeological component of the Irish Battlefields Project. Damian has published and lectured widely both nationally and internationally on Irish Conflict Archaeology.

Abstract: The archaeological investigation of the violent past is a topic that has been somewhat neglected in Ireland, although recent years have seen an increase in the sub-discipline as a focus of study. Conflict Archaeology has its origins in the United States and has grown increasingly popular in Europe, with a number of postgraduate courses being offered in the UK alone. This paper will outline the history of Conflict Archaeology and what this form of investigation can tell us about human experience. This will be followed by an assessment of the type of work being carried out in Ireland with reference to a number of case studies. These will include the work to identify the military camps relating to the 1601 Siege of Kinsale, Co. Cork, analysis of the mass grave from the 1642 attack on Carrickmines Castle, Co. Dublin, the assemblage relating to the bombardment of the garrison of Clogh Oughter Castle, Co. Cavan in 1653 and the objects associated with the 1691 Battle of Aughrim, Co. Galway, discovered on the route of the M6. It will also outline the significant work to map Irish battlefields undertaken as part of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government's Irish Battlefield Project.

**E.G.M. » *Archaeology Department Library » 29th January 2014***

Extraordinary general meeting

**Professor Oliver Creighton - University of Exeter: Castle, burgh and borough at Wallingford, Oxfordshire: unravelling a medieval landscape of power » *IT250 » 6th February 2014***

Professor Oliver Creighton - University of Exeter

Title: Castle, burgh and borough at Wallingford, Oxfordshire: unravelling a medieval landscape of power

Bio: Oliver studied Archaeology and Geography as an undergraduate at the University of Exeter, and took his MA and PhD at the University of Leicester. He lectured for two years in Wales before his appointment at Exeter in 1999.

Has also served as a Member of Council, Society for Medieval Archaeology; Committee Member, Society for Landscape Studies; Member of Council, Medieval Settlement Research Group; Executive Committee Member, Devon Archaeological Society; and Committee Member, Society for Landscape Studies. He is a member of the Editorial Board for Exeter University Press's Exeter Studies in Medieval Europe series, and reviews grant proposals for the Croatian Science Foundation and the International Assessment Board for the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences. He received support from the University Annual Fund to create the Exeter Medieval Hub, bringing together staff and students with an interest in the medieval period.

**Professor Daniel Bradley - Trinity College Dublin: Adventures in ancient DNA » IT125G (ground floor) » 11th February 2014**

Professor Daniel Bradley - Trinity College Dublin

Title: Adventures in ancient DNA

Bio: Dan Bradley is Professor of Genetics at TCD. He is active in research in: detection of signatures of selection in human, bovine, salmon and chicken genomes; Irish human population structure; Y chromosome diversity and Irish medieval genealogies; ancient DNA; origins of livestock as discerned using genetic diversity; genetic basis of disease resistance in West African cattle; haplotype decay and the age of cattle hybrid zones; detection of recombination in mitochondrial genomes

Abstract: The TCD ancient DNA lab has been investigating wild, domestic and human mammal ancient DNA for ca. 20 years. The field is changing rapidly with the advent of new high throughput sequencing technologies. These will be discussed as will the inferences that have been made about the prehistory of farming, the Irish origins of the polar bear and the colonisation of our island.

Modern genetic variation allows us to estimate processes such as past migrations but, in truth, the past is a different country and one needs data from the past to check if such stories hold up. There are several ways to drill down to the past and ask, what were the patterns of genetic variation then and what can they tell us about the present. I will talk about this in the context of several examples from our work:

- using a cultural marker, Irish surnames, to leap back a millennium in Irish Y chromosome diversity patterns and observing a genetic signal of Gaelic hegemony
- extracting animal DNA directly from parchments and the DNA postcoding of these precious artefacts
- extracting DNA from human bone; a 16th century signature of the slave trade
- DNA from cattle bones and the origins of farming in the Near East
- Bear bones from Irish caves and the maternal origins of polar bears

**Ancient Music Ireland: Musical Instruments: from the first habitation of Ireland through to the early Medieval period » » 12th February 2014**

Ancient Music Ireland

Musical Instruments: from the first habitation of Ireland through to the early medieval period

Abstract: Origins and evolution of prehistoric instruments are discussed and reproductions are examined and played. Comparisons are made with contemporary and modern descendent instruments. A presentation providing an overview of the development from the first habitation in Ireland circa 8,000 BC through to the early medieval period 700 AD.

Bio: Simon O'Dwyer and Maria Cullen O'Dwyer are Ancient Music Ireland. Our work is the culmination of twenty-five years reproducing and musically exploring Irish instruments from prehistory. This research has been published in our book entitled "Prehistoric Music of Ireland" (see our website for details [www.ancientmusicireland.com](http://www.ancientmusicireland.com).) The instruments range from late Bronze Age horns to the great Celtic trumpets of the middle Iron Age and wood wind instruments from early Christianity. As no written or oral music survives from these times we can never be sure what was played by the musicians or the circumstances in which instruments were used. Our research has taken us all over the World. Our work has however indicated strong possibilities as to the reasons why horns and trumpets were designed and how they may have been played. We have established beyond doubt that these instruments were made as a result of a hitherto unrealized level of expertise and sophistication. It is remarkable that a bronze horn cast 3,000 years ago retains its integrity as a professional instrument and continues to function as a means to evoke the human emotions which are the essence of the universal timeless language that is music. It is interesting to note that musical instruments, which have their origins in prehistory, can evoke such live excitement today.

In the latter half of the 20th Century worldwide interest in pre-historic musical instruments has steadily increased. Surviving instruments are seen as a way to enlarge our knowledge of early peoples who made and played them. Insights can be had into ancient ways of life and living. Ireland's extensive collection of surviving pre-historic trumpets, horns, bells and others make us unique in the world. These instruments span at least 3,000 years from 2,000 B.C. to 1,000 A.D. and are the product of several distinct cultural ages. Until the mid-1980s only strictly archaeological studies had been carried out on the Bronze Age horns and Iron Age trumpets. Then in 1986 Prehistoric Music Ireland was set up and the first accurate reproductions were made of a pair of bronze horns from Co. Antrim. Almost immediately new and exciting discoveries came to light about how to make and play these instruments. It became clear that a very high level of craftsmanship and intellect would have



been required to develop them. Since then Ancient Music Ireland has been reproducing and studying Bronze Age horns and Iron Age trumpets including An Trumpa Cr?da, (Loughnashade original), the Ard Brinn (trumpa fada), crothalls (Bronze Age bells), the Mayophone (Early Medieval free reed horn) from Co. Mayo the Wicklow Pipes (4,000 year old wooden pipes), stone and bone flutes and instruments from abroad including English and Scottish horns and the silver pipes of Ur (Mesopotamia).

**Professor John Bintliff - Leiden University (The Netherlands): The immense respiration of a social structure: An integrated approach to the Landscape Archaeology of the Mediterranean Lands » IT250 (first floor) » 20th February 2014**

Professor John Bintliff - Leiden University (The Netherlands)

Title: "The immense respiration of a social structure": An integrated approach to the Landscape Archaeology of the Mediterranean Lands

Bio: John Bintliff is Professor of Classical Archaeology. He studied Archaeology and Anthropology at Cambridge University, where he also completed his Ph.D. in 1977 on the history and prehistory of human settlement in Greece. He became Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in Archaeology at Bradford University, where he taught from 1977, then moved to Durham University as Reader in Archaeology in 1990, where he taught till moving to Leiden in 1999. In 1988 he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Since 1978 he has been co-director (with Anthony Snodgrass of Cambridge University) of the Boeotia Project, an interdisciplinary landscape programme investigating the evolution of settlement in Central Greece, with the archaeological surface survey of town and country as its central approach. His research interests include the Archaeology of Greece from Prehistory to Postmedieval times, Mediterranean Archaeology from Prehistory to Postmedieval times, Landscape Archaeology and Archaeological Theory.

**Professor William O'Brien - University College Cork: Recent Research on Late Bronze Age Hillforts in Ireland » IT125 (1st Floor) » 24th February 2014**

Professor William O'Brien - University College Cork

Title: Recent Research on Late Bronze Age Hillforts in Ireland

Bio: Professor William O'Brien is a graduate of University College Cork where he completed doctoral research in 1987 on the subject of prehistoric copper mining. Prior to his appointment to the Cork chair in 2006, he lectured for 16 years in the Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway. His research interests include the Chalcolithic and Bronze Age in Ireland, early mining and metallurgy in Atlantic Europe, upland archaeology, the study of hillforts and all aspects of monumentality in the later prehistoric period. He has a particular interest in the prehistory of south-west Ireland, where he has conducted numerous research excavations. He has published widely on these topics, including books on his investigation of the Mount Gabriel mines, on wedge tomb landscapes, on his discovery of the Beaker copper mine at Ross Island, Co. Kerry, on early settlement landscapes and upland farming in the Beara Peninsula, and more recently the first general study of the prehistory of the Cork region.

**Professor Mike Parker Pearson - University College London: Stonehenge: new discoveries » Dillon theatre » 6th March 2014**

Professor Mike Parker Pearson - University College London

Title: Stonehenge: new discoveries

Abstract: Archaeologists' understanding of this mysterious monument has been transformed by a decade of new research into Stonehenge, involving excavations, geophysical surveys, laser scanning and other methods of investigation. This lecture will cover some of the major new discoveries, including the re-dating of Stonehenge, the investigation of the nearby henge of Durrington Walls, thought to have been the builders' camp, and the discovery of Bluestonehenge. New research into the sources of the stones - the sarsens from about 20 miles away and the bluestones from west Wales - is providing further food for thought about the reasons why this iconic monument was built at this time in the third millennium BC and in this particular location on Salisbury Plain.

Bio: Professor of British Later Prehistory at University College London

Research Interests

Stonehenge: its purpose and people

The Beaker people: diet and mobility in Britain 2500-1700BC

The Outer Hebrides: settlement and society from prehistory to the post-medieval period on the island of South Uist

Death and burial: funerary archaeology

Madagascar: society and change in the Indian Ocean

Prehistoric Britain and Europe in the 1st millennia BC and AD

Identifying mummification from skeletonised remains: soft tissue preservation in prehistoric Europe

Public archaeology and heritage

Ethnoarchaeology and material culture

**Professor Stewart Ainsworth - University of Chester: Illuminating the Past: recent discoveries in the landscape of the North Pennines »**

*IT125G (ground floor) » 11th March 2014*

Professor Stewart Ainsworth - University of Chester

Title: Illuminating the Past: recent discoveries in the landscape of the North Pennines

Abstract: The North Pennines AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), and particularly the area of Alston Moor, is world famous for its geological and lead-mining heritage. Indeed, it was the first area in Britain to be awarded UNESCO European Geopark status because of its rich geological and mineral resources. The landscape of Alston Moor mostly comprises heather moors and blanket peat bogs interlaced with remote valleys lined with pasture fields and dispersed farmsteads: it has often been characterised as a wild, barren landscape. Throughout the area the ghostly remains of the lead industry litter the landscape and as a result, the majority of archaeological research had focussed on this now dead industry, especially the easily identifiable structures of the 18th and 19th century periods. This led to this landscape being viewed and treated in heritage terms as a landscape of traditional ?industrial archaeology?, with recording having been focussed on standing structures and historical context rather than the remains being seen as part of a wider cultural landscape.

In essence, the archaeological heritage of this area, despite being only some 15 miles south of the Hadrian's Wall corridor, and with a unique Roman fort at its heart, was restricted principally to the boom and bust periods of the lead industry. To address this gap in knowledge, in 2008 a comprehensive landscape survey covering some 300 square kilometres of upland landscape was initiated by English Heritage to understand the "long view" of this landscape. The project, designed and lead by Stewart Ainsworth, used a combination of field survey, lidar and other remote-sensing imagery to systematically record and analyse the evolution of the landscape through time. By taking the "long view" of the landscape the project produced some surprising results and this has led to further strands of new research.

Bio: Stewart Ainsworth is Visiting Professor in Landscape Archaeology at the University of Chester. He was formerly a senior investigator and project manager with English Heritage and is well known as the landscape archaeologist with Channel Four's Time Team.

**Archaeology Society AGM » » 24th March 2014**

Archaeology Society AGM

electing a new committee....ALL WELCOME!!

Followed by pizza & refreshments

**International Trip: Czech Republic » Prague and Brno » 4th April – 8th April 2014 (5 individual events)**

So...here are the details of our 2014 International trip! We are going to the Czech Republic and will based in Prague and doing a day trip to Brno.

All this for just 170Euro...the deposit will be 120Euro.

This includes flights, other travel costs, entry and tour fees and accommodation

This does not include the cost of meals and other personal expenses

Book your place on the trip by replying to the email sent to all members.

We can only take 10-15 people on the trip, so the first 10-15 to reply to the email sent to all members between Friday 28th February and Wednesday 5th March will secure their place.

In your email to us, please include your name, student number and contact phone number.

Those travelling must bring the deposit and a copy of their passport to the SocsBox on Thursday 6th March between 11am and 7pm. The SocsBox will have a list of the first 10-15 people that emailed us and if you are not in the first 15 then you will go on a reserve list and we will be in touch if a place opens up.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Secretary:** Niamh O'Rourke

**Vice-Auditor:** Noel P Browne

**MA Class Rep:** Marcus Byrne

**Ordinary Committee Member/PRO Team:** Jessica Glennon

**Vice-PRO:** Roderick Burns

**Ordinary Committee Member/PRO Team:** Richard Morgan

**Auditor:** Thor McVeigh

**Treasurer:** Stephen Clifford

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Michelle Rock

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Ros O'Maolduin

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Eugene Costello

**PRO:** Bernadette O'Brien

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact:** Thor McVeigh

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€571.91	Bank charge	€44.36
Classes	€14.00	Dinner	€532.72
Fundraising	€56.80	Entertainment	€300.00
Members Contributions	€175.00	Entry fees	€527.42
Muscailt	€300.00	Makeup/Props	€12.45
Socs box Till	€2,024.00	Materials	€309.55
Sponsorship	€1,050.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€221.25
Ticket Sales	€35.00	Reception	€1,028.45
USC Grant	€5,670.80	Returned Socs Money	€229.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,897.51</b>	Society accomm	€854.44
		Society transport	€2,597.39
		Socs day expenses	€25.00
		Speaker accomm	€556.00
		Speaker travel	€914.18
		Stationary	€15.56
		Expenditure Total	€8,168.41
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€164.18
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,564.92
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,897.51</b>

### Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 275 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Arch Soc		
<b><u>Richard Morgan</u></b>	OCM	25 hours
<p>Founded in 1968 the NUIG Archaeology Society has for many years enhanced the university experience of students with a passion for both the prehistoric and the more recent past. With a programme that features guest lectures, workshops, demonstrations, film nights and both national and international trips, the society has something for everybody with an interest in the past and the discipline of archaeology.</p>		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	25 hours	

# Art Soc

Art Soc is one of the most creative and innovative societies on campus. The weekly classes we run as well as "Casual Thursdays" give students the chance to broaden their artistic horizons and get to know other like-minded people. During the year we've organised two successful exhibitions; one as part of Múscailt, and another entitled "Double Yellow Lines" as part of theatre week. Students have the opportunity to exhibit artwork as part of a well-established arts festival, a chance few would get otherwise. Our other events such as henna and mask making workshops were a good way of working with other societies and interacting with our members. One of the highlights of the year was our trip to Edinburgh. The society gives students a way to express themselves and leads to an enriching experience all year round.

## Art Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 48 events.

**EGM » » 17th September 2013**

Come along to get involved in the Art Society

**Art Soc Classes » The Art Room » 30th September 2013**

Art Soc Classes

**Art Class » The Art Room » 1st October 2013**

Art Class

**Art Soc Classes » » 1st October 2013**

Art Soc Classes

**Open Studio Hours » » 3rd October 2013**

Free time for anyone to use the Art room to work on any personal pieces, draw, chat and get to know the committee.

**Art classes. » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 7th October 2013**

The first class in our series of observational drawing classes, run by Kathleen Furey, a founding member of Artspace Studios. All materials are supplied. Classes only cost 2 euro. Don't miss out!

**Art classes. » » 8th October 2013**

Exhibition classes to get things moving for the Art Soc exhibition, which will be happening later this year. We'll be working on ideas and exploring themes, as well as working on pieces.

**Observational drawing with Kathleen Furey. » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 14th October 2013**

The second in our series of observational drawing classes with Kathleen Furey. Last week was a great success, so make sure to get your ticket from Socs Box while you still can. Costs just 2 euro. Materials are provided.

**Exhibition preparation class » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 15th October 2013**

A class to help develop ideas and create artwork for our exhibition, which will be happening later in the year.

**Observational drawing with Kathleen Furey. » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 21st October 2013**

The third class in our series with artist Kathleen Furey. She'll be teaching observational drawing and still life. Class costs 2 euro.

**Exhibition classes » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 22nd October 2013**

Classes to discuss ideas and work on pieces for our annual exhibition. Class is free and everybody is welcome!

**Open Studio » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 24th October 2013**

Open studio is a chance for our members to use the art room to work on their own pieces, or even just to drop in for a chat. It's free and materials are provided.

**Exhibition preparation class.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 29th October 2013*

Classes to discuss ideas and work on pieces for our upcoming Art Soc exhibition. The class is free, materials are provided, and everybody is welcome!

**Open Studio** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 31st October 2013*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Observational drawing** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 4th November 2013*

The final class in our observational drawing workshops with artist Kathleen Furey. Class costs just 2 euro and all materials are provided. Classes have been popular, so make sure to get your tickets from Socs Box!

**Exhibition preparation classes.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 5th November 2013*

Classes to discuss ideas and work on pieces for our upcoming Art Soc exhibition. The class is free, materials are provided, and everybody is welcome!

**Open Studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 7th November 2013*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Life Drawing** » *Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th November 2013*

Life drawing classes with artist Christina Mullen. Places are limited, so make sure to get your ticket from Socs box. Only 2 euro!

**Open Studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 14th November 2013*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Open Studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 14th November 2013*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Life Drawing** » *No suggestions found » 18th November 2013*

Life drawing classes with artist Christina Mullen. Places are limited, so make sure to get your ticket from Socs box. Only 2 euro!

**Open Studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 21st November 2013*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Life Drawing** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 25th November 2013*

Art classes 2 euro

**Open studio** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 16th January 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Life drawing classes** » » *21st January 2014*

Life drawing classes with Galway artist Christina Mullen. All materials are provided and the class costs just 2 euro. Beginners are welcome!

**Open studio** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 23rd January 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Open studio** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 30th January 2014*



Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Life drawing class.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 5th February 2014*

The final class in our series of life drawing classes with Christina Mullan. Tickets are 2 euro from Socs Box. Materials are provided and beginners are welcome!

**Open studio** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 6th February 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Open studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 13th February 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Art classes** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 18th February 2014*

The first in a three week street art workshop. Old clothes might be a good idea. Class cost just 2 euro. Tickets available from Socs box.

**Open studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 20th February 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Art classes** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 25th February 2014*

The second in a three week street art workshop. Old clothes might be a good idea. Class cost just 2 euro. Tickets available from Socs box.

**Open studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 27th February 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Art classes** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 4th March 2014*

The last class in a three week street art workshop. Old clothes might be a good idea. Class cost just 2 euro. Tickets available from Socs box.

**Open studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 6th March 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Exhibition Launch** » *Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer » 10th March 2014*

Exhibition DOUBLE YELLOW LINES runs all week as part of Theatre Week with a launch and reception at 7pm. All welcome.

**Double Yellow Line Art Exhibition** » » *10th March – 14th March 2014 (5 individual events)*

Art Soc Exhibition based on the theme of urban art. Running daily from March 10th - 14th as part of Theatre Week.

**Open studio.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 13th March 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Ceramics classes** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 18th March 2014*

Ceramics classes. Costs 2 euro. All materials are provided. Beginners are welcome!

**Ceramics classes** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 25th March 2014*

Ceramics classes. Costs 2 euro. All materials are provided. Beginners are welcome!

**Open Studio** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 27th March 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Ceramics classes.** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 1st April 2014*

Ceramics classes. Costs 2 euro. All materials are provided. Beginners are welcome!

**Open Studio** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 3rd April 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your own projects, use our materials or even just kill some time. Materials are provided and there's no charge!

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Mataka Flynn

**Treasurer:** Grace English

**PRO:** Daragh McGee

**Master of Arms:** Michael English

**OCM:** Emily Doyle

**OCM:** Leah Heffernan

**IV Organiser:** Jenna Hodgins

**Vice-Auditor:** Sarah Devaney

**Secretary:** Eabha McKeever

**Travel Officer:** Declan Gardiner

**Wise Old Man:** Robert Alfis

**OCM:** Leigh Ashmore

**OCM:** Sarah Tuthill

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** Mataka Flynn

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,605.00	Bank charge	€36.36
Ticket Sales	€325.00	Dinner	€200.00
Socs box Till	€869.00	Equipment misc	€300.00
USC Grant	€4,000.00	Gifts	€300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,799.00</b>	Hoodies	€375.00
		Materials	€676.51
		Reception	€137.66
		Society accomm	€313.00
		Society transport	€450.93
		Teacher fees	€1,580.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,369.46
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€3.34
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,426.20
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,799.00</b>

**Other Information**

We held committee 10 meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 521 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Art Soc

<a href="#"><u>Eabha McKeever</u></a>	Secretary	80 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sarah Devaney</u></a>	Vice-auditor	98 hours
<a href="#"><u>Robert Alfis</u></a>	Wise Old Man	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>Grace English</u></a>	Treasurer	70 hours

Art Soc is one of the most creative and innovative societies on campus. The weekly classes we run as well as "Casual Thursdays" give students the chance to broaden their artistic horizons while meeting other like-minded people. During the year we've organised two successful exhibitions; one as part of Múscailt, and another entitled "Double Yellow Lines" during Theatre Week. We've hosted a range of events over the course of the year including henna stands and mask-making workshops, working in conjunction with other societies such as Cumann Staire and Italian Soc respectively. One of the highlights of the year was our trip to Edinburgh in January which was extremely successful! The society gives students a way to express themselves artistically in a fun and exciting way, while meeting new people.

**# ALIVE Students:** 4 students

**# Hours Volunteered:** 288 hours

## Ashirbad

Ashirbad is a society which sends N.U.I.G students to India to volunteer for 8 weeks during the summer. The volunteer has both rural and town placements and it focuses on improving the standard of education in a hill-station in North East India. All the money fundraised goes directly towards the charity. Application forms will be circulated in October and interviews held in January. Throughout the year fundraisers, nights out and information sessions will be held.

### Ashirbad Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

#### **Ashirbad Volunteer Information Session » » 29th October 2013**

Information session for hopeful volunteers. Past volunteers will give a description of the volunteer placement in India. Free Pizza too!

#### **Bake Sale » » 20th November 2013**

#### **Happy Potter Table Quiz! » The Cellar » 1st May 2014**

In aid of Ashirbad Society going to India this summer, get yo spells, yo facts and yo gossip in order for this magical night in the DUNGEONS of The Cellar! 4 to a team and 6 squids per person. There will be free finger food, a raffle, spot prizes and a lot of surprises along the way!

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Eva-marie Costello

**Treasurer:** Edward Mullarkey

**Vice-Auditor:** Maria Dillon

**Secretary:** Eamonn Doran

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Eva-marie Costello

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,134.63	Bank charge	€57.40
Bank Charge	€176.00	Dinner	€360.00
Fundraising	€7,889.40	Fundraising/charity	€8,197.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€9,200.03</b>	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€8,614.40</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€585.63</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€9200.03</b>

## Other Information

We held committee 6 meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 191 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Ashirbad

**Elizabeth Moon**

Volunteer

60 hours

Ashirbad is a society which sends N.U.I.G students to India to volunteer for 8 weeks during the summer. The volunteer has both rural and town placements and it focuses on improving the standard of education in a hill-station in North East India. All the money fundraised goes directly towards the charity. Application forms will be circulated in October and interviews held in January. Throughout the year fundraisers, nights out and information sessions will be held.

# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 60 hours

## Astronomy Society

### Astronomy Society Events

This year the society held a total of 49 events.

**Fáilte Fest-3D tours of the Universe » Meet on the Concourse outside Larmor » 8th September 2013**

This Sunday you can find us on the concourse (outside Larmor Theatre) from 1pm to 5pm. We are running the 3D tour of the Universe in the Centre for Astronomy's 3D visualisation suite. Shows will be leaving the concourse every half hour.

**Galway Astronomy Club talk with Leo Enright » Westwood House Hotel » 9th September 2013**

Our friends in the Galway Astronomy Club will host a free talk on Monday, September 9th at the Westwood House Hotel starting at 7.30pm. The speaker will be renowned RTE Space commentator; Leo Enright!!! For more information <http://galwayastronomyclub.ie>

**Astro Soc EGM and Documentary Night!! » Dillon Theatre » 16th September 2013**

The Astro Soc AGM will take place at 7.00pm followed by the start of season 2 of "How the Universe Works".

**Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell Talk » Kirwan Theatre » 24th September 2013**

On Tuesday the 24th of September the NUI Galway Astronomy society will welcome world-renowned astrophysicist Jocelyn Bell Burnell for a special public talk entitled "A light-weight introduction to gravitational radiation?". Professor Burnell is best known for her discovery of pulsars,

rapidly rotating neutron stars, in 1967 and has won numerous awards for her strong role in promoting science. In 2008 she became the first female President of the Institute of Physics and is a strong supporter, and role model, of women in science.

This talk will introduce the topic of gravitational waves and show that we are on the threshold of detecting a whole new spectrum of radiation. These waves, sometimes called ripples in space-time, were first predicted by Albert Einstein. Was he right? What are these ripples and how are they created? How are we able to detect them? Professor Bell Burnell's talk will take place at 7pm on Tuesday the 24th of September in the Kirwan Theatre in NUI Galway. This talk is free, and open to the general public.

#### **Rockets with Eric Stenzel** » *Dillon Theatre* » 30th September 2013

Rocket talk with Eric Stenzel. This talk will cover rockets and rocket building. The talk will also include some of Eric's own personal experiences with using rockets. This is one not to be missed and will take place at 7pm in the Dillon Theatre. All Welcome :)

#### **Galway Astronomy Club Talk: Tree rings hint to past catastrophic encounters with Comets?** » *Westwood House Hotel* » 7th October 2013

This Monday our friends in the Galway Astronomy Club are holding their monthly talk. This month Professor Mike Baille, Queens University Belfast will be giving a talk entitled "Tree rings hint to past catastrophic encounters with Comets." The talk takes place at 7.30pm in the Westwood Hotel. All Astro Soc members have free entry to these talks.

#### **Rocket Building Competition** » *Physics Room 220 (Through the green doors on the Concourse)* » 18th October 2013

Rocket Building: On Friday the 18th of October you will be given your rocket to put together and it will then be launched in Tuam on Saturday the 19th of October.

Prizes will be out of this world!!!

Time/Date: Friday 18th Oct 2013, from 3pm to 5pm

Place: Physics Room 220 (through the green doors on the Concourse)

Price: 25 euro

Number of team members: 1-4

Sign up at the Socs Box!

#### **Rocket Launching** » *Tuam, Co Galway* » 19th October 2013

Along with the launching of the competition rockets, other big rockets are being launched by Rocketry Ireland <http://www.irishrocketry.com>.

Check out this cool video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNCipBn58eo&feature=player\\_embedded#at=24](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNCipBn58eo&feature=player_embedded#at=24)

Time/Date: Saturday, 19th Oct 2013, launching should start at approx. 12.30pm

Place: Tuam, Co. Galway Transport: We are trying to organise a car pool system! Otherwise bus from Galway to Tuam (costing approx. 10 euro) and leaving at 10.30am or 12pm.

Directions: Car Satnav Systems 53 28 02.48 8 51 14.68

#### **Galway Astronomy Club: Workshop "Building & Equipping a back garden Observatory"** » *Room 220, Physics Dept.* » 21st October 2013

Galway Astronomy Club:

Workshop title: "Building & Equipping a back garden Observatory"

by Markus Woerner, free entry and all welcome

Monday, Oct 21st 7.30pm, Room 220, Physics Dept. (through the green doors on the Concourse)

#### **Galway Astronomy Club: Talk: "The active Sun: The beating heart of our Solar System" by Daniel Ryan, Trinity College Dublin & NASA** »

*Westwood House Hotel* » 4th November 2013

Monday, 4th November at 7.30pm, Galway Astronomy club will be hosting a talk entitled "The Active Sun: The beating heart of our Solar System" by Daniel Ryan, Trinity College Dublin & NASA. This talk takes place in the Westwood House Hotel and is free to Astro Soc members.

#### **Science Fortnight Launch** » *Dillon Theatre* » 11th November 2013

#### **Movie Night with Disney Soc: WALL-E** » *AM250* » 12th November 2013

Science Fortnight Movie Night: Astronomy and Disney Soc will be showing the Disney Pixar film Wall-E in the Colm Ó hEocha Theatre in the Arts Millennium Building (AM250) at 7pm. All welcome and there will be free sweets/goodies! :)

#### **Science Fortnight: Physics Soc present The Science Ball** » *Galway Bay Hotel* » 13th November – 14th November 2013 (2 individual events)

As part of Science Fortnight the NUIG Physics Society present the Science Ball!!

Physics Soc:



## Science Ball

Galway Bay Hotel, 7pm

The 2013 Science Ball, brought to you by Physics Soc, Bank of Ireland and Carbon Night Club, has been scheduled for the night of Wednesday, 13th of November in the Galway Bay Hotel.

Dress Code is Formal.

Full Tickets (including champagne reception and four course meal) are priced at 60 euro.

Afters Tickets (including pre-party in the College Bar and admission to the ball after the meal) are priced at 25 euro.

All tickets include entry to the Ball after party on Thursday the 14th which will take place in Carbon Nightclub.

Music by The Converse Allstars and Ryan Griffin.

Tickets on sale in the Socs Box in Áras na Mac Léinn.

### **Science Fortnight: Juggling Show** » *Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 14th November 2013

As part of Science Fortnight Juggling Soc present:

Juggling Show

Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn, 8pm

Juggling Soc will be having a juggling show on the 14th of November in the Cube in Áras na Mac Léinn at 8pm.

Entry: 3 euro

### **Maths Soc Talk: "Entering Sparse-Land" with Dr Fintan Hegarty** » » 15th November 2013

"Compressed sensing is a relatively new signal processing technique for efficiently acquiring and reconstructing signals by finding solutions to underdetermined linear systems. Dr Hegarty presents a sparse overview of the topic, describing some popular applications and algorithms."

Talk will take place at 5pm on the 15th of November. Location AC201 on the Concourse

### **Science Fortnight: Kitchen Chemistry** » *Dillon Theatre* » 18th November 2013

Kitchen Chemistry

Dillon Theatre, 7pm

On the 18th of November at 7pm, NUI Galway's Kitchen Chemistry will be giving a demonstration in the Dillon Theatre at 7pm. Free event and all welcome!

### **Science Fortnight: Public Talk "The History of Radiotherapy" by Gordon Sands** » *AC202, Concourse* » 19th November 2013

Science Fortnight: Astronomy & Physics Societies:

Public Talk: "The History of Radiotherapy" by Gordon Sands

AC202, Concourse 7pm

The Astronomy and Physics Societies present a public talk by Gordon Sands, a PhD student in NUI Galway, on the history of medical physics and radiotherapy. This talk will take place in AC202 on the Concourse at 7pm on the 19th of November. All welcome!

### **Science Fortnight: Public Talk "Exploring Mars, Discovering Earth" by Kevin Nolan** » *AM250 - Colm O hEocha Theatre* » 20th November 2013

Astronomy Society:

Public Talk: "Exploring Mars, Discovering Earth" by Kevin Nolan

AM250, 7pm

The Astronomy Society present a public talk on the planet Mars by Kevin Nolan, a lecturer in physics at the Institute of Technology, Tallaght, Dublin. This talk entitled "Exploring Mars, Discovering Earth" will take place in the Colm Ó hEocha Theatre in the Arts Millennium Building (AM250) at 7pm. It promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable and informative talk. Free entry and all are welcome!

### **Science Fortnight End Party** » *Skeff* » 21st November – 22nd November 2013 (2 individual events)

Science Fortnight End Party

Astronomy Soc are having a party to celebrate the end of the first ever NUI Galway Science Fortnight!

Location: Skeff at 8.30pm

Reserved area, with finger food and refreshment deals, 1 euro entry into Karma and skip the queue! :)

For more details check out: <https://www.facebook.com/events/553265408094006/>

### **Public Talk: "2013: The Year of the Long-haired Stars"** » *IT250* » 17th December 2013

Special Christmas Talk on Comets hosted by the NUIG Astronomy Society and Galway Astronomy Club.

On the 17th of December the NUI Galway Astronomy Society and Galway Astronomy Club will welcome Dr Jacqueline Keane for a special

Christmas talk entitled "2013: The Year of the Long-haired Stars". The talk will take place in IT 250, IT Building, NUI Galway at 7.30pm.

All welcome! :)

In ancient times, "long-haired stars" inspired terror because of their sudden appearance, potentially great brightness, and large tails. Comets, long considered harbingers of doom, have been blamed for some of history's darkest times. About once a decade, a truly spectacular comet is visible even through the bright city lights. In 2013, it was predicted that we would see two "great" comets of the century, L4-PANSTARRS and ISON. Though these two comets did not disappoint scientists, they were not as bright as first predicted and were not visible to the general public. But what makes a comet "great" anyway? Come along and find out. This public talk will discuss what comets are and how comets help us understand the formation of the Solar System. A summary of the exciting world-wide Comet ISON observing campaign will be presented, with a special focus on the University of Hawaii campaign using numerous 10-meter telescopes at 14000 feet on the summit of Mauna Kea. The prospects of viewing comets in 2014 will also be discussed.

Jacqueline Keane is an assistant astronomer at the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy. After studying for a B.Sc. in Physics and a Masters in Astronomy at the NUI Galway, Jacqueline earned a PhD in Astrophysics at Groningen University (the Netherlands) working with Infrared Space Observatory observations of interstellar ice features and their formation via grain-surface reactions. After her PhD, Jacqueline moved to California to work at the NASA Ames Research Center where her work concentrated on understanding the composition of cold material in star-forming molecular clouds using the Spitzer space-based telescope. Jacqueline currently specializes in ground-based observations of comets and how they can be used to understand the conditions in the early Solar System.

**Movie Night: Galaxy Quest** » *Dillon Theatre, Concourse* » 20th January 2014

Monday 20th Jan, we are going to show Galaxy Quest in the Dillon Theatre at 7pm. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided! All welcome! :)

**Galway Astronomy Festival 2014 "City of Stars"** » *Westwood House Hotel, Galway City* » 1st February 2014

Taking place on Saturday the 1st of February in the Westwood House Hotel, Galway. Full Details can be found on the Galway Astronomy Club website. <http://www.galwayastronomyclub.ie> or <http://www.galwayastronomyclub.ie/index.php/31-general/general/110-astronomy-festival-2014> Special prices for Astro Soc members.

**Free Public Talk: Galway Astronomy Festival 2014: "Exploring the Universe: The View from Hubble and Beyond"** » *Westwood House Hotel* » 1st February 2014

Free public talk as part of Galway Astronomy Festival 2014.

The talk is entitled "Exploring the Universe: The View from Hubble and Beyond" and the speaker is Dr Deirdre Coffey from University College Dublin.

Deirdre will present this free public talk starting at 4pm at the Westwood House Hotel as part of the Galway Astronomy Festival 2014, all welcome.

Includes Monster Draw with astronomy goodies worth over 2700 euro.

See [www.galwayastronomyclub.ie](http://www.galwayastronomyclub.ie) for more details.

Looking to attend the full day of talks. Entry to students only 10 euro.

**Astronomy Class - PotterFest** » *Áras na Mac Léinn* » 2nd February 2014

Astro Soc will be giving Astronomy Classes and 3D Tours of the Universe as part of Potter Fest Galway!

**Talk: An Introduction to Astronomy** » *Dillon Theatre* » 10th February 2014

This Monday the 10th of February, Astro Soc's very own Auditor, the lovely Lisa-Marie Browne, will give a talk entitled "An Introduction to Astronomy".

The talk will cover everything from planets to supernovae, and will take place at 7pm in the Dillon Theatre on the Concourse.

All welcome! :)

Facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/424917797610611/>

**Documentary Night: Cosmos "The Shores of the Cosmic Ocean"** » *Dillon theatre, NUI Galway* » 17th February 2014

This Monday the 17th of February we will be showing the very first episode of Carl Sagan's documentary series Cosmos "The Shores of the Cosmic Ocean". The show was first aired in 1980 and had just 13 episodes. By 2009, it was still the most widely watched PBS series in the world. For more details you can check out [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cosmos:\\_A\\_Personal\\_Voyage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cosmos:_A_Personal_Voyage)

**Talk: The Radio Universe: Astronomy at Long Wavelengths** » *AO208, Applied Optics, Physics Department, NUI Galway* » 19th February 2014

On Wednesday 19th February, the Centre for Astronomy will welcome a special visitor Dr Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh, an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physics at the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario. The talk entitled "The Radio Universe: Astronomy at Long

Wavelengths" will be about the Square Kilometre Array and I-LOFAR. These are both projects in which Ireland can play a role now and in the future. The talk will take place at 3pm in AO208 (Applied Optics, Physics Department).

**Prof. Markus Woerner: "The Rise and Fall of the Harmony of the World - Johannes Kepler and the Copernican Revolution" » » 24th February 2014**

On the 24th of February, we will welcome Professor Markus Woerner for a special talk as part of An Cumann Staire's History Month. Markus is emeritus professor of Philosophy, NUI, Galway and amateur astronomer. He is one of the founding members and former chairman of the Galway Astronomy Club (GAC) and member of the German Association of Variable Star Observers (BAV). Here is a description of this year's talk. At the time when Galileo made his first observations with the telescope, Johannes Kepler formulated the first two of his three laws, which became decisive for modern theories of heliocentrism and modern astronomy as a whole.

Law of Ellipses (1609): The orbit of each planet is an ellipse, with the sun at one focus. The distance from the sun to the planet varies as the planet moves along its elliptical orbit

Law of Equal Areas (1609): A line drawn from a planet to the sun sweeps out equal areas in equal times. The orbital speeds are non-uniform but vary in a regular way: the farther the planet is from the sun, the more slowly it moves

Harmonic Law (1618): The square of the orbital period of a planet is directly proportional to the cube of its average distance from the sun.

Planets with larger orbits move more slowly around the sun. The law implies that the sun-planet force decreases with distance from the sun.

These laws marked the end of a universe of harmoniously revolving homocentric spheres which dominated our understanding of the world since Plato, Aristotle and Ptolemy. However, Kepler modified and upheld the belief in the Harmony of the World (Harmonice Mundi). Did he tragically follow a sweet dream? In what sense is our universe harmonious, if it is harmonious? The talk attempts to retrace major geometrical, musical and theological considerations which brought Kepler to these conclusions. It tries to show that sometimes true and revolutionary conclusions in science were drawn from false or problematic premises. It also claims that the dream of a harmonious universe has not left us entirely. Free tea/coffee and biscuits afterwards! All welcome! :)

**Galway Astronomy Club Talk: We can but should we? Ethical limits to Space exploration » Westwood House Hotel, Galway City » 3rd March 2014**

On March 3rd Galway Astronomy Club welcomes, Mr Peter Household, Chairperson of Cork Astronomy Club who will talk on the topic of "We can but should we? Ethical limits to Space Exploration" and he will debate many questions on exploring the Cosmos like the following - The debate on the so-called overprotection of Mars? What are planetary protection rules for, and should they be relaxed with respect to Mars?

The ultimate relaxation of planetary protection for Mars would be terraforming - is it desirable?

That talk will take place at 7.30pm in the Westwood House Hotel. NUI Galway Astronomy Society members are welcome to attend the talk :)

**Kerbal Space Program (KSP) Night with Comp Soc » Meeting Room 1, Áras na Mac Léinn » 10th March 2014**

Kerbal Space Program (KSP) Night with Comp Soc

Mon 10th March, Meeting Room 1, Upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn, from 6pm to 11pm

KSP Night with Comp Soc. It will be done in a friendly competition where certain objectives are posted like first to get to the moon, first to make an SSTO and so on.

People will be divided into small teams and given a copy of the game to install if needed.

Feel free to bring your laptop along to join in the game. All welcome! :) <https://kerbalspaceprogram.com/>

**Documentary: Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey » Physics Room 220, Concourse » 12th March 2014**

Documentary: Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey

Wed 12th March, Physics Room 220 (through the green doors on the Concourse), 7pm

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFF2ECZ8m1A>

**Talk: Dr. Mark Lang "The extraordinary Universe - TeV Gamma-ray astronomy" » » 24th March 2014**

Dr. Mark Lang will be giving a talk entitled "The extraordinary Universe - TeV Gamma-ray astronomy". All welcome! :)

**Cosmos Documentary Night » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 25th March 2014**

We will be showing a double bill of the new season of Cosmos (episode 2 and 3). Popcorn, sweets, tea and coffee will be provided. Venue: Cairnes Lecture Theatre. All welcome :)

**Talk: "Pulsars: Physics at its most extreme" with Paul Moran » Dillon Theatre » 31st March 2014**

On the 31st of March, the astronomy society will welcome its very own Paul Moran, PRO of the society in 2012/2013. Paul is a final year PhD student and a member of the Centre for Astronomy's Pulsar Research Cluster and this talk will look at these elusive objects. Talk will take place at 7pm in the Dillon Theatre. All welcome :)

**AGM & Cosmos, Episode 4 » The Space, Áras na Mac Léinn » 7th April 2014**

Interested in becoming part of the Astronomy Society committee for 2014/2015? Then come along to our AGM, on Monday the 7th of April, at 7pm in The Space, Upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn. Afterwards we will be showing Episode 4 of the new series of "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey", presented by Neil deGrasse Tyson. All welcome! :)

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Vice-Auditor:** Amy Joyce

**Auditor:** Lisa-marie Browne

**Treasurer:** Niamh Fitzgerald

**Equipment Officer:** Ruairi Munnally

**Poster Crew:** Alex Collins

**Event Officer:** Kenneth Hanley

**O.C.M.:** Diarmaid De Burca

**Secretary:** Deirdre Ni Chonchubhair

**PRO:** Louis Martin

**Poster Crew :** Seamus Duffy

**Poster Crew:** Tatjana Vasilevska

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** Deirdre Ni Chonchubhair

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€126.33	Bank charge	€37.86
Hoodies	€27.00	Costumes	€43.43
Members Contributions	€500.00	Dinner	€126.22
Socs box Till	€644.00	Entertainment	€462.50
Ticket Sales	€70.00	Entry fees	€30.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Equipment misc	€584.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,367.33</b>	Gifts	€147.82
		Hoodies	€675.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€163.57
		Printing	€124.00
		Prizes	€133.42
		Socs day expenses	€174.72
		Speaker travel	€197.24
		Video Hire	€90.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€2,990.33</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Cash In Hand</b>	<b>€50.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€327.00</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,367.33</b>

**Other Information**

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 700 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Astronomy Society		
<a href="#"><u>Deirdre Ni Chonchubhair</u></a>	Secretary	350 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lisa-marie Browne</u></a>	Auditor	350 hours
<a href="#"><u>Niamh Fitzgerald</u></a>	Treasurer	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Louis Martin</u></a>	PRO	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Amy Joyce</u></a>	Vice Auditor	14 hours
<a href="#"><u>Tatjana Vasilevska</u></a>	Putting up posters, help out for the events, taking photos of the events.	35 hours
<p>Astronomy is the oldest of the sciences and dates back as far as ancient Egypt. The main goal of the society is to promote Astronomy both academically and recreationally for people who are interested and curious as to what the night's sky is all about. The society is open to everyone in the university, especially those new to Astronomy. We have a range of students in the society from varying faculties across campus. It encourages both undergrads, postgrads, staff members from the Centre for Astronomy and the public, to come together to share their knowledge and passion for astronomy.</p>		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	6 students	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	949 hours	

## Atheist Humanist

The Atheist Humanist society aims to educate its members and the wider community about what exactly atheism and humanism is as well as to help break down the social barrier that exists towards these secular belief systems. HASoc promotes debate and discussion between members of different faiths and belief systems as well as highlighting the importance of recognizing and respecting secular belief systems in modern society, modern law as well as within modern Irish customs.

### Atheist Humanist Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

#### **Atheist Humanist SOC MEET & GREET WELCOME NIGHT-----FREE PIZZA!!!!** » » *1st October 2013*

After our extremely successful Socs Day we would like to welcome all our members both new and old to the 2013/2014 college year. Join us in AC203 on the concourse on Tuesday 1st October for some pizza and chat!!

#### **Committee Meeting** » » *5th November 2013*

#### **Atheism in Education** » » *20th November 2013*

A talk on the new curriculum that Atheist Ireland is working on with Educate Together about atheism for primary school children. Michael Nugent and Jane Donnelly (Chairperson and Education Officer of Atheist Ireland) will be discussing the development of the new curriculum. All are welcome to what is gearing up to be a very interesting and topical event. Refreshments and chat after the event!

#### **Pizza & Movie Night** » *Áras na mac Léinn - The Space* » *10th February 2014*



We are holding our first event of semester 2 on Monday 10th February at 7pm in The Space in Áras na Mac Léinn. It will be a pizza and movie night. We will be showing "The Most Hated Family in America" a documentary by Louis Theroux on the Westboro Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

**EGM » Meeting Room 2 (upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn) » 19th February 2014**

An EGM has been called to recruit new committee members to our society. All are welcome. We are looking for interested and enthusiastic people to join our committee. If you would like to help organise events and meetings please come along (looks great on the CV!)

**Movie Night » IT202 » 24th February 2014**

Screening the Intelligence Squared debate 'Is the Catholic Church a force for good in the world?' Refreshments and pizza!

**Movie Night » » 4th March 2014**

America's Most Hated Family in Crisis is a 2011 BBC documentary film presented and written by Louis Theroux, who revisits the family at the core of the Westboro Baptist Church. It is a follow up to 2007's The Most Hated Family in America, also written and presented by Theroux. All are welcome, refreshments and pizza on the night!

**AGM » The Space Áras na Mac Léinn » 8th April 2014**

AGM to elect committee for next September. All are welcome.

**Committee 2013/2014**

- Auditor:** Lisa Lavelle
- Secretary:** Tessa Morgenroth
- Ordinary Committee Member :** Peter Ferguson
- Treasurer:** Glenn Gielty
- Public Relations Officer:** Joanne Duffy
- Events Manager:** Aidan Kiely

**Committee 2014/2015**

- Auditor:** Joanne Duffy
- Secretary:** Aidan Kiely
- Ordinary Committee Member:** Lisa Lavelle
- Vice-Auditor:** Tessa Morgenroth
- Treasurer:** Sean Reilly
- Ordinary Committee Member:** Peter Ferguson

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€277.12	Bank charge	€8.93
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner	€162.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>€777.12</b>	Equipment misc	€116.85
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€18.21
		Printing	€32.30
		Reception	€47.35
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€386.51</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€390.61</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€777.12</b>

**Other Information**

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 233 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Atheist Humanist		
<a href="#"><u>Tessa Morgenroth</u></a>	Secretary	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lisa Lavelle</u></a>	Auditor	100 hours
<p>The Humanist Atheist Society has two main objectives: to eliminate the stigma which has been attached to the atheist label, and to highlight the Humanist philosophy. We strive for a world view which combines reason with passion. We advocate for a secular Ireland, as it is the only system which treats all religions and none equally. We reject the concept of god or gods, and do not believe our morality is disseminated from a higher being. Humanists place the welfare of humanity in the hands of the only force capable of providing for that welfare: humans.</p>		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	2 students	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	110 hours	

## Bahai

The Bahai Society is a group for university students who want to make difference to society. It is inspired by the teachings of the Bahai faith but is made up of students from all different backgrounds and denominations.

### Bahai Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

**Devotional Meeting »** *Wellness Centre, Áras na Mac Léinn (through the Hub) » 11th September – 11th December 2013 (14 individual events)*

These informal gatherings are held on campus on a weekly basis and give people the chance to come together to listen, share and reflect on writings from various world religions. All are welcome to join these meetings which provide students with a peaceful environment in which to share their opinions, have a chat and enjoy a cup of tea!

**Weekly Devotional Meeting »** *Wellness Centre (at the back of The Hub) - Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd January – 26th March 2014 (10 individual events)*

These informal gatherings are held on campus on a weekly basis and give people the chance to come together to listen, share and reflect on writings from various world religions. All are welcome to join these meetings which provide students with a peaceful environment in which to share their opinions, have a chat and enjoy a cup of tea!

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** George Rahmani

**Treasurer:** Lua Rahmani

**Secretary:** Cillian McNamara

**Vice-Auditor:** Orla Harney

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** George Rahmani

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€200.22		
<b>Total</b>	<b>€200.22</b>	Expenditure Total	€0.00
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	€0.00
		<b>Cash In Hand</b>	€0.00
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€200.22
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€200.22</b>

## Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 72 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Bahai		
<u><b>Lua Rahmani</b></u>	Treasurer	53 hours
The Bahai Society		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	53 hours	

## Banter

The banter society is a new society this year. As of this year we are only a provisional society with a year to show that we can become an integral part of the NUIG student life. Basically we are a completely open society that is student driven in doing all the events you want to do without being stuck within certain parameters or limited by our name. Be it cocktail lessons, a fun twist on a charity event or a soccer tournament. We aim in bettering student life and bring people with different backgrounds together through the shared interest in some of the events we organise.

### Banter Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

#### **Banter Soc(cer) tournament** » corrib village cages » 3rd March 2014 (2 individual events)

Knock-out soccer tournament on in corrib Monday 3rd march from 19:45-22:00 16 teams 20 euro entry per team with the prize money at 100 euro and also second and third place prizes. 5 players a team a team can also have an extra player as a substitute.

#### **Banter Soc bake sale** » » 20th March 2014

we will be selling goodies that we made ourselves the likes of treats on the menu are brownies, sticky toffee pudding, apple pie, fairy cakes and more so make sure to get down and try some of them

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Dean McCole

**Treasurer:** Thomas Barnwell

**Vice-Auditor:** Darragh Byrne

**Secretary:** Jamie O'Halloran

**Public Relations Officer:** Rory Mannion

**OCM:** Tiernan Keane

**OCM:** Matthew Kilgannon

**OCM:** Ciaran Feeney

**OCM:** Jack Glynn

**OCM :** Tori Hume

**OCM:** John Haran

**OCM:** Ronan O'Sullivan

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Dean McCole

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€7.17
Fundraising	€115.00	Hall hire	€80.00
Socs box Till	€160.00	Materials	€80.00
Ticket Sales	€40.00	Prizes	€140.00
USC Grant	€300.00	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€307.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>€615.00</b>	<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	€0.00
		<b>Cash In Hand</b>	€0.00
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€307.83
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€615.00</b>

### Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 290 members.

## Best Buddies Society

Best Buddies is a program run by Ability West, a voluntary organisation based in Galway. This organisation provides services and support to people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

The NUIG branch of this program was set up 5 years ago with great success. The program aims to integrate people with intellectual disabilities into the university community. This is achieved by one on one friendships between students and service users. Matching is peer based with a primary focus on shared interests. The friendship involves meeting once a fortnight to do ordinary things such as going to the cinema, bowling or just grabbing a coffee! It offers freedom and independence to service users and helps remove prejudice in the University environment.

The society is truly growing from strength to strength. The number of members currently stands at 526. This phenomenal growth has led to a change in focus of the society. At the beginning the society was primarily matching based but, due to the large number of volunteers, unfortunately many don't get the opportunity to have their own buddy. In an effort to overcome this many service users have been matched with more than one volunteer leading to group friendships which has been very successful. Moreover the society itself have become more active in fundraising and more group event orientated which gives volunteers who are not successfully matched with a service user the opportunity to become involved and get to know the service users.

### Best Buddies Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**New Volunteer Meeting »** *Siobhan McKenna theatre, Arts Millennium » 29th October 2013*

New Volunteer Meeting and Info session.

**Night at the Dogs » Dog Track » 21st November 2013**

**NIGHT AT THE DOGS**

Kicking off at 6.30 at the Dog Track followed by Skeff for FREE finger food and then entry to Karma where DJ Will Sparks will be throwing out the tunes all in aid of BEST BUDDIES NUIG and GMIT!!!

Tickets are 6 to get into the dogs and 12 for the dogs and club entry! Tickets can be bought at the SocsBox or at one of our stands during the week. Check out our Facebook page for more updates: <https://www.facebook.com/events/605479896180547/?source=1>

**Meet and Greet Pizza Night » The Hub » 10th October 2013**

A chance for members to get to know each other. New members will also be able to find out more about the society with a chance to speak to well established members and of course the program coordinator Linda Keane. There will be an opportunity to fill out the Garda vetting forms, they can be sticky...don't be afraid to ask older members for help!

**Best Buddies Ball » Menlo Park Hotel, Galway City » 9th May 2014**

The biggest Best Buddies event of the year is the Ability West Ball, which we have kindly been invited to again this year! This is a truly great event. A beautiful meal followed by an awards ceremony and not to mention endless dancing (compulsory!)

**EGM » GMIT » 15th October 2013**

A meeting of the best Buddies Society NUIG and GMIT to discuss and plan a collaborated fundraising event. All society members interested in helping with this event are encouraged to come along. Meeting at the hub first to organize lifts for everyone!

**EGM » The Hub » 24th September 2013**

Most of our committee members are in final year so we would like to encourage other society members, be they new/old and matched or unmatched with buddies, to become involved in the committee. Places for OCM's up for grabs and the current committee members will be there to offer information and advice on being a part of the committee and what the different roles

**Welcoming Party » The Harbour Hotel, the Docks » 19th November 2013**

The first time for volunteers and service users to meet. This is, as always, a non-alcoholic event. There will be plenty of food. As always there will be plenty of music and dancing! We will also have some speed dating for everyone to get better antiquated. Don't worry there will be name tags as it can be quite over whelming.

**Promo » Concourse beside Smokey's Cafe » 18th November 2013**

There will be a promotional day on Monday for our up-coming fundraising event, A Night at the Dogs. Thickets will be on sale at our stand at Smokey's! Free sweets and goodies too so tell all your friends, we really want this night to be a success!

**Party Night » Harbour Hotel, the Docks » 3rd April 2014**

A way to say thanks to all volunteers in the in Best Buddies. There will be a table quiz, finger food, music and more in the Harbour Hotel! :)

**AGM » The Hub » 2nd April 2014**

We will be having our final meeting of the year this Wednesday. All are encouraged to come along as there will be elections for the up-coming committee. Most of this year's committee are finishing their final year and so new blood is urgently needed!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Alan Outram

**Treasurer:** Mark Corcoran

**PRO:** Orla Buckley

**OCM:** Katie Kennedy

**OCM:** Ciara Walsh

**OCM:** Aoife O'Leary

**OCM:** Cathal McCormack

**OCM:** Harry Walker

**Vice-Auditor:** Daniel Stephens

**Secretary:** Niamh O'Hara

**OCM:** David Barry

**OCM:** Maryrose Doherty

**OCM:** Colm O'Neill

**PRO:** Alice Deane

**OCM:** Tara McIntyre

**OCM:** Padraic Condron

OCM: Patricia McGovern

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Shane Broderick

**Vice-Auditor:** Tara McIntyre

**Treasurer:** David Barry

**OCM:** Harry Walker

## Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,374.34	Ball	€785.00
Socs box Till	€736.00	Bank charge	€28.51
Ticket Sales	€657.50	Dinner	€203.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,767.84</b>	Entertainment	€122.00
		Entry fees	€150.00
		Fundraising/charity	€407.50
		Returned Socs Money	€600.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,296.80
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,471.04
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,767.84</b>

## Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 528 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Best Buddies		
<u><a href="#">Karen Treacy</a></u>	Volunteer	8 hours
<u><a href="#">Alan Outram</a></u>	Auditor	30 hours
<u><a href="#">Ben Murphy</a></u>	Mentor/Buddy for Mentally Disabled Person	6 hours
<u><a href="#">Mark Corcoran</a></u>	Volunteer	30 hours
<u><a href="#">Lucy McKenna</a></u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u><a href="#">Elaine Murphy</a></u>	Best Buddy	15 hours
<u><a href="#">Julie O'Connor</a></u>	Volunteer	30 hours
<u><a href="#">Christine Condon</a></u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Niamh O'Hara</a></u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Conor Fitzgibbon</a></u>	Treasurer	200 hours
<u><a href="#">Alice Deane</a></u>	Committee Member and Buddy	70 hours

The Best Buddies society (based on the American programme founded by Anthony Kennedy Shriver in 1989) aims to create a link with Ability West and work as a liaison, giving students the opportunity to work with young adults with intellectual disabilities. Ability West is a voluntary organisation which provides a range of person- centred, high quality, community-based services to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. This programme will give people a chance to befriend a person with an intellectual disability.



# ALIVE Students: 11 students

# Hours Volunteered: 471 hours

## Biomedical Science

Bio medical society is a small society with a big difference. Many charity events are organised every year by this society. Last year they held a meet and greet for any one to come along and meet fellow bio medical members this event raised over 200 euro for the St. Vincent de Paul charity. A valentine's ball was organised with ticket proceeds going to charity also. The main event of the year every year is the organ donation awareness day where hundreds of cards and leaflets are given out to staff and students in the whole college to advertise how important it is to carry an organ donation card. There were 15 meetings in total last year where we discussed events and planned various speakers to come and talk in the college about bio medical subjects.

### Biomedical Science Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

#### Meet & Greet » November 2013

Meeting to welcome everyone back and plan for the year, proceeds in aid of Vincent de Paul.

#### Welcome Party » College Bar » November

Pizza and raffle tickets in aid of Simon Community.

#### Valentine Ball» Concourse beside Smokey's Cafe » 18th November 2013

There will be a promotional day on Monday for our up-coming fundraising event, A Night at the Dogs. Tickets will be on sale at our stand at Smokey's! Free sweets and goodies too so tell all your friends, we really want this night to be a success

#### Organ Awareness Day » College Bar » 5th February 2014

raise awareness of Organ Donation in conjunction with the Irish Kidney Association

#### Silent Disco » Roisin Dubh » 5th February 2014

Proceeds in aid of Pieta House.

#### End of Year Bar-B-Q » May 2014

Proceeds in aid of Pieta House.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Laura Piggott

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciara Clarke

**2nd Year Rep:** Aoife Thornton

**PRO Assistant:** Katie Flatley

**1st Year Rep:** Eimear Wallace

**Speakers Conveyor:** Finbarr Conroy

**Treasurer:** Lauren Scanlon

**PRO Manager:** Emma Donnellan

**Secretary:** Clíodhna Myles

**Graphic Designer:** Oisín Tierney

**3rd Year Rep:** Ciara St Ledger

**Speakers Conveyor:** Darragh Gallagher

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€647.93	Bank charge	€10.73
Fundraising	€702.00	Dinner	€120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,349.93</b>	Entertainment	€105.00
		Equipment misc	€75.05
		Fundraising/charity	€645.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€100.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€1,055.78</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€294.15</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,349.93</b>

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 216 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Biomedical Science		
<a href="#"><u>Edel Hughes</u></a>	Member, volunteer	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Laura Piggott</u></a>	Auditor	80 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lauren Scanlon</u></a>	Treasurer	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Thornton</u></a>	Second Year rep	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Emma Donnellan</u></a>	Events Manager	250 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara St Ledger</u></a>	Fundraiser	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Darragh Gallagher</u></a>	Speaker convenor	60 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Clarke</u></a>	Vice Auditor	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Finbarr Conroy</u></a>	Speakers Conveyor	35 hours
<a href="#"><u>Oisin Tierney</u></a>	Graphic Design	70 hours
<a href="#"><u>Katie Flatley</u></a>	Assistant PRO	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Chloe Coyle</u></a>	Volunteer	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Siobhan O'Rourke-Benny</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Clíodhna Myles</u></a>	Secretary	30 hours

Biomed Soc is for all sciences, be it zoology or anatomy. We organise numerous talks throughout the year from various people in different occupations. For example we have pathologists, drug representatives, surgeons, those in industry and labs all coming to give an insight into their jobs. We believe this will help science students with their decision making into what career they would like to pursue. We are one of the main societies involved in raising awareness with special events throughout the year. In our Organ Donor Awareness day, 1000 students picked up Donor Cards and over

# ALIVE Students: 14 student

# Hours Volunteered: 765 hours

## Botany Soc

The Botany Society runs in close relation to the botany department in NUIG. It is led by nearly all botany students to bring informative talks and fun (and educational!) field trips to all students of NUIG with an interest in botany. We didn't get as much done this year as we would have hoped but we are happy with the success of the events we did run, especially our yearly mushroom forage, which is always our most successful activity. In the coming year we hope to combine forces with some more of the environmentally-minded societies and have more collaborations.

## Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

### **Mushroom foray» Portumna Forest Park 3rd November 2013**

Mushroom foray guided by Louis smith. Day trip that will start with a short lecture at Áras de Brún, then move on out to Portumna forest park, where we will be foraging, identifying, and maybe sampling whatever the forest has to offer.

**John Carey, A Kenyan experience, with the tropical biology association.** » *Mairin de Valera, seminar room, Áras de Brún* » 27th November 2013

**Botany Christmas Party** » » 20th December 2013

Botany Society meeting up for an evening of food and entertainment.

**Phoebe O'Brien on Setting up of the Galway Botanical Garden.** » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Room C315, Botany, top floor of Áras de Brun.* » 20th February 2014

Setting up a botanic garden of Irish native plants, for education conservation and supporting research. A Social Enterprise and member Botanic Gardens Conservation International.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Aoife Byrne

**Auditor:** Paddy McGarvey

**Treasurer:** Derek Keogh

**Secretary:** Grace English

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Aoife Byrne

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€26.04	Bank charge	€29.78
Socs box Till	€40.00	Dinner	€60.00
Ticket Sales	€40.00	Entertainment	€80.00
USC Grant	€450.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€1.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>€556.04</b>	Reception	€98.02
		Speaker travel	€50.00
		Teacher fees	€200.00
		Expenditure Total	€519.78
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€36.26
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€556.04</b>

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 136 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Botany Soc

**Grace English**

Secretary

20 hours

Botany Soc organises many events throughout the year including: guest speakers from many different fields of the botanical world; movie nights; weekends away around Ireland, like to the Burren or even over to London; and trips abroad- in previous years we visited Poland and Italy, and this year there are plans for a trip to Finland! Being a member with Botany Soc will hopefully give you an insight into the amazing world of plants, highlight the important issues concerning conservation of species, and to give an example of some of the research that is being carried out in the botanical world. Also having an awesome time with some of the loveliest people is great too!

**# ALIVE Students:**

1 student

## Business Society

Biz Soc aims to get more students thinking about business and opening their mind to new ideas. We're really there to help any student that wants to get involved in Business in any form in the future. We want to simply educate those of us that have an interest in any form of commerce and want to hear from people outside the lecture hall, people that have had real life experiences in the workplace. We also feel that it is a very important social society and we are proud to say that if societies are there to bring people of similar minds together, it accomplishes this.

### Business Society Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

#### **BizSoc Presents a Night with Arthur** » *Electric Garden & Theatre and Halo Nightclub* » 26th September 2013

After a summer of Blurred Lines, a booming Thrift Shop Trade, and collapsing ceilings, as they couldn't hold us, the BizSoc are back with another huge event. Again we open Electric and Halo to celebrate what is almost a national holiday on this fine isle and for our diaspora worldwide, ARTHURS DAY. Tickets will be 5 Euro and we will have music from Converse All-Stars, Graham Doherty, Beefy Burke, Laura Yore, Paul Belton, Cian Lally-Croke and our 1st round winner of Flipsyde. Tickets can be gotten from the Socs Box or any of our committee Members  
Date: Thursday 26th of September (Arthurs Day)  
Venue: Electric and Halo, Price: €5 Doors: 10pm

#### **BizSoc Presents an Evening with Pat Divilly** » *IT250* » 21st October 2013

This fitness buzz has taken Galway and Ireland by storm, everyone, is running, walking, or generally working out to look and feel good and at the moment there is no better coach than Pat Divilly from Bearna.

Pat Divilly Fitness has now over 25,000 likes on Facebook, and runs both courses from his gym in Bearna and online courses. Pat has become internationally renowned for his coaching and life coaching, and here at the BizSoc we are honoured to have him come and speak about his success and getting our lives in order. Monday week he will grace us with his presence and for only €2 you could find that one tip that may help you find that finishing touch for your workout or simply for your motivation or focus.

Stop your lazing around, feeling hungover, eating s\*\*t, and get your life and body in shape. PDF

Date: 21/10/13

Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre Concourse, Cost: €2 Time: 7pm

#### **BizSoc Presents the Halloween Ball** » *Electric Garden and Theatre & Halo Nightclub* » 31st October 2013

We are delighted to announce the details of our next gig. As pointed out by one of our followers we will be opening up Electric and Halo again, Halloween night shall be the date. It will be fancy dress as the dress code with prizes for the best dressed on the night, judged by our fabulous committee. Headlining this gig will be Belgian DJ duo, Mumbai Science, and The Amazing Apples. This is probably our biggest event outside of the Commerce Ball yet.

Highlights for The Amazing Apples in 2012 and 2013 included a rocking performance at the Electric Picnic, a fabulous show with The Sawdoctors at The Volvo Ocean Race, a debut original EP which went straight to number one on the download charts, headlining the St. Patricks Day Festival in Bucharest Romania and opening for the great Mumford and Sons and Damien Dempsey. Hot off two tours of London and a tour of Boston this year, The Apples have begun work on their first studio album.

The Amazing Apples profile has risen quickly in the past few months, as word has spread fast about this musically versatile and talented band with massive charisma and huge live appeal.

Their popularity has snowballed throughout Ireland since last March when the band focused on original music, shaking off their covers band beginnings to develop their own unique sound. That sound is Irish/Americana with tons of personality and high-energy performances. All the members are multi-instrumentalists incorporating bouzouki, mandolin, keyboard and banjo for their live show. Often compared to early Waterboys, their live shows have become legendary.

#### **I Love Galway** » *Electric Garden and Halo Nightclub* » 14th November 2013

I Love Galway is a festival type event with all the acts based locally in Galway. It is one of the last opportunities to get out before exams start. It is a busy night in Galway with the White Collar Boxing and Disclosure everyone will be looking to head somewhere after, so this is the perfect opportunity.

Tickets are available from the Socs Box and from our committee members

Tickets: 5 Euro, Doors: 10pm

#### **Commerce Ball Tickets On Sale for Final Years » Bailey Allen Hall » 13th January 2014**

2014 Commerce Ball Tickets On Sale for Final Years

#### **Commerce Ball Tickets On Sale » Bailey Allen Hall » 14th January 2014**

2014 Commerce Ball Tickets On Sale

#### **Commerce Ball 2014 » » 29th January 2014**

Duke Dumont

Le Galaxie

Smash Hits

DJ Byrno

this year's Commerce Ball is going to be the biggest and best yet with huge international acts performing not only at the Ball but at the after party as well. Duke Dumont is one of the biggest DJs in the world at the moment and he is only gonna get bigger. UK No.1 with "Need U 100%" and many other great singles with "The Giver" and "I Got U", he is the highlight of the Ball

Up and coming Irish band Le Galaxie are here to make an impression with great experience playing festivals around the world, these guys are a group to watch.

#### **BizSoc's Commerce Ball 2014 After Party » College Bar, Electric Garden and Halo Nightclub » 30th January 2014**

Day 2 of the Commerce Ball..... The After Party!!!

Starting off in the College Bar around 1 with crowd favourite DJ Byrno on the decks. Another huge day in the College Bar, be sure to be there early.

Later on in the night the party continues in Electric and Halo with BBC1 DJ Zane Lowe and French duo Klingande performing. Undoubtedly some of the best DJs and biggest influences in the world of music. It's going to be one of the biggest nights in Galway

#### **BizSoc AGM » O'Flaherty Theatre » 24th March 2014**

BizSoc AGM to elect next year's executive committee. Positions available for election include as follows:

Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Strategic Adviser, Speakers Convener

All members welcome and people who want to get involved next year.

#### **Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Stephen Duff

**Vice-Auditor:** Bredagh Breslin

**Treasurer:** Conor Fitzgibbon

**Secretary:** Alice Doran

**PRO:** Thomas Kelleher

**Strategic Director:** Shane Reilly

#### **Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact:** Thomas Kelleher

#### **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€14,030.66	Ball	€13,693.85
Fundraising	€105.00	Bank charge	€344.62
Members Contributions	€530.00	Costumes	€256.00
Socs box Till	€3,805.00	Dinner	€665.00
Sponsorship	€5,803.00	Entertainment	€65,003.90

Income		Expenditure	
Ticket Sales	€68,741.35	Entry fees	€2,200.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Equipment misc	€1,350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€94,515.01</b>	Fundraising/charity	€200.00
		Hire Bus	€614.40
		Materials	€120.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€95.81
		Printing	€577.65
		Prizes	€385.00
		Promotions	€719.00
		Reception	€400.00
		Security	€225.00
		Society accomm	€3,122.35
		Society transport	€2,516.30
		Socs day expenses	€405.90
		Speaker travel	€500.00
		Stationary	€276.00
		Video Hire	€2,002.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€97,672.78</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Cash In Hand</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€-1,157.77</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€94,515.01</b>

### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 2397 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Business Society		
<u><a href="#">Ben Carty</a></u>	Second Year Representative	40 hours
<u><a href="#">Thomas Kelleher</a></u>	PRO	400 hours
<u><a href="#">Catherine O'Kennedy</a></u>	OCM	189 hours
<u><a href="#">Sam Conroy</a></u>	OCM	140 hours
<u><a href="#">Elizabeth O'Brien</a></u>	OCM	116 hours
<u><a href="#">Stephen Duff</a></u>	Auditor	400 hours
<u><a href="#">Alan O'Dowd</a></u>	committee member	150 hours
<u><a href="#">Sinead Kilgarriff</a></u>	volunteer	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Grainne Connolly</a></u>	OCM	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Shane Gohery</a></u>	Committee member	45 hours



<a href="#"><u>Tracey Brady</u></a>	active member	67 hours
<a href="#"><u>Katie Gilligan</u></a>	volunteer	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Alice Doran</u></a>	Secretary	170 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mark Kelly</u></a>	committee member	69 hours
<a href="#"><u>James McAllister</u></a>	OCM	112 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cariosa Switzer</u></a>	Committee member	80 hours
<a href="#"><u>Maurice Kelter</u></a>	OCM	60 hours
<a href="#"><u>Niamh McMahon</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Niamh Fahy</u></a>	Other Committee Member	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Liam Cox</u></a>	OCM	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Graeme Curtin</u></a>	OCM	55 hours

The NUI Galway Business Society (BizSoc) have proudly been one of the largest societies in the university over the past few years with over 2000 members each year. We run a range of events throughout the college year including both social and academic events. This year we had two guest speakers; Pat Divilly of Pat Divilly Fitness and Oisín Browne of the City Bin Co as well as holding social events such as; A Night with Arthur, I Love Galway, Halloween Ball and The BizSoc Commerce Ball.

**# ALIVE Students:** 21 students

**# Hours Volunteered:** 2703 hours

## Cheerleading Society

This was the first year for the Cheer leading society. Over the past few months we have participated in many events.

### Training

We trained most weeks of the semester. We trained from 8:00pm until 10:00pm doing a variety of activities such as stunting, trampoline, dance, tumbling and gymnastics. We are currently training for competitions next semester.

### Events

We had a number of events this semester. Three nights out were arranged. One in the college bar and another in The Kings Head and Carbon afterwards. We were asked to present some of our cheer stunts at the health fair to promote well-being and exercise. We also walked in the parade on St. Patrick's Day promoting our new society and performing our stunts.

### Uniform

We meet on a number of occasions to discuss the squad name and colours. In the end we agreed to name ourselves NUIG PANDAS. We have meet up to discuss fundraising for uniforms and held a bake sale on the 3rd of April. We ordered training T-shirts and we have art students working on a logo for our hoodies.

### Cheerleading Society Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

**EGM » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th January 2014**

**Training » » 30th January 2014**

Training mainly in stunts, tumbling and gymnastics with equipment. All welcome 2 euro per class.

**Training » Ballybane Industrial Estate Gym » 4th February 2014**

Meeting at the Quad at 7.30pm sharp to head over to the cheerleading gym for training. Price €3.50 including bus charge.

**Training » Ballybane Industrial Estate » 11th February 2014**

Like last week bus will be leaving the quad at 7.30pm and will be back at 10pm. Price 3.50 including training and bus. We are also planning to head to the Róisín Dubh for the silent disco afterwards :)

**Training » Stuntworx Gym, Ballybane Industrial Estate, » 18th February 2014**

Bus is leaving from the Kingfisher gym 7.30pm and will arrive back by 10pm. 3.50 Euros total for class and bus.

**Training » Cheerleading gym, Ballybane Industrial State » 25th February 2014**

Bus is leaving the Kingfisher club at 7.40pm sharp, arriving back by 10pm. Bus and class costs 3.50 in total.

**Training » Cheerleading gym, Ballybane Industrial Estate. » 4th March 2014**

Bus leaves the kingfisher 7.40pm sharp and arrives back at 10pm. Price 3.50 in total for class and bus. See you there :)

**Training » Cheerleading Gym, Ballybane Industrial Estate » 11th March 2014**

Bus leaving 7.40pm from Kingfisher gym €2 for bus and €2 for class. Bus arrives back by 10pm.

**Club night out » Kings Head, Shop Street. » 13th March – 14th March 2014 (2 individual events)**

Party upstairs in the King's Head, lots of games including a Wii and some pong Finger food, live band followed by DJ. All welcome great way to get to know the squad

**St Patrick's Day Parade » Shop Street » 17th March 2014**

**Training » Cheerleading Gym, Ballybane Industrial Estate » 18th March 2014**

We will be leaving from the kingfisher gym at 7.40pm and will arrive back by 10pm.

**Training » Cheerleading Gym, Ballybane Industrial Estate » 1st April 2014**

It's our last training session for the term, but don't worry we will be back in full swing in September. Bus leaves 7.40pm sharp from the kingfisher gym and arrives back by 10pm.

**Cheer night out! » Fibber Magee's » 3rd April – 4th April 2014 (2 individual events)**

Big night out starting in fibbers and then heading to the stock exchange. All welcome :)

**Training » Cheerleading Gym, Ballybane Industrial Estate » 25th March 2014**

**Bake Sale » Smokey's Café - Concourse » 3rd April 2014**

Bake sale to raise funds for our cheerleading uniforms and additional funds for training.

**AGM » Meeting Room 1, Áras na Mac Léinn. » 3rd April 2014**

End of year AGM

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Caoimhin De Burca

**Treasurer:** Hazel O'Driscoll

**Vice Treasurer:** Jorge Mendes Ferreira

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Anna Meller

**Committee Member:** Clodagh Gillen

**Auditor:** Aisleen Clarke

**Secretary:** Claudia Rocca

**Committee Member:** Brendan O'Donnell

**Committee Member:** Ciara Purcell

**Vice Public Relations:** Laura Nelson

## Committee 2014/2015

**Vice Treasurer:** Jorge Mendes Ferreira

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Anna Meller

**Vice Public Relations:** Laura Nelson

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Equipment misc	€56.00
Fundraising	€255.00	Hoodies	€25.00
Members Contributions	€565.00	Society transport	€504.00
Socs box Till	€30.00	Teacher fees	€450.00
USC Grant	€300.00	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€1,035.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,150.00</b>	<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Cash In Hand</b>	<b>€115.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,150.00</b>

### Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 187 members.

## Chemistry Soc

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 the 2013/14 academic year, the Chemistry Society has run a wide variety of events for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The lecture series and seminars involved academics from a variety of chemical backgrounds and invoked ideas from both students and staff alike. People also got the opportunity to interact with the speakers at the reception after the events.

A number of social events were held which included a Halloween party, table quiz, a party for the 4th year chemistry students, bake sale, an initiation party for incoming postgraduate students, a Christmas party and a weekend away. Chemistry Soc decided to raise money for charity by donating money raised from our Halloween party and our bake sale to both the GSPCA and Cancer Care West. Each charity received approximately 160 euro from our fundraising events. We also decided to have our annual table quiz in aid of another chosen charity, The Irish Kidney Association. The night was very successful and a total of 360 euro was awarded to the charity.

### Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

#### **Guest Speaker » Dillon theatre » 4th October 2013**

Dr. Stephane Gerard from the University of Reims Champagne Ardenne will be giving a talk on the 24th October in the Dillon Theatre at 4pm entitled: "Ti-mediated approaches for the preparation of compounds of therapeutic interest".

#### **Guest Speaker » Dillon Theatre » 17th October 2013**

Prof. Michael Pierce from the University of Georgia will be giving a talk on Thursday the 17th of October in the Dillon Theatre at 4pm entitled: "Glycomic analyses identify a glycan critical for embryonic stem cell differentiation and a pancreatic cancer biomarker."  
Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry tearoom.

**Guest Speaker » Dillon Theatre » 24th October 2013**

Dr. Stephane Gerard from the University of Reims Champagne Ardenne will be giving a talk on Thursday the 24th of October in the Dillon Theatre at 4pm entitled:

"Ti-mediated approaches for the preparation of compounds of therapeutic interest".

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry tearoom.

**Halloween Party » Scholars Rest » 31st October 2013**

The Chemistry Society will host a Halloween Party at the Scholars Rest. Tickets cost 2e and are available from the Socs box.

**Glycosyl Thiols: Preparation and Application in Carbohydrate Chemistry » » 13th November 2013**

Dr. Xiangming Xhu from the University College Dublin will be giving a talk on Wednesday in the Dillon Theatre at 2pm entitled:

"Glycosyl Thiols: Preparation and Application in Carbohydrate Chemistry"

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry tearoom.

**Guest Speaker » Dillon Theatre » 28th November 2013**

Dr. Celine Marmion from RCSI will be giving a talk on Thursday in the Dillon Theatre at 4pm entitled:

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry tearoom.

**Guest Speaker » Dillon Theatre » 29th November 2013**

Dr. Gerard McGlacken from UCC will be giving a talk on Friday 29th November in the Dillon Theatre at 3.30pm entitled:

'Alkylation and Arylation'

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry tearoom.

**Guest Speaker » » 22nd January 2014**

Dr. Angela Casini from the University of Groningen, Netherlands will be giving a talk today 22/01/2014 in the Dillon Theatre at 1:00pm entitled:

'Metal-based compounds: new tools in medicinal chemistry and chemical biology'

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry tearoom.

**Bake Sale! » » 27th January 2014**

Hey everyone!

We're hosting a charity bake sale this Monday in Smokies! There'll be lots of yummy baked treats on sale to support our two chosen charities GSPCA and Cancer Care West. The bake sale will be on from 10.30 to 1.30 so make sure to call down!

**Guest Speaker » » 30th January 2014**

Dr. Norbert Hoffmann, the director of research at the CNRS Universite de Reims will give a lecture in the Dillon Theatre this coming Thursday the 30/01/2014 at 16:00pm entitled:

"Electron and hydrogen transfer in organic photochemical reactions"

Followed by Tea/Coffee in the Chemistry tearoom.

**Table Quiz! » Scholar's Rest » 27th February 2014**

Hey guys!

Chem Soc are hosting a table quiz this Thursday in The Scholar's Rest, in aid of our chosen charity The Irish Kidney Association. There'll also be a raffle on the night with plenty of great prizes on offer!

Quiz kicks off at 7.30 and tables are €20 or €5 per person

Hope to see you all there!

**Guest Speaker » Dillon Theatre » 27th March 2014**

Dr. John Luz (Eli Lilly, San Diego) will give a workshop on drug discovery this Thursday, March 27th, at 15.30 in the Dillon Theatre.

The topics are:

1. Epigenetics and Drug Discovery: SIRT1 and EZH2
  2. Nuclear Hormone Receptor Drug Discovery: The Glucocorticoid Receptor
- All are welcome to attend. Followed by tea/coffee

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Rekha Chadda

**Secretary:** Louise Kerins

**Head PRO:** Isioma Osadebe

**Tea Room Custodian:** John Bugler

**Vice-Auditor:** Sinclair Sweeney

**Treasurer:** Sylvia Soldatou

**PRO:** Nipun Mahajan

### Committee 2014/2015

**Vice-Auditor:** Karen Fox

**Auditor:** Katarzyna Gniado

**Head PRO:** Yang Li

**Secretary:** Martin Sweeney

**Treasurer:** Claudia Di Salvo

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,817.33	Bank charge	€62.71
Fundraising	€860.55	Dinner	€980.99
Members Contributions	€1,696.00	Entertainment	€688.19
Socs box Till	€2.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,101.00
Sponsorship	€150.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€65.53
USC Grant	€2400.00	Postage	€13.80
		Society accomm	€2,975.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,925.88</b>	Society transport	€300.00
		Socs day expenses	€57.57
		Speaker accomm	€564.00
		Speaker travel	€186.99
		Expenditure Total	€6,995.78
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€930.10
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,925.88</b>

### Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 586 members.

## Chess Soc

The aim of the society is to foster and develop the playing of chess on campus as well as create a welcoming and fun environment for people to meet up and hang out in on a weekly basis.

## Chess Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

**Chess Soc Weekly Meeting » Smokey's » 4th September 2013**

**Luminous Chess » TBC » 30th October 2013**

To celebrate Halloween this year we shall be playing chess in the dark with some luminous chess sets. Location hasn't been confirmed yet but shall be posted on our Facebook page as soon as we know ([www.facebook.com/ChessSocNUIG](http://www.facebook.com/ChessSocNUIG)). Luminous costumes or dark clothing is encouraged

**Chess Weekly Meeting » » 6th November 2013**

Come along to the infamous Chess Soc weekly meeting for chess, conversation and biscuits.

**Chess Weekly Meeting » » 13th November 2013**

Come along to the infamous Chess Soc weekly meeting for chess, conversation and biscuits.

**Underwater chess » Galway Bay Hotel Swimming Pool » 15th November 2013**

Like playing normal chess except you're underwater.

**Underwater Chess » Galway Bay Hotel » 15th November 2013**

Come to the Galway Bay Hotel for your once in a lifetime opportunity to play chess underwater.

**Chess Soc Weekly Meeting » » 27th November 2013**

**Chess Soc Weekly Meeting » » 4th December 2013**

**Chess Soc Weekly Meeting » » 11th December 2013**

**Chess Soc Weekly Meeting » » 18th December 2013**

**Welcome back party » The scholar's rest » 22nd January 2014**

To welcome people back after the long holidays

**Chess Soc Welcome Back Party » The Scholar's Rest » 22nd January 2014**

So we're having a party to welcome in new members and to welcome back the old. We will be meeting up in Smokey's as usual at 8 and then heading over to the Scholar's Rest around quarter to 9 or so.

**Chess Soc Weekly Meeting » » 29th January 2014**

Come and join us at our weekly meeting. Come to learn, come to improve or come just to hang out.

**Luminous Chess » small Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 5th February 2014**

Join us for some glow in the dark fun with luminous chess sets

**Chess Soc at the Victorian Fair » TBC » 11th February 2014**

Join Chess Soc as we take part in The Victorian Fair and act in an old-timey way

**Chess Soc Weekly Meeting » » 12th February – 30th April 2014 (12 individual events)**

Come and join us at our weekly meeting. Come to learn, come to improve or come just to hang out.

**Film with Comp Soc » Meeting room 1 + 2 » 17th February 2014**

We're watching a movie with Comp Soc. It's a movie called Computer Chess. It is about how people in the 70s designed and built computers that can play chess for them and the algorithms involved, centred around a computer chess tournament.



<http://www.computerchessmovie.com/> <

Should be fun. There will be tea and biscuits as well if you need more of a reason

#### Chess Intervarsities » Maynooth » 22nd March 2014

Yearly Intervarsities hosted by Maynooth this year

#### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Caoimhin De Burca

**Treasurer:** John Rogers

**Public Relations Officer:** Mourtadha Badiane

**Galway Chess Club Liaison Officer:** Keith Whitfield

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Senan Maher

**Chair Person:** Barry Coffey

**Token Female Committee Member:** Holly Casey

**Knight's Atari Liaison:** Kevin Doherty

**Vice-Auditor:** Patrick Kellehan

**Secretary:** Shane Commins

**Equipment Officer:** Conor Cahill

**Galway Junior Chess Club Liaison Officer:** Conall Hegarty

**Biscuit Master:** Brendan McNelis

**Safety Officer:** David Bonner

**OCM:** Thomas Duggan

**OCM:** Ken Glennon

#### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Caoimhin De Burca

**Secretary:** John Rogers

**Vice-Auditor:** Patrick Kellehan

**Treasurer:** Ciara Molloy

#### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€229.26	Bank charge	€0.01
Bank Charge	€0.02	Expenditure Total	€0.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>€229.26</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€229.27
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€229.28</b>

#### Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 344 members.

#### ALIVE Participation

Chess Soc		
<b>Brendan McNelis</b>	Dovahkiin	50 hours
Chess Soc NUIG		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	50 hours	

# Chinese Society

A great place for communicate in Chinese, learn Chinese culture and experience Chinese food.

## Chinese Society Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**Mid-autumn Festival** » *BODKIN POINT RESTAURANT, GALWAY SHOPPING CENTRE, HEADFORD ROAD* » 19th September 2013

Hey everyone!

First of all, thanks for join the Chinese Society, hope you can enjoy the time with us.

This Thursday is the Mid-autumn Festival. As one of the most historical countries, China surely has variety traditional customs developed as the time goes. The mid-autumn festival, an important festival that spreads widely in our country, is the most distinct custom which we would like students from other countries to adopt as its beautiful origin, special way to celebrate and the touching wishes on that day.

**taichi** » » 4th November 2013

taichi class

**Chinese class** » » 7th November 2013

Chinese class

**Taichi class** » » 11th November 2013

Taichi class

**Chinese class** » » 14th November 2013

**Taichi class** » » 18th November 2013

Taichi class

**Chinese class** » » 21st November 2013

**Taichi class** » » 25th November 2013

Taichi class

**Chinese class** » » 28th November 2013

Chinese class

**Dynamic Korea In Galway** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 27th March 2014

The embassy of Korea and the Chinese society of NUI Galway are holding a cultural experience and exchange event in the Bailey Allen Hall.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Treasurer:** Junjie Qiang

**Vice-Auditor:** Gu-Phil Joung

**Auditor:** Dihua Zhang

**OCM:** Yangyi Li

**PRO:** Suresh Babu Jonnalagadda

**Secretary:** Guying Zhan

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Dihua Zhang

## Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€321.38	Bank charge	€10.53
Socs box Till	€388.00	Dinner	€962.71
Ticket Sales	€350.00	Entertainment	€478.93
USC Grant	€1,300.00	Gifts	€45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,359.38</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€115.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Stationery	€9.50
	Expenditure Total	€1,621.67
	Closing Bank Balance	€667.71
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,359.38</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 296 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Chinese Society	
Captain & Volunteer	50 hours
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<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	50 hours

## Choice Society

ChoiceSoc is part of the national struggle to abolish the Irish abortion ban and secure to every woman the right to choose if and when to become a mother. We stand for full reproductive rights for both women and men, for a society that supports and respect those who choose to become parents and those who choose not to.

### Choice Society Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

#### **Pro-Choice Film Night » *The View (Áras na Mac Léinn)* » 16th September 2013**

"X for Anonymous" is a powerful short documentary about the infamous "X Case", which has remained at the heart of the Irish abortion debate since 1992. "X", a 14-year old girl pregnant through rape, was prevented by the Irish courts to leave the country for an abortion, prompting a public outcry. Join us for a look back at a moment in time when the myth of "abortion-free" Ireland first began to show cracks. We will also talk about ChoiceSoc's campaigns this year and what we can do to further the abortion rights cause in this country.

#### **Abortion Democracy: Film Screening & Discussion » *Downstairs in The Cellar, Eglinton Street* » 23rd September 2013**

Why are illegal abortions more accessible in Poland than legal ones in South Africa?

Please join us for a screening of this documentary feature which explores and contrasts changes in Poland and South Africa regarding abortion laws and their impact on the lives of women.

In the 90's, Poland banned abortion due to the increasing influence of the Catholic Church after the fall of communism; around the same time South Africa legalized it, reforming the health system after the fall of apartheid.

The film reveals how the legal status of women is a direct result of the silencing or empowering of women's voices. In the Polish society and media, women's perspectives were made invisible; in South Africa, on the other hand, they were invited to give public hearings in the parliament about problems in the realm of reproduction.

The film aims to emphasize the need for safe abortions and liberal abortion laws. It also, however, illustrates the paradox that the implementation of such laws may have little effect on the accessibility of abortion services. In Poland, for example, illegal abortions are quite available and relatively safe; in South Africa, where the law is very liberal, women have a harder time getting information and services in public hospitals due to judgemental behaviour of the health staff. Only a change in the fundamental social and cultural attitudes towards abortion, contraception, and reproductive health can ensure a woman's right to choose in a world where about 80.000 women die every year from unsafe abortions. Abortion Democracy lets its subjects speak for themselves. Interviews include personal stories from activists, researchers,

health staff, patients and other men and women who live with the problems every day. It is a thought provoking and challenging film for any audience interested in the international struggle for human rights. This story is of great relevance to the abortion rights struggle in Ireland.

**Pro-Choice Placard Workshop » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 26th September 2013**

On Sunday, September 28th, Ireland's Pro-Choice majority will descend onto Dublin and demand the right to choose for women. The Students' Union and ChoiceSoc will be part of the march, with tickets on sale in Smokey's throughout the week, and we'll need lots of placards with powerful, positive messages. We'll have a stack of cardboard ready for you to prettify to your heart's content, but bring your own cardboard if you can! Markers, scissors and tape will be provided.

**NUIG SU at the March for Choice 2013 » Garden of Remembrance, Dublin » 28th September 2013**

Gather as activists, as rabble rousers, as change makers - to enjoy each other's company, to remind the world that Ireland is Pro-Choice and to remind the country that we will be here to work, speak and share until Ireland has free, safe, and legal abortion!

Join the Abortion Rights Campaign on September 28th at 2 pm at the Garden of Remembrance to March for Choice along with millions of people across the world who will participate in the Global Day of Action for Safe and Legal Abortion.

The Students' Union will be organising two buses to the march for NUIG students who wish to attend, and tickets will be a very affordable 2 Euro! Tickets will be on sale from a stall in Smokey's throughout the week, starting on Tuesday 24 September, and will also be available from the Students' Union.

**ChoiceSoc Committee Elections » » 16th October 2013**

Be part of the Pro-Choice movement in Ireland! Joining the ChoiceSoc committee will give you the chance to contribute to the campaign in an integral way.

**Choice Soc Open Planning Meeting » » 10th February 2014**

After all of the great ideas floated at our Pro-Choice 101 workshop, we would like to invite you all to come and start putting some of them into action! This meeting is open to all Choice Soc members who would like to get involved with the society and start doing some pro-choice actions on campus. If you missed the workshop or have never been to a Choice Soc event before, don't worry. We will start the meeting with a recap of last week's workshop :)

**Pancakes for Choice! » An Mheitheal Rothar » 4th March 2014**

Come visit us in An Mheitheal Rothar (just behind the bikeshop through the cathedral side entrance to the college!) this Tuesday for some tasty pancakes! We will be there alongside Eco Soc, Fem Soc and Palestine Solidarity Soc and we will be giving out information on why you should vote NO on Thursday in order to keep our Students Union Pro-Choice.

Support a woman's right to bodily autonomy, support her right to choose!

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Vice-Auditor:** Mariel Whelan

**Secretary:** Sarah McCarthy

**Auditor:** Eadaoin Donnelly White

**Treasurer:** Orlaith Reidy

**OCM:** Robin Potke

**PRO:** Elena Chiorino

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact:** Eadaoin Donnelly White

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€3.49
USC Grant	€500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€190.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>€500.00</b>	Speaker travel	€49.98
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€243.49</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€256.51</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€500.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 302 members.

## Choral Soc

ChoralSoc had a very successful year this year compared to last year. The committee was very active in organising events and making the society more social.

Some new measures that were implemented include the following: Organised to have free tea, coffee and biscuits at every rehearsal to encourage members to socialise. We also encouraged having pizza etc. after rehearsals in the College bar. There were a number of social events held this year including karaoke nights, table quiz and pancakes after rehearsal on Pancake Tuesday. Of course, we also collaborated with other societies in the university to successfully host/perform at a number of events including two performances with the other choirs in the college, a performance with TradSoc and OrchestraSoc and a performance in the GiGSoc Variety show.

We struggled to maintain numbers towards the end of the first semester but we had a very successful Socs Day 2, helped by holding a "meet and greet" and maintained a large number of members throughout the second semester.

We lost our conductor after the first semester but this was quickly rectified and no rehearsals were missed.

### Choral Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

#### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 17th September 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

#### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 24th September 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

#### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 1st October 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

#### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 8th October 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

#### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 15th October 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

#### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 22nd October 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

#### **Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 29th October 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

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**Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 5th November 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

**Choral Ramblings » » 12th November 2013**

A collaboration of Choral Soc, Sing and Tonics, and NUIG Staff Choir. It should be a great night with some wonderful talent. So come along and enjoy the concert. Refreshments will be served

**Weekly Choral Rehearsal » » 19th November 2013**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

**Choral Rehearsal » » 20th November 2013**

The extra meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals » » 21st January 2014**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals » » 28th January 2014**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals » » 4th February 2014**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals and EGE » » 11th February 2014**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there.

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals » » 25th February 2014**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there.

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals » » 4th March 2014**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there.

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals » » 11th March 2014**

The weekly meeting of the NUI Galway Choir, in the college chapel. It's fun and any student is more than welcome to come along and sing with us. For more information email [choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:choralsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We hope to see you there.

**ChoralSoc and GUMS Karaoke » » 18th March 2014**

Hey guys and gals come on down for a great night and a chance to stretch the vocal cords

**ChoralSoc Rehearsals and AGM » » 25th March 2014**



**Choral Soc Sing Off** » Chapel » 27th March 2014  
Come hear Choral soc's three choirs battle it out!

**Committee Meeting** » Chapel Common Room » 29th October 2013

**ChorChesTrad** » St Nicholas Collegiate Church » 26th November 2013

**Carols** » Chapel » 8th December 2013

**Meet & Greet** » CHAPEL OF ST. COLUMBANUS » 15th January 2014

**Table Quiz** » College Bar » 27th January 2014

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Ryan Hehir

**Treasurer:** David Kirrane

**PRO:** Madeline Adamson

**OCM:** Christopher Wilson

**OCM:** Aaron Kelly

**Vice-Auditor:** John Rogers

**Secretary:** Linda Connor

**Librarian :** Patricia Merlehan

**Vice Treasure:** John Cosnett

### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Madeline Adamson

**Secretary:** Linda Connor

**Vice-Treasurer:** Jaymie Kearney

**OCM:** John Rogers

**Treasurer:** John Cosnett

**Vice-Auditor:** Patricia Merlehan

**Librarian:** Sinead Horgan

**OCM:** Aaron Kelly

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€936.26	Bank charge	€11.18
Socs box Till	€710.00	Entry fees	€640.00
Ticket Sales	€30.00	Entertainment	€150.00
USC Grant	€5,000.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€34.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,676.26</b>	Prizes	€20.00
		Society accomm	€180.00
		Stationary	€41.85
		Teacher fees	€1600
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€2677.77</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€3998.49</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,676.26</b>

### Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 402 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Choral Soc

<a href="#"><u>Linda Connor</u></a>	Secretary	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ryan Hehir</u></a>	Auditor	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Christopher Wilson</u></a>	OCM, Volunteer	31 hours

The choral society is open to anyone and everyone regardless of singing ability or experience. We're an unauditioned choir currently under the leadership of Lily Mc Garry. We sing all styles of music from classical to pop, and participate in numerous events throughout the year both off, and on campus.

**# ALIVE Students:** 3 students

**# Hours Volunteered:** 111 hours

## Christian Union Soc

The Christian Union played a very active role on campus this year 2013/14. The society held regular weekly meetings throughout the year on subjects ranging from the person of God and the veracity of the Scriptures to humanity, sin and salvation. In general, our end-of-month public meetings were well attended, addressing questions such as "Where is God When Things Go Wrong?", "Why Believe the Bible?" and "Which Way to God?"

This year the Christian Union hosted two pivotal new events: a Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 4th December (where there was special singing, a Christmas message and lots of refreshments), which was well attended and saw some newcomers, and a Free Crash Course for Mathematics students on Thursday 28th November. The latter saw over 120 students packed into the Siobhan McKenna theatre for 2 hours where the Christian Union Secretary, a PhD student, gave a revision presentation for an upcoming statistics exam. There was a great response from students present, with many later saying it helped them over the line in the exam!

On 16th January, the Christian Union participated in a debate, hosted by the Literary and Debating Society, on the use of embryonic stem cells in research. Enoch Burke, Auditor of the Christian Union, addressed a full hall on the motion that "this house believes that there is no such thing as a spare embryo," arguing against the use of ESCR in opposition to speakers such as Professor Frank Barry of NUI Galway and Dr Aonghus Nolan. The evening was a great success with lively debate ensuing, both on the stage and on the floor among students of the University.

Towards the end of the second semester, the Christian Union participated in a number of different referendums held by the Students' Union, including those addressing moral issues such as the sanctity of life and the redefinition of marriage. Sadly, there were many difficulties regarding freedom of speech with the latter referendum, following the Christian Union's committee unanimous decision to support a No vote on the Student Union's gay marriage referendum. The response generated by posters and a table utilized by the Christian Union to support their position showed that there was an unfortunate level of intolerance on the campus for the simple presentation of a different point-of-view. The lack of true debate permitted testified to an aversion to discussion and hostility to free speech by an aggressive minority in the wider student body.

### Christian Union Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

#### **First Weekly Meeting » The Space » 11th September 2013**

The Christian Union meets every Wednesday at 8:00pm in The Space (upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn/the Student's Union building). The weekly meeting facilitates the study of the Scriptures, the celebration of salvation in song, and the discussion of questions and challenges students may have concerning Christianity.

#### **Discovering God: Week 2 » aras na mac leinn (the foyer, upstairs) in the space » 18th September 2013**

What is God really like? How can we be sure? This second meeting of the Christian Union looks at what scripture says about God's communicable attributes: power, love and grace. Study notes will be provided! Free tea and coffee at the end.

**Public Meeting: Where Is God When Things Go Wrong? » aras na mac leinn (the foyer, upstairs) in the space » 25th September 2013**

Natural disasters, tragic accidents, terrorist attacks, mass executions...why doesn't an all-loving, all-knowing God stop them if He exists? Jewish author, Elie Wisel, said that his experience of the Holocaust "murdered my God and my soul and turned by dreams to dust" (in his book, Night).

**Weekly Meeting 4 » » 2nd October 2013**

This week's meeting takes place as usual on Wednesday at 8pm in The Space. After a short time of singing, we'll begin the first session of our October theme: "the Scriptures" where we'll be studying the history, importance and reliability of God's Word. Study notes will be provided, with free tea and coffee at the close!

**A History of the Scriptures » » 9th October 2013**

This week the Christian Union will continue to look at the topic of the Scriptures - the Christian Bible. Following on from last week's presentation on the prominent place of the Bible in Christianity, we'll be looking at how the Scriptures came to be the Book we hold in our hands today. Promises to be an interesting evening; as always, discussion, tea and coffee at the close.

**Campus Canvass » » 9th October 2013**

Is Christianity relevant to everyday life in the 21st century? As part of our campus engagement policy, we'll be heading to Smokey's Cafe on concourse to canvass students on their views on God, the Scripture, the purpose of life and the person of Jesus Christ. There will be a free literature table for interested students to find more information.

**God's Outlaw - William Tyndale (Film Showing) » » 16th October 2013**

William Tyndale was an Englishman who lived at the beginning of the 16th century. His name has been immortalized in history as the first man to translate the Scriptures into English. Opposed by the King of England (Henry VIII) & the Roman Catholic hierarchy, he was executed in 1536.

**Free Booklet Giveaway: Where is God When Things Go Wrong? » » 23rd October 2013**

This week the Christian Union is giving away 10+ copies of the 40 pg booklet "Where is God When Things Go Wrong?" to any student or staff member who wants one.

Natural disasters, tragic accidents, terrorist attacks, mass executions...why doesn't an all-loving, all-knowing God stop them if He exists? Jewish author, Elie Wisel, said that his experience of the Holocaust "murdered my God and my soul and turned by dreams to dust" (in his book, Night).

The arguments against a sovereign God seem watertight; but are they really? Who is really the author of the world's problems: us or God? Could it be possible that God created a perfect world, and rather that its problems are caused by sin? As G.K. Chesterton said, answering the question "What's Wrong With The World" in the 1908 Times newspaper, "I am."

Collect a free copy of the booklet at our table this week. You might just be convinced that, when things go wrong, "God is a very present help" (Psalm 46:1); that He entered a corrupt world at Bethlehem, suffered horribly and died a crucifying death, and offers a solution to pain through faith in the risen Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have 10+ copies to give away (first come, first served). Other free literature also available.

**Public Meeting: Why Believe the Bible? » » 30th October 2013**

The Bible is the most revered book in the world; it is also the most reviled.

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### **The Humanity Series (November) » » 13th November 2013**

The weekly meeting of the Christian Union will move to a new topic in this month: Humanity, as seen by Christianity and the Scriptures. Topics discussed during the month will be body and soul, free will, and sin and the Fall.

### **The Humanity Series 2 (The Fall) » » 20th November 2013**

How did the Fall affect humanity? What were the consequences of sin entering the world?

According to the Scriptures, the effects of the Fall are numerous and far reaching. Sin has affected every aspect of our being. It has affected our lives on earth and our eternal destiny. One of the immediate effects of the Fall was that mankind was separated from God. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had perfect communion and fellowship with God. When they rebelled against Him, that fellowship was broken. They became aware of their sin and were ashamed before Him. They hid from Him (Genesis 3:8-10), and man has been hiding from God ever since. Only through Christ can that fellowship be restored, because in Him we are made as righteous and sinless in God's eyes as Adam and Eve were before they sinned. 'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Corinthians 5:21).

### **2nd Commerce Free Crash Course for MA217 - Statistical Methods for Business » Siobhan McKenna Theatre » 28th November 2013**

Free Crash Course for 2nd year commerce students - module MA217 - Statistical Methods for Business. Brought to you by the Christian Union Society. --> No registration required. --> Questions for 2012/2013 Exam explained and solved. --> Difficult concepts clearly explained. --> Tutor Isaac Burke B.Sc (Maths) has 7 years teaching experience and holds the Ernest Walton Gold Medal for Academic Excellence in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

### **CU Carol Service » » 4th December 2013**

Ever wondered what the real meaning of Christmas is, or where the significance of the Christmas story lies?

This year the Christian Union is combining music, message and refreshments to remind the campus of the story at the heart of it all. With special singing and a presentation of the Christmas message, come and be reminded of the reason for the season.

The CU Carol Service will take place in the Space, Aras na Mac Leinn from 8:00pm to 8.55pm. All are invited!

### **Weekly Meeting 2 » » 22nd January 2014**

Our weekly meeting is on at 8pm this Wednesday in The Space, as usual. After some music/singing, we'll be looking at the topic of Salvation. Bring a copy of the Scriptures, if you have one, and a pen, and we'll give you some notes. Be prepared for plenty of discussion...

### **Extraordinary General Meeting » small Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn » 28th January 2014**

An extraordinary general meeting will be held to discuss the constitution of the society and any proposals regarding the same.

### **Which Way to God? » » 29th January 2014**

Many systems of religion and lifestyle claim to bring a person to God, but they say conflicting things and they point in different directions. Is there really a way which leads absolutely and certainly to God?

### **At-One-Ment: The Why and What of Christ's Death » » 5th February 2014**

Atonement. At-One-Ment.

A key Scriptural term, Christians have always used the word "atonement" to describe the reconciliation between God and man, a reconciliation made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Many down throughout the centuries have argued for different meanings of the term atonement, suggesting that atonement came through Christ's good example, or His satisfaction of God's honour, rather than His substitutionary death on the cross.

This meeting will examine those views, with a particular regard to what the Scripture says on this important topic. All welcome with discussion after the presentation! "We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." (Romans 5:11)

### **Atonement: Part 2 » » 12th February 2014**

We'll be continuing on from our examination last week of the crucial issue of the atonement.

This time we'll have a PowerPoint display to give us a better picture of some of the core points!

### **The Christian Values Series: Does Abortion Matter? » » 19th February 2014**

As outlined in its constitution, one of the Christian Union's aims is to encourage the meaning and importance of Christian values.

One of the core Christian values is the sacrosanct nature of human life. The very oldest Christian scriptures, the Book of Genesis ("beginnings"), articulate the Christian conviction that man is made "imago Dei" - in the image of God - and that an attack on his life is tantamount to an attack on the persona of God. On Wednesday, the Christian Union will be addressed by Life Society Auditor Isaac Burke who will give a short presentation on abortion and the history of the anti-abortion stance. As this is an inter-societal event, the Christian Union Auditor will give a short opening speech outlining why Christianity has consistently decried abortion as immoral, with special attention given to what Scripture says on the subject. All welcome. There will be discussion after the presentation, with refreshments to follow.

### **Launch of Christianity Explored » » 26th February 2014**

Ever wondered what Christianity is really all about?

The Christian Union will be having a video presentation of the essential questions of Christianity to mark the launch of the Christianity Explored series. The course gives time and space to considering who Jesus Christ is and why it matters. Christianity Explored encourages students to think about the dimensions of the Christian life and, most importantly, the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. It does so through video, discussion and Scripture. All welcome, with discussion time and refreshments at the close! Handouts will be provided.

#### Annual General Meeting » » 26th February 2014

The Christian Union will be holding their Annual General Meeting to elect the committee for the 2014/15 academic year.

#### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Enoch Burke

**Treasurer:** Ammi Burke

**Secretary:** Isaac Burke

**PRO:** Kezia Burke

#### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€743.10	Bank charge	€18.11
Members Contributions	€325.95	Dinner	€67.90
USC Grant	€1,000.00	Entry fees	€450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,069.05</b>	Fundraising/charity	€12.00
		Materials	€134.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€203.30
		Printing	€379.95
		Socs day expenses	€16.97
		Society Travel	€325.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€1,632.13</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Cash In Hand</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€436.92</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,069.05</b>

#### Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 105 members.

## Classics Soc

The Classics society here at NUIG focuses on the development of skills for students who are taking the subject of Classics.

Throughout the year we invite lecturers from other intuitions, nationally and internationally to speak about their research areas including; archaeology, literature, Latin, History, Culture and learned conjecture.

We also undertake the task of taking 15-20 enthusiastic scholars on an academic trip abroad, Previous trips have included Rome, Florence, Sicily and next year we hop to visit the Ryjks Museum, Amsterdam.

From time to time, we have smaller and more intimate evenings such as classical movie nights and quizzes.

#### Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

**"The Modern Reception of Catullus" » Siobhan McKenna theatre, Arts Millennium » 16th October 2013**

Member of the Classics Dept. Brian Arkins will be giving a guest lecture of "the Modern Reception of Catullus".  
Reception to follow

**Brian Arkins 'The Modern Reception of Catullus' » » 16th October 2013**

A Research Paper

**Archaeology of Ancient Perfume Production » » 5th November 2013**

Joanna Day, Lecturer in Classical Archaeology and the Classical Museum curator in UCD will be giving a talk next Tuesday, 5th November  
The title of her lecture will be "Digging Scents: The Archaeology of Ancient Perfume Production & Consumption"

**The Reception of Cleopatra in Latin Poetry and English Drama » Fottrell Theatre, Arts Millennium » 21st January 2014**

Prof. Brian Arkins will be giving a talk on "The Reception of Cleopatra in Latin poetry and English Drama".

Reception to follow! This paper would be very beneficial to any 3BA/4BA students taking Prof. Arkins module this semester. It would also give 1BA and 2BA students a flavour of what is ahead.

**Guest Lecture » IT250 » 20th February 2014**

As History Month is in full swing we are having a guest lecture in conjunction with Archaeology Society & Cumann Staire!

**Society International Trip » Italy » 13th March – 18th March 2014 (6 individual events)**

This year, the Classics Society are going to Milan & Florence, Italy!

**A triumvirate of Guest Speakers » IT125 (Ground Floor) » 25th March 2014**

Three guest speakers including D. Lucy Shipley of the university of Southampton delivery the phenomenology of Etruscan ceramic ware.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Vice-Auditor:** Christina Wilkie

**Auditor:** Gary Haverty

**Treasurer:** Louisa Brophy Browne

**Secretary:** Michelle Rock

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact:** Gary Haverty

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€442.79	Bank charge	€40.84
Members Contributions	€190.00	Dinner	€292.10
Socs box Till	€2,210.00	Received Money Returned	€20.00
Ticket Sales	€20.00	Reception	€133.56
USC Grant	€3,450.00	Returned Socs Money	€600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,312.79</b>	Society accomm	€1,476.97
		Society transport	€2,680.00
		Speaker accomm	€198.00
		Speaker travel	€306.13
		Expenditure Total	€5,747.60
		Closing Bank Balance	€565.19
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,312.79</b>

**Other Information**

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 206 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Classics Soc

[Louisa Brophy Browne](#)

Treasurer

20 hours

[Christina Wilkie](#)

Vice Auditor and Safety Officer

30 hours

Hi, welcome to the Classics Society.

First of all the committee members would like to thank everyone who came along to the superb guest speakers that we had last year, your attendance had a big impact on them as they were not expecting such big crowds so well done to everyone and thank you all for coming.

If you are interested in anything in antiquity from Sophocles to Catullus or from Thermopylae to Alexander this is the Society for you. We hope to organise as many events and lectures as possible to encourage you to keep coming back for more.

# ALIVE Students: 2 students

# Hours Volunteered: 50 hours

## Comedy Soc

Comedysoc is a society that try to bring laughter and comedy to the students of NUIG. We hold events such as improv is war to encourage comedic talent to get a chance to try their hand in comedy in the college.

### Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

#### **Improv is War » *Cube Theatre » 24th September 2013***

An improvised comedy show featuring performers, competitors, and the chance to win a car (please note: the car is very small, made of plastic, and the raffle for it is rigged).

#### **Dracula Abridged Auditions » » 10th October 2013**

Dracula Abridged, a parody play created by comedysoc are holding auditions.

#### **Improv Auditions » *view in Áras na mac lienn » 11th October 2013***

Come audition for Comedy Soc's Improv is War show, a dual-format long/short form show.

#### **Improv Jam » *Meeting Rooms » 15th November 2013***

An open meeting, filled with improv fun and shortform games for all skill levels.

#### **Dracula Abridged: A Parody » » 26th November 2013**

Comedysocs very first rehearsed play takes place this week in the Bank Of Ireland Theatre. A parody of melodrama though the story of Bram Stoker's well known 'Dracula'. The play promises a great time to all who attend. Come one, come all!

#### **Dracula Abridged: A Parody » » 27th November – 29th November 2013 (3 individual events)**

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#### **Improvisation Course » *The View » 7th February 2014***

Comedysocs beginners Improvisation course which runs for 3 weeks in The View. Open and welcome to all, it's a fun environment to learn and play with comedy. Anyone involved also has the opportunity to join in the comedy show at the end of the course. See you all there!



### Comedy Soc Iprov Workshop » » 7th February 2014

Comedy Soc ASSSSCAT Workshop

### Comedy Writing Workshop » » 17th February 2014

#### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Jason Browne

**Treasurer:** Marie Hegarty

**Master Mouseketeer:** Niamh Butler Thornton

**OCM:** Conor Murphy

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Kelly

**Secretary:** Aisling McGing

**OCM:** Abel Garcia Cortina

**OCM:** Michael Joyce

#### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Daniel Gallen

**PRO:** Niamh Butler Thornton

**OCM:** Marie Hegarty

#### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€34.37	Bank charge	€8.15
Socs box Till	€814.00	Entry fees	€689.00
Ticket Sales	€22.00	Makeup/Props	€108.14
USC Grant	€800.00	Expenditure Total	€805.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,670.37</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€865.08
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,670.37</b>

#### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 618 members.

#### ALIVE Participation

Comedy Soc		
<b><u>Aisling McGing</u></b>	secretary and props master	400 hours
<b><u>Glenn Farrelly</u></b>	Actor	15 hours
Comedy Soc NUIG		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	2 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	415 hours	

# Comic Book Society

The Comic Book Society aims to provide a space where lovers of comic books and graphic novels can gather together and share their appreciation of the medium. We also strive to provide a non-judgmental and friendly area where anyone interested in learning more about comic books can expand their knowledge.

## Comic Book Society Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

### **Comic Soc First Meeting!!!** » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn)* » 16th September 2013

Free Tea and Biscuits! Comics! Chat! Come along to the first Comic Book Soc meeting of the year to meet all the new peeps!

### **Friday screening** » » 20th September 2013

Comic Soc Weekly Screening! We will be showing Dredd.

### **Comic Soc Meeting** » *The Art Room* » 30th September 2013

### **Let's Play Wolf Among Us** » » 1st November 2013

We're gonna play the first episode of the Wolf Among Us inspired by the comic Fables! And time permitting we will be playing the first episode of the Walking Dead game! Tea and biscuits provided!

### **Deadpool Vol1 Dramatic Reading** » » 3rd November 2013

Let's read Daniel Way's Deadpool! Biscuits and tea will be provided!

### **Comic Soc Weekly Meeting** » *Art Room* » 25th November 2013

This week we'll be watching the always amazing 90's X-Men cartoon. Come hang out with us, we have tea and biscuits!

### **Comic Soc Screening** » » 3rd February 2014

Comic-Soc screening some of your favourite shows and characters from your respective favourite comic books!

### **Weekly Meeting** » » 17th February 2014

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Dominique Meehan

**Lackey:** David Burdon

**Lackey:** Eoin Butler Thornton

**Lackey:** Colm McElligott

**Lackey:** Abel Garcia Cortina

**Treasurer:** Darragh Cooney

**Lackey:** Leah Freehill

**Secretary:** Glenn Farrelly

**Lackey:** Leagh O'Mara

**Vice-Auditor:** Katherine Rands

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Dominique Meehan

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€9.30	Bank charge	€11.27
USC Grant	€500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€14.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>€509.30</b>	Reception	€46.05
		Expenditure Total	€71.58
		Closing Bank Balance	€437.72
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€509.30</b>

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 431 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Comic Book Society		
<b><u>Glenn Farrelly</u></b>	Secretary	5 hours
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! Join, participate, engage!		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	5 hours	

## Compsoc

NUI Galway Compsoc ran a series of coding tutorials, held numerous social events and successfully incorporated the charitable efforts of the now defunct "Camara" Society into our own over the course of the Academic Year. Our Tutorials covered topics from Introductory Computer Science to Practical Web Development using Current Technologies. Social events such as Post-Meeting Nights Out and Gaming Nights further expanded our community of active members ensuring the future of the Society. Finally, several of our members had taken it upon themselves to continue operating the Monthly Camara Collections. Our Society also visited the "Camara Education" Centre in Dublin in order to see how donated Computers were restored for use in developing countries.

### Compsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

#### **CompSoc meet and greet.** » *The meeting rooms* » 16th September 2013

Meet and greet for members new and old with free pizza.

#### **Compsoc Monday Mashup** » » 16th September 2013

#### **Monday Mashup** » *meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn )* » 23rd September 2013

Does Not Compute... A series of talks and demos on how to make the most of NUIGs intranet and tech services. We'll also be highlighting ways to make the slow NUIG PCs nicer to use.

#### **Camara Sign Ups and IT Crowd Finale Showing** » *meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn )* » 30th September 2013

A Camara representative will appear to give an Introductory talk on Camara, a charity for the promotion of computers in disadvantaged areas around the globe, and take volunteer sign ups. Following this will be a viewing of the FINAL EVER EPISODE of the IT Crowd, with prerequisite smarty cereal.

#### **Introduction to Computer Science through the Medium of Interpretive Python** » *meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn )* » 14th October 2013

This Tutorial will give an Introduction to both the Python Programming Language and basic concepts of Computer Science. Anyone interested in learning more about Computer Programming, regardless of ability, are more than welcome to attend.

#### **Introduction to Computer Science through the Medium of Interpretive Python: Part Deux** » *IT202* » 21st October 2013

This Tutorial will give continue on from last week's tutorial, progressing onto using Python Programming Language to solve problems and perform tasks.

All are welcome.

**Going to see Thor in the cinema » IMC cinema » 30th October 2013**

Going to see Thor in the IMC cinema.

Meeting in the Áras na Mac Léinn at 4.45 then leaving to go to the cinema at 4.15. The film starts at 5.50

**Introduction to Computer Science through the Medium of Interpretive Python 3: Revenge of the Python » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 4th November 2013**

This third part of our Python Tutorial Saga will build on the first two, introducing advanced (yet simple!), powerful features of the Python Programming Language. All are welcome, but this particular tutorial will require some prior knowledge of Python.

**Camara Computer Collection » Camara Hub, 18 Distillery Road, NUIG » 6th November 2013**

Comsoc Members will be collecting old PC's, Laptop's, Server's, Monitor's, Keyboards and Mice for the Registered Charity, Camara. The donations will be sent to Camara's facility in Dublin where they will be wiped, refurbished and shipped of to schools in Africa and Haiti. For every PC Camara sends, 10 children become Digitally Literate and gain invaluable PC skills which opens up new opportunities for them. If you have an old, outdated computer gathering dust, donating it would be greatly appreciated.

**Codeathon » » 11th November 2013**

Our Codeathon event is a place where coders of any sort can meet up to help each other out with personal or group projects, or even just hack something nifty together for fun.

It's also a place where you could meet others with similar ideas for cool projects to make something awesome by pooling your skills.

Any coders of any programming language are more than welcome.

**Minecraft Gaming Night » » 23rd January 2014**

Happy New Year, Folks! Comsoc's first event of 2014 will be a fun night of Minecraft with some sweet mods picked out to play around with. Everyone is welcome to bring along a Laptop and join in!

**Linux Install Fest » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th January 2014**

This event is for those of you who are inquisitive about using "Linux" as an Operating System or anyone who wants to try a few different Distributions. We will have Live USB keys and Boot Discs on hand for members to try out different Distributions of Linux ( like Mint, Ubuntu and Arch) by simply popping them into their Laptops. This means you can try a few different Distibutions and get a feel for how they operate in comparison to Windows or Mac OS. Plus, we'll be awarding those bold few who decide to take the plunge and install Linux on their computers with stickers featuring their Linux Distribution of choice! All are welcome to attend.

**Minecraft LAN with video game soc EGM » » 30th January 2014**

Come play minecraft with us after Video game socs EGM!

**Monday Mashup » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 3rd February 2014**

Casual get-together. We'll be getting our arduinos, electronics and robotics hardware out for us to hack around with plus a Leap Motion Detector which tracks hand movements super accurately.

**Hackers Movie Night » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 10th February 2014**

Comsoc will be having a appreciative viewing if the cult classic "Hackers". "Hackers" is a 1995 film which can be best describe as a Cyberpunk Thriller dripping with a nostalgic 1990's dramatization of hacker culture. All are welcome to watch.

**Monday Mash-up » » 17th February 2014**

**Web Development part 2 » IT203 » 20th February 2014**

Part 2 of our Web Development workshop. We will go over making a Single Page Web Application using ANgularJS. It isn't necessary to have been at the previous talk but a rudimentary knowledge of HTML & JS will help. Bring along a laptop to code along.

**Trip to the National Computer Museum in DERI, Dangan. » DERI, Dangan. » 3rd March 2014**

Come with us to see antique, retro computers throughout the ages and relics from Irelands computer manufacturing industry.

We'll be meeting in the Áras na Mac Léinn and walking up (it's a 20 minute walk) or getting th 404 bus if the weather is bad. Bring change for

the bus. Entrance is FREE.

Machines on display: PDP-11 (first computer unix was compiled on), Commodore 64, BBC Micro, ZX Spectrum, Apple devices from throughout the ages and Antique typewriters and punch cards.

**Kerball Space Program** » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 10th March 2014

We're going to be playing Kerball Space Program with Astro Soc so come play it with us!

**CompSoc AGM** » *Meeting Room 1, Áras na Mac Léinn.* » 31st March 2014

This years AGM for Compsoc!

**Boxman Begins Multiplayer Testing** » *Meeting Room 2 Áras na Mac Léinn* » 2nd April 2014

One of our own committee members has made a multiplayer video game, and he needs you to come and test out an in development version of the game to find bugs! Just so you know, it's a multiplayer shooter that takes the usual mechanics of multiplayer games and turns them upside down. Come and learn more!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Laura Wilkins

**Secretary:** Ronan Gallagher

**Junior Administrator:** Thomas Keane

**Public Relations Officer:** Matthew Hallinan

**Junior Webmaster:** Eugene Conway

**Baby Admin:** Florian Marcus

**Webmaster:** Liam Krewer

**Treasurer:** Ruairi Fahy

**Vice-Auditor:** Aaron Kelly

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Ryan Hehir

**Gizmologist:** Lydia Shirley

**Junior Webmaster:** Aisling Guinan

**Ordinary Committee Member:** David Colson

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Thomas Keane

**Treasurer:** Lydia Shirley

**Webmaster:** Aisling Guinan

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Tadhg Kennedy

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Aaron Kelly

**Vice-Auditor:** Gene Moynihan

**Secretary:** David Colson

**Chief Administrator:** Declan O'Loughlin

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Ciaran Doyle

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€677.63	Bank charge	€52.32
Socs box Till	€225.00	Dinner	€41.78
Sponsorship	€200.00	Entertainment	€83.19
USC Grant	€7,813.00	Equipment misc	€6,590.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,915.63</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€441.69
		Prizes	€91.00
		Reception	€13.96
		Society accomm	€149.35
		Society transport	€82.93
		Expenditure Total	€7,547.13
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,368.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,915.63</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 562 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Compsoc

<a href="#"><u>Catherine Aherne</u></a>	Volunteer for Camara	5 hours
<a href="#"><u>Felix Delos Santos Iii</u></a>	Volunteer for Camara	5 hours
<a href="#"><u>Liam Krewer</u></a>	Organising Monthly Camara Collections	90 hours
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	3 students	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	100 hours	

## Cumann Farrage Society

Welcome one and all to Cumann Farrage!

We're a proactive marine awareness society who strive to raise awareness of coastal and marine issues, and encourage appreciation of the Irish coastline. We hold fortnightly beach events around the Glaway coast; a combination of beach cleanups and shark and ray conservation surveys. (Bin bags and plastic gloves are provided for everybody.) As well as these we hold weekly meet ups on campus, Thursdays from 7pm where we watch documentaries and just hang out. They're a great way to get to know the committee and other members so please do come along! Tea and biscuits will be provided.

### Cumann Farrage Society Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

#### **Cumann Farrage Lunch Time Meeting » » 1st November 2013**

A quick meeting to discuss plans for the rest of the semester. All are welcome! Tea and biscuits will be provided ;)

#### **Lunchtime Meeting with Ecosoc » » 4th November 2013**

Cumann Farrage will be joining EcoSoc at their regular lunchtime meeting to discuss our upcoming plans! If you have any ideas for either society or just want to come say hi, feel free to drop by for a bit. If you are unsure where the Ecospace is, meet us outside Áras na Mac Léinn and we'll walk there together. As always, tea and biscuits will be provided!

#### **Weekly Lunch with EcoSoc » » 11th November – 18th November 2013 (2 individual events)**

Cumann Farrage will be having its weekly lunch with EcoSoc today in the Ecospace, near An Mheitheal Rothar behind the kayaking clubhouse. We'll be discussing future ideas for the society & planning out our upcoming events, so drop in anytime for a chat, tea, biscuits, music & craic!

#### **Meeting to discuss possible upcoming trip with EcoSoc! » Ecospace » 3rd February 2014**

Grab your lunch and come on by the Ecospace for some tea and biscuits with Cumann Farrage and EcoSoc! Tomorrow we'll be discussing upcoming documentary viewings and the possibility of a trip to Inis Moor.

#### **Blackfish Documentary Viewing! » TBC » 3rd April 2014 (2 individual events)**

#### **Screening of the Cove! » TBC » 7th April 2014**

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Brid O'Connor

**OCM:** Br N

**Vice-Auditor:** Tyler Medina

**Treasurer:** Maud Gibbons

**OCM:** Sean Daly

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Brid O'Connor

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€74.90	Bank charge	€4.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>€74.90</b>	Expenditure Total	€4.07
		Closing Bank Balance	€70.83
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€74.90</b>

### Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 93 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Cumainn Farrage Society		
<u><a href="#">Tyler Medina</a></u>	Vice Auditor	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Brid O'Connor</a></u>	Auditor	60 hours
CUMAINN FARRAIGE SOCIETY NUIG		
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	120 hours	

## Cumann de Barra

This year Cumann de Barra continued its policy of opening up the meetings and bringing in speakers from outside the party to address the Cumann on different issues. For example we had Larry Donnelly in to talk about the Irish Diaspora and Sean O Duibhir in to give a presentation on Republicanism and what it means to Fianna Fail.

A big aspect of our year was our helping in the smooth running of selection conventions for the Local Elections. We attended around 16/17 conventions from Donegal down to Clare and everywhere in between.

Over all a successful year, however the future is not without its challenges. Most of the current committee will no longer be students next year. Nonetheless we have every faith the Cumann can move from strength to strength under the new committee and wish them every success.

Ar aghaidh le Fianna Fail!

### Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

**Cumann De Barra Meet and Greet » The Stage » 16th September 2013**

**Cumann Meeting » AC 201 Concourse » 23rd September 2013**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra.

**Cumann Meeting » AC 201 Concourse » 30th September 2013**

Weekly Cumann meeting of Cumann de Barra.



**Cairde Fail Dinner » » 5th October 2013**

Cairde Fail Dinner

**Weekly Meeting » AC 201 » 14th October 2013**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra. At tonight's meeting will be discussing how the budget will affect the disadvantaged. All welcome!

**Weekly Meeting » AC 201 » 21st October 2013**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra. This week we will have guest speaker, S?an ? Duibhir of the NUIG History Department discussing "Fianna F?il - The Republican Party - What's in a name?" All Welcome!

**Tuam LEA Convention » Tuam » 4th November 2013**

Tuam LEA convention for 2014 local elections. Members travelled to promote the Cumann and assist with running of convention

**Athlone LEA Convention » Athlone » 5th November 2013**

Athlone LEA convention for 2014 local election. Cumann traveled to promote the society and assist with running of convention

**Weekly Meeting » » 6th November 2013**

Weekly meeting dicussing constitutional convention

**Weekly Meeting » » 12th November 2013**

This weeks meeting we discuss what Irish political parties can do for the Irish Diaspora with special guest speaker Larry Donnelly of the Law Dept and political commentator.

**Weekly Meeting » AC 202 » 19th November 2013**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra. This week we will be talking about Ireland's International Aid and whether we should giving more aid, or none at all, All Welcome!

**Cumann Meeting » AC 202 » 20th January 2014**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra. All welcome to attend.

**Cumann Meeting » AC 202 Concourse » 27th January 2014**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra.

This week we will have the newest member of the FF Parliamentary Party, Colm Keaveney TD, in to talk to the Cumann.

**Cumann Meeting » AC 202 Concourse » 3rd February 2014**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra.

This week our meeting is on the topic of the upcoming Local Elections. We will have Sean Dorgan, FF General Secretary, in to address the Cumann about the elections.

**West Mayo LEA Convention » Mulranny Park Hotel, Mulranny, Co. Mayo » 7th February 2014**

Helping with the organising and running of the West Mayo LEA Selection Convention.

**Save Our Schools- Protect Rural Communities » Hester's Golden Eagle, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon » 10th February 2014**

Guest speaker- Charlie McConalogue TD, FF Spokesperson on Education

**NekDonate » Claregalway Hotel, Claregalway » 11th February 2014**

As part of Ogra Fianna Fail's #NekDonate Campaign, members of Cumann de Barra will be donating a pint of blood, rather than necking a pint.

**Weekly Cumann Meeting » AC 202 Concourse » 17th February 2014**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra. At this weeks' meeting we will be discussing the Haas talks in Northern Ireland. We will also be discussing motions for the upcoming Ard Fheis.

**National Council » UCD » 22nd February 2014**

**Cumann Meeting » AC 201 » 24th February 2014**

Weekly meeting of Cumann de Barra

**Annual General Meeting » AC 201 » 3rd March 2014**

**Campaign Trailing! » Ennis, Co. Clare » 27th March – 28th March 2014 (2 individual events)**

**Campaign Training! » Sligo Town » 1st April 2014**

**Meeting on election strategy » sligo » 17th April 2014**

Follow up meeting on election strategy for upcoming elections in Sligo

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Keith Henry

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Kelly

**Secretary:** David Keane

**Treasurer:** Shane Kelly

**Events Officer:** Kerrie McGroarty

**Membership Officer:** Kevin Higgins

**PRO:** Paschal Lehany

**First Year Representative:** Darren Hughes

**Assistant Treasurer:** Mark Nestor

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Paschal Lehany

**Vice-Auditor:** Kevin Higgins

**Secretary:** Darren Hughes

**Treasurer:** Martina Mannion

**Co-Treasurer:** Kerrie McGroarty

**Public Relations Officer (PRO):** Catherine Kavanagh

**Membership Officer:** Eoghan Kelly

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,694.74	Bank charge	€77.50
Members Contributions	€670.00	Charity/Fundraising	€50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,364.74</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€69.15
		Society accomm	€725.00
		Society transport	€290.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,211.65
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,153.09
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,364.74</b>

## Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 383 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Cumann de Barra		
<b>Patrick Clancy</b>	Convention Usher	52 hours
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	52 hours	

# Cumann Drámaíochta

Cumann Dramaiochta is the NUIG Irish language drama society.

## Cumann Dramaiochta Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**Traenail Naisiunta Dramaiochta 3u Leibheal » Baile Atha Cliath » 15th November – 16th November 2013 (2 individual events)**  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/162702450606662/?ref\\_dashboard\\_filter=calendar](https://www.facebook.com/events/162702450606662/?ref_dashboard_filter=calendar)

**EGM Cumann Dramaiochta » Áras na Gaeilge, O? Gaillimh » 21st November 2013**  
EGM Cumann Dramaiochta

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Aoife Ni Shuilleabhain

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Aoife Ni Shuilleabhain

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€128.32	Bank charge	€3.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>€128.32</b>	Expenditure Total	€3.17
		Closing Bank Balance	€125.15
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€128.32</b>

## Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 28 members.

# Cumann Staire (History)

An Cumann Staire (History Society) is one of the oldest societies of NUIG, having been founded in 1951. Our aim is to encourage and promote an interest in all things historical within the students of NUIG, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and the people of Galway. An Cumann Staire is the official student association for the promotion of historical studies on campus and maintains strong support from the History Department. The society is affiliated with the Irish History Students Association and International Students of History Association. This year, An Cumann Staire organised numerous events such as: Aiseiri, The Arts Ball, Bowling nights, Film screenings, History Month, Guest Lecturers, Student Mixers and Historical Debates

## Cumann Staire (History) Events

This year the society held a total of 75 events.

**Fáilte Fest » Áras na Mac Léinn (outside) » 8th September 2013**

**Socs Day » Bailey Allen Hall » 11th September 2013**

Societies Day is your first chance to join An Cumann Staire and become part of our team! Come find our table & leave with the makings of tea

**Socs Day Reception » College Bar » 11th September 2013**

Get to know us and other new members of An Cumann Staire!

**Aiseiri Week » Everywhere throughout campus » 23rd September – 26th September 2013 (4 individual events)**

This is a week long journey of historical and archaeological events to take place throughout NUIG in effort to promote what An Cumann Staire and Arch Soc do and to encourage students to get involved. There will be displays, talks, demonstrations and a Pig on a Spit to devour

**Roaring Twenties Night » Busker Browne's » 2nd October 2013**

An Cumann Staire will be working alongside Arch Soc to host a night filled with all things 20's from music to cocktails!

**Welcome Party/Reception » AC 202 » 14th October – 15th October 2013 (2 individual events)**

We will be having a Party / Reception for New Members and Old Members too. Come along and we can give you a run down of what we are planning, you can find out what you can do to get involved, and have the craic etc. Strong Possibility of FREE Refreshments Pizza which is free.

**EGM » AC 202 » 16th October 2013**

Come along and put yourself forward for the remaining positions of the Cumann Staire committee!

**Batman Lecture » Colm O H-Eocha Theatre » 22nd October 2013**

Eamonn Gardiner will be giving a lecture to the Cumann Staire on the history of Batman. Refreshments will be served.

**90's Night » Carbon Nightclub » 12th November 2013**

Cumann Staire will hold a 90's Night in Carbon on Tuesday Night. Tickets will be on sale from the Socs Box on campus, from any of Carbon's promo staff or from any of the Cumann Staire committee members at smokeys all day Monday and Tuesday.

**Cumann Staire Christmas Send-Off Party » Carbon Nightclub » 17th December – 18th December 2013 (2 individual events)**

Cumann Staire want to send everyone home for Christmas in a happy mood so they are throwing a little party in Carbon this Tuesday with a chance to win a full ticket to the arts ball OR two afters tickets, a €100 gift voucher and hamper and loads of other nice things! Prizes on the night for best and worst christmas jumper! There will be plenty of christmas themed games on the night. Tickets are €5 and are available from Socs Box or from smokeys from 11-3 monday and tuesday!

**Socs Assemble Party » » 15th January – 16th January 2014 (2 individual events)**

A chance for societies to catch up after the Winter break and begin to hatch plans for the new semester

**Arts Ball Ticket Selling Day » » 21st January 2014**

Arts Ball Tickets go on sale at 9am. Arrive early to avoid massive disappointment!

**Society Training » Áras Uí Cathaill » 27th January 2014**

**Guest Speaker - Dr. Gerard Moran. » Dillon Theatre » 30th January 2014**

Guest Speaker Dr. Gerard Moran. "Disorderly Conduct: Rioting and Insubordination in the Workhouses During the Great Famine". Q & A after.

**Arts Ball » Salthill Hotel, Salthill, Galway » 12th February – 13th February 2014 (2 individual events)**

Miss this night and your semester will be incredibly...less.....AWESOME

Check out our line-up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64NR5nLUVAg>

**Arts After Party » College Bar, Skeff Bar, Karma Galway » 13th February – 14th February 2014 (2 individual events)**

Kick off the Arts Ball 'Fire & Ice' After Party in the College Bar at 4pm with DJ Byrno! Next we're off to The Skeff and straight through to Karma for an unbelievable night with DJ BORGEOUS and Naomi Lynch-FIREBREATHER!

**History Month » NUI Galway » 17th February – 14th March 2014 (26 individual events)**

**Guest Speaker Markus Woerner » Dillon Theatre, Concourse, NUIG » 24th February 2014**

On the 24th of February, Cumann Staire and Astro Soc will welcome Professor Markus Woerner for a special talk as part of History Month. The title of his talk is: "The Rise and Fall of the Harmony of the World - Johannes Kepler and the Copernican Revolution". Markus is emeritus professor of Philosophy, NUI, Galway and amateur astronomer. He is one of the founding members and former chairman of the Galway Astronomy Club (GAC) and member of the German Association of Variable Star Observers (BAV).

**'Brave' Movie Screening With Disney Soc » Kirwan Theatre » 25th February 2014**

Screening of the Disney movie 'Brave' in conjunction with Disney Soc as part of History Month.

**Guest Speaker - Sarah-Anne Buckley » Teatar Ceardhallain, Áras na Gaeilge, NUIG » 26th February 2014**

Dr. Sarah-Anne Buckley to give a lecture on LGBT rights in Britain and Ireland

**IHSA Conference » Mary Immaculate College, Limerick » 28th February – 2nd March 2014 (3 individual events)**

64th Annual Irish History Students Association Conference to be held in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. History societies around Ireland gather once a year at this conference and deliver a series of papers of a historical nature over the course of one weekend. Excellent opportunity for students to meet and create links with other history societies and in turn perhaps host a conference in the future.

**Guest Speaker: Colonel Terry O'Neill on 'Irish Peacekeeping in the Congo' » Kirwan Theatre » 3rd March 2014**

An Cumann Staire is delighted to host "The Irish in the Congo" by ONUC veteran, Dr Terry O'Neill. Dr O'Neill was a colonel in the Irish Defence Forces who also served in Angola, Cyprus and Lebanon. In addition to his extensive military experience, Dr O'Neill was awarded a PhD from the University of Dublin (Trinity College). Dr O'Neill is an adjunct lecturer at the Irish Centre for Human Rights (NUI Galway), a research associate at TCD's Centre for Contemporary History and taught UN Peacekeeping at Dublin City University.

**History Month Debate: 'Marvel vs DC Franchises' » Teatar Cheardhallain, Áras na Gaeilge » 5th March 2014**

DJ Byrno & Dave King's super powers? INFINITE comic book knowledge! These guys are going head to head to argue which is the superior comic book series, Marvel or DC? A discussion of epic proportion-it's going to be a close one to call and we'll need your help!

**Walking Tour of Galway City » Spanish Arch, Galway City » 6th March 2014**

Join An Cumann Staire as we guide you through some of the sights and sounds of historic Galway City with experienced guide Tonai. Meeting at the Spanish Arch at 3.30 in the city (location: <https://goo.gl/maps/a6XWc>) and taking off from there.

**Guest Speaker: Pdraig Lenihan » Teatar Cheardhallain, Áras na Gaeilge » 6th March 2014**

More details to follow; check back here and on the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/522669994519151>).

**History Month Screening: 'Good Bye, Lenin!' » Dillion Theatre » 7th March 2014**

An Cumann Staire and Film Soc will be presenting a screening of the Wolfgang Becker black comedy 'Good Bye, Lenin!'.

"In 1990, to protect his fragile mother from a fatal shock after a long coma, a young man must keep her from learning that her beloved nation of East Germany as she knew it has disappeared."

**History Month Talk Series: Francesco Conti on the Evolution of Warfare During the Renaissance » Áras na Gaeilge » 11th March 2014**

Erasmus Student Francesco Conti will be giving a lecture on the evolution of warfare during the Renaissance from the 1490's to the 1520's. Come along. All are welcome!

**History Month Debate: "This House Regrets the Privileged Position of the Catholic Church in Bunreacht na hEireann" » Áras na Gaeilge » 12th March 2014**

An Cumann Staire is hosting a debate for History Month in association with the Literary and Debating Society of NUI Galway. Come along and give your opinion on the matter! Do you think it was a mistake by the state to afford the Catholic Church such a elevated position? Or do you think it was right and justified? All are welcome!

**Guest Speaker Dr. Hanna-Metta Alsos Raae » Teatar Ceardhallain, Áras na Gaeilge » 13th March 2014**

Dr. Hanne-Mette Alsos Raae to present a talk to An Cumann Staire and members of the public "The Era of Powerful Women, and other myths about the Brehon laws". Q & A to follow.

**History Month Finale » The View » 14th March 2014**

Finale to An Cumann Staire's History Month. Refreshments and food provided.

**Guest Speaker - Sarah-Anne Buckley » AM150 » 20th March 2014**

Dr. Sarah-Anne Buckley will present a talk entitled 'Queer Times: a history of LGBT rights in Britain and Ireland'. The talk will be located in AM150 in the Arts Millennium building at 7pm. There will be finger food in the College Bar afterward for all who come along!

**Cumann Staire AGM** » *Tnuthail Theatre, Arts Millenium AM150* » 26th March 2014

YOUR opportunity to join one of the most active societies on campus. Remember...you don't have to be studying History to be on the committee or indeed the society. It's all about having an interest!

**Aisiri Week** » *Everywhere* » 23rd September – 26th September 2013 (4 individual events)

**"Batman, A History" - Eamonn Gardiner (NUIG)** » *colm hEocha theatre arts millenium (AM250)* » 24th October 2013

**Cumann Staire Christmas Party** » *The Scholars Rest* » 26th November – 27th November 2013 (2 individual events)

Annual Christmas Party. Legendary.

**2nd Annual History Month Launch** » *The View, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 19th February 2014

Official launch of the 2nd Annual History Month hosted by An Cumann Staire. The night will consist of a reveal of events to take place over the course of the month, the societies who will be involved and the odd speech (but of course!). Finger food & beverages will be served.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Louise Collins

**Postgraduate Rep:** Michael Finn

**Arts Ball Organiser:** Daniel Ryan

**Treasurer:** Ciara Clarke

**2nd Year Rep:** Brendan McNelis

**OCM:** Jordan Markey

**PRO:** Eamonn Thomas Gardiner

**Vice-Auditor:** Donal Ocathain

**Webmaster:** David Joyce

**Secretary:** Cian Moran

**1st Year Rep:** Patrick Deane

**Erasmus Rep:** Francesco Conti

**OCM:** Rinnell Mendoza

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Patrick Deane

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,252.89	Affill/Mem fees	€100.00
Fundraising	€357.00	Ball	€628.84
Members Contributions	€404.00	Bank charge	€68.22
Socs box Till	€669.00	Costumes	€500.00
Ticket Sales	€400.00	Dinner	€701.40
USC Grant	€2,900.00	Entertainment	€100.00
<b>Income</b>	<b>€6,982.89</b>	Makeup/Props	€944.53
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€5.80
		Promotions	€20.00
		Reception	€798.28
		Society accomm	€1,056.27
		Society transport	€637.00
		Socs day expenses	€19.49
		Speaker accomm	€130.00
		Speaker travel	€106.15
		Expenditure Total	€5,815.98
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,166.91
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,982.89</b>

## Arts Ball Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€4,331.80	Ball	€6153.50
Balls	€308.00	Bank charge	€67.10
Fundraising	€300.00	Dinner	€700.00
Online Till	€9460.00	Entertainment	€7632.00
Socs box Till	€6500.00	Fundraising/charity	€1500.00
Ticket Sales	€730.00	Lights	€1000.00
		Makeup/Props	€128.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€22,119.80</b>	Reception	€1222.26
		Security	€1620.00
		Sound	€1550.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€23,494.80</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€46.94</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€22,119.80</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 519 members

## ALIVE Participation

Cumann Staire (History)		
<u><a href="#">Rinnell Mendoza</a></u>	Ordinary Committee Member	40 hours
<u><a href="#">John Devlin</a></u>	Public Relations Officer, Researcher and Others	301 hours
<u><a href="#">Michael Finn</a></u>	History Month Secretary	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Jordan Markey</a></u>	OCM	250 hours
<u><a href="#">Brendan McNelis</a></u>	2nd Year Representative	250 hours
<u><a href="#">Patrick Deane</a></u>	Chairperson of History Month and 1st Year Representative	260 hours
<u><a href="#">David Joyce</a></u>	Webmaster and General Committee member	25 hours
<u><a href="#">Ciara Clarke</a></u>	Treasurer	100 hours
<p>An Cumann Staire (History Society) is one of the oldest societies of NUIG, founded in 1951. Our aim is to encourage and promote an interest in all things historical within the students of NUIG and of Galway. An Cumann Staire is affiliated with the Irish History Students Association and International Students of History Association. Numerous activities are run by the society both social and academic, such as, Guest lectures, table quizzes, bowling nights, film screenings, conference organisation and attendance, History Month and a national and international trip each year for our members, with this year's trip being organised for Edinburgh!</p>		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	8 students	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	1286 hours	



# Dansoc

Interested in dancing and performing? Then Dansoc is for you! Our aim is to give students a chance to perform, to learn new dance skills and also to meet new people. We hold classes in hip hop, Irish dancing, Zumba and many more catering for all levels.

## Dansoc Events

This year the society held a total of 66 events.

### **Hip Hop** » » *17th September 2013*

6-7 pm - Beginners

7-8 pm - Intermediate

### **Irish Dancing** » *The Stage Áras na Mac Léinn* » *17th September 2013*

6-7 pm - Beginners

7-8 pm - Intermediate

8-9 pm - Advanced

### **Ballet** » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn* » *18th September 2013*

### **Salsa** » » *18th September 2013*

### **Zumba** » » *18th September 2013*

### **Dance Classes** » *The Stage* » *1st October 2013*

### **Dance Classes** » *The View* » *1st October 2013*

### **Salsa** » » *2nd October 2013*

### **Zumba** » » *2nd October 2013*

### **Dansoc Classes** » *The Cube* » *2nd October 2013*

Dansoc Classes

### **Ballet Classes** » *The Stage* » *2nd October 2013*

### **Dansoc Classes** » *The Cube* » *2nd October 2013*

Dansoc Classes

### **Contemporary** » *The Stage* » *2nd October 2013*

### **Zumba** » » *2nd October 2013*

### **Zumba** » » *2nd October 2013*

### **Beginners Irish Dancing** » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn* » *8th October 2013*

Beginners Irish Dancing

### **Jazz Dance Classes** » » *8th October 2013*

Jazz Dance Classes

### **DanSoc Classes** » » *9th October 2013*

Contemporary 5-6  
Zumba 5-6 pm and 7-8pm  
Salsa 6-7  
Ballet 6-7

**Hip Hop Intermediate** » » 15th October 2013

**Hip Hop Beginners** » » 15th October 2013

**Intermediate Irish Dancing** » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 15th October 2013  
Intermediate Irish Dancing

**Irish Dancing Beginners** » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 15th October 2013  
Irish Dancing Beginners

**Jazz** » » 16th October 2013

**Contemporary** » » 16th October 2013

**Ballet** » *The Stage* » 16th October 2013

**Zumba** » *The Cube* » 16th October 2013

**Salsa** » » 16th October 2013

**Zumba** » » 16th October 2013

**Dansoc Tour** » *The Skeff* » 22nd October 2013

**Hip Hop Beginners** » *The Cube* » 29th October 2013

**Hip Hop Intermediate** » *The Cube* » 29th October 2013

**Jazz** » *The Cube* » 29th October 2013

**Irish Dancing Advanced** » *The Stage* » 29th October 2013

**Irish Dancing Beginners** » *The Stage* » 29th October 2013

**Irish Dancing Intermediate** » *The Stage* » 29th October 2013

**Zumba** » *The Cube* » 30th October 2013

**Zumba** » *The Cube* » 30th October 2013

**Salsa** » *The Cube* » 30th October 2013

**Ballet** » *The Stage* » 30th October 2013

**Contemporary** » *The Stage* » 30th October 2013

**Intermediate Hip Hop** » *The Cube* » 5th November 2013

**Advanced Hip Hop** » *The Cube* » 5th November 2013

**Jazz** » » 5th November 2013

**Advanced Irish Dance** » *The Stage* » 5th November 2013

**Intermediate Irish Dance** » *The Stage* » 5th November 2013

**Beginners Irish Dance** » *The Stage* » 5th November 2013

**Ballet** » *The Stage* » 6th November 2013

**Zumba Class 2** » » 6th November 2013

**Salsa** » *The Cube* » 6th November 2013

**Zumba Class 1** » *The Cube* » 6th November 2013

**Pole Dancing Workshop (Class 3)** » *Satnam Centre, Ruxton Court, Dominick Street.* » 7th November 2013

**Break Dancing** » *The Stage* » 7th November 2013

**Pole Dancing Workshop** » *Satnam Centre, Ruxton Court, Dominick Street.* » 7th November 2013

**Pole Dancing Workshop (Class 2)** » *Satnam Centre, Ruxton Court, Dominick Street.* » 7th November 2013

**Irish Dancing Advanced** » *The Stage* » 12th November 2013

**Irish Dancing Intermediate** » *The Stage* » 12th November 2013

**Jazz** » *The Cube* » 12th November 2013

**Intermediate Hip Hop** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 12th November 2013

**Irish Dancing Beginners** » *The Stage* » 12th November 2013

**Beginners Hip Hop** » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 12th November 2013

**Ballet** » *The Stage* » 13th November 2013

**Zumba** » » 13th November 2013

**Break Dancing** » *The Stage* » 13th November 2013

**Zumba** » » 13th November 2013

**Salsa** » *The Cube* » 13th November 2013

**White Collar Boxing** » *The Bailey Allen Hall* » 14th November 2013

Dansoc performs at the Students Union's White Collar Boxing Event this Thursday. The event is in aid of Childline and GRCC. Tickets €7.50 for students from The Socsbox.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Rachael Finnegan

**Secretary:** Rachel King

**Events Manager:** Aoife Magee

**Public Relations Officer:** Christopher Campbell

**Vice-Auditor:** Laura Doyle

**Treasurer:** Jonathan Carton

**Student Development Officer:** Shaina McGovern

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Jonathan Carton

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€495.84	Bank charge	€73.54
Socs box Till	€5,846.00	Costumes	€190.00
Ticket Sales	€1,130.00	Entry fees	€825.00
USC Grant	€6,500.00	Equipment misc	€189.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,971.84</b>	Printing	€13.00
		Society accomm	€1,800.00
		Society transport	€2,270.00
		Socs day expenses	€43.19
		Teacher fees	€8,450.00
		Expenditure Total	€13,854.17
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€117.67
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,971.84</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1139 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Dansoc

<u><a href="#">Rachael Finnegan</a></u>	Auditor	140 hours
<u><a href="#">Rachel King</a></u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Laura Doyle</a></u>	Vice Auditor	200 hours
<u><a href="#">Jonathan Carton</a></u>	Treasurer	200 hours
<u><a href="#">Christopher Campbell</a></u>	PRO/ Volunteer Choreographer	60 hours
NUIG Dance Society		
# ALIVE Students:	5 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	660 hours	

# Disney Society

Disney Society is a brand new society in NUIG. It is a society that shares our love for Walt Disney movies with the rest of the campus.

Our main aims this year were:

1. To bring people with a common interest in Disney together and let them know they are not alone in their love for Disney.
2. Our society also wants to be known as a caring society which aims to fund-raise and donate to charity as much as we possibly can.
3. We want to create a fun and relaxed atmosphere for our members to enjoy, so that they will keep coming back week after week. We always aim to please and are open to new ideas from anyone who's willing to give them.

## Disney Society Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

### **HOCUS POCUS DisneySoc** » *IT250* » *7th November 2013*

We're showing HOCUS POCUS thursday night we hope ye can all make it! There will be goodies for all :)

### **DisneySoc & AstroSoc WALL-E Showing** » *AM250* » *12th November 2013*

For 2013 Science week we are showing WALL-E! Hope ye can all make it!

### **MULAN w/ Chinese soc** » » *28th January 2014*

Come and join Disneysoc and Chinesesoc as we celebrate the Chinese new year with a showing of Mulan!

There will be free pizza and sweets on the night. See you there!

### **HERCULES!** » *Dillon Theatre* » *4th February 2014*

It's Hero week and all you Prince and Princess' have voted for Hercules! Join us to watch the Disney Hunky Greek God on Tuesday 4th of February at 7pm in the Dillon Theatre!

### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *11th February 2014*

Join disneysoc this valentines week to see the classic Beauty and the Beast, this weeks winner of our online poll.

Note the usual room the Dillon has been changed to a bigger theatre, the KIRWAN (beside the dillon)

A special surprise could be in store for our audience on tuesday night! See you there! <3

### **The Little Mermaid** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *18th February 2014*

Disney Soc is joining with our lovely friends in Marine Soc to show THE LITTLE MERMAID on Tuesday the 18th of Feb in the Kirwan Theatre at 7pm :)

we will be giving out free pizza and singing along with Ariel to the wonderful songs. :D

### **BRAVE!** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *25th February 2014*

Join us for BRAVE with free pizza, usual time and place, in association with Cumann Stair!!

### **The Aristocats!** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *4th March 2014*

Come and see the class disney film the Aristocats on tuesday night! In associatons with Victorian Soc!

See you there x

### **TOY STORY 1** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *11th March 2014*

Join us at disneysoc for the first of the three Toy Story Movies! Kirwan, 7pm, see you there!

### **AGM** » *Kirwan Theatre* » *18th March 2014*

Disney Society are having there Annual General Meeting this tuesday! Here we discuss the years events and put forward nominations for next years Disney Committee so if your interested in becoming part of the Disney Society Team come along! All members are welcome!

### **TOY STORY 2** » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » *25th March 2014*

Join us for this Semesters Disney Quiz! Prizes to be won! Craic to be had! See you there!

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Jade McNamara

**OCM:** Jarlath Curran

**Secretary:** Marie Burke

**PRO Assistant:** Caoimhe Cronin-O'Reilly

**Vice-Auditor:** Jessica Newport

**PRO Assistant:** Hazel Larney

**Treasurer:** Enda McDaid

### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Jade McNamara

**Treasurer:** Enda McDaid

**PRO:** Hazel Larney

**Vice-Auditor:** Jessica Newport

**Secretary:** Marie Burke

**OCM:** Claire Dinneen

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€18.25
Fundraising	€75.00	Equipment misc	€46.99
Ticket Sales	€50.00	Materials	€12.64
USC Grant	€300.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€168.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>€425.00</b>	Socs day expenses	€50.00
		Stationary	€10.00
		Expenditure Total	€306.20
		Closing Bank Balance	€118.80
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€425.00</b>

### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1528 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Disney Society		
<b><u>Hazel Larney</u></b>	PRO Assistant	200 hours
<b><u>Jessica Newport</u></b>	Vice-Auditor	136 hours
<b><u>Marie Burke</u></b>	Secretary	136 hours
NUIG Disney Society		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	3 students	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	472 hours	

# DJ Soc

Our aim is to show people in NUI Galway with an interest in music and DJing how to do just that and hopefully go on to get gigs! We also run events in the college usually in conjunction with other societies, as well as providing the soundtrack to many of NUIG's big events! We won most improved society at the awards and represented the university at the BICS awards in Belfast.

## DJ Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

**DJ Soc Meeting » » 17th September 2013**

**DJ SOC Open Decks Session » Large Acoustic Room » 25th September 2013**

Come along to DJ SOC's Open Decks and within weeks you will be mixing your own tunes! Our dedicated, experienced committee will show you how to DJ in a relaxed, informal atmosphere, where there is no pressure from others watching. You do not need to be there at 6pm, you come at a time that suits you and stay as long as you want!

Our top of the range speakers and decks will be set up for you to enjoy some of the best music out there right now whilst you learn.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact DJ Soc on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/NUIGALWAY.DJ.SOC>

Alternatively you can email: [djsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:djsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie)

**DJ Open Decks » » 9th October 2013**

DJ Soc Open Decks

**DJ SOC Open Decks Session » » 16th October 2013**

Open Deck Session for DJ SOC members looking to improve their skills or even just meet like-minded people! All welcome, sign up by emailing us or contacting us on Facebook @ NUIG DJ SOC

**DJ talk » » 23rd October 2013**

A talk by veteran DJ and pizza!

**Guest speaker Graham Dolan & Movie! » Siobhan McKenna Theatre, Arts Millennium Building + Factory » 23rd October 2013**

Graham Dolan comes in for a chat about his career and the Galway DJing scene! We'll also be showing the movie Pump Up The Volume, a film that is important for all those with an interest in dance music, with some free pizza too! There will be a showcase afterwards in Factory with Eoin, SectionFive and Enda all on the decks. Free entry when you come to the talk!

**Open Decks » The Stage Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th November 2013**

**DJ SOC Open Decks Session » » 22nd January 2014**

Our first meeting of 2014! Kicking semester 2 off with a bang, and some new equipment! Come along to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players! Beginners always welcome, you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!

**DJ SOC Open Decks Session » » 29th January 2014**

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!! Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time.

**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS SESSION!!! » » 5th February 2014**

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!

Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!

No experience needed!!

We're Super Friendly!!

**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS SESSION!!! » » 12th February 2014**

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!

Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!



No experience needed!!  
We're Super Friendly!!

**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS SESSION!!!** » » *19th February 2014*

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!  
Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!  
No experience needed!!  
We're Super Friendly!!  
NOTE We have moved this week.

**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS!!** » *Áras Ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre* » *26th February 2014*

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!  
Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!  
No experience needed!!  
We're Super Friendly!!

**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS!!** » *Áras Ui Cathaill Lecture Theatre* » *26th February – 4th March 2014 (7 individual events)*

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!  
Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!  
No experience needed!!  
We're Super Friendly!!

**DJ SOC BOILER ROOM!!** » *Large Accoustic Room* » *5th March 2014*

Something a little different from the usual Open Decks on the DJ Soc menu this week.....the regulars will know it's our first ever Acoustic Room Session!  
The idea is simple, if you have ever seen a Boiler Room you'll know what the craic is! If not, check this out: Gesaffelstein in Boiler Room Berlin  
It's a showcase for our members to come and play some tunes whilst being recorded and taped! We'll have the whole thing up on Youtube and Soundcloud to watch/listen to afterwards!  
Taking place in the Large Acoustic Room from 7-ish, bring your friends and some beverages and we'll have a laugh! All a bit of fun at the end of the day, nothing serious. If you feel like playing some tunes then send us an email or a message to our Facebook page here and we'll see what we can do!!  
Great tunes, great crowd and live visuals all evening, with a night out thrown in for good measure, this is a DJ Soc night you don't wanna miss!"

**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS!!** » » *12th March 2014*

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!  
Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!  
No experience needed!!  
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**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS!!** » *Large Accousitc Room,* » *19th March 2014*

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!  
Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!  
No experience needed!!  
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**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS!!** » *Large Acoustic Room,Áras an Mac Léinn* » *26th March 2014*

Come on by to try your hand mixing on the laptop and the new CD players!!!  
We also have our vinyl sessions now starting up if you want to be old school!!  
Beginners are always welcome and you'll be taken through the basics and mixing your own tunes in no time!!  
No experience needed!!  
We're Super Friendly!!

**DJ SOC OPEN DECKS!!** » *Large Accousitc Room,Áras na Mac Léinn* » *2nd April 2014*

Our Last Open Decks For The Semester!!

And As Always New Members Are Always Welcome!!

We Will Be Having Our Vinyl And Cdj Sessions In The Large Acoustic In Áras na Mac Léinn Banging The Tunes!!

To Cap A Very Successful And Amazing Year!!

DJ SOC MOST IMPROVED SOCIETY OF 2014!!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** James Kenny

**Auditor:** Evan Flaherty

**First Year Rep.:** Cameron Moore

**Vice Auditor:** Eoin Ryan

**Equipment Officer:** Kieran McGrath

**Secretary:** Daniel Ffrench

**Treasurer:** Simon Price

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Evan Flaherty

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€204.31	Bank charge	€17.17
Muscailt	€200.00	Dinner	€155.00
Socs box Till	€235.00	Entertainment	€208.00
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Equipment misc	€1,221.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,639.31</b>	Hoodies	€190.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,791.17
		Closing Bank Balance	€848.14
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,639.31</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 668 members.

## ALIVE Participation

DJ Soc		
<b><u>Cameron Moore</u></b>	1st Year Rep	20 hours
NUIG DJ Society		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 students	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	20 hours	

# Draíocht

This year again we had a large number of applicants meaning it was necessary to shortlist those who applied following the interviews. We are really happy with the increased interest in Draíocht and what we do. On top of this we are attracting people from an even wider variety of courses which spreads the word about Draíocht among a larger section of the university community. We do not like to turn away any enthusiastic, competent volunteer and since we had so many applications last year and again this year we decided to introduce a second volunteering opportunity in Tanzania. This will be the first year we send a full group of 9 volunteers to Mbeya in Tanzania for the month of June. This project is all very new to us but we are very excited! Our first and foremost priority is still of course Nepal. It was important to fill our volunteering spaces there first as the new Children's Home is due to be completed this year and we need all hands on deck!

We have signed up to a Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Organisations, as set out by Comhlamh. We were thrilled this year to have succeeded in the next step to acquiring full Comhlamh approval. This followed the submission of a comprehensive report on our society's policies and procedures. We have identified important areas for improvement and are working with Comhlamh on these to further develop the society.

Our principle fundraising events this year included sending teams to the Hell and Back Challenge, hosting a 'Potions Night' in Kelly's and of course our annual Halo Night. Once again our volunteers have been fantastic in their own individual fundraising endeavours. This year Draíocht participated in the national Jailbreak event with money raised from teams in NUI Galway going to Draíocht, Amnesty and St. Vincent de Paul.

Overall, it has been a great year for Draíocht. As I'm sure the rest of the committee and volunteers will agree working for such a great initiative makes all the work absolutely worth it.

## Draíocht Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

### **AGM » *The Stage » 16th September 2013***

AGM for Draíocht. All new members welcome.

### **Draíocht Meet & Greet » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th September 2013***

A chance for all new and old members to meet. Come along and find out what Draíocht are all about, find out about plans and fundraisers for the year and hear volunteers stories about last years adventures in Nepal and Tanzania.

### **Traveller's Tales » *Tyndall Theatre, Concourse » 10th October 2013***

A chance to hear how this Summer's Volunteers got on. They'll be telling us all about the work that was carried out and of course all their adventures! A good opportunity to learn more about Draíocht, meet people who might be volunteering with you this summer or catch up with your fellow volunteers from this year.

### **Members Social Night » *College Bar, Áras na Mac Léinn » 6th November 2013***

A chance for all our members to meet up and socialise. Especially for those going volunteering this summer it will be a nice way to meet those who will be going abroad with you. All welcome and Looking forward to seeing everyone there! :)

### **Volunteer Interviews » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn » 12th November 2013***

### **Volunteer Interviews » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn » 13th November 2013***

### **Volunteer Interviews » *Meeting Room 1 Áras na Mac Léinn » 19th November 2013***

Second Round of Interviews for Summer '14 Volunteers who were unable to make their first interview time

### **Bake Sale » *Coffee Dock, Áras Moyola » 28th January 2014***

Bake sale with all proceeds to the building of the new Children's Home in Nepal.

### **Volunteer Information Evening » » *28th January 2014***

An Information Night for all Volunteers Travelling to Nepal and Tanzania this summer. Very important that everyone attends and there will be FREE PIZZA as an extra treat. See everyone there :)

**Hell and back » Kilruddery Estate, Bray Co. Wicklow » 2nd February 2014**

Ready to take on the elements again as our brave volunteers attempt Ireland's toughest 10k!

Learn more in the link <http://www.hellandback.ie/hellandbackwinter.html>

**Potions Night » Kellys Bar » 3rd February 2014**

Come along to Kellys and learn how to make your very own potions.

Tickets, 10 euro, are ON SALE NOW from the Socs Box and Committee members.

Don't forget your wand!

**Bake Sale » The Concourse (beside Smokeys) » 11th February 2014**

Proceeds go to Draíocht projects in Nepal and Tanzania. All support greatly appreciated. Treat yourself to something sweet (you know you want to) !

**Volunteer Meeting » AC203 Concourse » 3rd March 2014**

Meeting to Collect Money Fundraised and Distribute tickets for Halo Night. Also free pizza!

**'Shaken not Stirred' » Halo Nightclub » 6th March 2014**

Our annual Halo Night to raise funds for Little Angel's Children's Home in Nepal. The theme is Bond with free cocktails for the first 100 in! A 50 euro RIVER ISLAND VOUCHER for the best dressed Bond and Bond girl. Yes, that means bring your suits lads! Should be a fantastic night :D

Tickets five euro available from the Socs box.

**Nepali Language Class » AC 203 Concourse » 10th March 2014**

Kevin and Tommy have very kindly agreed to share their knowledge of the Nepali language with us! This is a class for all volunteers heading out to Nepal this summer. The classes are a great advantage even if you just pick up a few phrases. It's great to be able to exchange a few words with the people there and be assured they love the craic!

**Nepali Language Classes » AC214 Concourse » 24th March 2014**

Learn a few phrases of Nepali before heading off this summer. Comes in really handy and you won't want to miss out on the craic with the local people :)

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Vice-Auditor:** Thomas Fagan

**Secretary:** Lisa Duffy

**PRO:** Jacintha Hopkins

**Events Coordinator:** Fiona Ni Chaoimh

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Kevin Davoren

**Volunteer Coordinator :** Grainne Joyce

**School Liaison Officer:** Hannah Egan

**Auditor:** Meave Higgins

**Treasurer:** Eimear Daly

**Events Coordinator:** Sarah O'Connell

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Aisling Hennebry

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Elizabeth Hurley

**Comhl?mh Representative:** Mary Byrne

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact :** Meave Higgins

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€12,844.27	Affill/Mem fees	€175.00
Fundraising	€21,569.53	Bank charge	€64.63
Members Contributions	€300.00	Entertainment	€209.50
Socs box Till	€1,900.00	Equipment misc	€370.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€36,613.80</b>	Fundraising/charity	€12,830.15

Income	Expenditure	
	Printing	€125.00
	Prizes	€100.00
	Expenditure Total	€13,874.28
	Closing Bank Balance	€22,739.52
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€36,613.80</b>

### Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 380 members.

### ALIVE Participation

#### Draíocht

<u><a href="#">Meadhbh Ni Fhlatharta</a></u>	Volunteer (travelling to Nepal for 4 weeks) & Fundraiser(weekly fundraising to raise money for trip)	720 hours
<u><a href="#">Eimhin McEvoy</a></u>	Volunteer	700 hours
<u><a href="#">Olivia McEvoy</a></u>	Volunteer	100 hours
<u><a href="#">Sarah O'Connell</a></u>	Event Coordinator	200 hours
<u><a href="#">Mary Byrne</a></u>	Comhlámh Volunteer Coordinator.	45 hours
<u><a href="#">Fiona Ni Chaoimh</a></u>	Events Coordinator	32 hours
<u><a href="#">Laura Gray</a></u>	Nepal Volunteer	18 hours
<u><a href="#">John O'Farrell</a></u>	Volunteer, fundraiser	12 hours
<u><a href="#">Kevin Davoren</a></u>	OCM, Nepali Language and Culture Coordinator, Comhlámh Auditor, Summer Volunteer	500 hours
<u><a href="#">Christine Condon</a></u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u><a href="#">Lisa Duffy</a></u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Hannah Egan</a></u>	Fundraiser	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Meave Higgins</a></u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u><a href="#">Eimear Daly</a></u>	Treasurer and Summer Volunteer	850 hours
<u><a href="#">Stefania Stroiescu</a></u>	Summer Volunteer, Fundraiser	500 hours

Draíocht is a student-run charity, established by Melanie Hennessy in 2008 after she founded the Little Angels Children's Home, to provide shelter for orphaned Nepali children, who are among the most vulnerable of people, living in the second poorest country in Asia. Draíocht's aim is to recruit volunteers, raise much needed funds and to raise awareness. To date we have sent over 100 volunteers to set up and work in the orphanage and in the schools in the nearby village and surrounding countryside. We have also run a number of women's health and dental camps and have numerous scholarship programmes to ensure that local children also have equal opportunity to get an education. This year Draíocht are also joined with The Olive Branch For Children, a charity in Tanzania and are sending some volunteers to work in orphanages, AIDs outreach programs and in a children's prison.

**# ALIVE Students:** 15 students

**# Hours Volunteered:** 3902 hours

# Dramsoc

The aim of Dramsoc is to bring people together who have any interest in theatre whether that be acting, directing, stage managing, costuming, dramaturgy, props, set building, front of house and watching entertaining shows. We want to give these members the chance to get involved as much as possible by putting on a play almost every week of the semester. There are many opportunities in this society, mainly to get experience and make like minded friends but there is also many opportunities through our workshops, auditions and our contacts with other societies such as Film Soc, GUMS, Comedy Soc, Femsoc and our contacts outside the college with other theatre companies and directors. Dramsoc has added greatly to the cultural life of the university by providing a place for students, lecturers and many others to get involved in the theatre. We provide full length plays almost every week for a very modest price and seek to educate and entertain not only our audience but our many members. Our society also provides the opportunity for our members to interact with other colleges through the Irish Student Drama Association. This year, we have sent four productions to ISDA's in Belfast allowing our members to extent their drama experience by seeing other colleges productions and demonstrating their own skills in a wider domain. Our society has worked extremely hard at providing entertainment and artistic outlets to the students of NUIG and the wider community for the last 100 years.

## Dramsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 85 events.

**BLITHE SPIRIT** » *BOI Theatre (beside college bar)* » 29th August – 1st September 2013 (4 individual events)

**DramSoc Workshop** » » 16th September 2013

Intro Acting class!

**Staged & Confused** » *meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn )* » 18th September 2013

Dramsoc's improv night hosted by Darragh O'Brien

**Drama Gala** » » 23rd September – 24th September 2013 (2 individual events)

Come one, come all, to DramSoc's Bi-Annual Drama Gala, where no matter who you are and what you are interested in, you will find your theatrical niche. Are you interested in giving a hand back stage or design sets and props? Then come to our INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE workshops, where you will be able to get information and advice from our more experienced DramSoc members. How bout acting? Then we have just the thing for you! At the Gala we are holding OPEN AUDITIONS for our Semester 1 shows. We will also be having fun getting to know everyone through improvisation games and some light refreshments... so come on down, have the banter and show us what you're made of!

**Dramsoc/GUMS Auditions** » *The StageDramsoc/GUMS Auditions* » 30th September 2013

**Singing Auditions for the Dramsoc/GUMS collaboration musical** » *Small Acoustic Room* » 30th September 2013

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**Dramsoc Shower of Bastards Rehearsals** » *The Cube* » 30th September 2013

Dramsoc Shower of Bastards Rehearsals

**Rehearsals** » *meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn )* » 1st October 2013

**Staged and Confused** » *Meeting Rooms 1 & 2* » 2nd October 2013

**Killing Jack Murphy** » *Druid Lane Theatre* » 4th October 2013

NUI Galway's Jerome Hynes Award Winning Production Killing Jack Murphy, written by Niamh Dennis and directed by Kori Kilduff, will be presented in Druid Lane Theatre for one night only!

**Staged & Confused** » » 9th October 2013

Improv workshop with Dramsoc!

**Auditions » » 10th October 2013**

Auditions

**Shower of Bastards Rehearsals » Meeting Room 2 » 10th October 2013**

Rehearsal for "Shower of Bastards"

**Dramsoc's Shower of Bastards » » 15th October 2013**

It's time to welcome the first play of the semester!

Shower of Bastards is the tale of a pregnant woman, her hormones and the mystery of her illegitimate child unravelling during a baby shower. Prepare for gossip, blasphemy and a whole load of thunder stealing during this witty, ROFL-inducing original play by Elizabeth Moon.

WARNING- ROLFing not allowed due to fire safety regulations.

Shower of Bastards is running at 8.30pm from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 October in the Bank of Ireland Theatre beside the College Bar. Tickets are E5 for students and E8 for non-students and available at the Socs Box in advance and at the door before each performance. Get 'em early! All welcome!

**Dramsoc's Shower of Bastards » BOI Theatre (By the college bar) » 16th October – 18th October 2013 (3 individual events)**

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**"Staged & Confused" » » 23rd October 2013**

Staged & confused is a weekly improvisation class/workshop, where you can have fun, make a load of new friends and learn a few things about improvisation!

**"Let's Get Physical" With Claudia & Ryan » » 24th October 2013**

A Physical Theatre Workshop run by Claudia o'Sullivan and Ryan McCarthy, spanning the physicality of theatre. In this workshop will be dealing with topics such as the physical interpretation of a script, the use of levels and blocking and the use of stage and props. Also we will be delving into the new and exciting discipline of Physical Drama, in which we will be exploring how physical movement alone can capture emotions, suspense, drama and much much more!!

So pop along to the SocsBox, where you can sign up for FREE!! There will be a chance for 10 lucky participants to win a free boojum voucher as well as games, music and a bit of good old fashioned banter!

**Five Kinds of Silence » Bank of Ireland Theatre » 28th – 30th October 2013**

5 Kinds of Silence is a play that ironically breaks the silence and stigma that surrounds sexual abuse and shatters preconceived notions once held by people on the outside. It is a tear jerking, heart wrenching, sometimes uncomfortable play that is a must see, even if it is just to break the silence again.

Directed by Niamh Ryan and Aoife Corry

Cast List

Billy: Oisín Robbins

Mary: Anna Marie Cleary

Susan: Alison Sheary

Janet: Aoife Corry

Lawyer/Psychiatrist: David McEnroe

Lawyer/Psychiatrist: Orla Tubridy

28th, 29th, 30th October & 1st November

BOI Theatre

5/8 Euro Tickets

**Stage and Lighting Workshop » The Stage » 4th November 2013**

**NUIG DramSoc presents "Made in China" » » 5th November – 8th November 2013 (4 individual events)**

'Made in China' (9th ? 15th Nov)

Written by : Mark O?Rowe

Directed by : Joe Power

Set in a flat in dystopian Dublin, three gangsters have to deal with the fall out of a botched job.

Hughie- An up and coming in the criminal world. Friends with Paddy and wary of Kilby, he is beginning to feel like the criminal life is not for him

Paddy- Hughie's friend. Not yet a fully fledged gang member, but he is keen to join. Admires Kilby and Hughie.

Kilby- Lieutenant in the the gang. He is vicious, volatile and generally a scary bastard. Has a blonde perm.

**Staged & Confused » » 6th November 2013**

Staged & confused is a weekly improvisation class/workshop, where you can have fun, make a load of new friends and learns a few things about improvisation!

**Wolf Tales: Auditions » The Space » 11th November 2013**

24hr Panto Auditions. Collab between GUMS and Dramsoc.

**Dramsoc Presents Polaroid Stories » BOI Theatre » 12th – 15th November 2013**

Actin', singin' and Techno!

A visceral blend of classical mythology and real life stories told by street kids. Like their mythic counterparts, these modern-day mortals are engulfed by needs that burn and consume. Their language mixes poetry and profanity, imbuing the play with lyricism and great theatrical force.

**Dramsoc Staged and Confused » Meeting Rooms » 13th November 2013**

**Wolf Tales » Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th November – 18th November 2013 (2 individual events)**

Wolf Tales: The 24 hour Panto. Collaboration between GUMS and Dramsoc

**NUIG DramSoc presents "Importance of Being Earnest" » » 19th November – 22nd November 2013 (4 individual events)**

?The Importance of being Earnest?

Written by : Oscar Wilde

Directed by : Declan Jones

The Importance of Being Ernest follows the lives of two upper middle class bachelors living in London in the 1890s. They become infatuated with two women who are searching for men specifically with the name Ernest. However, as the two protagonists names are not Ernest, their love for the two women cause them to change everything about themselves ? even their names! However, one cannot live a lie forever, even if they are the most earnest people one could meet. The two men ultimately learn the lesson of The Importance of being Ernest.

**Dramsoc trip to Fregoli's 'Home' » No suggestions found » 12th December 2013**

**Dramsoc Audition Gala » » 20th January – 21st January 2014 (2 individual events)**

**Lighting Workshop » BOI Theatre (beside college bar) » 21st January 2014**

For any of you who are interested in Tech, specifically Lighting Design and Set-up, There is a workshop happening tonight (i.e from 8-9 pm in the BOI Theatre. Here, Susan Collins will be showing the basics in all things lighting. If you are anyways interested in backstage, set, producing or even directing, this is a very valuable opportunity in which you can learn about one aspect that has so much influence over the setting of a scene... and who better to show you than Susan Collins!

**Production Meeting » Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th January 2014**

Meeting in The Hub in Áras na Ma Léinn at 6pm on Monday 27th for anyone interested in working on or helping out with lights, sound, set, costume, makeup, stage management, and front-of-house for Dramsoc's six upcoming shows.

The directors and producers of 'Overcast Teacups', 'Pride of Parnell St', 'Sweet Bird of Youth', 'The Crucible', '1984' and 'Callisto 5' will be there, along with the Dramsoc production team, to talk about the designs and ideas for their shows. The productions include an American mid-century classic, a vision of a dystopian future, an original drama, a relationship crumbling in Dublin, a multimedia sci-fi and a modern-day witch-hunt - so we'll have lots of ideas to toss around.



If you'd like to get involved with a production, whether you have four weeks or four hours free, then come and meet us. No experience whatsoever is required, old hands and new friends most welcome!

**Masterclass in Improv Theatre » Áras an Mac Léinn » 29th January 2014**

This Wednesday Staged & Confused will host the first in a series of Masterclasses in all things Improv.

**EGM » Meeting Room 1, Áras na Mac Léinn. » 30th January 2014**

So we are holding our EGM this Thursday the 30th of January at 6pm in the 2 meeting rooms, upstairs in Áras na Mac L

**Pride of Parnell Street » Bank of Ireland Theatre (beside the college bar) » 18th February – 21st February 2014 (4 individual events)**

The emotional roller-coaster that is Sebastian Barry's "Pride of Parnell St." is coming to the Bank Of Ireland Theater this coming Tuesday to Friday. A heart-wrenching monologue play depicting a couple's troubled relationship

**Sweet Bird of Youth » » 25th February – 27th February 2014 (3 individual events)**

Dramsoc's second production of the year is taking place in the Cube Theatre (Áras na Mac Léinn) from Tuesday to Thursday! Tennessee Williams' classic play Sweet Bird of Youth tells a tale of love and lost innocence in 1950s America. Tickets ?5 for students and ?8 for nonstudents, available at the Socsbox. Starting at 8.30pm!

**Odds and Ends variety show & open mic night with Staged & Confused » » 27th February 2014**

Staged & Confused and NUIG Dramsoc present ODDS AND ENDS!!

After the success of the last one, Open Mic Night is back in The Cellar Bar with Staged & Confused- featuring special guests The BlueBirds. Our Emcee, Darragh O'Brien will take us through the night of performances by the Staged Improv team and then it's over to you. Come along and bring your guitars, poems, bodies, jokes, voices, talents, weirdness, and fun. There is no limit so let's see what you can do! Signups kick off at 10pm and of course there is Free Admission. Oh and there's a Free Boojum Galway Voucher for every performer :)

**"Sounds Awesome!!" a sound workshop by Zach Pennington » » 4th March 2014**

Ladies and Gentleman, welcome to the sound design tutorial! My name is Zach Pennington and I am a lighting/sound designer from the states. Today I'm going to do my best to show ye how to think like sound designers (considering we are a very weird bunch) and show you the basics of how to operate an analogue sound board and use the sound program called Q-lab (sorry for those of you who have PC's because it is a Mac only program).

**Stage Make-Up Workshop with Katy Stewart » » 6th March 2014**

So the wonderful Katy Stewart is hosting a Stage Make-Up workshop in the Bank of Ireland Theater on Thursday the 5th of March. This fabulous tutorial will serve to help all you budding make-up artists make actors look pretty/ scary/ beaten & bloody and much more. In this workshop Katy will be focusing on make-up effects as well as general make-up used for the stage. She will be showing all of you how to age the faces of the actors/actresses, to bruising effects and the use of stage blood. you will NOT need to bring any of your own make-up as it is provided for you, but it is asked that you bring make-up wipes.

**NUIG DramSoc present's George Orwell's "1984" in a new adaption » » 11th March – 14th March 2014 (4 individual events)**

In collaboration with NUIG Film Society

'Nineteen Eighty-Four'

George Orwell

A New Adaptation by Chris Moran

Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th March

8.30pm in the Bank of Ireland Theatre

Tickets ?5/?8 available in the Socsbox

In an imagined future, London is a province of Oceania, a totalitarian dictatorship ruled by Big Brother. The citizens of Oceania are under constant surveillance: any opinion, action or even thought that goes against the Party is punishable by torture and death.

Winston Smith is a Thought Criminal, and he knows his time is running out. In the end, he will have to face the unimaginable horrors that lie await in Room 101.

LIMITED SEATING

TICKET BOOKING ADVISED

Show contains disturbing images. Not suitable for children.

**Loff to Laff IMPROFF EXTRAVAGAFF » » 12th March 2014**

Improv-off with our experts of the stage!

Participate or watch the frolics, It's up to you!

Warning: May cause laughter.

**George Orwell's "1984" Back by Popular Demand » The Cube Theatre » 18th March – 20th March 2014 (3 individual events)**

In collaboration with NUIG Film Society

'Nineteen Eighty-Four'

George Orwell

A New Adaptation by Chris Moran

Tuesday 18th - Friday 21th March

8.30pm in the CUBE Theatre

Tickets ?5/?8 available in the Socsbox

In an imagined future, London is a province of Oceania, a totalitarian dictatorship ruled by Big Brother. The citizens of Oceania are under constant surveillance: any opinion, action or even thought that goes against the Party is punishable by torture and death.

Winston Smith is a Thought Criminal, and he knows his time is running out. In the end, he will have to face the unimaginable horrors that lie await in Room 101.

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**1984: Back by popular demand » The Cube Theatre » 18th March 2014**

1884 adapted form the George Orwell classic by Chris Moran after its sell out success of Theatre Week is back for 3 more nights for a must see performance. Tickets from the SocsBox 5/8 euro.

**Electra » » 19th March 2014**

Sophocles' Electra translated by Frank Mcguinness directed by Charlotte McIvor. A production by the NUIG Theatre Department.

**Staged and Confused » meeting room 1 upstairs**

**Callisto 5 by Alan Ayckbourn » The Cube Theatre, » 24th March – 27th March 2014 (4 individual events)**

NUIG Dramsoc production: Callisto 5 by Alan Ayckbourn,

Directed by Emily Murray

25th - 27th of March,

The Cube Theatre,

Áras na Mac Léinn.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.

Starring Peter Kenny, Joe Power & Julie Breen.

Jem has been alone since he was eight years old. Jem is now seventeen. Welcome to Callisto 5.

**Staged and Confused » Meeting Rooms » 26th March 2014**

Weekly improv sessions with Darragh O'Brien and the Staged and Confused team!

**"ODDS & ENDS" hosted by Staged & Confused » The Cellar Bar, » 27th March 2014**

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Treasurer:** Ronan Gallagher

**Head Technician :** Susan Collins

**Events Officer:** Sinead Jordan

**Physical PRO:** Colum Wedel

**Secretary:** Roisin Moore

**Productions Officer:** Muireann Ni Raghallaigh

**ISDA Rep:** Aoife Noone

**Virtual PRO:** Ryan McCarthy

**Stage & Props Manager :** Martin Kenny  
**First Year Representative :** Orla Tubridy  
**Vice-Auditor:** Oryana Farrell-Hickey  
**OCM:** Jack Scullion

**Costume Mistress:** Kamile Jucyte  
**Auditor:** Kori Kilduff  
**Student Development Officer:** Cherise O'Moore  
**Head of Sets:** Lily Hullinger

### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Ronan Gallagher  
**Treasurer:** Shane Egan  
**Head Technician :** Jack Scullion  
**Head of Sets:** Lily Hullinger  
**Physical PRO:** Dara O'Donnell  
**Events and Society Development Officer:** Martin Kenny

**Vice-Auditor:** Sinead Jordan  
**Secretary:** Orla Tubridy  
**Productions Officer:** Peter Kenny  
**Virtual PRO:** Rebecca Spelman  
**Stage Management Officer :** Aisling McGing

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€803.84	Affill/Mem fees	€100.00
Bank Charge	€0.22	Bank charge	€174.17
Socs box Till	€9,392.00	Costumes	€1,212.21
Sponsorship	€3,000.00	Dinner	€702.35
Ticket Sales	€10,694.00	Entry fees	€2,218.13
USC Grant	€14,451.00	Equipment misc	€4,849.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>€38,141.06</b>	Entertainment	€1773.14
		Hall hire	€302.46
		Lights	€1,723.92
		Makeup/Props	€542.90
		Materials	€1,383.36
		Performing rights	€2,254.05
		Printing	€1,372.61
		Promotions	€393.38
		Received Money Returned	€1,730.40
		Reception	€100.00
		Returned Socs Money	€142.25
		Set	€3,122.42
		Society accomm	€5,373.66
		Society transport	€4,649.80
		Socs day expenses	€224.82
		Sound	€169.98
		Stationary	€129.55
		Teacher fees	€1,735.00
		Video Hire	€40.00
		Expenditure Total	€36,269.61
		Cash In Hand	€6.87
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,864.58
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€38141.06</b>

## Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 846 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Dramsoc

<a href="#"><u>Jack Scullion</u></a>	Director, lighting designer, set designer, OCM and Producer	400 hours
<a href="#"><u>Orla Joyce</u></a>	Actor in SOB Comedy	82 hours
<a href="#"><u>Susan Collins</u></a>	Head Technician	1000 hours
<a href="#"><u>Oryana Farrell-Hickey</u></a>	Vice Auditor	650 hours
<a href="#"><u>Roisin Moore</u></a>	Secretary	456 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aisling McGing</u></a>	producing a play and general busy work	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Brian O'Brien</u></a>	1984 Production Team	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Orla Tubridy</u></a>	Actress/stage hand	270 hours
<a href="#"><u>Richard Brown</u></a>	Director of Pride of Parnell Street, Front of House	300 hours
<a href="#"><u>David McEnroe</u></a>	Member	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kate Murphy</u></a>	Stage Manager and Performer	180 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shane Egan</u></a>	Cast Member of	250 hours
<a href="#"><u>Liam MacKessy</u></a>	Volunteer	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>Oisin Robbins</u></a>	Technician, Actor	2000 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sean Daly</u></a>	Voluntary Actor & General Helper	105 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ryan McCarthy</u></a>	Virtual P.R.O., Actor	160 hours
<a href="#"><u>Colum Wedel</u></a>	Physical Public Relations Officer	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Muireann Ni Raghallaigh</u></a>	Productions Officer, Volunteer and Actor	522 hours
<a href="#"><u>Darragh Cooney</u></a>	Producer (x1), Actor (x3)	350 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cody Meadows</u></a>	Volunteer	21 hours
<a href="#"><u>Christopher Moran</u></a>	Director & audience member	450 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Noone</u></a>	Actor , Director and ISDA representative	400 hours
<a href="#"><u>Martin Kenny</u></a>	Committee Member, Director, Actor	400 hours
<a href="#"><u>Keegan Charlier</u></a>	Sound Design	80 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Corry</u></a>	rehearsing, acting, directing, attending plays	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Peter Kenny</u></a>	Actor	78 hours
<a href="#"><u>Hazel Larney</u></a>	OCM	600 hours
<a href="#"><u>Martin Talbot</u></a>	Member	120 hours
<a href="#"><u>Dara O'Donnell</u></a>	Producer, Front of House, Stage Manager	300 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kevin Murphy</u></a>	Cast Member	120 hours

<a href="#"><u>Dylan McCormack</u></a>	Actor	350 hours
<a href="#"><u>Glenn Farrelly</u></a>	Actor	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Declan MacSheoin</u></a>	Director, Actor	90 hours
<a href="#"><u>Julie Breen</u></a>	Actor	400 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kori Kilduff</u></a>	Auditor, Actor, Stage Manager, Producer, Front of House	845 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ryan Hehir</u></a>	Actor	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Robert Browne</u></a>	Lighting Technician	60 hours
<a href="#"><u>Leanne Biggins</u></a>	Volunteer	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kamile Jucyte</u></a>	Costume Mistress	170 hours
<a href="#"><u>Diarmuid Tierney</u></a>	Member	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Clíodhna Hallissey</u></a>	Stagehand	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Michael Power</u></a>	Member	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Charlotte Moore</u></a>	Volunteer	140 hours
<a href="#"><u>Elizabeth Moon</u></a>	Producer/Director	300 hours

The aim of Dramsoc is to bring people together who have any interest in theatre whether that be acting, directing, stage managing, costuming, dramaturgy, props, set building, front of house and watching entertaining shows. We want to give these members the chance to get to get involved as much as possible by putting on a play almost every week of the semester. . Dramsoc has added greatly to the cultural life of the university by providing a place for students, lecturers and many others to get involved in the theatre. We provide full length plays almost every week for a very modest price and seek to educate and entertain not only our audience but our many members. Our society has worked extremely hard at providing entertainment and artistic outlets to the students of NUIG and the wider community for the last 100 years.

**# ALIVE Students:** 44 students

**# Hours Volunteered:** 12809 hours

## Ecology Soc

The Ecology Society or 'EcoSoc' aims to use practical means to encourage an understanding of environmental and social issues, and to promote a sense of community and environmental awareness among students and the wider community.

We seek to encourage and support students with an interest in ideas relating to improving the environment and the local and global community, and to include environmental considerations in the decision making process of the college.

We aim to co-operate and affiliate with individuals, groups and organisations who demonstrate and promote viable alternatives to the destructive profit-making, hierarchical power structures and social relations of capitalism; skill sharing workshops, community activism, and other means of non-profit, non-violent direct action.

Towards all of our aims, Ecosoc works with other community organisations at the Ecospace, our very own building where we have tea, organise and plan our events. We share the space with 'An Mheitheal Rothar', a community group which provides free bicycle maintenance workshops.

EGM- 8th October 2013

We held weekly meetings from 1-2pm (nearly) every Monday during term time; free tea was available for the meetings and they were a relaxed space for students to bring their lunch and chat to the others from the Society about environmental projects, initiatives and events.

One of the highlights of the year was collaborating with the Choice Society and Palestine Solidarity Society for the Pancake

Tuesday event which was held in the Ecospace. People were able to find out more information about the Ecospace and the upcoming SU referenda which each of the societies were involved in campaigning on.

## Ecology Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 51 events.

**Weekly Bicycle Maintenance Drop in Workshop** » *The Ecospace, Block R, Earls Island (Beside The Huston Media School and Fisheries Field).* » *17th January – 27th June 2014 (24 individual events)*

In 2012 the Ecology Society helped to found a community bicycle workshop, An Mheitheal Rothar. Now, every week anyone who has a problem with their bike, or would just like to tune or oil it, is welcome to drop in and with the help of one of our volunteers give their bike a full checkup.

The workshops are completely volunteer run and function on a donation basis, we ask people to make a donation if they can afford it, but we will never turn anyone away who needs help. All bikes get a full checkup each visit and we ask that everyone allows 45 minutes to go through this, or longer if your bike is in a bad state!

**Weekly Bicycle Maintenance Drop in Workshop** » *The Ecospace, Block R, Earls Island (Beside The Huston Media School and Fisheries Field).* » *18th October – 29th November 2013 (7 individual events)*

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**EGM** » *The Stage* » *1st October 2013*

**EcoSoc EGM** » » *8th October 2013*

EGM

**Weekly Lunch Meetup** » *The EcoSpace (Earls Island, beside the Huston School of Film and Media)* » *14th October – 25th November 2013 (7 individual events)*

Interested in environmental issues, local or global? Want to meet up with like-minded people?

EcoSoc holds weekly informal meetings at 1pm on a Monday in the EcoSpace, bring along lunch and sit and have tea and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. The EcoSpace is located near the Huston School of Film and Media.

**Weekly Lunch Meeting** » *The Ecospace, Block R, Earls Island (Beside The Huston Media School and Fisheries Field)* » *27th January – 31st March 2014 (10 individual events)*

Interested in environmental issues, local or global? Want to meet up with like-minded people?

EcoSoc holds weekly informal meetings at 1pm on a Monday in the EcoSpace, bring along lunch and sit and have tea and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. The EcoSpace is located near the Huston School of Film and Media.

**Free Pancakes and Referenda information day!** » *The Ecospace.* » *4th March 2014*

The Ecology Society, Palestine Solidarity Society and Choice Society are collaborating for a day of free pancakes along with information and discussions about the Students' Union referenda this coming Thursday 06th.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Secretary:** Katie Malone

**Auditor:** Paul O'Donnell

**Treasurer:** Sarit O'Donovan

**Vice-Auditor:** Rebecca Creighton

**OCM:** Hanspeter Wieland

**OCM:** Lukas Sattlegger

**OCM:** Julie Avalon Kavanagh

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,259.89	Bank charge	€11.01
USC Grant	€400.00	Materials	€66.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,659.89</b>	Printing	€90.00
		Socs day expenses	€32.00
		Stationary	€3.00
		Expenditure Total	€202.17
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,457.72
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,659.89</b>

## Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 154 members.

## Education Society

The Education Society was given provisional recognition by the Societies Office in May 2013. During its first year an EGM was successfully held to elect a steering committee for the year. The society also attended both Socs Days during the academic year and amassed a membership of over 400 in number!

The aims of the society for the year were decided by the committee as being the following:

- 1) To provide networking opportunities for those with an interest in education
- 2) To raise awareness of the many social and cultural issues that are present in the modern day education system in Ireland
- 3) To provide additional opportunities for upskilling, so that student teachers can be better equipped upon entering the workplace.

To a large degree, objectives 1 and 3 were accomplished, with a number of social events organised, as well as some workshops based around the theme of educational technology.

The hope is that more emphasis can be placed on achieving in the area of objective 2 during the second year of Edsoc.

### Education Society Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

#### **NUI Galway Socs Day » » 11th September 2013**

This is your chance to speak with some current society members to find out what we are about and what we hope to achieve as a society in the coming academic year.

You can find our table at the back of the Bailey Allen Hall where you can have a chat, ask any questions and get signed up as a member, FOR FREE!

#### **Edsoc EGM » » 16th September 2013**

EGM to meet new members, discuss ideas for events and elect committee for the coming year

#### **IMTA - Project Maths Exam Papers & Marking Schemes » STC Room, School of Education, Nuns Island » 1st October 2013**

An IMTA meeting will take place in the School of Education, Nuns Island on the 1st October at 7pm in the STC room. The IMTA have organised a guest speaker for the evening to talk about and go through the mathematics exam paper and marking scheme. You are welcome to attend if it is of interest to you.

**Edtech for Dummies » D101 (Ground Floor Computer Suite, Education Building, NUIG) » 2nd October 2013**

A tour of current edtech innovations, by guest speaker Evelyn O'Connor, 2012 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Only 40 places and filling up fast, so to book your place, e mail [edsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:edsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) ... NOTE priority for places will be given to society members, so ensure you are signed up as a member before the event.

This will be followed by finger food in the College Bar for an opportunity to network, meet fellow society members and have a bit of craic over a pint or two

**"OI agus Eolais" » College Bar » 9th October 2013**

NEW EVENT!!!! Come one come all to "OI agus Eolas". We're gunna be chilling and chatting in the college bar every Wednesday from 7pm, with a different ice-breaker every week. First on the agenda are education and teaching apps. We're finding new ones everyday, so if your interested in the eolas, or the OI, come along

**"OI agus Eolais" » » 16th October 2013**

Come one come all to "OI agus Eolas". We're gunna be chilling and chatting in the college bar every Wednesday from 7pm, with a different ice-breaker every week. We're finding new ones everyday, so if your interested in the eolas, or the OI, come along. This week ... it's useful educational websites (notice the edtech theme developing here! Help us to broaden our horizons by suggesting topics!). See ye there Ed-Heads :-)

**"OI agus Eolas" » Smokey's Cafe, Main Concourse, NUIG » 30th October 2013**

A chance to sit and chat with, and get to know, fellow Edsoc members.

**Edsoc Celebration of Irish Culture - Info Meeting » D202 - 1st Floor, Education Building (between Áras na Gaeilge and Quad Car Park) » 12th November 2013**

Information evening RE cultural event to demonstrate Irish culture to visiting students

**Onesie Bowling » Planet Leisure Bowling Alley & Afters in The Skeff » 18th November 2013**

Onesie Bowling!!

In conjunction with Student Monday Bowling, join Edsoc at Planet Leisure Bowling Alley for our Christmas break event.

Buy your pint and get your free game of bowling as usual, but for a ?3 ticket, get the following fantastic extras:

Entry into our "Best Onesie" competition

Free food and entertainment in The Skeff after-party

Chance to enter raffle for loads of cool prizes on the night.

Rule no 1 of Onesie Bowling: WEAR A ONESIE!!!!

That is all! :-)

**Hartwick College NY - Visiting Students » Education Building and Around Campus » 16th January 2014**

Edsoc are hosting a visiting group from Hartwick College in New York state. They are a group of students studying Irish Culture and we are hosting a number of events on the day to give them a taste of what we are about and some food for thought that they can feed into their own studies back home.

If anybody feels that they would like to get involved with some talk, video, workshop demonstrating some aspect of Irish Culture for our visitors, please contact us at [edsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:edsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). We'd be delighted to have you! :-)

**B.A. (Maths & Education) Bake Sale » » 11th February 2014**

Bake sale by final year students of the B.A. (Maths & Ed) programme to fundraise for their final year reasearch symposium in March

**Apple Mac & IOS Workshop Series » Apple education suite, 2nd floor, Education building (D-block, behind ?ras na Gaeilge) » 6th March – 20th March 2014 (3 individual events)**

In association with Screenway, we are hosting this series of three workshops to provide a base knowledge of Mac technology. This should get you up to speed and help you to discover ways to use technology in the classroom to bring your subject to life.

Register your interest by emailing [edsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:edsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) with the following:

Name, Email, Phone No. Bringing your own Mac (Yes/No)?

**Edsoc AGM » D102, Education Building (between Áras na Gaeilge & Quad car park) » 1st April 2014**



## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Robert Higgins

**Treasurer:** Caitriona O'Sullivan

**School of Education Liaison:** M N

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Stephen Cleary

**Vice-Auditor:** Katie Killian

**Secretary:** Tessa Morgenroth

**P.R.O.:** Aidan Fitzsimons

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Robert Higgins

**School of Education Liaison:** M N

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Alexander Foran

**Vice-Auditor:** Katie Killian

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Sinead Black

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€31.64
Fundraising	€63.60	Dinner	€162.99
Socs box Till	€30.00	Materials	€2.50
USC Grant	€300.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€25.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>€393.60</b>	Socs day expenses	€7.00
		Speaker travel	€30.00
		Stationary	€2.65
		Expenditure Total	€262.73
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€130.87
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€393.60</b>

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 465 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Education Society

<b><u>Robert Higgins</u></b>	Auditor	130 hours
<b><u>Tessa Morgenroth</u></b>	Secretary	30 hours
<b><u>Katie Killian</u></b>	Vice Auditor	55 hours

Edsoc is a new society whose aims are to provide networking opportunities for members, to host events for the purpose of raising social, cultural and spiritual awareness in a classroom context, and to provide opportunities for up-skilling in areas that will benefit members in future careers as educators.

**# ALIVE Students:** 3 student

**# Hours Volunteered:** 215 hours

# Enactus

Enactus NUI Galway is a group of students from a wide variety of disciplines of study, possessing an entrepreneurial spirit and passion for innovation who, alongside the assistance and guidance of our Business and Faculty Advisory Board, develop sustainable projects within the community with the primary aim of benefiting society. There are eight groups nationwide, making up the Enactus Ireland competition, Enactus NUI Galway being one and the other seven groups are made up of third level institutions across Ireland.

The year long process finally culminates in a presentation held at the Chartered Accountants of Ireland in Dublin in May, where all groups showcase the projects that they have implemented and developed over the previous months leading up to the presentations in front of leading Business figures in industry. The winning group goes through to the international competition to not only represent their university but represent their country at the international Enactus final which will be held this year in Beijing in October 2014.

Enactus gives students the chance to make a real and sustainable change within society and wider area by utilising the entrepreneurial spirit which they hold while gaining valuable experience and gaining the guidance and expertise of key Business figures within industry.

## Enactus Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

### **Enactus General Meeting** » *"The Space", Áras na Mac Léinn* » 7th November 2013

Enactus's first meeting of the semester. We welcome and encourage new and former members to come along and gain an insight into Enactus and the kind of projects we will be undertaking throughout the year.

### **Enactus General Meeting** » *The View, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 12th November 2013

A general meeting with members to discuss projects, upcoming events and welcome new members.

### **Enactus EGM** » *Room 116a - Cairnes* » 21st January 2014

The holding of our EGM where we will welcome new members, discuss our current projects, our schedule for the rest of the semester and elect committee positions.

### **Enactus Training Day** » *The Dean's Room, St. Anthony's* » 24th January 2014

An Enactus training event will take place for the NUI Galway members. Our current projects will be discussed and how they can be further developed and improved.

### **Enactus Meeting** » *Room 116a, Cairnes* » 28th January 2014

Meeting to discuss our projects

### **Enactus Meeting** » *Room 115, Cairnes* » 5th February 2014

Meeting to discuss projects

### **Enactus Meeting** » *Room 116a, Cairnes Building* » 18th March 2014

A general Enactus meeting will take place to discuss our projects.

### **Enactus AGM** » *116a Cairnes Building* » 2nd April 2014

Enactus AGM to elect new committee members for the incoming year.

### **Social Media Event with Galway City Partnership** » *The Plaza Offices, Headford Road, Galway* » 3rd April 2014

The Enactus group is giving a talk on Social media to help increase struggling businesses awareness in the market place.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Treasurer:** Abdulrahman Gargoum

**Auditor:** Ronan Francis

**Public Relations Officer:** Elizabeth O'Brien

**Events/Fundraising Officer:** Karen Commins

**Vice-Auditor:** Conor Gilmore

**Corporate Liason Officer:** Niamh Fahy

**Enactus Student Rep:** Eimhin McEvoy

**Secretary:** Catherine O'Kennedy

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Michael Lennon

**Secretary:** Billy Delaney

**Public Relations Officer:** Shaun Henson

**Student Advisory Board :** Aaron Molloy

**Vice-Auditor:** Jack McCarthy

**Treasurer:** Leanne Burke

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€36.97
Sponsorship	€1,000.00	Dinner	€69.00
USC Grant	€100.00	Entertainment	€200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,100.00</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€50.00
		Promotions	€200.00
		Society transport	€450.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,005.97
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€94.03
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,100.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 165 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Enactus

<u><a href="#">Catherine O'Kennedy</a></u>	Secretary	57 hours
<u><a href="#">Eimhin McEvoy</a></u>	Board member	30 hours
<u><a href="#">Ronan Francis</a></u>	Auditor/Team Leader	80 hours
<u><a href="#">Elizabeth O'Brien</a></u>	PRO	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Conor Gilmore</a></u>	Vice-Auditor	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Niamh Fahy</a></u>	Corporate Liaison Officer	80 hours

Enactus NUI Galway is a student focused initiative which is centred on social entrepreneurship. The objective of Enactus is to develop business led projects and ideas which actively benefit the community and society as a whole, with the support of business and academic advisors. Projects are to have a social, economic and environmental aspect and must be sustainable in the long-run. At present, the group is developing projects which are based on mental health awareness in sport and assisting the long-term unemployed in establishing their own business ventures.

**# ALIVE Students:** 6 students

**# Hours Volunteered:** 347 hours

# Energy Society

This year was energy society's 4th year in operation.

The 1st event of the year kicked off on the 8th of October when college was properly in full swing. Ted talk videos were shown at lunch time in the large seminar room and deemed a hit with a variety of all engineering years and some science students attending. All of the Ted Talks shown were based around the world of energy engineering, from production to conservation and sustainability.

The success of the first lunch time event led to a talk about postgraduate research which was held on the 22nd of October on the third floor of the Engineering Building room 3034. A number of Postgraduate students gave short presentations of topical energy subjects and matters. They then answered many questions that students had.

The next lunchtime event was held over the course of two days (the 5th and 6th of November). Switch was the name of the documentary, this documentary is the first of its kind, it looks beyond the politics and instead delivers straight answers to the many questions of energy's most controversial questions. Students were truly intrigued with the documentary as Dr. Scott Tinker a new age energy visionary explores the world investigating energy sites from coal to solar, oil to bio fuels, most of them highly restricted and never before seen on film. Cut throat entertain meant was experienced as Dr. Tinker uncovers the truth from the international leaders of government, industry and academia. He cuts through the confusion to discover a path to our energy future as surprising as it is practical.

The international trip to Freiburg in Germany was the next matter on the agenda. 15 students from the society traveled to this eco-friendly adapted city nestled on the border of the mysterious Black Forest. Tours were given by the heads of the local University of Fraunhofer of their high tech and modern research facilities. The society was then presented with numerous presentations from master and PhD students on their own projects which was an educational experience that all enjoyed and benefited from. Students also got to visit a hydrogen filling station and saw a hydrogen powered car. The cultural aspect side of the city captivated the students and they explored the Black Forest, climbed the famous church tower which spiraled 70 meters into the German skyline and of course experienced the finest of German cuisine.

Next on the year's agenda was an EGM with light refreshments to elect a new secretary.

Energy Night was then held on the 13th of February. It is a student run event and focuses on assessing the future of Ireland's energy requirements.

Energy Night began at 4pm with tours of the New Engineering Building departing from the foyer, demonstrations of lab equipment was shown by students to the public, students also showed the people the Building Management Systems and a tour of the state of the art Energy Centre. An ESB electric car was on display at the front of the building and attracted many passers by. At 5pm several speakers from major companies in the energy industry talked about their experiences in the company and opportunity's for undergraduates in the future, companies such as ESBI, ENERIT and EireComposites, delivered presentations to students. A poster competition for master students was then judged at 6pm and students and attendees of the event got to mull over the posters to some light refreshments supplied by Mr. Waffle.

A panel discussion was then started at 7 pm. This year the Energy Night panel discussed 'Energy in Ireland - Local Wellbeing, National Priorities, Global Challenges' aims to examine the impact, conflicts and opportunities that arise in local communities through the development of large-scale energy projects of national importance. This is a highly topical subject, which is reflected in the current debates over wind farm development and transmission network expansion. Speakers on the night were Gabriel D'Arcy (CEO Bord na Mona), Mike de Jong (Communities for Responsible Engagement with Wind Energy) and John Fogarty (Chairman of Templeberry Windfarm Ltd. which is 100% owned by equal shareholders from the local community). Through out the discussion the audience played a vital role in asking topical questions and creating heated and inspiring debate between the panel and audience alike. All in all Energy Night 2014 was a massive success.

## Energy Society Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**Energy Society TED Talks » Large Seminar Room (ENG 2052) » 8th October 2013**

Energy Soc brings you the first of a series of lunchtime events!

If you have an interest in the future of our planet why not come along to see a few of our favourite TED talks this week?

All of our talks revolve around an Energy-Related theme, from production to sustainability, and will be shown via projector in the New Engineering Building.

Bring your lunch with you!

**Lunchtime Postgraduate Research Talk » New Engineering Building, Classroom 3034 » 22nd October 2013**

The Energy Society invites you to our second lunchtime event :)

A number of postgraduates, at different stages of their research will present for 10-15 minutes each, followed by Q&A.

Topics include:

Tidal Turbines

Autonomous Vehicles, Using Cameras

Energy Efficiency for Waste Water Treatment

See ye there...Bring your lunch with you!

**Switch Energy Project Screening » New Engineering Building - ENG 2002 » 5th November 2013**

Our next lunchtime event will be held over two lunchtimes as we are going to be screening the highly acclaimed energy documentary Switch. This documentary is the first of its kind as it looks beyond the politics and delivers straight answers to today's most controversial energy questions. Energy visionary Dr. Scott Tinker travels the world exploring leading energy sites from coal to solar, oil to bio fuels, most of them highly restricted and never before seen on film.

He seeks the truth from the international leaders of government, industry and academia. He cuts through the confusion to discover a path to our energy future as surprising as it is practical. For more information check out the website on:

[www.switchenergyproject.com/](http://www.switchenergyproject.com/)

This is really not to be missed, and anyone is welcome to come along and join us!

Dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday November 5th 1-2pm ENG-2002

Wednesday November 6th 1-2pm ENG-2003

Don't forget....Bring your lunch with you!!

**Switch Energy Project Screening » New Engineering Building - ENG-2003 » 6th November 2013**

Our next lunchtime event will be held over two lunchtimes as we are going to be screening the highly acclaimed energy documentary Switch. This documentary is the first of its kind as it looks beyond the politics and delivers straight answers to today's most controversial energy questions. Energy visionary Dr. Scott Tinker travels the world exploring leading energy sites from coal to solar, oil to bio fuels, most of them highly restricted and never before seen on film.

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This is really not to be missed, and anyone is welcome to come along and join us!

Dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday November 5th 1-2pm ENG-2002

Wednesday November 6th 1-2pm ENG-2003

Don't forget....Bring your lunch with you!!

**Energy Society Foreign Trip » Freiburg, Germany » 8th January – 10th January 2014 (3 individual events)**

Society Trip to Freiburg, Germany.

15 students traveled to visit the Fraunhofer Institute ISE and explore the cultural aspects of the city.

**EGM » Large Seminar Room (2nd floor) New Engineering Building » 22nd January 2014**

We will be holding an EGM to elect a new secretary. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd January at 6pm in the Large Seminar room on the second floor of the New Engineering Building. There will be FREE PIZZA. All are welcome to attend.

**Energy Night 2014 » New Engineering Building » 13th February 2014**

Energy Night is a student run event and focuses on assessing the future of Ireland's energy requirements.

Energy Night begins at 4pm with tours of the New Engineering Building departing from the foyer, which will include demonstrations of lab equipment, the Building Management Systems and a tour of the state of the art Energy Centre. We will also have an ESB electric car on display. At 5pm several speakers from major companies in the energy industry, such as ESBI, ENERIT and EireComposites, will deliver presentations to students on the various employment opportunities available in the sector.

The evening events will kick off at 6pm with a Research Poster Showcase highlighting the important work and innovative thinking currently being carried out by researchers in Irish third level institutes, with refreshments being served also, followed by the panel discussion at 7pm

sharp.

This year the Energy Night panel discussion, entitled 'Energy in Ireland - Local Wellbeing, National Priorities, Global Challenges' aims to examine the impact, conflicts and opportunities that arise in local communities through the development of large-scale energy projects of national importance. This is a highly topical subject, which is reflected in the current debates over wind farm development and transmission network expansion. Speakers on the night will be Gabriel D'Arcy (CEO Bord na Mona), Mike de Jong (Communities for Responsible Engagement with Wind Energy) and John Fogarty (Chairman of Templederry Windfarm Ltd. which is 100% owned by equal shareholders from the local community). This will be followed by an energetic Q&A session.

All welcome to attend

**Energy Society AGM » ENG-2052 Large Seminar Room, New Engineering Building » 11th March 2014**

Election of the new committee for 2014-15.

All positions up for grabs, come along if you want to get involved with the Energy Society next year. All welcome :)

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Aoife Weeks

**Treasurer:** Shane Armstrong

**Webmaster:** Brian McKeon

**Photographer:** James Murray

**OCM:** Gerard Vaughan

**OCM:** John O'Connor

**OCM:** Patrick Ashton

**Health & Safety Officer:** Adam Fleming

**OCM:** Aisling Mullen

**Vice-Auditor:** Aaron Langan

**PRO:** Shane McDonagh

**Events Manager:** Deirdre Taylor

**Secretary:** Kate Kerrane

**OCM:** Dylan Walsh

**OCM:** Justin Dunleavy

**OCM:** Stephen Kearney

**OCM:** Gerard Forde

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Aoife Weeks

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,512.60	Bank charge	€78.85
Socs box Till	€960.00	Dinner	€259.37
Sponsorship	€677.00	Hoodies	€80.00
Ticket Sales	€53.00	Materials	€10.19
USC Grant	€2,700.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€647.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,902.60</b>	Printing	€119.55
		Prizes	€100.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,000.00
		Society accomm	€830.00
		Society transport	€2,013.58
		Socs day expenses	€20.00
		Speaker travel	€110.00
		Stationary	€4.56
		Expenditure Total	€5,273.10
		Closing Bank Balance	€629.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,902.60</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 517 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Energy Society

<a href="#"><u>Gerard Forde</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Weeks</u></a>	Auditor	250 hours
<a href="#"><u>Deirdre Taylor</u></a>	Event manager	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aaron Langan</u></a>	Vice Auditor	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shane Armstrong</u></a>	Treasurer	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shane McDonagh</u></a>	PRO	45 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kate Kerrane</u></a>	Secretary	54 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sorcha Tarpey</u></a>	Treasurer	20 hours
NUIG Energy Soc		
# ALIVE Students:	8 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	589 hours	

## Eng Soc

This academic year was one of the society's most successful years to date, in many respects. More events were held, more interaction was had with members, and more publicity was generated than ever. There was huge growth within the society this year, which was evident by just looking at the AGM from last year to this year. There were only a handful of attendees last year, with little to no competition for committee positions, while this year there was over two dozen members at the AGM.

Educational needs for students go far beyond academics which is pointed out repeatedly by graduates and those working in engineering professions. For this reason it was decided that a speaker with engineering experience would be invited to talk in front of students. Tom O'Kane was chosen by committee members to speak as he has both an interesting and educational background having worked in MotoGP for over 15 years as an engineer for Suzuki. Tom graduated from UCD in the 1980s when work was scarce and explained to students the challenges that he faced when searching for a job. Stories of his past as an engineer and how he had to reeducate to keep up with a changing world offered students a great insight to the reality of working life and what to expect beyond college. The talk was inspirational and was a major success with the lecture hall reaching full capacity.

The society offered support in promoting engineering as a positive career choice throughout the year. Committee members volunteered with college events such as, Engineers Week and open days. College open days promoted engineering locally within the engineering building to visitors and students alike. Eng Soc supported Energy Night, a hugely successful event organised by the Energy Society. Two committee members volunteered on behalf of the society to operate a live Twitter feed during the event. Much positive feedback of the Twitter feed was received from guests and professionals attending the event. This year Eng Soc gained sponsorship from Engineers Ireland, the umbrella organisation for engineering students and professionals.

The society organised many social events for members throughout the year. The first major social event was 'Suit Up Night', a fundraiser in collaboration with Law Soc and Carbon nightclub with the aim to raise money for the paediatric unit in UCHG. The night was a major success raising €1,700 for the unit.

52 members travelled to Limerick in November to go paintballing and go karting. In January 35 students travelled to Budapest for a weekend trip. This included a visit to a world war II museum, ice skating and Budapest's renowned thermal baths. The group took a trip around the city visiting the Hungarian parliament, Budapest castle and the famous Hungarian State Opera

House whilst social events were organised at night time. The largest of all events organised by Eng Soc was that of the Engineering & Nursing Ball held in the Radisson Blu, Galway on the 5th of February. Attendance of 1,200 was reached at maximum capacity making it the joint biggest event in the University. Acts included Scottish singer Nina Nesbitt, Bipolar Empire, The Dead Prezidents and Black Magic Big Band. A live Twitter feed was ran throughout the night which was setup, ran and filtered by a committee member. This grew such popularity that it was officially recorded that #ENBall14 was 'trending' in Ireland on the night. The well known phone app., Snap Chat was used on the night so anyone attending could send their snaps to the Eng Soc account. These were filtered throughout the night by committee members and posted on the projector parallel to the Twitter feed. The use of Snap Chat seemed to go down quite well adding to the humour of the night.

The Society grew enormously in the past year with membership going from 450 to 700. There are two primary reasons which this can be put down to. Eng Soc has grown a reputation around the college becoming a well known society for successful events. The E&N ball tickets last year sold out in about 35 minutes and the ball was a great social night. Through word of mouth Eng Soc has become a hugely improved society and this was recognised by students. The other reason was attendance on Societies day where the display for the society was greatly improved from previous years. The newly designed Eng Soc logo was used on posters alongside video footage of the ball last year. Robotics, electronics and engineering related novelties were used to attract attention and proved very successful.

## Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

### **Paintballing/go karting event » Limerick » 18th October – 19th October 2013 (2 individual events)**

A Trip to Limerick, go karting on the Friday, overnight stay in Jury's Inn, and paintballing on Saturday.

### **Pub Summit » Kelly's Bar » 24th October 2013**

Join us for an evening of networking, chat and drinks with Galway's leading startups, technologists and community builders.

The Pub Summits are a great chance to meet startups, investors, media and advisors and make those vital connections in your hometown.

Tickets are complimentary.

### **Eng Soc Present a talk by Tom O'Kane, Race Engineer » Engineering Building G047 » 12th November 2013**

Tom O'Kane is an engineering graduate of UCD and has been involved in the world of MotoGP for over 10 years. MotoGP is the premier motorcycle racing World Championship; an eighteen-race series visiting thirteen countries across four continents.

The world's most skilled riders line a grid armed with cutting-edge motorcycle technology with prototype machinery. Advances in engineering and technology are making for even more exciting racing and ever faster lap times and can bring the viewer closer to the action than ever before. Today, sensors, gyros and inertial measurement units are placed all over the motorcycle and contribute to better engine management, wheelie control and traction control strategies. Inertial sensors can even activate airbags in a riders suit before he hits the ground in the event of a crash.

Tom has worked with various Racing Teams both on the grid making race specific decisions to the motorcycle setup, and behind the scenes in the design and development of various motorcycle systems.

Some of Tom's experience has been with chassis and swing-arm research and development, stiffness testing and suspension linkage design.

Tom was also responsible for the development of a complete motorcycle electrical system for bikes at Team Roberts, including both hardware and ECU strategies.

On Tuesday 12th, Tom will be talking to us about his education at UCD, some of the exciting professional challenges and engineering challenges he has faced in his career, and the opportunities that are available to student engineers today.

There will be an opportunity at the end of the talk to put your questions to Tom, and there will also be tea, coffee and biscuits available afterwards in the Engineering Building Lobby.

Tuesday November 12th at 7.00pm ENG-047 (Downstairs in the Engineering Building).

### **Mystery Trip Information Meeting » » 16th January 2014**

### **E&N Hollywood Ball Final Year Ticket Sales » Eng Building » 21st January 2014**

On sale in foyers of Engineering Building & Áras an Moyola.



**E&N Hollywood Ball General Sale » Eng Building » 22nd January 2014**

On sale in foyers of Engineering Building & Áras an Moyola.

Any leftover tickets will be sold via the socs box.

**EngSoc EGM » ENG-2003 » 3rd May 2014**

The EngSoc AGM is this wednesday the 5th of March in room 2003 in the engineering building. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new committee members, so if you're interested, please attend!

There will also be free pizza! Hope to see ye there

**General Meeting - Waffles & Details about Suit Up Day & Limerick Trip » Mr Waffle, Newcastle Rd » 15th October 2013**

Meeting open to all. Just chilling over some delicious waffles and talking about our two events this week.

We'll be taking payments for the Limerick Paintballing / Go-Karting Trip happening this weekend and also, for those interested, we'll be selling tickets for the Suit Up Day in College Bar / Carbon (3 Euro and the proceeds will be put towards a refurbishment of the children's ward in UHG).

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Niall Dugera

**Treasurer:** Joanna Cunniffe

**PRO:** Alan Byrne

**Events:** Patrick Ashton

**OCM:** Eoin McNamara

**OCM:** Tíreoin Mullaney McCabe

**Vice-Auditor:** Colm Hally

**Secretary:** Anthony O'Loughlin

**Location Director:** Matthew Kavanagh

**Events:** Darragh Kirwan

**OCM:** James Murray

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** James Murray

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,543.06	Bank charge	€31.14
Balls	€1,950.00	Entertainment	€1,800.00
Members Contributions	€1,575.00	Hire Bus	€800.00
USC Grant	€4,500.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€55.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,568.06</b>	Printing	€165.00
		Returned Socs Money	€5,000.00
		Society accomm	€874.29
		Society transport	€1,800.00
		Socs day expenses	€85.00
		Expenditure Total	€10,610.43
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,957.63
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€13,568.06</b>

## Engineering Ball Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,543.06	Ball	€25187.37
Balls	€150.00	Bank charge	€126.87
Members Contributions	€1,575.00	Dinner	€3616.51
Socs box Till	€6,780.00	Entertainment	€4385.00
Sponsorship	€3,134.50	Hire Bus	€750.00
Ticket Sales	€35,095.00	Promotions	€12.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>€53275.74</b>	Security	€800.00
		Sound	€7599.00
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€42477.04</b>
		<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€10798.70</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€53275.74</b>

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 687 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Eng Soc

<u><a href="#">Joanna Cunniffe</a></u>	Treasurer	160 hours
<u><a href="#">Sinead Dempsey</a></u>	Committee member	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Katie Monahan</a></u>	Year rep	25 hours
<u><a href="#">Anthony O'Loughlin</a></u>	Secretary	70 hours

Interested in volunteering abroad next summer? Would you like to work along side a local community in Zambia helping to build houses while experiencing a new culture and developing a close relationship with the local community?

We have extended the closing date for sign-ups for the Habitat for Humanity trip to Zambia. If you want to be involved you can download an application form from our website: [http://www.engsoc.ralph.nuigalway.ie/?page\\_id=41](http://www.engsoc.ralph.nuigalway.ie/?page_id=41) and drop the completed form into the Socsbox in Áras na Mac Léinn before 5pm on October 7th.

<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	4 students
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	275 hours

# Entrepreneurship Society

The Entrepreneurship Society primarily promotes an environment that enables entrepreneurs to develop and expand their ideas. The Society acts as a platform to guide and aid Entrepreneurs with their projects. We offer information on existing supports within the college and elsewhere. The Entrepreneurship Society invite guest speakers to address students and impart their knowledge and entrepreneurial experience to them. The society also acts as a discussion group, encouraging entrepreneurship and collective debate, whilst creating an atmosphere of productivity. The Entrepreneurship Society was set up in January 2014 and since then we have liaised externally with widely established organisations such as Ernst and Young and EY.

## Entrepreneurship Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

### Entrepreneurship Society AGM » Meeting Rooms, Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th March 2014

The Entrepreneurship Society AGM will be held this coming Thursday in the meeting rooms of Áras na Mac Léinn. All committee positions to be filled. Free Pizza. Hope to see you all there.

### Get SET » » 4th March 2014

### Guest Talk from Michael FitzGerald » McMunn Theatre, Concourse » 12th February 2014

This will be the Entrepreneurship Society's first event. Guest speaker Michael FitzGerald will be addressing students on Entrepreneurship and Start-Up businesses. He specializes in the field of web development and is the CEO of ONEPAGE CRM. All welcome.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Secretary:** Ciara McKenna

**Treasurer:** Claire Crotty

**Vice-Auditor:** Michael Lennon

**Academic Advisor:** John Breslin

**Auditor:** Aaron Molloy

**PRO:** Stephen O'Brien

**Strategic Director:** Emma Lee

**Vice Secretary:** Sean Bolton

## Committee 2014/2015

**Vice-Auditor:** Michael Lennon

**Auditor:** Aaron Molloy

**Treasurer:** Claire Crotty

**Secretary:** Ciara McKenna

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€12.50
USC Grant	€300.00	Dinner	€50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>	Printing	€144.00
		Stationary	€12.00
		Expenditure Total	€218.50
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€81.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 473 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Entrepreneurship Society

<a href="#"><u>Maurice Kelter</u></a>	Events manager	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara McKenna</u></a>	Secretary	80 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shane Tierney</u></a>	Treasurer	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aaron Molloy</u></a>	Auditor	100 hours

The Entrepreneurship Society primarily promotes an environment that enables entrepreneurs to develop and expand their ideas. The Society acts as a platform to guide and aid Entrepreneurs with their projects. We offer information on existing supports within the college and elsewhere. The Entrepreneurship Society invite guest speakers to address students and impart their knowledge and entrepreneurial experience to them. The society also acts as a discussion group, encouraging entrepreneurship and collective debate, whilst creating an atmosphere of productivity. The Entrepreneurship Society was set up in January 2014 and since then we have liaised externally with widely established organisations such as EY and EOY.

**# ALIVE Students:** 4 student

**# Hours Volunteered:** 230 hours

## FanSci

FanSci is NUI Galway's fantasy and science fiction society. We have weekly meeting for card games, role playing games, and board games. We have a small but dedicated group of regular attendees. We have a few war gamers who show up from time to time as well.

We went to two gaming conventions this yer, Gaelcon in Dublin and Warpcon in cork. We ran a successful inter soc Halloween party. Our own convention, Itzacon, was a great success, with people coming from the UK as well as all over Ireland.

### FanSci Events

This year the society held a total of 123 events.

#### **FanSci Weekly Board Games** » 4th September – 28th May 2014 (39 individual events)

Wherein the FanSci members meet up, play some games, half the craic. No experience with board games necessary. Beginners always welcome.

#### **FanSci Card Games** » The Space » 16th September – 25th May 2014 (36 individual events)

A weekly meeting for folks to meet up and play the collectible card game of their choice.

#### **FanSci RPG Night** » AC214 » 24th September – 27th May 2014 (36 individual events)

A night for our members to play Role Playing Games. No role-playing experience necessary. Come along and have some fun.

#### **FanSci EGM** » The View » 25th September 2013

FanSci are having an EGM to elect two OCMs for the year ahead.

#### **Card Game Tutorials** » The View » 9th October 2013

Come along and learn how to play either Magic the Gathering or Vanguard, the tow biggest Collectible Card Games in our society. We will have some friendly, patient folk on hand to teach you the basics of both games and the fundamentals of deck-building.

#### **Gaelcon** » Ballsbridge Inn, Dublin » 25th October – 28th October 2013 (4 individual events)

FanSci is sending 15 lucky folks up to Gaelcon in Dublin. Gaelcon is Ireland's biggest gaming convention and promises to be a fun-filled weekend. If you enjoy wargames, boardgames, cardgames or RPGs this is the weekend for you. Tickets are ?45 and are on sale in the Socs Box until 8pm Wednesday the 23rd.

**WarpCon » UCC » 24th January – 26th January 2014 (3 individual events)**

FanSci are going to Warpcon, Ireland's biggest student run gaming convention. It promises to be a fun filled weekend of gaming and refreshment. Tickets available from the Socs Box for ?35, limited to 30 units.

**ITZACON » » 21st March – 23rd March 2014 (3 individual events)**

Come check out Fansci's gaming convention! There'll be RPGs, LARPing, Video Gaming, Competitions, Galas and raffles and table quizzes!

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Stewart Locke

**Treasurer:** James Shields

**Events Officer:** Blue Hanley

**Librarian:** Niall Sweeney

**OCM:** Joshua Byrne

**Vice-Auditor:** Timmy Larkin

**Secretary:** Ross Lavelle

**PRO:** Sei Ji Andrew Chuah

**Itzaccon Director:** Conor Kenny

**OCM:** Michael Forde

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** Timmy Larkin

**Treasurer:** Michael Forde

**PRO:** Daire Lavelle

**Convention Director:** Ross Lavelle

**Vice-Auditor:** James Shields

**Events Officer:** Leanne Davoren

**Librarian:** Niall Sweeney

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€4,244.12	Ball	€200.00
Socs box Till	€1,255.00	Bank charge	€35.02
Ticket Sales	€690.00	Entertainment	€98.50
		Entry fees	€650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,189.12</b>	Equipment misc	€878.49
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€146.00
		Reception	€110.16
		Society accomm	€1,586.00
		Society transport	€638.00
		Socs Box Till Refund Manual	€30.00
		Socs day expenses	€47.60
		Sound	€70.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,489.77
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€4.64
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,694.71
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,189.12</b>

## Itzacon\_Fansci Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€4418.03	Bank charge	€485.66
Fundraising	€50.00	Entertainment	€985.40
Ticket Sales	€2,848.00	Hall hire	€753.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,316.03</b>	Hoodies	€175.50
		Lights	€75.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€32.29
		Printing	€313
		Promotions	€1143.41
		Reception	€165.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,128.47
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,187.56
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,316.03</b>

### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 376 members.

### ALIVE Participation

FanSci		
<u><a href="#">Michael Forde</a></u>	OCM	10 hours
<u><a href="#">Blue Hanley</a></u>	Event Organiser	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Sei Ji Andrew Chuah</a></u>	Public Relations Officer, Itzacon Card Games Director	85 hours
FANSCI Society NUIG		
# ALIVE Students:	3 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	115 hours	

## Feminist Society

N.U.I.G.'s Feminist Society was, and continues to be, a vital, vibrant and essential aspect of the student body on campus. Throughout this year, the Feminist Society continuously sought and emphasised the prospect of an equal, fair and enjoyable college experience in lieu of sexism, misogyny, and the hierarchy encompassed within our heteronormative culture.

Here are just a few of our achievements over the course of this academic year:

- \* We have raised funds for the Galway Rape Crises Centre.
- \* We have assisted the L.G.B.T. community in their fight for Marriage Equality.
- \* We have given the students of N.U.I.G. a political platform to express themselves and their views in our society meetings.

Our Student's Union being reasserted as a Pro-Choice body is just one example of 'Fem Soc's' determination, in light of our strenuous campaigning and collaboration with Choice Society. The Feminist Society has grown and developed from September 2013: we have fought, we have listened and we have looked forward to a better future, wherein inequality is a thing of the past. Thus, N.U.I.G.'s Feminist Society remains a political and social force within the college, which will continue to grow, continue to help and, most importantly, continue this fight for gender equality.

## Feminist Society Events

This year the society held a total of 47 events.

### **Welcoming New Members - Feminist Film Night - "Thelma and Louise" » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 17th September 2013**

Revisit with us a classic of freedom, sexual liberation, adventures and laughs. Plus, get a glimpse of Brad Pitt's gluteal area at his youthful peak! Everyone is welcomed! We will have a brief get-to-know-each-other and greeting meeting before the screening.

Áras na mac Léinn - Meeting Room 1

20:00 - Tuesday 17 September 2013

What else to expect from this film in quotes:

Louise Sawyer: You finally got laid properly, I'm so proud.

Thelma: I know it's crazy, but I just feel like I got a knack for this shit.

Louise: I believe you do.

Louise: Tell Darryl you'll be home tomorrow night.

Thelma: Will I be?

Louise: I don't know. I won't be.

### **Meet and Greet! » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 17th September 2013**

Meeting of Fem Soc. Everyone is welcome!

### **EGM Fem Soc » small Accoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th September 2013**

NUIG Feminists, your society needs you!

We are entering a period of transition: "old" members are stepping out leaving space for "fresh blood" ;)

Come along, there is something for everyone and we will be there to support you in your initiatives, for you to learn from our errors and to offer you a resonance box any time you need.

Vacant Posts - URGENT -

Secretary

Treasurer

Room Booker

\*If we do not cover these posts, we won't longer be a society. Harsh, but true!

Vacant Posts - Less urgent -

Public Relations Officer

Pro-Choice Officer

Social (Media) Campaigner

### **Committee and Social Meeting » No suggestions found » 30th September 2013**

Committee and Social Meeting. 8pm. The Scholars Rest.

If you are interested in taking a position in the committee, come along.

We are still looking for a Vice-Auditor, Vice- Treasurer, a Pro-Choice Officer and a Social (Media) Campaigner.

If you think it is too early to take a position, but you would still like to get involved in planning and organizing activities, come along too! There is a team of dynamic human beings willing to support you and your ideas!

If you want to know what your committee is up to, come along too!

We appreciate very much feedback and critique from members!

### **Feminist Film Night on High Heels! » view in Áras na mac lienn » 1st October 2013**

"Ten centimetres closer to heaven"

A documentary film about high heels.

For some it's an instrument of torture, for others pure seduction. Different points of view, same object. This is the clear proof that heeled-shoes are much more than simple footwear. The documentary shows the heel as a metaphor, to make us think about the world we are walking around.

### **Midnight's Children Screening » » 16th October 2013**

'A pair of children, born within moments of India gaining independence from Britain, grow up in the country that is nothing like their parent's generation.' <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1714866/>

Screening taking place in Siobhan McKenna Theatre in the Arts Millennium building.

**Your Health Matters » » 17th October 2013**

Your Health Matters campaign provides young women with accurate information about their health rights and entitlements to empower them to have greater sense of control and self-determination in relation to their own physical, mental and sexual health. It also sets out to raise awareness about how young women experience health services among healthcare providers and the public in general.

(Áras na Mac Léinn - Concourse Table A)

**Y-Factor campaign for female health. » » 6th November 2013**

Informative session on female health.

**Screening of Romeos » » 6th November 2013**

AM200 - FOTTRELL THEATRE

**Y-Factor campaign for female health. » » 7th November 2013**

Informative session on female health.

**Reproductive Health and Rights - Hosted by GWS » NUI Galway » 18th November 2013**

Global women's Studies and Gender ARC at NUI Galway present and FemSoc recommends:

Reproductive health and rights: Ireland and India, historical and contemporary struggles'

Lunchtime seminar In the Moore Institute Seminar Room.

With guest speakers Dorothea Melvin - pioneer in the Irish movement for access to contraception and the establishment of the Galway Family Planning Association in the 1970s and Lakshmi Lingam - Professor, School of Social Sciences and Deputy Director of Tata Institute of Social Sciences at Hyderabad, who recently completed a National Review of Maternity Protection Policies and Programmes, commissioned by the International Labour Organisation.

Date: Monday November 18

Time: 1.00-2.30

Venue: Moore Institute Seminar Room, NUI Galway

Light snacks and refreshments

All Welcome!

RSVP (for catering numbers) to: [gillian.browne@nuigalway.ie](mailto:gillian.browne@nuigalway.ie)

**Bake 'n Cake Sale » » 25th November 2013**

Fem Soc are organizing this in collaboration with the BA Connect of Global Womens Studies and that we will be fundraising for the Galway Rape Crisis Centre.

**International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women » » 25th November 2013**

To mark this important date, Fem Soc will again be in Smokies distributing pertinent information re. the prevention of violence against women, both domestic or otherwise. The sign-up sheet for the Sex Workshop will also be available on this date.

This is a collaboration of FemSoc and BA Connect Global Women's Studies to mark the beginning of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

**Balloon release » » 27th November 2013**

Balloon release for the victims of Domestic violence, exact location TBC (near O'Flaherty Theatre)

Organized by BA Connect Global Women's Studies and proudly supported by FemSoc.

Event being held as part of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign 2013.

**Screening of the Magdalene Sisters » » 27th November 2013**

The BA Connect Global Women's Studies in collaboration with Film Soc and with the support of FemSoc presents:

Magdalene Laundries, a screening.

Event being held in the O'Flaherty Theatre as part of the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign 2013.



**Movie Screening » *The Space in Áras na mac lienn* » 6th December 2013**

Screening to mark the 16 Days of Activism. Discussion will take place after the film.

**Movie Screening » *view in Áras na mac lienn* » 10th December 2013**

Movie Screening to mark the 16 Days of Activism. Discussion will take place after the movie.

**Social Evening » *The Scholars Rest, New Castle Road* » 27th January 2014**

NUIG feminists, equality, human rights defenders, discussing ways of fixing the world over one or two drinks at the Scholars' Rest. Join us for the fun and for the craic!

**Feminist Nights - FemSoc EGM » tower 2 room 302 » 10th February – 24th March 2014 (7 individual events)**

From now on, Monday nights are Feminist Nights!

NUIG feminists, equality, human rights defenders, discussing ways of fixing the world over one or cups of tea in Campus.

Feel free to bring your ideas along, show us those videos that annoy you so much, or those others that give you hope in humanity.

In short, join us for the fun and for the feminist craic!

\*On the 10th of February we start with our EGM

Fem Soc needs you! Join our dynamic committee and make an impact on the path to equality in NUIG and beyond!

We are looking for:

A new treasurer

A new vice-treasurer

A vice-secretary

Any number of new committee members!

A sneak peak of events coming, where you surely can give a hand or help to organize, even take the lead!

SEX WORKSHOP

VAGINA MONOLOGUES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Fem Soc EGM » TB302 - SEMINAR ROOM, Concourse, Tower 2, First floor » 10th February 2014**

Fem Soc needs you! Join our dynamic committee and make an impact on the path to equality in NUIG and beyond!

We are looking for:

A new treasurer, A new vice-treasurer, A vice-secretary

Any number of new committee members!

To be completely honest with you. WE NEED MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The society has been alive for 3 years and we have done fantastic things. However, we need more hands, or we will sink very soon. So, if you are thinking of getting more involved, or thought in past that you would like to see more of the society, well this is your opportunity and it will give FemSoc a chance to survive.

A sneak peak of events coming, where you surely can give a hand or help to organize, even take the lead!

SEX WORKSHOP, VAGINA MONOLOGUES, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Women in the Art World - "Who Does She Think She Is?" - Screening + Discussion » » 11th February 2014**

SC002 - JOSEPH LARMOR THEATRE

How many female artists do You know? While most art students are female, 70-80% of artists featured in professional galleries are male. This film shows the lives of five women artists, ranging in age from 27 to 65, as they each chart a path to create their individual discipline of art.

Trying to answer the competing demands of artistic fulfillment, marriage, motherhood and economic survival.

Joanna Kasinska, a Galway based feminist artist will lead the discussion after the screening.

**What kind of society do you want to live in? Pro-Choice, Pro-BDS, Pro-Equality. » » 20th February – 10th March 2014 (19 individual events)**

NUIG STUDENTS COMMITTED TO MAKING A STATEMENT ABOUT IRISH SOCIETY

Show your support for a Pro-Choice and a Palestine-Solidarity-Supportive Students' Union!

Special Pancake Tuesday: Call in and get your hands dirty! Use chocolate sauce to write your support on a delicious pancake before devouring it! Yum Yum!

Special Referenda Day: After voting YES to BDS and NO to a NEUTRAL SU, come to the stall, show us why BDS and Pro-Choice are they way to go and collect some goodies-love! :)

NUIG students are determined to leave a mark on campus that will outlive their time at the university and set the basis of a progressive, more politically involved and more ethical student experience. These times of crisis have opened up debates not only about how to leave our lives of consumerism behind us, but also about how everyday citizens can contribute to the big decisions that shape our Ireland. NUIG students are set to vote on two Students' Union referenda on Thursday 6 March. Firstly, students will be asked to consider a motion to back track the Pro-Choice stand, which was positively supported by an over two to one majority of NUIG students last year. Secondly, another referendum will call for NUIG students to endorse an economic, academic and cultural boycott of Israel by mandating the Students Union to join the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign. A collaboration of the Feminist, Pro-Choice and Palestine Solidarity Societies.

**AGM » Áras an Mac Léinn » 7th April 2014**

Meeting Room 2, Áras na Mac Léinn - AGM

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Patricia Prieto Blanco

**Extraordinary Committee Member:** Emma Brannlund

**Public Relations Officer:** Kellie Murphy

**Secretary:** Fionnuala O'Leary

**Vice PRO:** Mary McGill

**Extraordinary Committee Member:** Tanja Kovacic

**Extraordinary Committee Member:** Ciara Griffin

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Sinead Mercier

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Clare Kelly

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Myriam Leggieri

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Flavia Da Silva Simas

**Vice-Auditor:** Pia Borza

**Social Media Campaigner:** Corinne Frutiger

**Treasurer:** Ritanne Lydon

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Patricia Flaherty

**Extraordinary Committee Member:** Caroline Forde

**Extraordinary Committee Member:** Clionadh O'Keeffe

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Andrea Butler

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Malin Bergman

## Committee 2014/2015

**Vice-Auditor:** Pia Borza

**Secretary:** Fionnuala O'Leary

**Treasurer:** Ritanne Lydon

**Auditor:** Patricia Prieto Blanco

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,528.69	Bank charge	€14.23
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner	€48.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,028.69</b>	Fundraising/charity	€781.80
		Hoodies	€240.00
		Materials	€177.06
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€37.90
		Postage	€4.00
		Promotions	€15.94
		Society transport	€48.80
		Socs day expenses	€18.97
		Stationary	€13.00
		Teacher fees	€113.59
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€1,513.29</b>
		Closing Bank Balance	€515.40
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,028.69</b>

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 299 members.

# FilmSoc

Serving as both NUI Galway student cinema and the university's premier meeting point for film appreciators and producers, FilmSoc this year sustained and developed on previous years of commitment to the filmic art. As a society made up of nearly 1,600 members, FilmSoc extends its reach to one tenth of the student population, providing education and entertainment, as well as a forum for NUI Galway students to foster greater appreciation for cinema. Alongside large-scale achievements, such as the organisation of the SCREAD Film Festival, the involvement in the SUAS 8X8 Documentary Film Festival and a win at OFFline's short film competition, FilmSoc maintained a steady rota of two screenings a week, coupled with weekly production workshops, demonstrating the society's ability to manage a varied event schedule with ease. NUI Galway FilmSoc ever endeavours to sustain interest and enthusiasm in film within the student body, and this year's committee showed no lack of commitment to this ideal. Whether it be independently, in conjunction with other societies, or with the cooperation of external bodies, FilmSoc consistently strove to grow and to strengthen NUI Galway's recognition of the value of cinema, a custom that will hopefully continue with new committees in coming years.

## FilmSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 51 events.

### **Monday Screening: Side Effects** » » *16th September 2013*

Come see Stephen Soderbergh's psychological thriller starring Channing Tatum and Jude Law for FREE with NUI Galway FilmSoc, your free student cinema!

### **FilmSoc and ArchSoc Present: Indiana Jones Marathon** » *Large Acoustic Room* » *18th September 2013*

Arch Soc and Film Soc team up to bring you a marathon of Indiana Jones films!

### **FilmSoc EGM** » *Large Acoustic Room* » *19th September 2013*

FilmSoc are recruiting! Come along to join our flagship committee as we set sail on a year of screenings filmmaking and travels!

### **Audition Gala - Day 1** » » *23rd September 2013*

As part of DramSoc's Audition Gala, FilmSoc is putting together an actors' database - come perform and be in with a chance to get cast in one of our upcoming films!

### **Audition Gala - Day 2** » » *24th September 2013*

As part of DramSoc's Audition Gala, FilmSoc is putting together an actors' database - come perform and be in with a chance to get cast in one of our upcoming films!

### **Lion King Sing Along - FilmSoc, ChoralSoc and DisneySoc** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » *25th September 2013*

Come on down and experience the winds of Africa while we all sing along to Elton John's sweeping score. Free sing-along event - come get to know our three Societies all the better!

### **FilmSoc Presents: Good Vibrations** » » *30th September 2013*

FilmSoc presents the acclaimed biopic about Terry Hooley, father of the Irish Punk Scene, it's a crazy, hilarious and emotional ride, don't miss it!

### **FilmSoc Presents: Moon** » *McMunn Theatre* » *2nd October 2013*

A film about a man who suffers a personal crisis at the end of his 3 year tenure mining materials on the lunar surface - intelligent, sad and chilling, this modern classic will stay with you for weeks.

### **FilmSoc Presents: Bubba Ho-Tep** » *D'Arcy Thompson Theatre* » *7th October 2013*

Tonight in the D'Arcy Thompson at 8, we will be screening Bubba Ho-Tep - the story of an ageing Elvis and an African-American incarnation of JFK teaming up to fight a mummy that's invading an old folks home. You read it right, now come and see!

### **FilmSoc Presents: Django Unchained** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » *9th October 2013*

One Samuel L. Jackson, five Academy Award Nominations and an Olympic-size swimming pool's worth of fake blood - come to the O'Flaherty at 8 this Wednesday and have Tarantino's latest explode in front of your very eyes!

**FilmSoc and RockSoc Present: Spinal Tap! AND The Green Butchers » » 14th October 2013**

FilmSoc are hosting TWO screenings on Monday!

Tonight in the D'Arcy Thompson at 8 we will be screening 'The Green Butchers'. A super silly cannibalistic comedy from Denmark with everyone's favourite Bond villain Mads Mikkelsen, written and directed by Oscar-winning director Anders Thomas Jensen. Sounds like crazy fun. But what if you don't want cannibalistic butchery? Well then tonight is the night you should head on down to Film and Rock Soc's screening of 'Spinal Tap' at 9pm in the Large Acoustic Room. They're bringing pizza. 'Nuff said.

#pizzawithelevenslicessohelpmegodiwantittohappen

**FilmSoc Presents: » O'Flaherty Theatre » 16th October 2013**

On Wednesday this week we shall be blowing your minds (if they haven't been blown already) by screening 'The Life of Pi'. Directed by Ang Lee (Hulk, Brokeback Mountain), 'The Life of Pi' is the story of a guy who is on a boat with a tiger and he's Indian and it won loads of awards so it must be good.

**SCREAD Film Festival: Citadel » » 20th October 2013**

Be afraid, be very afraid as we kick off SCREAD, FilmSoc's very first film festival; this Sunday in The Cellar, we'll be screening Ciaran Foy's Citadel - the story of an agoraphobic father teaming up with a renegade priest to save his daughter from the clutches of a gang of twisted feral children, as one does. Join uss...

**SCREAD Film Festival: Mystery Film » Roisin Dubh » 21st October 2013**

Be mystified by the mysterious (many people will be amazed) mystery movie...!

**SCREAD Film Festival: The Conjuring » O'Flaherty Theatre » 23rd October 2013**

Wednesday night, the night to end all nights, we will be bringing the part-ay right back to campus where we will be showing the latest hit horror from James Wan, The Conjuring to conclude our film festival of horror!

**FilmSoc Presents: Supersize Me » Kingfisher » 28th October 2013**

In conjunction with SU Health Week, FilmSoc is screening the gastronomic train-wreck that is Supersize Me - directed by and starring Morgan Spurlock, the independent documentary filmmaker who spent 30 days eating nothing but fast food and recording the horrendous (though reportedly exaggerated) side-effects so that you don't have to!

**FilmSoc and GUMS Present: ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW » O' Flaherty Theatre » 30th October 2013**

He's just a sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania - and this Wednesday at 8 in the O' Flaherty, FilmSoc and GUMS join forces to screen the doctor and the rest of his weird and wild ensemble in the longest-running theatrical release in cinematic history - give yourself over to absolute pleasure and come join us!

**FilmSoc Presents: Martyrs » darcy thompson » 4th November 2013**

Martyrs is a French film about torture and revenge, and it is NOT for the faint of heart!

**FilmSoc and ArchSoc Present: TROY » O'Flaherty Theatre » 6th November 2013**

We are teaming up to bring you the Sandal-Wearing-Brad Pitt Starring- sword and blood-"ing" EPIC that is TROY. Free Pizza! Don't miss it!

**FilmSoc and ChoralSoc Present: The Nightmare before Christmas - A Singalong! » darcy thompson » 11th November 2013**

Exactly what it says on the tin- FilmSoc and ChoralSoc are combining their powers to bring you another awesome singalong event!

**FilmSoc Presents: Anvil! The Story of Anvil » O'Flaherty Theatre » 13th November 2013**

Anvil! The Story of Anvil is a 2008 rockumentary film about the Canadian heavy metal band Anvil. Expect laughs and awesome music!

**FilmSoc Presents: Amelie » » 18th November 2013**

Amelie - come join us as we screen a whimsical film with a whimsical story about a whimsical girl for whimsical cinemaphiles.

**FilmSoc Presents: Die Hard** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 20th November 2013

Dying hard or hardly dying? We're certain its one of the two.

**FilmSoc Presents: The Grey** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 22nd January 2014

In *The Grey*, Liam Neeson leads an unruly group of oil-rig roughnecks when their plane crashes into the remote Alaskan wilderness. Battling mortal injuries and merciless weather, the survivors have only a few days to escape the icy elements - and a vicious pack of rogue wolves on the hunt - before their time runs out.

**FilmSoc Production Meeting** » *Large Acoustic Room* » 23rd January – 24th April 2014 (7 individual events)

FilmSoc, as well as being NUIG's Free Student Cinema, is also a self motivated production house. Come along to our fortnightly meetings where we will teach you the basics of camerawork, editing and other areas of film-craft. Join in, express yourself! It's free and we will be organising master classes!

**FilmSoc Presents: A Town Called Panic** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 27th January 2014

This unusual feature (a French-Belgian-Luxembourgian co-production) stylistically recalls the work of Art Clokey (*Gumby*, *Davey and Goliath*), with its lead cast consisting entirely of stop motion-animated children's toys. The premise concerns two such toys -- Cowboy and Indian -- who plan to buy a birthday gift for their friend Horse, in the process destroying his home. A series of wacky, often hallucinatory adventures ensues that finds the trio journeying to the center of the earth, wandering across icy tundra and discovering a strange aquatic world inhabited by oddball beings with pointed heads.

**FilmSoc Presents: The Raid** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 29th January 2014

As a rookie member of an elite special-forces team, Rama is instructed to hang back during a covert mission involving the extraction of a brutal crime lord from a rundown fifteen-story apartment block. But when a spotter blows their cover, boss Tama offers lifelong sanctuary to every every killer, gangster, and thief in the building in exchange for their heads. Now Rama must stand in for the team's fallen leader and use every iota of his fighting strength - winding through every floor and every room to complete the mission and escape with his life

**FilmSoc Presents: Mary and Max** » *Darcy Thompson Theater* » 3rd February 2014

Academy Award-winning *Harvie Krumpet* director Adam Elliot returns to the world of clay animation with this simple tale of the innocent correspondence between a portly eight year old girl from the suburbs of Melbourne and a morbidly obese, middle-aged Jewish New Yorker suffering from Asperger's Syndrome. On the surface it would seem that Mary and Max would have little in common, but over the course of twenty years, the unlikely pen pals exchange letters discussing everything from taxidermy, trust, pets, religion, obesity, autism, agoraphobia, alcoholism, and just about any other topic that comes to mind as they sit down and put pen to paper.

**FilmSoc Presents: Headhunters** » *D'Arcy Thompson Theatre* » 10th February 2014

Roger, a charming scoundrel and Norway's most accomplished headhunter, is living a life of luxury well beyond his means, and stealing art to subsidize his expensive lifestyle. When his beautiful gallery owner wife introduces him to a former mercenary in the possession of an extremely valuable painting, he decides to risk it all to get his hands on it, and in doing so discovers something which makes him a hunted man.

**FilmSoc Presents: What Richard Did** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 12th February 2014

The world is bright and everything seems possible for Richard Karlsen, the golden boy of his privileged set of Dublin teens, until he does something that destroys it all and shatters the lives of the people closest to him. Featuring extraordinary performances from its largely young cast, *What Richard Did* is a quietly devastating study of a boy confronting the gap between who he thought he was and who he proves to be.

**FilmSoc Presents: Jackie Brown** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 19th February 2014

LOOK OUT! Caught between the Feds and a cold blooded killer. With half a million dollars up for grabs. No one knows how it's going down. Except for maybe JACKIE BROWN.

**Screening: Tyrannosaur** » *D'Arcy Thompson Theatre* » 24th February 2014

It's tough for a movie to open on its main character kicking his dog to death and only get bleaker from there, but somehow *Tyrannosaur* manages it. But this debut feature from the great British actor Paddy Considine is an absorbing, even enlivening, character study in spite of the dark image of humanity it presents. Peter Mullan is at his peak alongside an outstanding Olivia Colman and the ever-excellent Eddie Marsan, each boosting the brilliant drama of Considine's award-winning script.

**Screening: Evil Dead » O'Flaherty Theatre » 26th February 2014**

Nodding its head toward the decadent gore of the '80s series that spawned it, Fede Alvarez's remake-cum-reboot bathes its cast in blood via a hard reliance on purely practical effects. The result is a horror to make even the genre's biggest fans squirm. Dropping the tongue-in-cheek humour of Sam Raimi's originals, Alvarez's take on the bloody, bonkers book-of-the-dead-in-a-cabin-in-the-woods story sees a group of friends helping one of their kind go cold turkey. It is gruesome. Do not say we didn't warn you.

**Screening: Star Trek Into Darkness » O'Flaherty Theatre » 5th March 2014**

After the crew of the Enterprise find an unstoppable force of terror from within their own organization, Captain Kirk leads a manhunt to a war-zone world to capture a one-man weapon of mass destruction.

**Synecdoche New York » D'Arcy Thompson Theatre on the Concourse » 10th March 2014**

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In an imagined future, London is a province of Oceania, a totalitarian dictatorship ruled by Big Brother. The citizens of Oceania are under constant surveillance: any opinion, action or even thought that goes against the Party is punishable by torture and death. Winston Smith is a Thought Criminal, and he knows his time is running out. In the end, he will have to face the unimaginable horrors that lie await in Room 101.

**Glengarry Glen Ross » O'Flaherty Theatre on the Concourse » 12th March 2014**

Based on the David Mamet play, Salesmen of a power-house Chicago real-estate office are thrown into a competitive sales challenge, There is no room for losers, only the thirst and pressure to succeed.

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**Dramsoc and Filmsoc present: George Orwell's "1984" » BOI Theatre » 14th March 2014**

In an imagined future, London is a province of Oceania, a totalitarian dictatorship ruled by Big Brother. The citizens of Oceania are under constant surveillance: any opinion, action or even thought that goes against the Party is punishable by torture and death. Winston Smith is a Thought Criminal, and he knows his time is running out. In the end, he will have to face the unimaginable horrors that lie await in Room 101.

**Screening: Lincoln » O'Flaherty Theatre » 19th March 2014**

The first actor in Academy history to earn three leading Oscars, Daniel Day-Lewis channels the spirit of the sixteenth president in Steven Spielberg's acclaimed biopic. Day-Lewis' famous dedication to method acting, they say, had him wandering about the set speaking in character, refusing to be addressed by anything but "Mr. President", and screaming "what the hell are those things!?" when he saw the cameras.

**Screening: Werckmeister Harmonies » D'Arcy-Thompson Theatre » 24th March 2014**

When not busy writing blurbs in the third person, our dear programmer spends a dreadful amount of time in search of the greatest movie ever made. Werckmeister Harmonies is the closest he's yet come, and he would be remiss in his ability to hoist his preferences upon you if he didn't screen it just this once. Boasting a mind-bogglingly mere thirty-nine shots over the course of its running time, it's a supreme cinematographic achievement the like of which you're rarely given the chance to see on the big screen. You have no real reason to trust his taste, let's be fair, but if ever you were to do so, now would be the time.

**Screening: Sin City » O'Flaherty Theatre » 26th March 2014**

A film that explores the dark and miserable town, Basin City, and tells the story of three different people, all caught up in violent corruption.

**Screening: You, the Living » O'Flaherty Theatre » 2nd April 2014**

In 1987, a Swedish government keen to assuage public fears about the AIDS crisis hired Roy Andersson, director of 1970's hit A Swedish Love Story, to make a PSA outlining the facts. Something Has Happened (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9n03kk-ShY>) was the result, a surreal and hilariously weird short that accused American labs of engineering the virus. Since then, two feature films have emerged from Andersson's enormous warehouse-slash-studio in Stockholm, their every scene meticulously created from the ground up in an absurdist style that's been called "Monty Python meets Ingmar Bergman". Don't miss the chance to see this madman master at work; You, the Living is as brilliant as it is bizarre.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Brian O'Brien

**PRO:** Conor Hooper

**Productions Officer:** Aaron Southgate

**Head of Screenings:** Ronan Doyle

**OCM:** Michael Sherry

**OCM:** Ryan Kelly

**Events Officer:** Makema Hudson

**OCM:** Stefanie Spiegel

**OCM:** Emily Murray

**Vice-Auditor:** Eoin Butler Thornton

**Equipment Officer:** Colm McElligott

**OCM:** Claire O'Malley

**Treasurer:** Ciara Ruane

**Secretary:** Siobhan Lenihan

**OCM:** Michelle Carey

**OCM:** Susan Collins

**OCM:** Abel Garcia Cortina

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Brian O'Brien

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€796.60	Bank charge	€46.38
Socs box Till	€750.00	Costumes	€18.00
Ticket Sales	€484.00	Dinner	€73.90
USC Grant	€4,650.00	Entertainment	€65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,680.60</b>	Entry fees	€598.00
		Equipment misc	€1,713.47
		Makeup/Props	€587.35
		Materials	€718.08
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€50.00
		Promotions	€221.40
		Reception	€3.75
		Society accomm	€510.00
		Society transport	€685.00



Income	Expenditure	
	Socs day expenses	€275.00
	Teacher fees	€260.00
	Video Hire	€290.88
	Expenditure Total	€6,116.21
	Closing Bank Balance	€564.39
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,680.60</b>

### Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1576 members.

### ALIVE Participation

FilmSoc

<u><a href="#">Siobhan Lenihan</a></u>	Secretary	160 hours
<u><a href="#">Susan Collins</a></u>	OCM	40 hours
<u><a href="#">Ciara Ruane</a></u>	Treasurer	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Brian O'Brien</a></u>	Auditor of FilmSoc	400 hours

The NUIG Film Society has been the biggest society in the University for the past three years, committed to bringing you the very best cinematic experience.

We are your Student Cinema, serving as a gathering point for students of all disciplines who have a love for films and filmmaking. We screen two movies a week; both the classics of old and the very best of contemporary cinema. We also make movies, many of which have won awards nationwide. If you'd like hands-on experience of movie-making, or have an idea you'd love to see translated from page to screen, you're in the right place!

We also organise trips to film competitions and festivals, and host fundraising quizzes and pan-society events!

<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	4 students
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	650 hours

## Fishing Society

We were so happy to finally be able to bring people deep sea fishing thanks to you guys at the socs box! This year has seen our society grow into its own. I, and all of us on the committee for that matter, have thoroughly enjoyed teaching our shared passion for fishing and all things sea/fresh water with our society members. We have had several other outings on top of the fishing charters that included fishing in Salthill for mackerel, fun casting over the give it socs week and social society nights out! We were happily surprised at how many have joined the society. We knew there would be a following of hard-core fishing fanatics but didn't expect interest to this level. The committee members and I met up on a weekly basis to discuss all things fishy and keep organised ensuring that we had planned activities as frequently as possible. We had a number of very successful casting classes, teaching members how to fly fish. Although it is amazing that there wasn't a fishing soc two years ago, it makes me elated to know that there finally is one!

### Fishing Society Events

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

#### **A few refreshments in the college bar. » » 11th September 2013**

A few refreshments in the college bar to meet and greet out new members in a friendly environment. Look out for the Fishing Soc logo either on a table, or taped to someones head. Wander up and say hello! It's in the college bar because of it's ideal location. Once enough people have gathered we can move on if people want to.



### **Soc's Day!** » » *11th September 2013*

Come along to Soc's day to sign up to become a member of Fishing Soc @Table 61

### **Fishing Soc Meeting** » *Áras na Mac Láinn (Where Soc's day was held) » 16th September 2013*

This meeting is to vote on committee positions, discuss upcoming events and to talk about what exactly you want from being a member of Fishing Soc. We're unsure of the numbers attending and so are unsure of what room we will meet in on a regular basis. That said when you come into Áras na Mac Léinn look for our shiny fish for directions to where we are. If you cant make it at this time and want to be put forward as a nominee for the committee just email us and we'll put your name in for the vote. See you there!

### **Mackerel fishing in Salthill** » *Meeting outside the college bar » 20th September 2013*

We will be leaving from the benches outside the College Bar at 5.30pm and walking to Salthill. From here we will be fishing for Mackerel. If you have your own equipment and any spare gear please bring it along as we have a limited number of rods and will probably have to alternate. Beginners are welcome and we will also be having refreshments in a local Salthill establishment. Bring warm clothing and waterproofs. Wellies are not needed as it is all paved along the prom, but shoes/trainers/ boots with good grip are advisable. See you there!

### **Casting Competition** » *Green area between the Library and Arts Millennium Building » 26th September 2013*

A casting competition with spot prizes for most accurate casts! :)

### **Mackerel Fishing (Salthill)** » *Meeting outside the college bar @4.15 » 18th October 2013*

Mackerel Fishing (Salthill). Beginners always welcome. We will meet outside the college bar and walk from there to Salthill. Refreshments after in Salthill if so desired.

### **Members Welcome! Committee meeting** » *The Hub (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 23rd January – 29th May 2014 (19 individual events)*

Weekly meeting to Arrange the Bi-weekly fishing events. Non Committee members are welcome to joint to add valued input.

### **Deep Sea Fishing Charter** » » *31st January 2014*

With the weather having calmed, the possibility of being swept into the sea and becoming fish food has been eradicated. So the good news is it's time to get our fish on! The first event we are planning this semester is a deep sea charter. This event will be happening on the morning of Friday the 31st of January, contrary to the calender on the soc's page (we haven't been able to update the official calendar yet as the servers have been down this morning).

More details on times are to follow on confirmation of weather reports from the skipper but expect to be gone from early morning to mid afternoon. The amount of places is limited to 12 due to the size of the boat. Equipment will be provided by the skipper.

Spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. On the evening of Monday 26th a sign up sheet will be left in the Soc's Box (Áras na Mac Léinn). An update to this page and an email will be sent out when the sheet is put in.

### **Fishing Event** » » *14th February 2014*

Members Fishing Day. Details to be announced through email and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NuigAnglingClub?ref=hl>

### **Deep Sea Fishing!** » *Rossaveal » 14th March 2014*

Deep Sea Fishing, Cheers to Fishing!

### **Deep Sea Fishing** » *Rossaveal » 4th April 2014*

Deep sea fishing with some enthusiastic learners! :)

## Committee 2013/2014

**Treasurer:** Felix Sproll

**Vice-Auditor:** Sam Brennan

**Public Relations Officer:** Leigh Barnwall

**Secretary:** Ruth Pinson

## Committee 2014/2015

**Treasurer:** Felix Sproll

**Vice-Auditor:** Louis Maloney

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€6.83
Socs box Till	€30.00	Entry fees	€439.00
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Hire Bus	€135.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,530.00</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€19.00
		Expenditure Total	€599.83
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€930.17
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,530.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 350 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Fishing Society

**Brian Concannon**

Auditor

20 hours

NUIG Fishing Society is a community founded in 2013 to cater for the students of NUIG that wanted a base for meetings, outings, charters and fishing events in Galway's National University.

# ALIVE Students:

1 student

# Hours Volunteered:

20 hours

## FLAC Society

FLAC is an independent human rights organisation dedicated to the realisation of equal access to justice for all. To this end it campaigns on a range of legal issues but also offers some basic, free legal services to the public.

FLAC is organised and run by the student body and is solely for the students of NUIG. It provides an invaluable source of legal information to students throughout the college. I believe that FLAC and the service it provides needs to be highlighted and this service needs to be further utilised by the students around campus.

The committee has worked tirelessly throughout the year to promote the service FLAC provides on campus as we all feel people do not understand fully that the service is a free one and a common problem among younger students particularly is that they don't actually know what FLAC stands for.

Our clinics are run every Tuesday evening from 6pm - 7.30pm in Áras na Mac Léinn and attended by a member of the committee and volunteers who have been trained by seminars provided by FLAC at the beginning of the year. There is also a solicitor in attendance who gains CPD points for attending. A volunteer rota was drawn up when the clinics commenced and sent to all concerned.

Thankfully all of our clinics for the academic year have run smoothly without any issues. Mainly due to the applaudable organisation and hard work of our committee who gave up their free time to be part of FLAC this year. It is important that the committee work together as obviously you may need someone to cover a certain clinic for you for some reason or another.

## FLAC Society Events

This year the society held a total of 32 events.

### **Training Session » *The View, Áras na Mac Léinn » 30th September 2013***

Training session in preparation for the Free Legal Advice Clinic starting tomorrow.

### **Free Legal Advice Clinic » *The Meeting Rooms in Áras na Mac Léinn » 1st October 2013***

Call over for free one-to-one advice with your legal problems.

### **FLAC training » *The View » 7th October 2013***

### **FLAC Clinic » » *8th October 2013***

FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres) society is hosting a clinic every Tuesday from 6pm until 7:30pm. Be sure to drop in if you have any legal issues or queries. Our volunteers and a qualified solicitor will be in attendance at every clinic and we hope they can be of some assistance to you. Remember this service is completely free!

### **Flac Training-Criminal Law » » *14th October 2013***

Training session on criminal law conducted by a qualified barrister.

### **FLAC Clinic » *meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 15th October 2013***

Free legal advice clinic hosted by FLAC society. Drop by if you have any legal issues or queries. Volunteers and qualified solicitor at hand and hopefully they can be of some assistance to you.

### **FLAC Clinic » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 22nd October 2013***

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### **FLAC Clinic » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 28th January 2014***

FLAC Clinic at 6pm in Meeting Room 1 Áras na Mac Léinn. Free legal advice/info available from our volunteers and a qualified solicitor. Be sure to drop by if you have any queries.

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**Access to Justice & Reform of Free Legal Aid » *Áras mayola » 29th January 2014***

Judge Mary Fahy - Teresa Blake BL

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Timothy Feeney

**Disability Clinic Convenor:** Mahmoud Abukhadir

**Secretary:** John Feeney

**Education Officer/Seminar Convenor:** Orla Nic Dhonnchadha

**Student Liaison Officer :** Dervla O'Connor

**Vice-Auditor:** Micheal Bruen

**Treasurer:** Enda Kelly

**Public Relations Officer:** Cathal Hannon

**Disability Clinics Convenor (2) :** Katie Holian

### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Dervla O'Connor

**Treasurer:** Eoin Himpers McLoughlin

**Public Relations Officer / Clinic Convenor:** John Geoghegan

**Vice-Auditor:** Aaron Duignan

**Secretary:** Gerard Grogan

**Student Liaison Officer :** Enda Kelly

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,068.45	Bank charge	€23.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,068.45</b>	Dinner	€83.65
		Gifts	€169.50
		Printing	€126.35
		Socs day expenses	€11.50
		Speaker accomm	€106.50
		Speaker travel	€130.00
		Expenditure Total	€650.72
		Closing Bank Balance	€417.73
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,068.45</b>

### Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 214 members.

### ALIVE Participation

FLAC Society		
<u><a href="#">Gilroy Ciara</a></u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Eimhin McEvoy</a></u>	Legal Advisor	5 hours
<u><a href="#">Ashling Brady</a></u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u><a href="#">Eilish Nagle</a></u>	Clinic Volunteer	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Caoimhe Ryan</a></u>	Clinic Volunteer	5 hours
<u><a href="#">Cathal Hannon</a></u>	Public Relations Officer/Volunteer	35 hours
<u><a href="#">Shauna Cunniffe</a></u>	FLAC Volunteer	6 hours
<u><a href="#">Karen McGroary</a></u>	Volunteer	6 hours

The NUIG FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres) society provides an on campus legal clinic once every Tuesday for one and a half

hours, where students can attend and receive free legal advice. The society also allows law students to volunteer at these clinics and give advice/info along with a qualified legal professional in order to gain practical real life experience. Students who wish to volunteer at the societies clinic must attend training sessions that are organized by the society. NUIG FLAC is continually expanding and helping more students every year.

# ALIVE Students:	8 student
# Hours Volunteered:	102 hours

## Foróige

Foróige is the leading and most successful youth organisation in Ireland and we have been working with young people since 1952! The scale and magnitude of our work is truly incredible, we now work with 1 in 8 young people in Ireland. We are kind of a big deal! We empower young people to develop their own abilities and attributes, to think for themselves, to make things happen and to contribute to their community and society. As a result, they develop increased self confidence, self-reliance, resilience and a greater capacity to take charge of their lives. It's what happy, thriving societies need.

Our vision is an Ireland that believes in every young person. Our purpose is to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their development and in the development of society.

We work with almost 60,000 young people aged 10-18 each year through volunteer-led clubs and staff-led youth projects. we currently operate in 26 counties in Ireland, with 588 Foróige Clubs, 140 youth projects, the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programme, the NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship programme, our Youth Citizenship and Youth Leadership programmes!

We work with all young people through our general services. We also work with vulnerable young people who require additional support through a full range of targeted services. Foróige Clubs, special interest groups, volunteer-led youth caf  s, feeder clubs and youth fora encourage young people to take responsibility for themselves and to be part of shaping the world around them while developing their talents, skills and character. They also get to have a really great time along the way! See our young voices section to get stories from people who are or have recently been involved.

Targeted services such as Garda Youth Diversion Projects, Teen Parent Support Programmes and Neighbourhood Youth Projects, help young people to deal with issues associated with poverty, marginalisation and social exclusion, under-achievement at school, early school leaving, youth crime, substance abuse and family difficulties in a safe friendly environment.

The Foróige approach to youth work is underpinned by a strong philosophy which states:

Unique: Each person has unique qualities and attributes.

Creative: Creativity applies to many aspects of life: solving problems, organizing, the arts, communicating, caring for others.

Take responsibility: We always have a choice: in what we think, do and become.

Interdependent with others: We develop through relations with other people. We achieve more by working together.

Make a difference to the world: Each person has something important to contribute to making the world a better place.

Have an influence: Reality is not fixed. It can be changed by our actions. Each person can influence what is going on. Each can influence what they become in life.

Learn from every situation: Learning does not stop at school. It is part of everyday living. It is a lifelong process.

### Foroige Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

**Meeting** » *Meeing Room 1,   ras na Mac L  inn* » 24th September 2013

First Meeting

**Foroige Meeting** » *AC 216 Concourse* » 22nd October – 23rd October 2013

All New Members Welcome.

We will be looking at our upcoming fundraiser and fun ideas for the year ahead

**Foroige Meeting** » *216 Arts/Science Concourse (Beside Bank Of Ireland)* » 29th October 2013

Finishing Up The Organising For The Fundraising Event.  
New Members As Always Are Welcome.

**FOROIGE Bake Sale » Concourse Beside Smokeys Cafe » 4th November 2013**

Plenty Of Delicious Buns And Cakes On Offer So Why Not Get Your Lunch And Give Your Bit Towards Charity.  
Much Appreciated.

**Meeting » » 21st January 2014**

Meeting To Discuss The Plans For Semester 2 And Of Course Welcome Our New And Existing Members Into The New Year.  
Plenty To Discuss.

**FOROIGE NIGHT!! » College Bar » 28th January 2014**

A Perfect Opportunity To Get To Know All The Current And New Members!!  
Discussing The Plans For The Semester Including Training Opportunities And Our Big Fundraiser!!  
So Don't Be Shy And Come On Down!!  
You Know You Want To!!

**FOROIGE CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING!! » Áras Moyola Room 125 » 19th February 2014**

Child Protection For Those Who Have Signed Up.  
The First Of 2 Sessions.

**FOROIGE Meeting!! » AC Room 216 » 4th March 2014**

Short Meeting About rock and roll bingo fundraiser which is taking place next week in college bar.  
quick run through and short discussion on any prizes or sponsorship we can get.

**FOROIGE ROCK AND ROLL BINGO!!! » College Bar » 11th March 2014**

So we've decided to shake things up this year and try to organize something a little bit different for our fundraiser on Tuesday 11th of March in college!!

ROCK AND ROLL BINGO!! reliving those cheesy 90s and all sorts of genres imaginable all with the fun of bingo!!

Each card on the night will be €3 and PLENTY of spot prizes on the night we're working on getting concessions on the night for after college bar all of which shall be confirmed!!

All of the proceeds on the night will go directly to the For?ige clubs and caf?s all over Ireland, For?ige is the leading and most successful youth organisation in Ireland and we have been working with young people since 1952!!

FREE ENRTY INTO ELECTRIC GARDEN UP UNTIL 11:30pm FOR ANYONE WHO TAKES PART IN OUR FUNDRAISER! :)

**FOROIGE AGM!! » Áras Moyola » 24th March 2014**

Foroige AGM where we are electing are new committee members and finalizing the write ups for this year.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Laura Brady

**Vice-Auditor:** Cameron Moore

**Treasurer:** Aoife O'Donnell

**Secretary Semester 1:** Bianca Zanella

**Vice Secretary:** Rosa Shine

**Secretary:** Jennifer O'Donovan

**PRO:** Emma O'Callaghan

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** Cameron Moore

**Treasurer:** Emma O'Callaghan

**Vice-Auditor:** Adam Mollen

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

**Income**

**Expenditure**

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€9.71
Bank Charge	€6.00	Entertainment	€41.90
Fundraising	€155.00	Materials	€6.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Prizes	€20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€661.00</b>	Socs day expenses	€35.00
		Expenditure Total	€112.61
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€548.39
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€661.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 109 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Foroige

<b><u>Jennifer O'Donovan</u></b>	Secretary	25 hours
<b><u>Cameron Moore</u></b>	Volunteer & Vice Auditor	30 hours
<b><u>Rosa Shine</u></b>	Fundraiser	10 hours
<b><u>Laura Brady</u></b>	Auditor of the For?ige Society	30 hours
FOROIGE NUIG		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	4 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	95 hours	

## French Soc

We welcome people at all levels of French, from complete beginners to native speakers so there really is something for everyone. It's a good way to brush up your French and make loads of new friends and we encourage all people to come to get involved with organising our events or take part in them.

For our visiting students it's a great way to meet with like minded Irish students and they're be plenty of opportunity for you to improve your English and help them improve their French!

We hosted a comprehensive events which took in 34 all together. We managed to attract large crowds and offer a forum for people to socialise and enhance their language skills on a consistent basis. We attracted students and French Expats alike.

## French Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 34 events.

### College Campus Tour » » 6th September 2013

College Campus tour for French International students starting in the bailey allen building and finishing in the college bar for free coffee and sandwiches.

### Fáilte Fest Crepes » » 8th September 2013

Come along to the Bailey Allen for free crepes and a chance to meet people in the society.

### Socs Day » » 11th September 2013

Come along to see what events the society will be holding this year.



**French Soc Bienvenue Soiree (Welcome Party) » » 18th September 2013**

Get together to Welcome all the new members of the French Soc.

**French Soc EGM » The Stage -Bailey Allen » 18th September 2013**

French Soc EGM to elect new committee members and discuss events for the coming year.

**French Soc "Speed Dating" Conversation Night » » 24th September 2013**

The First Conversation Night of year, take French out of the classroom and practice it in a fun, friendly atmosphere. We're adapting the model of "Speed Dating" whereby everyone is sat at a table with a partner for 14 minutes and has to speak French for 7 minutes and then English for 7 minutes after that you switch tables for a new partner and repeat!

Check Out <https://www.facebook.com/frenchsoc.eventsnuig> for venue confirmation.

**Meetup & Speak French » Javas French Caf » 3rd October 2013**

A casual meet up upstairs in Javas to speak French, drink a beverage and sample some of Javas tasty French cuisine! Also if there's any musicians Javas has a piano and there may be a guitar or two on site aswell!

**La Bataille d'Alger. Film Night » MAIRTIN O TNUTHAIL THEATRE » 8th October 2013**

The French Society in conjunction with the French department are showing "La Bataille d'Alger." (1966) a film on the 4BA course and relevant to the 1BA culture lectures also.

**French Soc Film Night : Intouchables » O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre » 22nd October 2013**

The Intouchables is a 2011 French comedy-drama film directed by Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano. It stars François Cluzet and Omar Sy.

See facebook for more details:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/521237874630333/?notif\\_t=plan\\_user\\_joined](https://www.facebook.com/events/521237874630333/?notif_t=plan_user_joined)

**Crepe Day @ Smokies » » 5th November 2013**

Bake sale French Style! We will be selling freshly made crepes with a selection of toppings! Avec un café de Smokies c'est un ensemble parfait!

**La Dernière Soiree (Last Conversation Night of this Semester) » The Skeff Eyre Square » 7th November 2013**

The last conversation night of this Semester! Due to the large numbers of attendees at our events so far this year we've decided to go big and have chosen The Skeff as our venue for our last conversation night of this Semester, The night will be an opportunity for both our French speaking students to improve their English and engage with Irish students interested in French and Francophone culture!

Not to be Missed! Complementary Finger Food on the night!

Venez nombreux!!!

**Surf Weekend Lahinch » Lahinch, County Clare » 15th November – 17th November 2013 (3 individual events)**

The French Soc is taking to road and hopping on surf boards for an unforgettable weekend of Surfing and Soirées in Lahinch County Clare. We'll be going Friday afternoon, getting settled into our lodge -which we'll have all to ourselves! Having a verre ou deux that night, taking Surfing lessons Saturday morning and finding out what the Lahinch nightlife has to offer that night. Sunday we'll have more surf lessons and head back to Galway that afternoon.

The Price for the weekend is €65 which includes:

Bus

Accommodation

Breakfast Sat & Sun

Gear hire both days

Surf Lessons both days

Alors, places are limited, if you're interested in joining us click attending and the first 30 people to pay a deposit of €30 will have their place on the trip guaranteed. We will be taking money at any of our events and will arrange to meet people during the day.

**Play Auditions » The Stage -?ras na mac L?inn » 19th November 2013**

The French Soc are holding auditions for a play which will be performed in the 2nd Semester. We're looking for some budding actors and actresses who would like to be involved in this play and have the opportunity to improve their French and have fun doing it! There are a number of roles up for grabs so if you're interested come and see us on Tuesday!

**Socs Day 2 » » 15th January 2014**

Socs Day Semester 2. Roll Up Roll up!

**Conversation Night » Skeff Bar, Eyre square » 16th January 2014**

Bonne Annee a tous! We're hitting the ground running this semester with our first of what will become weekly conversation exchange nights at The Skeff. You asked, we delivered! Hope to see you all this Thursday pour parler francais et prendre un verre! A plus!

**Conversation Exchange » The Skeff » 23rd January – 3rd April 2014 (11 individual events)**

A weekly meetup for people to have a chat and have the craic in a relaxed atmosphere while exchanging French/English. This is good for an French students to practice their English as well as for Irish students (particularly any going on Erasmus next year) to work on their French.

So, we hope to see you Thursday in the Skeff!

? tout ? l'heure !

**Film Screening - La Bete Humaine » Arts Millennium Fottrell » 11th February 2014**

The French Department in conjunction with French Soc are holding a screening of the adaption of the Zola classic "La Bete Humaine". (1938)

**Film Night - Perceval (1978) » Fotrell Theatre -Arts Millenium » 18th February 2014**

1978 Movie about The Holy Grail that's on the 2nd Year French course. We'll be heading to the College Bar after for Pizza!

**St. Patrick's Weekend Rugby: France Vs. Ireland » Oslo Bar, Salthill » 15th March 2014**

Les Bleues Vs. Les Verts

We're gonna get together in The Oslo Bar in Salthill the Saturday of St. Patrick's Weekend to watch the 6 Six nations match, the winning supporters will gain bragging rights for the night and we'll head out after.

**Play Meetng » BOI Theatre » 25th March 2014**

Final meeting for everyone involved in the play, cast & crew and helpers.

**French Soc Play: 14 juilliet by Cyrille Dehlinger » » 27th March 2014**

"The Boffe and The Le Brochu, two families totally different from each other, have accidentally rented the same beach house for their holidays. No holds barred, tricks and meanness are the only solution to get rid of the other family. But ..."

Tickets will be available from the Socs Box or on the night for ?5 (Price includes Refreshments during the interval)

Not to be missed! Venez Nombreux!

**French Soc Agm » The View Áras Mac Léinn » 4th April 2014**

Annual General Meeting to include a review of the year and elect next year's committee

## Committee 2013/2014

**OCM:** Leanne Biggins

**Auditor:** Michael Peyton

**OCM:** Marie Carkill

**Treasurer:** John Devlin

**Vice-Auditor:** Kyle Greene

**Secretary:** Rhian Wolstenholme

**P.R.O:** Jessica Doyle

**First Year Rep:** Sarah Kinneen

**Travel Officer:** Sophie Pauzin

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Shane O'Neill

**Vice-Auditor:** John Devlin

**Secretary:** Rhian Wolstenholme

**Treasurer:** Marie Carkill

**PRO:** Luke Taylor

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,712.96	Bank charge	€60.64
Fundraising	€125.00	Dinner	€152.23
Members Contributions	€282.00	Entry fees	€80.00
Socs box Till	€240.00	Equipment misc	€32.90
USC Grant	€600.00	Lights	€50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,959.96</b>	Materials	€107.65
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€13.70
		Printing	€68.95
		Prizes	€43.30
		Reception	€814.43
		Returned Socs Money	€1,000.00
		Set	€47.50
		Society accomm	€332.00
		Socs day expenses	€59.95
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€2,863.25</b>
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€96.71
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,959.96</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 688 members.

### ALIVE Participation

French Soc		
<u><a href="#">John Devlin</a></u>	Treasurer	407 hours
<u><a href="#">Marie Carkill</a></u>	Secretary	15 hours
<u><a href="#">Kate Murphy</a></u>	Actress	35 hours
<u><a href="#">Liam MacKessy</a></u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Leanne Biggins</a></u>	Volunteer	20 hours
Hello everybody and welcome to the French Society!!		
The goal of the French Soc is to bring people together to promote the French language and culture on and off campus.		
# ALIVE Students:	5 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	497 hours	

# Friends of MSF

Friends of MSF are groups established and run by students that support the work of Doctors Without Borders. Friends of MSF groups provide platforms for university students across Ireland to get involved in MSF whilst studying.

## Friends of MSF Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

### **EGM » Meeting Room 2 » 17th September 2013**

Friends of MSF EGM!

### **Access to the Danger Zone » » 30th September 2013**

We will be showing the film Access to the Danger Zone

### **Table Quiz & Pie Eating Contest » » 5th November 2013**

This year, Friends of MSF (Doctors without Borders) have teamed up with Amnesty International Soc to host our annual table quiz!

Come down to college bar on the 5th for some tricky questions, great prizes and the chance to earn our respect by taking part in our pie-eating contest! All proceeds raised from this night of guaranteed fun will go directly towards MSF's Syria Appeal.

<http://www.msf.ie/syria-emergency-appeal-2013>. Can't wait to see you there!

### **Guest Speakers from Doctors without Borders » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 13th November 2013 at 7.30pm**

Wondering what the fuss with MSF is all about? Ever thought about volunteering? Have you ever heard the "true" gritty, gory, inspiring details of volunteering with an international independent organisation which operates where no other organisation dares to venture? Next week at MSF Soir?e Guest Speaker night you have the opportunity to hear two fascinating speakers tell us their experience of volunteering with MSF in some of the most dangerous places in the world. Cormac Donnelly is a GP from Galway who graduated from NUIG in 2004 and joined Médecins Sans Fronti?res in 2011. Cormac's first assignment with Médecins Sans Fronti?res was in South Sudan, where he was the doctor in charge of a malnutrition project. "Disturbing images like seeing a small boy play with an imitation AK47 possibly trying to mimic his father or other men. But mostly happy memories of seeing a mother's joy when her child gets better. the surprise on people's faces when I talked to them in my few words of Nuer .." You can read more at <http://www.msf.ie/voices/blogs/south-sudan-calling>

### **"Fire in the Blood" - Friends of MSF » » 3rd March 2014**

Come and join us for a screening of "Fire in the Blood", an engaging documentary on "medicine, monopoly and malice" which won the Justice Matters Award at Washington DC International Film Festival and was shortlisted for the Sundance film festival 2013.

Check it out at [fireintheblood.com](http://fireintheblood.com) If it's high score on IMBD wasn't enough, our committee are bringing baked treats for all those attending and there will be Sweetie Pie's cupcakes and a jar of Auntie Nellie's sweets for two lucky people who guess the number of "pills" in the jar and the difference in value between generic and trade priced Tuberculosis medication! On top of that we're having a TB drug petition signing and getting our hands dirty making a TB awareness poster that will hang in Áras na Mac Léinn on March 24th for World Tuberculosis Day.

### **Friends of MSF AGM » Arus na Mac Léinn » 24th March 2014**

Annual AGM for Friends of MSF for next year's committee. Come along and see what the fuss is about and get involved!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Catherine Renssen

**Treasurer:** Katharine Martin

**OCM:** Stephanie Marie Bollard

**OCM:** James Wright

**Auditor:** Esraa Hegazy

**Secretary:** Aoife Kirk

**OCM:** John Campion

**Commerce Liaison:** Eoin Mangan

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Esraa Hegazy

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€29.10	Bank charge	€21.52
Fundraising	€2,089.30	Dinner	€118.61
USC Grant	€500.00	Reception	€50.00
		Socs day expenses	€14.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,618.40</b>	Expenditure Total	€204.65
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,413.75
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,618.40</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 369 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Friends of MSF

<a href="#"><u>Aoife Kirk</u></a>	Secretary	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Isabella Gresswell</u></a>	First Year Medicine Student Representative	24 hours
<a href="#"><u>Esraa Hegazy</u></a>	Auditor	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>Eoin Mangan</u></a>	Liason Officer	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Stephanie Marie Bollard</u></a>	Committee Member	10 hours

FRIENDS OF MSF NUIG

# ALIVE Students: 5 students

# Hours Volunteered: 104 hours

## G-EOS

The aim of our society is provide an opportunity for students in the Earth and Ocean Department to get to know their peers and mentors. And also we strive to ensure all our society members who have similar interests have an opportunity to partake in our events and discussions regardless of their courses. We aim to improve the communication and interacting between class groups and years so as to improve shared learning. In particular we believe this helps and encourages first and second year groups, and gives them a helping hand to find their feet in the earlier years of college. We believe we upheld the aims of our society as best we could. We had a variety of events this year such as film nights, social nights, field trips, table quiz, guest speakers. We found that we had a successful year as a society overall.

### G-eos Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

#### **EGM** » *Quad* » 18th September 2013

Fill committee positions, outline aims for year

#### **Tablequiz** » *Schlorars Rest* » 24th September 2013

General Knowledge quiz. To introduce new members

#### **Social Evening** » *The Skeff, Town* » 9th October 2013

**Guest Lecturer - Derek Briggs » MRI Annex » 17th October 2013**

Lecture- The History of Life - New Evidence from Exceptionally Preserved Fossils

**Meeting » Quad » 29th October 2013**

**Meeting » Quad Room A206 » 11th November 2013**

**4th Year Presentations » Quad Room A206 » 13th November 2013**

Provide refreshments to 4th years and EOS departmental staff. Promote interaction between year groups.

**EOS class party 4th and 3rd years » Town » 26th November 2013**

**Meeting » Quad » 14th January 2014**

**EOS class party 2nd Years » Town » 15th January 2014**

Get 2nd years together

**Film Screening » McMunn » 20th January 2014**

**Meeting » Charles Mc Munn Theatre » 29th January 2014**

**Film Screening » Charles Mc Munn Theatre » 29th January 2014**

Showing Film Ice Age, free Pizza and soft drinks

**Social Evening » College Bar » 12th February 2014**

integrate year groups

**IGRM » O'Brien Center for Science, UCD » 28th February – 2nd March 2014 (3 individual events)**

Irish Geological Research Meeting, opportunity to meet professionals in chosen career path, future job info

**Information Night Antrim Trip » A206 Quadrangle » 18th March 2014**

**Social Night » College Bar » 18th March 2014**

Get society members together in casual setting. Free food

**Antrim Trip » Antrim » 21st March – 23rd March 2014 (3 individual events)**

Educational and social trip. Seeing Giants causeway. Carrick-a-rede rope bridge . Collery Bay. Bushmills, Portrush etc

**Guest Lecturer » A206 Quadrangle » 25th March 2014**

Dr. Siobhan Power gives a talk on the Mourne and Coole mountains and the conservation that is currently occurring there

**William King Anniversary Exhibition » Quadrangle » 23rd May – 25th May 2014 (3 individual events)**

The 150th anniversary of naming *Homo neanderthalensis* by William King, the event will be marked with a special international symposium dedicated to the distant prehistoric people he gave a name to and their origin in human evolution. Keynote speakers; Svante Paabo. Ralf W. Schmitz, Katerina Harvati, Peter Andrews, Dave Harper, Fred H. Smith.

**AGM » The Quad » 31st March 2014**

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Secretary:** Sarah Bergin

**Treasurer:** Monica Mullins

**OCM:** Orla Bathenright

**Auditor:** Barry Walsh

**Vice-Auditor:** Blathnaid McKeivitt

**OCM:** Megan Fay

**OCM:** Sadhbh Delaney Doheny

**3rd Year Rep. :** Joseph Greene

**OCM:** Amy McCormack

**OCM:** Tiernan Keane

**2nd Year Rep:** Muireann MacCarthy

**OCM:** Paul Gavigan

**PRO:** Monika Meszaros

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Muireann MacCarthy

**Treasurer:** Caray Brad

**2nd Year Rep:** Monika Meszaros

**OCM:** Fiona Ni Raghail

**PRO:** Ciara Gilligan

**OCM:** Monica Mullins

**Vice-Auditor:** Amy McCormack

**Secretary:** Clodagh Gillen

**Health and Safety Officer:** Rebecca Furlong

**3rd Year Rep.:** Eoghan Daly

**OCM:** Sarah Bergin

**OCM:** Barry Walsh

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€995.45	Bank charge	€48.77
Socs box Till	€1,580.00	Entry fees	€570.00
Ticket Sales	€30.00	Gifts	€50.00
USC Grant	€4,000.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€180.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,605.45</b>	Society accomm	€2,370.12
		Society transport	€1,677.00
		Expenditure Total	€4,896.77
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,708.68
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,605.45</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 253 members.

## ALIVE Participation

G-eos

<u><a href="#">Sarah Bergin</a></u>	Secretary	250 hours
<u><a href="#">Blathnaid McKeivitt</a></u>	Vice Auditor	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Sadhbh Delaney Doheny</a></u>	OCM	80 hours
<u><a href="#">Barry Walsh</a></u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u><a href="#">Monica Mullins</a></u>	Treasurer	200 hours

GEOS aka. Galway Earth and Ocean Society is primarily interested in promoting and supporting the Earth & Ocean sciences ie. Oceanography, Geology, Sedimentology, Palaentology, Climatology, Petrology etc etc. throughout the University and Galway at large, and we also provide great help to any students of these fields be it through organising teaching Seminars, of home- or abroad-based lecturers, postgraduate forums or fun trips away to places of scientific interest such as National History museums in Ireland or abroad.

**# ALIVE Students:** 5 student

**# Hours Volunteered:** 780 hours

# German Soc

The society aims to organise events to coincide with popular German festivals. Our year kicks off with the famous and hugely popular German Society Boat-Trip with a cruise on the Corrib Princess. Oktoberfest is a social highlight as well as our annual Christmas party. The annual trip is also a fantastic opportunity for our members to explore a German culture on an affordable weekend break. Filmabends run throughout the year. We have set up an English-German speaking tandem programme, by which German and English speaking students can help each other improve their language skills. We are also determined to raise money within the society for charitable organisations. We have supported the Saint Vincent de Paul and the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal.

## German Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

### **German Boat Trip on the Corrib** » *Leaving from Wood Quay on the Corrib Princess* » 25th September 2013

Join the German Society for a trip on the Corrib Princess will include food and entertainment.

### **Tandem Partnership Opening night** » *The View, Áras na mac Léinn ( beside the college bar, Upstairs)* » 14th October 2013

Meet a Tandem Partner so that you can practice your German/English language skills! GERMAN and IRISH students WANTED!! Quiz on the night with spot prizes for you and your new Partner :) :) Hope to see you all there!!!

### **Oktoberfest** » *De Burgos, St, Augustine Street* » 22nd October 2013

The German Society are holding our annual Oktoberfest celebration in De Burgos, 22nd October at 8 pm. We will have traditional German music and a free Bratwurst with every ticket.

### **EGM** » » 4th November 2013

We are holding an EGM to elect two new Committee members.

### **The German Soc Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal** » » 7th November 2013

The German Soc would really like to contribute to the Team Hope Christmas Shoe Appeal, we are asking any of our members or anyone else who is interested to make a box and drop it in to us on the 7th of November at 6pm in The View! All the details have been sent out in emails or are available at Team Hope's website <https://secure.teamhope.ie/csa>. If you have any questions, please get in touch :)

### **German Soc Filmabend** » *darcy thompson* » 12th November 2013

The German Society will be hosting a Filmabend on the 12th of November at 6.30pm in the D'Arcy Thompson Theatre. We will be showing Sophie Scholl, the true story of one of Germany's most famous anti-Nazi heroines.

### **German Society Christmas Party in aid of St. Vincent De Paul** » *Galway City, meeting at Eyre Square Christmas Market* » 18th December 2013

German Society invites you to our Christmas Party. We will be kicking off at the Christmas market and we can confirm that the night will feature plenty of free finger food, discounted refreshments and free passes to a night club for all ticket holders! So if you're heading out anyway and want to be sure of a good one grab your ticket for ?5 at the Socs Box and remember it's for a good cause too - Saint Vincent De Paul. \*\* Don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper! \*\*

### **German Society Meeting** » *The Stage* » 17th February 2014

The German Society will be holding a meeting at 6pm, Monday 17th Feb in the Stage Áras na Mac Léinn. We are going to be available to answer any questions for anyone who plans on going on Erasmus in the future, we are also available to take any suggestions anyone may have for the future of the society. Deposits from the Hostel for those who went to Berlin will also be available!

### **German Department play, der Gute Manch von Sezuan!** » » 18th March 2014

German Department play, der Gute Manch von Sezuan!

Its on the 18th-20th of March, 8pm in the NUIG Bank of Ireland Theatre. Admission is free, please show your support.

### **Last Event of the Year!** » *Hole in the Wall* » 24th March – 25th March 2014 (2 individual events)



We are having a Stammtisch of sorts, meeting at the Hole in the Wall (cheap and cheerfull!) then onto a nightclub. Free passes will be provided. Please come along if you are interested in being part of the society next year, have any questions about going on Erasmus or just to say goodbye to us as your committee. We have had some wonderful trips this year and are very proud of the achievements of the German Society. To those of you who have been with us throughout the year we would especially love to see you there.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Aoife Murphy

**Treasurer:** Evelyn Fitzpatrick

**Vice Treasurer:** Donna Crean

**Vice-Auditor:** Ann-marie Ryan

**Logistics Officer:** Deana Weir

**Public Relations Officer:** Gilroy Ciara

**Secretary:** Dervla Nash

**Vice Public Relations Officer:** Aoife Harris

**Logistics Officer :** Patrick Kirwan

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Aoife Murphy

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,100.92	Bank charge	€95.95
Socs box Till	€660.00	Dinner	€90.00
Ticket Sales	€3,730.00	Entertainment	€350.00
USC Grant	€3,000.00	Gifts	€35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,490.92</b>	Lights	€275.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€15.00
		Prizes	€100.00
		Society accomm	€1,300.00
		Society transport	€5,450.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,710.95
		Closing Bank Balance	€779.97
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,490.92</b>

### Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 522 members.

## GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)

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.

The aim of the society is to promote a forum where Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students & staff and their friends can meet in a comfortable and supportive environment, and to increase awareness and help to end discrimination on LGBT issues.

### GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events

This year the society held a total of 50 events.

**EGM with Cheese and Refreshments » IT202 » 18th September 2013**

Come along to our start of the year EGM, where we will be electing an Events Officer and 1st year OCM and discussing the coming year with our members.

After the short meeting, there will be a Refreshment and Cheese reception in the same room. There will also be tea and sweet things for those who can't eat cheese (You poor things!)

Afterwards we're all heading to G-bar for its student night offers.

**Coming Out Workshop » IT202 » 25th September 2013**

GiG Soc favourite James Mitchell (From Youtube) will be coming down to do a workshop about 'Coming Out'. This is not a talk in how to do it. It's more a discussion of ideas and tips and people sharing their experiences. Tea as always provided and G-bar afterwards for their Student Night offers.

**Discussion Night with Pizza » IT202 » 2nd October 2013**

Discussion night where each person is invited to place a topic in a discussion hat, and then each entry is pulled out at random for group discussion. Free pizza and tea as well!

**Ally Week » » 7th October 2013**

Stand in smokey's with information, pledges and bands been given out

**Ally Talk » IT 250 » 8th October 2013**

Allies will give a talk on their experiences within the LGBTQA community, and what it means to them to be an ally.

**Ally Week » » 8th October 2013**

Information and pledges

**Film Screening » IT 250 » 9th October 2013**

Cian Tracey screens a documentary he has created on being gay in a city versus being gay in a rural area.

**Ally Week » » 9th October 2013**

Information and pledges.

**Amnesty International Talk » i.t 202 » 15th October 2013**

A talk from Amnesty international raising awareness on LGBTQA rights around the world

**Movie Screening » » 15th October 2013**

Screening of Shelter. Everyone is welcome

**Trans Awareness » » 16th October 2013**

A stand on the concourse informing and raising awareness for Trans rights

**Barrister Talk » i.t 202 » 17th October 2013**

Talk from a barrister for LGBTQA rights. Informative and interactive talk. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided

**GigSoc Marriages » Concourse » 17th October 2013**

GiG soc are having marriages on the concourse. Anyone and everyone can get married!

**GiG Soc Chill Out Night » IT202 » 23rd October 2013**

Just a nice chillout evening after the last two hectic weeks with Ally Week and Equality Week. More details to come soon! Just be ready to relax!

**Games Night » IT202 » 30th October 2013**

A fun games night with activities such as juggling, video games and boardgames. All the fun with GiGSoc!

**Talk from Siobhan Higgins » » 6th November 2013**

A talk from Siobhan Higgins on Sexual Health and Education. An interesting and very informative talk. All are welcome

**Drag Workshop » Gbar » 13th November 2013**

This is a fun event where Galways most fabulous drag queen Kiki St.Clair will teach us the ropes on how to do drag.

There will also be a heel tutorial given to help along with the process!

We will be leaving from the college bar at half 7 and head to GBar for the workshop

**GigSoc Christmas Dinner » » 20th November 2013**

This is the last event before the exams. Christmas dinner will be held for all of Gigsoc. Dinner will be provided but feel free to bring your own dish! All are welcome

**Amnesty Internation Campaign » » 20th November 2013**

To Russia with Love campaign will be held in smokies. A table will be set up to take signatures to show your support for this campaign. All signatures are greatly appreciated

**Pink Training » Queens University, Belfast » 22nd November – 24th November 2013 (3 individual events)**

Pink Training consists of a weekend of training modules on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. The event is the largest of its kind in Europe for third-level students and continues to be one of the most popular and the largest training event that USI runs in terms of attendees. It is primarily for LGBT students, but is also open to LGBT allies. Workshops covered over the weekend include Coming Out workshops, Supporting a Friends who's Coming Out, Looking after your Mental Health, Sexual Health, Trans\* Awareness, Running an LGBT Society, Bisexuality Awareness, Being an LGBT Ally, Sexual Empowerment, lobbying and media skills.

**Socs Day 2 » » 15th January 2014**

Come on down join the society, or just have a catch up and find out about our exciting plans for the semester, in particular Rainbow week and our upcoming Rainbow Ball.

**Meet & Greet » IT202, IT Building » 15th January 2014**

At 6pm in IT202 there will be a small introductory meeting for all the new members to the society, and for members who come to none or few events before. There will be tea and coffee and a few Icebreakers to get us started! ————— Now that does sound lovely!

**GiGSoc Welcome Back Meeting » IT202, IT Building » 15th January 2014**

Refreshers meeting, where all members are welcome to join for tea and bants as well as hear about the plans we have for the semester, and to give us any ideas you may have for an event or any concerns you might have.

**Cheese and Refreshments evening. » IT202 » 22nd January 2014**

Just our semester-ly Cheese and Refreshments soiree. Some provided but if you want to bring along anything extra, DO! :P Then College Bar or elsewhere afterwards to continue the festivities.

**Rainbow Ball Ticket Sales » » 27th January 2014**

Tickets for our upcoming Rainbow Ball go on general sale today. Pop along to Smokey's Cafe today to avail of your ticket. Our Committee members will be there in our fabulous purple hoodies enthusiastically awaiting your sale! Tickets are limited, so get yours ASAP to avoid disappointment. Also available from the Socs Box in Áras na Mac Léinn.

**Discussion Night » IT202, IT Building » 29th January 2014**

Discussion Night, where everyone writes a discussion topic down on a piece of paper and then puts it into a hat. Topics are then drawn out at random and discussed by the group. No topic to serious or too trivial! Tea/coffee provided.

**Rainbow Week Official Launch Party » » 3rd February 2014**

We are commencing our Rainbow Week in style with our Launch Party. Free pizza and refreshments provided, along with music [theme of which will be "Divas through the Ages" ;) Intriguing or what?] We will also be selling Rainbow Ball tickets for those of ye who have yet to avail of them. Sure come on down and and join us in defying the Monday blues with flamboyant pinache!

**Quiz night!** » » *4th February 2014*

A fun quiz for everyone and prizes for the winners!

**Contemporary LGBT Awareness Talk** » » *4th February 2014*

This talk covers a lot of LGBT topics

**Contemporary LGBTQA Awareness** » *IT204, IT Building* » *4th February 2014*

An interactive discussion on some of the modern issues and challenges with which LGBTQA people have to contend. Guaranteed to be insightful and thought-provoking, this event intends to initiate debate around LGBTQA issues not typically covered in popular discourse.

**Film Screening** » » *4th February 2014*

Film Screening to unwind and beat the 3 o'clock slump!

**Bisexuality Talk** » *i.t 202* » *5th February 2014*

A talk discussing bisexuality

**Ally Awareness** » *No suggestions found* » *5th February 2014*

Anyone can support LGBT rights! This is a follow on to our Ally campaign

**Debate time!** » *Kirwin* » *6th February 2014*

Debating whether LGBT leads to a loss of faith

**Blood Ban** » » *6th February 2014*

Raising the issue of homosexuals not allowed to donate blood

**Rainbow Ball Delegate Meet up** » » *7th February 2014*

Meeting and greeting all the LGBT societies that are coming for the Rainbow Ball

**Rainbow Ball Day events** » *I.T125* » *8th February 2014*

Guest speakers will be down to give various talks. Lunch is also included! This link includes the events <https://www.facebook.com/events/1439621649606585/?fref=ts>

**Rainbow Ball** » *Salthill Hotel* » *8th February – 9th February 2014 (2 individual events)*

RAINBOW BALL!!!!!!! :)

**Movie & Cuddles Night** » *IT202, IT Building* » *12th February 2014*

To unwind from the hectic schedule of Rainbow Week, we've decided to opt for a nice film night to give both committee and ordinary member a chance to relax. Tea and nibbles provided!

**Pizza and Karaoke** » » *19th February 2014*

Having tea and coffee and we'll have a mix of pizzas for everyone's enjoyment! Then we'll head off for some Karaoke

**Sexual Empowerment** » » *26th February 2014*

A talk from Sinead Dolan on sexual empowerment. Very fun and interesting talk. All welcome

**Sexual Empowerment Talk** » » *26th February 2014*

We will have a talk from Leslie on sexual empowerment. It is a very interesting and entertaining talk. All welcome

**Divas Night** » *IT202* » *5th March 2014*

A night dedicated to the Divas who have reigned in the pop/rock charts over the years. Guaranteed to hear plenty of good tunes!

**Gig soc Variety Show** » » *13th March 2014*

## Identity and Expression

Variety Show with MC acclaimed Drag Queen Paul Ryder who will perform from her show creating a night of altogether lavish entertainment!  
Featuring guests from Comedy, Dance, Juggling, GIG and Trad Societies plus lots more...

### Seachtain na Gaeilge "Geili" » College Bar » 18th March 2014

A Ceili aimed at LGBTQA people. With tunes by Trad Soc, guaranteed to be a brilliant night!

### #MakeUpSelfieNight » IT202 » 26th March 2014

Make up Selfie night with tea and chats!

### GigSoc AGM » IT 202 » 2nd April 2014

GiGSoc is holding its AGM to elect the Committee for 2014/15. Food and refreshments provided!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Gary Feehan

**Ally Officer :** Sean Mooney

**Treasurer:** Sean Reilly

**Ordinary Committee Member(Advisory role):** Lee Monaghan

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Nathan Lewis

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Kelly-anne Whelan

**Events Officer:** Jessica Watts

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Ciara Keighron

**Treasurer:** Sorcha Dowd

**New Members Liaison Officer:** Morgan Flaherty

**Ally Officer:** Joanne Duffy

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Ryan McCarthy

**New Members Liaison Officer (NMLO):** Emma Walsh

**Secretary:** James Sweeney

**Auditor:** Ciara Keighron

**PRO:** Sean O'Gorman

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Ivan Fahy

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Matthew Kyles

**Ordinary Committee Member(Advisory role):** Erika Nethaway

**Vice-Auditor:** Sean Reilly

**Secretary:** Nathan Lewis

**Events Officer:** Jessica Watts

**Public Relations Officer(PRO):** Sean O'Gorman

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Martin Durcan

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€812.61	Ball	€1,619.88
Balls	€1,090.00	Bank charge	€25.44
Socs box Till	€448.00	Dinner	€378.35
Ticket Sales	€120.00	Entertainment	€259.40
USC Grant	€2,800.00	Entry fees	€880.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,270.61</b>	Equipment misc	€61.44
		Hoodies	€300.00
		Materials	€53.92
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€80.19
		Printing	€92.25
		Prizes	€35.29
		Reception	€201.66
		Society transport	€304.00
		Socs Box Till Refund	€39.00
		Socs day expenses	€31.50
		Speaker travel	€20.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Teacher fees	€350.00
	Expenditure Total	€4,732.32
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
	Cash In Hand	€13.16
	Closing Bank Balance	€525.13
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,270.61</b>

### Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 381 members.

### ALIVE Participation

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)

<a href="#"><u>Lee Monaghan</u></a>	Volunteer Advisory (OCM)	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ivan Fahy</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member & Trans* Officer	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sean O'Gorman</u></a>	Public Relations Officer	125 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sean Reilly</u></a>	Treasurer	250 hours
<a href="#"><u>James Sweeney</u></a>	Secretary	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kelly-anne Whelan</u></a>	OCM ordinary committee member	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>Nathan Lewis</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member (OCM)	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Gary Feehan</u></a>	Co-Auditor	300 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Keighron</u></a>	Co-Auditor	275 hours

GIG Soc is the LGBTQA society in NUIG. We aim to bring together all members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally community that are interested in getting involved in the university, together with anyone interested in LGBTQA issues, rights and social events.

The aim of the society is to promote a forum where Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Ally students & staff and their friends can meet in a comfortable and supportive environment, and to increase awareness and help to end discrimination on LGBT issues.. If you're interested in getting involved, don't be shy!! We'd love to see you!

**# ALIVE Students:** 9 student

**# Hours Volunteered:** 1590 hours

# India Soc

The IndiaSoc was formally constituted in January, 2015. The Society in its first year of inception organized two major events and was associated with the suas to raise funds for the volunteers going to India for volunteering activities. Also a movie night as part of the cultural week was organised and a social outing at the college bar took place.

## India Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

### **EGM** » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium* » 28th January 2014

The first EGM was held to elect the Society members and ratify the constitution

### **Movie Dev D** » *Large Acoustic Room, ?ras na Mac L?inn.* » 13th March 2014

As part of Theater Week, India Soc & Film Society are screening the Bollywood movie Dev D. The movie is a modern day take on classic novel DevDas by the famous Indian author Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay's. It is a tale of love, betrayal, friendship and remorse. Devdas, a rich boy falls in love with a middle class girl but the class divide complicate their simple love story. The film powerfully depicts the prevailing customs of Bengal in the early 1900s.

### **Holi - Festival of Colours 2014** » *Greens beside the Orbsen and IT buildings* » 13th March 2014

India Soc is organizing one of the most popular celebration of India, The Holi. The main theme of the Holi celebrations is to have a good time, meet people, and the time to forgive and forget and to mend broken relationships.

Historically and Culturally Holi is celebrated at the end of winters and time for the harvest season in the Spring

Its time to splash colours on friends and foes alike while jiving to some rocking Indian beats

Come along to join the celebrations get a slice of Indian culture and be a part of the Colourful Celebrations

Note: Dress Accordingly as your clothes will be full of colours but do try dressing up in whites.

Venue : The greens beside the Orbsen and IT buildings

P.S The colours will be available on the venue

After the exhausting play of Colours and some Dancing we will be heading off to the college Bar for some Pizzas.

The event again saw over 150 students with a riot of colors on the campus. The event was covered by the photosoc and was reported in the SIN paper of the university. The Holi event was used by the suas society to raise funds for the volunteers visiting india over the summers. The festival of colors was followed by a social outing in the college bar with free pizzas.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Pinaki Dasgupta

**Auditor:** Arun Thirumaran

**Treasurer:** Arindam Halder

**Secretary:** Satbir Gill

**PRO:** Harleen Grewal

**Travel Officer:** Rahiman Faiyaz

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Arun Thirumaran

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Dinner	€50.00
USC Grant	€300.00	Equipment misc	€39.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>	Expenditure Total	€89.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€211.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 85 members.

# Irish Studies Soc

We aimed to have at least one event a month, but due to college pressure in second semester this fell behind. In first semester we had the AGM in September, a quiz and Comedy DVD night in October and a Fake Wake in November. In second semester we had the Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Speed dating in February and The Snapper DVD night in March. We had planned to have the Culture Night around March/April as well but tensions with roombookings and college work demands we were unable to achieve this aim. We are now having an End of Year event in May titled 'Stitch and Bitch' with a Father Ted theme. We also went for the Departmental Award at the Socs awards and three of our committee members attended this night.

## Irish Studies Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

### **AGM** » *Martha Fox House Distillery Road* » *18th September 2013*

AGM to elect committee members and plan future events/discuss ideas

### **D'Unbelievables DVD!** » *Martha Fox House* » *3rd October 2013*

Trow away d'telly! Come along dis Thursday ta Martha Fox House where we shall be screening D'collection of D'unbelievables! For those of you not lucky enough to have experienced this comedy duo of Pat Short and Jon Kenny, we in the society would strongly recommend you to join us for pizza and this excellent collection of satire concerning rural Ireland!

### **Irish Overload Quiz!** » » *17th October 2013*

A quiz on Irish culture from famous people to films! All are welcome, it promises to be a great night!

Joint event by Quiz Soc and Irish Studies Society!

Time yet to be confirmed

### **Fake Wake** » *091labs* » *11th November 2013*

An event dedicated to the old style of 'waking'. Traditional games, music, dance and costume dress based on Ireland in the 1930's-1950's. There will be a prize for best dressed and other prizes for games we shall play. Sandwiches on the house! Bring your own refreshments however! Promises to be a great night with loads of fun!

### **Lisdoonvarna Match Making Speed Dating** » » *3rd February 2014*

Speed Dating with an Irish Twist!

There will be nine rounds lasting three minutes, with suggestion Cards included in case you find yourself a bit stuck for words!

There shall be two breaks as well to top up on liquid courage!

You could be paired with anyone so it's a great chance to make friends, have fun and you never know, you might even get the shift!

Free finger food is also included, so make sure to be there on time!

### **The Snapper Screening** » *Larmour Theatre, Concourse* » *27th February 2014*

Screening of Roddy Doyle's 'The Snapper'. It's a great laugh and excellent movie, so you should come along!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Aoife Sheehan

**Events Co-ordinator:** Fion Lau

**Events Co-ordinator :** Colin Norton

**Secretary:** Claire Long

**Treasurer:** Daragh Kelly

**PRO:** Jenna Hodgins

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Aoife Sheehan

**Events Coordinator:** Colin Norton

**PRO:** Jenna Hodgins

**Treasurer:** Claire Long



## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€222.46	Bank charge	€21.63
Fundraising	€191.00	Entertainment	€165.86
USC Grant	€500.00	Prizes	€85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€913.46</b>	Socs day expenses	€67.00
		Expenditure Total	€339.49
		Closing Bank Balance	€573.97
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€913.46</b>

## Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 125 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Irish Studies Soc		
<b><u>Jenna Hodgins</u></b>	P.R.O	30 hours
IRISH STUDIES SOC		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	30 hours	

## Islamic Society

As the official Islamic Society at NUI Galway, our goals are to serve the needs of our Muslim members and to represent Islam. We are tasked with the responsibility to take care of the prayer rooms which are located under the James Hardiman Library on the Main Campus and on the 2nd Floor Áras Moyola on the North Campus.

We also host Islamic speakers from time to time and insha Allah we will begin Arabic classes as well as Islamic study circle.

## Islamic Society Events

This year the society held a total of 69 events.

### **Emergency General Meeting - EGM** » *Small Lecture Theatre CSI Building* » 20th September 2013

ISOC NUI Galway will be having an Emergency General Meeting - EGM on 20 September 2013 at 18h00.

The main purpose is to bid farewell to some of the existing members and elect new members. If you are interested in serving the society then please attend the meeting. You are welcome to email us in advance if you have any queries. Some of the posts that might be up for grabs are event coordinator, secretary, media officer and so on.

The venue is the Small Lecture Theatre in the CSI building which is adjacent to the hospital. If you need directions please pop us an email.

Light snacks will be served afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Give it Socs** » » 23rd September 2013

For 'Give It Socs' week, societies can man a table beside smokies on the concourse! This is a great opportunity to sign up new members and show people what your society does

Pay us a visit even just to say hi?

**Human International - Syrian Appeal** » *Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer, upstairs) in the space* » 14th October 2013

There are 2.5 million internally displaced people in Syria. Winter is coming and they all need sleeping bags, blankets, to keep them alive and warm from the harsh winter.

**Eid Ul Adha Celebration** » *Friars Restaurant, Cairnes Building, NUI Galway* » 15th October 2013

At the end of the Hajj (annual pilgrimage to Mecca), Muslims throughout the world celebrate the holiday of Eid al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice).

**Committee Meeting** » *Coffee dock, 3rd Floor, Áras Moyola* » 17th October 2013

Periodic ISOC Committee Meetings.

**Revival of Quran Conference** » *Dublin* » 9th November 2013

ISOC has hired a bus to bring 37 students to the biggest Islamic conference of the year in Dublin.

We will depart from NUI Galway at 6 am and arrive in Dublin at 8.30 am since the conference starts at 9 am.

We will return from Dublin at 7 pm and will arrive back in Galway at 10 pm.

**Prayer Space** » *The Stage* » 18th November 2013

**Jummah Salat - Friday Congregational Prayers.** » *Áras moyola prayer room* » 7th February – 6th March 2015 (57 individual events)

Weekly Sermon and Congregational Prayer. All Welcome.

**Talk: Islam, Secularism and Democracy** » *Colm O hEocha Theatre, NUI Galway* » 17th February 2014

Speaker: Abdullah al Andalusi, a revert to Islam at age 14, is an international speaker, thinker and intellectual activist for Islam and Muslim affairs. His work involves explaining and demonstrating, by rational argument, the intellectual proofs for the Islamic belief system, and promoting the Islamic way of life and Islamic solutions for contemporary problems. On a personal note, Abdullah takes Islamic opinions from the classical Sunni schools of thought.

**Islam, Secularism and Democracy** » *colm hEocha theatre arts millenium (AM250)* » 17th February 2014

In the wake of the recent uprisings in the Muslim world, the Ummah has awakened and regained its lost interest in politics. With the voices for change getting increasingly louder, ISOC NUI Galway in collaboration with PPIMG critically examines the different political ideologies before us. Abdullah al Andalusi, a revert to Islam at age 14, is an international speaker, thinker and intellectual activist for Islam and Muslim affairs. His work involves explaining and demonstrating, by rational argument, the intellectual proofs for the Islamic belief system, and promoting the Islamic way of life and Islamic solutions for contemporary problems. On a personal note, Abdullah takes Islamic opinions from the classical Sunni schools of thought.

**Weekly Halaqa (2nd)** » *AMB-G065 Training Room 1, adjacent to Arts Millenium Building, NUI Galway* » 20th February 2014

ISOC Weekly Halaqa Series: Halaqa No. 2 on the Call of the Messengers

Speaker: Shahid Hassim

**Charity Dinner For Syria** » » 22nd February 2014

Islamic Student Society are holding a charity dinner in aid of Syria. Tickets available at the Socsbox or contact Liyana on 0831581190. 2nd of February 2014, Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway, 7pm.

**ISOC Annual General Meeting** » *Small Lecture Theatre CSI Building* » 27th March 2014

It is that time of the year again, when we review the past year, say goodbye to old committee members and usher in new ones. Every member is more than welcomed to attend and nominate yourselves to join in the ranks!

I'm talking about the AGM. It happens next Thursday - 27 March at 6pm. Venue is the small lecture theatre in the CSI building.

Positions on the committee will be up for grabs. Please email us for more details. [isc@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:isc@socs.nuigalway.ie)

## Committee 2013/2014

**Treasurer:** Zakaria Gargoum

**Vice-Auditor (female):** Arjumand Younus

**Vice-Auditor:** Muhammad Atif Qureshi

**Auditor:** Shahid Hassim

**Public and Relation Officer:** Fauzah Mohamad

**Welfare Officer:** Amalina Farhana Ahmad

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Shahid Hassim

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€-4.73	Bank charge	€24.48
Fundraising	€1,256.26	Dinner	€1,208.00
Members Contributions	€858.00	Entertainment	€32.00
Sponsorship	€800.00	Materials	€530.85
Ticket Sales	€20.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€130.00
USC Grant	€1,200.00	Prizes	€65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,129.53</b>	Society accomm	€59.00
		Speaker travel	€33.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,082.33
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,047.20
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,129.53</b>

### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 152 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Islamic Society		
<u><a href="#">Muhammad Asyraf Mad Dan</a></u>	Fundraiser, Treasurer	100 hours
<u><a href="#">Wan Muhammad Redha Wan Amran</a></u>	Event Manager Charity Dinner	26 hours
NUIG Islamic Soc		
# ALIVE Students:	2 students	
# Hours Volunteered:	126 hours	

## ISS International Students Society

The Galway section of Europe's biggest student organisation, ESN, ISS is a meeting point for all international and Irish students to get to know and help each other, students helping students!!!!. This year we paid our membership to ESN Ireland and the Erasmus Student Network. We organise parties, city tours, sightseeing events and some over night trips to further away locations! This includes themed parties, charity events, trips to the harder to reach places in Ireland and volunteering!

### ISS International Students Society Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

**EGM** » *The View* » 17th September 2013

**ISS Meeting » Meeting Room 1 » 30th September 2013**

ISS Meeting

**Semester 1 Welcome Party » Kelly's Bar » 2nd October 2013**

Welcome party to get the society up and running for the academic year 2013/14 and a good chance for the visiting students to form connections and bonds between themselves and with native students while enjoying a typically Irish experience involving traditional music provided by TradSoc.

**ISS International Quiz » Kelly's Bar, Galway » 17th October 2013**

International Quiz

Groups of 5 can compete but the aim of the night is getting to know more people! 100 - 120 students may take part, all you have to do is sign up through the Facebook event page! It's first come, first served!(<https://www.facebook.com/events/421267247975383/>)

There will be finger food served on the night to the teams and anyone who doesn't want to take part in the quiz can join the party AFTER with a DJ playing from 9.30!

\*CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!\*

\*SPECIAL DRINK DEALS!\*

\*CHANCE TO MEET EVERYONE!\*

Looking forward to a fantastic night of international fun and games..

**ISS IRISH TABLE QUIZ » Kelly's bar, Bridge St, Galway, Ireland » 17th October 2013**

Helloooo International Students of Galway.

We have put together another sure to be great night in Kelly's but this time with a twist! There will be a table quiz starting at 7:30pm upstairs, we can only have 100-120 students in total for the table quiz, divided up into teams of 5. There will be prizes for the winning teams AND finger food for all participants.

After the table quiz the society night will continue for EVERYONE with a DJ and great drink deals!

For those interested in the table quiz please click ATTENDING and COMMENT with your name (obviously) so we can start putting you all into teams ASAP:)

For those who want to come AFTER the table quiz to party well you guys can click attending and show up on the night at 9:30 when the DJ will be starting off the night...

We can't wait to see you all there!!

**Halloween Party » Rabbitt's Pub » 31st October 2013**

On Thursday, October 31st in Rabbitt's Pub the International Students Society will be throwing a dress-up event to raise money for the children's ward in Galway University Hospital.

There will be prizes on the night for the best costumes - go all out!

Get inspired, quite a few of you don't celebrate Halloween by dressing up. In Galway, the students put a lot of effort in to their costumes every year. Enjoy a memorable night that's guaranteed to be a lot of fun!

There will be a Traditional Irish band on the night and tickets will be made available at the Socs Box

**Diwali Indian Festival of Lights Celebration » » 2nd November 2013**

The International Students Society are proud to be teaming up with the Indian students of NUIG to host this years Diwali Celebrations!

This is a five day Indian festival celebrated by all the religions of India uniting the sub-continent. This a great chance to gain insight into differing cultures and religions of the world.

Traditional Indian cuisine will accompany a night of Bollywood music, lights, dance and festivities!

This is a non-alcohol event!! You're all welcome to join in!

This is a sold-out event.

**International Students of Ireland Tour of Galway night Spots » The Bierhaus » 16th November 2013**

As the International Student Society here in Galway recently made the transition to Erasmus Student Network (ESN), we have loads of international students from around Ireland coming to visit Galway and us this weekend and want to give them a warm welcome!

So if you're around Galway at the weekends this is a great chance to show them why Galway was the right choice. We'd like to invite you on our first joint ESN venture. Join us in one of the many locations, starting from The Bierhaus, and on to the Roisin Dubh, Monroe's, The Quays,

Buskers, Front Door and if you're still up for it at this stage on to Electric!  
(and the usual stop at Supermacs... it wouldn't be Galway without it!)

**ISS Belfast Trip » Belfast, Northern Ireland » 23rd November – 24th November 2013 (2 individual events)**

Tickets for this hotly anticipated weekend trip go on sale from the Socs Box! The price of the ticket includes: transport to and from Belfast, entry into the Titanic Museum, accommodation in a hostel for the night and breakfast.

Departure takes place from the Orbsen Building at 8am Saturday 23rd, returning on Sunday 24th at 9pm. Along the way there is sure to be plenty of laughs had, a night spent enjoying Ireland's second biggest city and the capital of Northern Ireland!!

**Official ESN International Student Welcome Party » Kelly's bar, Bridge St, Galway, Ireland » 23rd January – 24th January 2014 (2 individual events)**

A great opportunity to enjoy the famous Galway nightlife and introduce yourself to a few new friends in the form of both Irish and International Students. The premier event from the International Student Society for the second semester.

A free social event with food, a DJ and good craic in Kelly's!

A night not to be missed!

All students welcome.

**ESN National Platform » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer, upstairs) » 25th January – 26th January 2014 (2 individual events)**

The ESN National Platform is an honour that ESN Galway have received despite being one of the newest members. ESN Committees from all over Ireland and even abroad will be gathering in our city to discuss the development of ESN. Activities will include a dinner, a night experiencing the famous Galway nightlife and a day of presentations and speeches to follow. A bus is organised to take interested individuals to the Cliffs of Moher afterwards.

**Super Bowl Party! » Garvey's Pub, Eyre Square » 2nd February – 3rd February 2014 (2 individual events)**

Celebrating American football and traditions the best we know how, the International Student Society/ESN Galway have organised a special tribute with a late night watching the NFL from the centre of Galway.

Sure to be an emotional and fun night! Go team!

**ESN Galway Overnight Cork City Trip » Cork City » 8th February – 9th February 2014 (2 individual events)**

Tickets for this exciting weekend trip are on sale from the Socs Box! The price of the ticket includes: transport to and from Cork, entry into the Blarney Castle - home to the legendary Blarney Stone, accommodation in a hostel for the night and breakfast.

Departure takes place at 7am on Saturday 8th to enjoy a full day exploring Cork, returning on Sunday 9th by 8.30pm. Along the way there is sure to be plenty of laughs had and a night out enjoying the Republic of Ireland's second biggest city!!

Remember that places are limited for this trip and once the tickets are sold they are GONE. Sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Everyone welcome :D

**International Speed Dating with ESN Galway » Kelly's Bar, Bridge Street » 13th February 2014**

The biggest singles event on the ESN calendar!

We have organised another great way to meet people with a night in Kelly's but this time with a twist! There will be speed dating starting at 7:30pm upstairs, we can only have about 60 students in total for speed dating and you'll be changing tables every few minutes. No need to be shy!

Free finger food on the night, feel the love!

**ESN Galway Overnight Dublin City Trip » Dublin » 22nd February – 23rd February 2014 (2 individual events)**

**ESN trip to Belfast #2 » Belfast » 1st March – 2nd March 2014 (2 individual events)**

Back because of popular demand the ESN is making our second return journey to Belfast the capital of Northern Ireland. The cost of the trip is €50 which includes the bus, hostel and breakfast. All non-EU students are advised to check with the Gardai emigration bureau to see if their visa is valid for travel to Northern Ireland which is part of the UK (for now!!! haha) Tickets go on sale in the Socs box from Monday the 17th, first come first serve :)

**Mystery Tour » ? » 8th March – 9th March 2014 (2 individual events)**

Where will the bus go? Who knows!

ESN Galway are hosting a "Mystery Tour" for you. 52 places up for grabs for one night only! A bus will bring you to a secret location outside of Galway on Saturday the 8th of March. Promises to be a great night!

Price (€15) includes return bus and entrance into a nightclub.

Word has it that 2 very famous Dutch DJs will be playing!

Pickup will be from the Quad and returning on the same night.

ESN GALWAY GOES ON TOUR!!

Everybody welcome!

Tickets on sale Monday 3rd March at 11am from the Socs Box..

Get them before they sell out!

#### **Kerry Trip with ESN Galway » Killarney » 21st March – 23rd March 2014 (3 individual events)**

Killarney Weekend!

(The last ESN trip of the year!)

Location: Killarney

Date: 21st - 23rd March

We will be spending two nights between the 21st and 23rd of March in Killarney. So many activities are available including:

- A tour of the Ring of Kerry

- Horse-riding

- Cycling around the lake

- Killarney National Park

- Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil (a mountain guide will be necessary if you want to climb this!)

- Killarney is known for it's traditional music and dancing and

- Enjoying the nightlife while we're down in Kerry!

Tickets go on sale on Monday at 11am from the Socs Box.

Price includes transport to and from Kerry, two nights stay in a hostel, breakfast each morning and the tour of the Ring of Kerry!

Additional activities such as cycling, mountain climbing and horse-riding can be organised with the hostel too.

As always, once the tickets are gone, they are gone but you can always email me here to get on to the Waiting List:

intstudents@socs.nuigalway.ie

#### **Committee 2013/2014**

**International Office Liaison Officer:** Louise Kelly

**Vice-Auditor:** Eimhin McEvoy

**Secretary:** Ashling Brady

**PR Officer :** Eoin Brosnan

**Auditor:** Evelyn Considine

**International Liaison Officer :** Anais Puau

**OCM:** Brendan Fitzsimons

**SP Officer :** Georgi Mosulishvili

**Treasurer:** John O'Reilly

**H&S Officer :** Eilish Nagle

**OCM:** Caoimhe Ryan

#### **Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact:** Evelyn Considine

#### **Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,288.69	Affill/Mem fees	€285.35
Members Contributions	€165.00	Bank charge	€82.98
Socs box Till	€11,840.00	Dinner	€700.00
Sponsorship	€9.00	Entertainment	€120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€14,302.69</b>	Entry fees	€1,329.45
		Equipment misc	€37.00
		Hire Bus	€3,000.00
		Hoodies	€220.00

Income	Expenditure	
	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€110.41
	Prizes	€271.95
	Society accomm	€4,927.17
	Society transport	€1,023.28
	Stationary	€10.05
	Expenditure Total	€12,117.64
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€2,185.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€14,302.69</b>

### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1041 members.

### ALIVE Participation

ISS International Students Society

<u><a href="#">Eimhin McEvoy</a></u>	Vice-Auditor	150 hours
<u><a href="#">Ashling Brady</a></u>	Secretary	300 hours
<u><a href="#">Eilish Nagle</a></u>	Health and Safety Officer & PR and Events Officer	600 hours
<u><a href="#">Caoimhe Ryan</a></u>	Project Co-Ordinator	100 hours
<u><a href="#">Evelyn Considine</a></u>	Auditor	100 hours
<u><a href="#">Anais Puau</a></u>	International Liaison Officer	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Sarah Smith</a></u>	Social Erasmus Committee member	20 hours

ISS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SOCIETY

7 students

# ALIVE Students:

# Hours Volunteered:

1320 hours

# Italian Soc

The Society has aims this year to promote Italian Culture in Nuig. We have hoped to give a place for Erasmus students to come to in a new university. We have held Italian Language lessons which have been a success on campus. The main activity of the Society this year has been the Masquerade Ball in which we raised money for Pieta House and hopefully gave everyone an evening that they enjoyed. The main aim of the society has been to offer a place for people to meet each other and make new friends. The Society hopes to continue that next year and continue the growth in members, now have almost 400. With our yearly trip and various activities, Italian Soc hopes to continue to grow for the next year.

## Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 30 events.

### **Italian Soc AGM** » *Small Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 16th September 2013

Italian Soc are electing their committee for the coming year! Come along if you want to get involved, or just hear about all our exciting plans. Get together afterwards for new and old members!

### **Pizza Night** » » 17th October 2013

Italian Soc Pizza Night!! Come to the college bar for free pizza and a chance to meet some new people.

### **Italian Beginners Language Lessons** » » 21st October 2013

Italian Soc Beginners Language Lessons. Come along for a chance to learn Italian. Taught by a qualified teacher. ?2 per night.

### **Tandem Bowling Night** » *Galway Leisure World, Galway Shopping Center, Headford Road.* » 22nd October 2013

Italian Society Tandem Bowling Night. A brilliant opportunity to improve your English or Italian whilst bowling.

### **Cinema Paradiso** » *it250g* » 6th November 2013

Cinema Paradiso is a critically acclaimed film in which a filmmaker recalls his childhood, when he fell in love with cinema at his local theater and the friendship that he developed with the theaters projectionist. The Film won "Best Foreign Language Film" at the 1989 Oscars.

### **Italian Soc bring a dish night** » *The Hub* » 7th November 2013

Everyone is welcome to bring their favourite Italian food to share around! Or if you don't trust yourself in the kitchen, just bring yourself! There will be plenty to go around. This is a great chance to get to know your fellow members and practice some Italian with the Erasmus students!

### **Italian Society Movie Night** » *IT125G* » 13th November 2013

Italian Society with the Italian Department present "My name is Tanino" by Paolo Virzi. The comedy film stars Corrado Fortuna and Rachel Mc Adams about an Italian man who falls in love with an American tourist who then follows her back to America.

### **Italian Society Movie Night** » *IT125G* » 20th November 2013

### **Italian Society Aran Islands Trip** » *Aran Islands* » 22nd November 2013

Italian Society trip to the Aran Islands. Bus Leaving at 9.30 from the Victoria Hotel, returning from island at 5 pm.

### **Italian Society End of year party** » *The Skeff* » 27th November 2013

Italian Soc end of year Christmas Party! Come in your comfiest christmas jumpers or xmas gear! Free food and refreshments.

### **Socs Day 2** » » 15th January 2014

### **Italian Beginners Language Lessons** » » 22nd January 2014

Beginners Language lessons for those who are looking to take up a new language a learn a couple of key phrases in Italian. The lessons are being taught by a great teacher and will come in handy for the trip to Italy. All levels welcome!

### **Pizza Night** » » 27th January 2014



Pizza Night in the College Bar! Free Pizza and Refreshments!

**Italian Society Ticket Selling Stand » Arts Concourse Besides Smokies » 28th January 2014**

Ticket Selling Stand for Masquerade Ball on 13th February.

**Italian Beginners Language Lessons » » 29th January – 2nd April 2014 (10 individual events)**

Beginners Language lessons for those who are interested in learning Italian!

**Masquerade Ball Ticket Selling Stand » Smokies » 3rd February 2014**

Italian Society Masquerade Ball Ticket Selling stand in aid of Pieta House with performances from Mojo Gogo. Pancakes will be sold on the day!

**Bring a dish night » The Hub » 6th February 2014**

Italian Society Bring a dish night!

**Italian Society Mask Making workshop » » 10th February 2014**

We're holding a mask making workshop for the Masquerade Ball! We have plenty of materials and it's a great chance to show some creativity.

**Italian Soc Masquerade Ball! » Galway Bay Hotel » 20th February – 21st February 2014 (2 individual events)**

The Italian Society's annual Masquerade Ball is once again upon us. Polish off those dresses and dust off those suits for an experience like none other. With Franklin Tree, James and Ronan of Rofi James and DJ. In aid of Pieta House.

**Italian Society Bake Sale » » 4th March 2014**

Italian Society Bake Sale in aid of Pieta House

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Ailish Costello

**PRO:** Grainne Connolly

**Secretary:** Emily Hallissey

**OCM:** Isabella De Luca

**Travel Officer:** Kamila Polchowska

**Vice-Auditor:** Cionna Evans

**Treasurer:** Ciara Molloy

**OCM:** Sharon Meehan

**OCM:** Jonathan Jennings

**Web Organiser:** Joyce Dunne

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### Organisation Balance Sheet

Italian Soc Balance Sheet - 2013/2014			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	149.22	Ball	€339.35
Socs box Till	€4,486.00	Bank charge	€142.15
USC Grant	€6,500.00	Dinner	€167.00
		Entertainment	€23.00
		Fundraising/charity	€1,000.00

		Materials	€30.84
		Returned Socs Money	€2,000.00
		Society accomm	€1,111.20
		Society transport	€5,479.82
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€10,293.36
		<b>Cash In Hand</b>	€6.45
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€835.41
<b>Total</b>	€11,135.22	<b>Total</b>	€11,135.22

## Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 401 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Italian Soc

**Grainne Connolly**

Treasurer turned PRO

50 hours

**Ailish Costello**

Auditor

200 hours

Italian Society's aim has to been to promote Italian Culture in Nuig. It's given Erasmus students a chance to integrate better with Galway, and offered social events so that they could get to know the city and NUIG better. We hold weekly language lessons for people who want to learn Italian and they've proven to be a great success. We've also held a number of charity events this year in aid of Pieta House, culminating with our Masquerade Ball in February.

**# ALIVE Students:** 2 students

**# Hours Volunteered:** 250 hours

## Journalism Society

2014 was The Journalism's Society's debut into life in NUIG. This semester was a big learning curve for its committee members as they learned the ropes of how to run an effective society. The first ever Journalism Soc AGM was an exciting event for us as we learned what it is that our members wanted and needed from us. From talk of practical classes to campus events; ideas were rife. This semester each committee member has been gathering ideas and thoughts on what should be arranged for our first ever year full year as a society. Among all the countless emails of enquiries we have found time for fun. We arranged a movie night where we screened "ANCHORMAN: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" which we reflected on afterwards. Is that who we want to be in ten years time? We also organised a trip to Dublin. This trip was arranged so that our members got the opportunity to visit Park Studios in Dublin. In the studio their professional photograph was taken for use in their Journalism Portfolio.

### Journalism Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

**Journalism EGM** » meeting room 1 (upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 4th February 2014

Our first EGM. We will be discussing what our plans are for the year, among other things.

**Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy** » Joseph Larmor Theatre » 25th February 2014

Come along and watch 'Anchorman' with us. Everybody is welcome. Pizza and laughs promised. There's no way you will immediately regret

this decision.

#### Headshot Shoot » Park Studios, Sandford Road, Ranelagh, 6, Dublin » 4th March 2014

Headshots are an essential part of any journalist's portfolio, particularly for those who are interested in television, radio and broadcasting. Park studios in Dublin have kindly offered the NUIG journalism society use of their studio free of charge while renowned photographer Graham Cantwell takes our pictures in a private, professional photo-shoot. Graham is offering us his service of half price @ 50 EUR per person. The studio will be ours for the hour and we have been guaranteed extra time then the public will be offered throughout the week. So come along and join us as we smile for the camera! (there is always Photoshop)

#### Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Odhran Donovan

**Public Relations Officer:** Samantha Kelly

**Treasurer:** John Ivory

**Secretary:** Carla Avenia Koency

**Auditor:** Claire Stone

**Web Master:** Karen Treacy

**Events Organiser:** Aine Leech

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#### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€25.00
USC Grant	€300.00	Expenditure Total	€25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€275.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>

#### Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 128 members.

#### ALIVE Participation

Journalism Society		
<b><u>Samantha Kelly</u></b>	Public Relations Officer	8 hours
The Journalism Society is the first society of its kind in NUIG. Members of our committee help meet our societal aims which aim to benefit both the NUIG study body and fellow student journalists. Our aims are to help students better understand what journalism is and what a career in journalism entails, to encourage and guide young aspiring journalists to be the best journalist that they can be, to support free lancers, prolific writers and people with an idea that they want to share and to create a "buzz" around campus for the art of journalism.		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	8 hours	

# Juggling Soc

This society brings the joys of circus to your college experience, teaching a multitude of circus skills and also a method of bringing about relaxation and mindfulness through acro yoga. We welcome all students and non-students, however we place a special emphasis on encouraging first years to get involved. This year we had a grand total of 432 members, resulting in us receiving an additional 300 euro funding. Attendance of weekly sessions improved drastically, from both students and non-students. Regular workshops, such as, Ring Juggling & Manipulation & Balance with Stephen McGinley Hooping with Seana, Fiona & Shir, Poi-spinning with Brian McGinley, Donal Gannon & Bobby, Make your own poi & juggling balls, Liquid, wavy, wobbly, windstyle dance with Eibhinn, We devised a show over a weekend & performed with Tralee Circus convention headliner Patrik Elmnert. No trip abroad this year but two trips to Juggling Conventions, Tralee and Belfast. We took 40 people to Tralee (National Circus Convention) (Usually send 30 but sold out this year) and we took 24 people Belfast Juggling Convention. The society was expanded to include acroyoga, something that hasn't been offered before on campus. Now there are two free 2-hour classes on Wednesday and Friday. Every year we organize the Galway Juggling Convention This year Fri May 30th - Sun Jun 1st. We will be attending the EJC this year in Millstreet. Co. Cork.

## Juggling Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 73 events.

### **Ball making workshop** » foyer Áras na mac Léinn » 12th September 2013

Ball making workshop for new members

### **Poi Workshop** » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 17th September 2013

Come on down, drink some tea and swing some poi! All other equipment will of course be available, in case swinging poi isn't for you! :)

### **Acrobalance Workshop** » » 19th September 2013

Acrobalance, a mixture of hand balancing and acrobating poses, can be performed by both individuals and partners. Channel your inner gymnast and try it out! Alternatively, you could just watch, while you sip on some free tea or coffee. All juggling equipment will be available to those not participating. :)

### **Hula Hooping Workshop** » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 24th September 2013

Fancy a spot of hula hooping? Pop in and have a go at this increasingly popular form of dance! Just in case the mad hooping skills you'd be sure to learn aren't enough to entice you, there's always plenty of equipment to try juggling, poi spinning etc. and all us willing teachers. Tea, coffee and cookies also on offer!! :)

### **Juggling @ Aiseiri** » » 25th September 2013

Juggling Soc Brings you a variety of mini workshops to give you a taste of what we're about. Learn to make your own juggling balls & poi, learn to juggle and swing, hula hoop and spin a diabolo and ride our unicycles or mini-bikes too if you like!

### **Diabolo Workshop** » » 26th September 2013

What is a diabolo you might ask? Well it looks like an egg-timer and you spin it on a string attached to two handsticks. It's a lot of fun to learn and mess around with. Come down, drink tea & find out more about this unusual object and its many uses!

### **Beginner Poi, Diabolo and Juggling Workshops** » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 1st October 2013

Want to learn to juggle, swing poi, or spin diabolo - Tuesday's workshop is for you!

The usual meet & greet, tea, coffee, nibbles and a juggle! :)

### **Staff Workshop** » » 3rd October 2013

This is the first staff workshop, so don't miss out, it'll be great!

The usual meet & greet, tea, coffee, nibbles and a juggle! :)

### **Diabolo Workshop followed by an Introduction to the Art of Balance** » » 8th October 2013

Want to learn how to use that spinny thing on the string?? Well our biweekly juggling session will kick start with a Diabolo Workshop for anyone from beginners to intermediates! THEN, for a bit of a change, it will be followed by an Introduction to the art of Balance workshop which will be guided by our Auditor Eamonn! We then plan on all getting together in the College Bar for tea. Hope to see ye all there!

#### **Ring Workshop » 10th October 2013**

Our extremely skilled good friend, Stephen McGinley, will be with us on Thursday to give a workshop on Ring Juggling! Afterwards he'll give a brief workshop on Balance for Beginners to elaborate on Tuesdays Introduction to Balance Workshop. As usual, free tea and coffee and perhaps a biscuit or two! No prior experience needed for any of the workshops so we hope to see you all there!

#### **Beginners & Intermediate 3 Ball Juggling Workshop. » » 15th October 2013**

Hop on down and juggle juggle juggle! Never tried juggling before, or you can juggle three balls but need some uber impressive tricks to amaze your friends? We'll have you blowing people's minds in no time!

Find us in the beautifully spacious Bailey Allen Hall and we'll all head over to the College Bar for a nice cupan te afterwards.

Hope to see you there!

#### **Hula Hooping Workshop » » 17th October 2013**

Back by popular demand, yet another hula hooping workshop, so get swinging those hips!

No experience required.

Tashty refreshments available also, so I hoop to see you all there!

Ta suil agam go bfheicfidh me ann sibh!

#### **Poi Spinning and 3 Ball Workshop » The Orbsen Foyer » 22nd October 2013**

Come and have a go! We have Bobby to teach us poi spinning from very beginner to advanced and Alex around to inspire some 3-ball creativity. Bobby and Alex will both be down the next three weeks so this will be an excellent opportunity to get some poi spinning down and have some 3-ball fun!

Just in case you need even more convincing, we'll also be feeding you some super important information, regarding our trip to Tralee, as well as our very own show on the 14th of November.

There will be tea.

#### **Poi Spinning and 3 Ball Workshop » » 24th October 2013**

Come and have a go! We have Bobby to teach us poi spinning from very beginner to advanced and Alex around to inspire some 3-ball creativity. Bobby and Alex will both be down the next three weeks so this will be an excellent opportunity to get some poi spinning down and have some 3-ball fun!

Pop in if you want more info or have any questions about our trip to Tralee Circus Festival or our show on the 14th of November, or if you just feel like a cupan te.

#### **Poi Spinning Workshop » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 29th October 2013**

The universe is calling us to a new consciousness. Connect with your inner-ribbon through the medium of poi. Our celestial shaman Bobby will guide us through the mystical practice of poi-spinning this tuesday. Bring a soulmate.

#### **Introduction to AcroYoga » » 31st October 2013**

We'll get totally out of our heads and into our bodies. Marcin will give an introduction to AcroYoga. This physical practice combines Yoga, Acrobalance and Thai Massage. These classes are normally expensive - but this one is free. It is an exiting and playful activity and well worth trying out. There will be another AcroYoga class in the cube the following week also.

#### **Hula Hooop Workshop! » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 5th November 2013**

The madness continues,... get wiggling those hips! Come and give some hooping a go, no experience required a tall a tall.

Info on our trip to Tralee and our very exciting show on the 14th.

Don't forget to bring your imagination as we need your ideas and creativity to make this show flippin' amazing. Think lots of Kings, Queens, jesters, banquets, Medieval music & everyone's favourite - men in tights. That's right.

So, bring with you to juggling this week; ideas for particular scenes (eg. banquet), costumes, props, music we could use, and other creative input.

Tea and cookies :)

**Acro-Yoga Workshop » » 7th November 2013**

Don't miss this opportunity to give AcroYoga a go! Marcin and Yael will playfully explore AcroYoga and it's elements; yoga, acrobatics and healing arts. It is b-e-a-utiful. Never tried it before? Fear not, we are friendly and nice and have tea.

Come on down if it's information on our Tralee trip or show you're looking for!

Don't forget to bring your imagination as we need your ideas and creativity to make this show flippin' amazing. Think lots of Kings, Queens, jesters, banquets, Medieval music & everyone's favourite - men in tights. That's right. So, bring with you to juggling this week; ideas for particular scenes (eg. banquet), costumes, props, music we could use, and other creative input.

**Show rehearsals » » 9th November 2013**

Bring your imagination as we need your ideas and creativity to make this show flippin' amazing.

Keep an eye out for those ever-entertaining e-mails! Hope to see y'all then.

**Show with Patrik Elmnert » » 14th November 2013**

Patrik Elmnert is a swedish juggler based in Stockholm. He has graduated from the University of Dance and Circus and is well known for his passion to ring balances. Patrik has been performing since the age of 10 and has since then played shows for audiences all over the world.

You'll also get to see some of nuig's very own strut their stuff!

3 euro. ooh the talent :O

**Trip to Tralee Circus Festival » » 15th November – 17th November 2013 (3 individual events)**

The National Circus Festival of Ireland is getting ready for another amazing year of circus in the lovely town of Tralee. I you go anywhere this college year, make it Tralee Circus Festival!

Absolutely no skills required.

Come for the craic.

Come to meet cool people.

Come to learn something new.

Come to stare in awe at acts such as the Lords of Strut, all round comedic legends and street performance world champions, making a welcome return to the festival, or the excellent juggler/dancer/manipulator Patrik Elmnert.

More information available at our biweekly juggling sessions! :)

**Passing and Patterns in Juggling » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 19th November 2013**

Some passing patterns and introduce people to passing in general. If you can't yet juggle, don't worry. There are nice, slow, basic patterns also. See you at 6 in the Áras na Mac Léinn foyer.

**Hooping Workshop with Shir! » » 21st November 2013**

Shir is here! She's got performing experience and style. This is a great opportunity to learn a few new super duper hooper tricks.

Hoopers of all levels welcome! See you there. :)

**Juggling Workshops » Cube » 21st November 2013**

**WELCOME TO A WONDERFULLY JUGGLY SEMESTER TWO! » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 14th January 2014**

Come and join in the new year circus cheer! January means it's time for some new skillz and possibly cookies.

**Ring-skills/Balance Workshop » » 16th January 2014**

Stephan McGinley is back! We like this workshop so much that we just had to give y'all another go. No experienced required a tall a tall, making this an excellent one to ease both new and old members into this fresh semester. Ring manipulation is visually captivating but also really really really good fun. Anyway, where else could you get to run around while balancing a peacock feather on your nose?

**Free Flow/Liquid Dance Workshop » » 23rd January 2014**

Awesome wavy windstyle class!

**Poi Spinning Workshop » » 30th January 2014**

Bobby is back to give another twirltastic workshop on the art of spinning poi!

An excellent workshop to have you flowin like a pro in no time!

All other equipment will be available too. :)

**Belfast Juggling Convention trip » Queen's University Belfast » 14th February – 16th February 2014 (3 individual events)**

Leaving from the New Coach Station at approx midday on the Friday, we will be taking the bus to Dublin, and then onto Belfast. We'll be staying in Paddy's Palace hostel, which is about 15mins walk away from the bus stop, Glengall street, and QUB is in between the two.

We'll be back in Galway on the Sunday before midnight

**Belfast Juggling Convention! » » 14th February – 16th February 2014 (3 individual events)**

You can sign up for this convention at the socs box now!

A deposit of 20 euro is required and the estimated total cost of the trip; is at most 40 euro. This will include; bus, accommodation, convention pass (which includes entry to all shows).

More information at juggling sessions and stored in your inbox.

IT'S GOING TO BE SUPER.

eeeeeeeeeeeeeeep, I'm sooooooooooooo exxxxxccciitttedddddddddd!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Hula Hooping Skillshare » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 25th February 2014**

Open to hoopers of all levels to come share some of your cool tricks and learn some new ones!

**Club Juggling and Passing Workshop » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 4th March 2014**

Clubs, clubs, clubs..

Everyone loves to juggle clubs, but do you ever get lonely while doing so?

Your very own Juggling Soc has the workshop for you!

David and Dara are here to teach some cool passing and buddy-juggling techniques.

There may be tea.

See all you crazy cats there. xoxo

**Acro Yoga » » 5th March 2014**

Come play and explore in a blend of acrobatics, yoga and Thai massage with Conor and Eamonn!

No experience required and it's completely free.

Hope to see you there!

**Hula Hooping Workshop and Skill-share with Shir! » » 6th March 2014**

First half will be a workshop ( knees/chest/shoulders basic techniques and a few tricks, and some two hoops moves, but suggestions are welcome if you have particular stuff you want to work on...) and the second half will be skill share where everyone gets to teach their favourite move to the group. (Don't worry you don't have to show a move if you don't feel like it! ) And hopefully we'll have some play time after to practise what we've learned!

Some hoops will be provided but bring your own if you can. I'll also have a couple of my handmade hoops to sell if anyone is interested.

All levels welcome! Hope to see ye all there!

**Acro Yoga » » 7th March 2014**

Come play and explore in a blend of acrobatics, yoga and Thai massage with Conor and Eamonn!

No experience required and it's completely free.

Hope to see you there!

**Galway Juggling Convention!! » » 30th May – 1st June 2014 (3 individual events)**

NUIG's Juggling Society is holding it's very own convention!

More exciting information to come so keep an eye on those e-mails! :D

**AGM » » 20th March 2014**

Annual General Meeting to discuss new ideas and elect a new committee :)

**Acro Yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 15th January 2014*

**Acro Yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 17th January 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 22nd January 2014*

**Acro Yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 24th January 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 29th January 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 31st January 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 5th February 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 7th February 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 12th February 2014*

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**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 19th February 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 21st February 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 26th February 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 28th February 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 12th March 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 14th March 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 19th March 2014*

**Acro yoga** » *Large Accousitc Room, » 21st March 2014*

**Acro Yoga Workshop with Deirdre Murphy** » *Space, Áras na Mac Léinn » 7th April 2014*

**European Juggling Convention** » *TBC » 19th July – 27th July 2014 (9 individual events)*

The European Juggling Convention, Millstreet Co. Cork.

Places will be limited and more information will be disclosed about the EJC closer to the date.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Eamonn Doran

**Treasurer:** Shane Egan

**session manager:** Louis Martin

**OCM:** Sorcha Dowd

**OCM:** Sylvan Benaksas

**The Blue:** Blue Hanley

**Vice-Auditor:** Frank Armstrong

**Secretary:** Fiona Ni Raghail

**OCM:** Laura Hunt

**OCM:** Eoin Molloy

**OCM:** Gary Feehan

**Event Co-Ordinator:** Ciara Keighron



## Committee 2014/2015

**Vice-Auditor:** Fiona Ni Raghail

**Treasurer:** Cian O'Brien

**P.R.O.:** Caray Brad

**Auditor:** Frank Armstrong

**Secretary:** Peter Kenny

**Safety Officer:** Sorcha Dowd

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,535.67	Bank charge	€69.63
Socs box Till	€1,620.00	Dinner	€75.00
Ticket Sales	€1,230.00	Entertainment	€80.00
USC Grant	€5,550.00	Entry fees	€1,842.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,935.67</b>	Equipment misc	€1,001.00
		Hire Bus	€800.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€244.30
		Printing	€25.00
		Society accomm	€2,890.00
		Society transport	€500.00
		Teacher fees	€2,260.00
		Expenditure Total	€9,786.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,148.74
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,935.67</b>

## Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 430 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Juggling Soc		
<u><a href="#">Eoin Molloy</a></u>	Advisor	25 hours
<u><a href="#">Blue Hanley</a></u>	The Blue	40 hours
<u><a href="#">Frank Armstrong</a></u>	Vice Auditor	112 hours
<u><a href="#">Lee Monaghan</a></u>	Member	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Shane Egan</a></u>	Treasurer	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Ciara Keighron</a></u>	Events Co-ordinator	60 hours
<p>The juggling society is a place where we teach people how to juggle. We teach people how to use their body in all kinds of creative ways they never thought possible. As well as juggling we cover a wide field of skills from hula-hoop and acrobatics to stilt walking and ariels. All these are not only fun group activities to keep physically fit but juggling has also been shown to increase grey matter in the brain and is a great form of meditation. So we're all kept healthy in body and mind.</p>		
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	347 hours	

## Labour Youth

Labour Youth is the youth wing of the Irish Labour Party, an organisation with an unrivaled history of achieving results for the Irish working class. From abolishing tuition fees to the decriminalisation of homosexuality, the Labour Party has been a force for progress in Ireland since 1912. This year was a quiet year on campus. In October two members went to the Labour youth national Conference in Limerick. Two members went to Brussels to represent the University in the European Parliament on April 9th and 10th, the trip was sponsored by the European Parliament. We found the trip very informative on the workings of the parliament it was great liaising with the Labour representative in Brussels and representing the West of Ireland. We have postponed our AGM to September and had a very busy end to the year canvassing for the local and European Election. In June our Auditor is representing NUI Galway at the Tom Johnson Summer School where seminars will be held on various political issues.

### Labour Youth Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

#### Labour Youth Lunch » » 10th October 2013

Pizza Lunch for everyone who's around.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Eanna MacDonnchadha

**Treasurer:** Maria Keenan

**Secretary:** Jonathan Caine

**Public Relations Officer:** Maciej Andrzejewski

**OCM:** Cillian Moran

**Auditor:** Cian Moran

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Cian Moran

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€113.88	Bank charge	€2.92
Members Contributions	€45.00	Society accomm	€60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€158.88</b>	Society transport	€31.00
		Expenditure Total	€93.92
		Closing Bank Balance	€64.96
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€158.88</b>

### Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 93 members.

## Law Soc

This year our society hosted a number of social and academic reports. We organized a sell out ball with a number of top big acts such as Wilkinson. We invited the President, Michael D. Higgins to NUI Galway to present him with an honouree life membership from the Law Society. We organized a number of nights in Carbon nightclub. We had two talks, one from Sonia 'sunny' Jacobs and Peter Pringle who recounted their years severed on death row, in semester one. Secondly, we had a talk about the constitutional status on human animal hybrids and chimeras with Maureen O Sullivan in semester one. We participated in 'suit up' day and raised 1726 for the children's ward at UCHG. We also supported the law firms' talk on campus at the beginning of the year, including our sponsors A&L Goodbody.

## Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

**Law Soc & Eng Soc Present: The Official Annual Suit Up Day 2013 in Aid of UHG Childrens Ward » College Bar | NUI Galway / Carbon Nightclub » 17th October – 18th October 2013 (2 individual events)**

Gentlemen, press your suits and polish your shoes, ladies put on your finest frocks, because your first reason to suit up this academic year has arrived! The College Bar | NUI Galway will host the Official Pre-Party for the Annual NUIG Suit Up Day!

Surprises guaranteed! More news and info to be announced over the coming days! All dressed up and nowhere to go? Make sure you've a ticket to the Official Party! Carbon Nightclub Presents: Suit Up for Charity with the Engineering and Law Societies. Tickets are limited so the venue isn't bursting at the seams; but they are just 3 euro and include FREE ENTRY. So blazer a trail this week to the Socs Box or Nuig Law Soc and Engineering Society committee members who'll be selling tickets on campus.

And to tie it all up, proceeds will go straight to helping the children in the paediatric unit at UHG.

**Law Ball Official Ticket Sales » foyer Áras na mac Léinn » 27th January 2014**

Ticket Sales of the Law Ball 2014. Full and Afters available from 12pm. Limited supply so get down early

**Law Ball 2014 » Hotel Meyrick » 12th February 2014**

Law Ball 2014 presented by the Law Society

**Law Ball 2014 » Hotel Meyrick » 12th February 2014**

Law Ball 2013 presented by the NUIG Law Society

**Life After Death Row » Kirwan Lecture Theatre » 5th March 2014**

An evening with Sonia 'Sunny' Jacobs and Peter Pringle as they recount their years served on death row - Jacobs 17 years in the United States and Pringle 15 years in Ireland. Both were exonerated after their convictions were overturned for murders that they did not commit.

**A Visit from President Michael D. Higgins » Aula Maxima NUI Galway » 21st March 2014**

Michael D Higgins will visit NUI Galway this Friday, the 21st of March.

He will be the recipient of an Honorary Life Membership of the Law Society in NUI Galway.

He will address the society after being honoured with the award. The crowd will be seated at 2.30, in the Aula Maxima in The Quad.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Education Officer:** John McDonagh

**Auditor:** Conor Nolan

**Secretary:** Emer Squires

**Treasurer:** Amy Grant

**Members Liason Officer:** Matthew Skelly

**Marshal of the House:** Enda Kelly

**PRO:** Ross Doyle

**Social Secretary:** Daniel McGlynn

**Speakers Convenor:** Karen McGrory

**Moot Court Convenor:** Catherine Corcoran

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Conor Nolan

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,234.98	Ball	€6,970.82
Fundraising	€1,207.60	Bank charge	€38.50
Socs box Till	€5,371.00	Dinner	€121.85
Sponsorship	€3,000.00	Entertainment	€4,800.70
Ticket Sales	€6,090.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,726.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€20,903.58</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€260.00
		Prizes	€25.00

Income		Expenditure	
		Promotions	€275.00
		Reception	€343.70
		Speaker accomm	€75.40
		Speaker travel	€18.00
		Expenditure Total	€14,654.97
		Closing Bank Balance	€6,248.61
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€20,903.58</b>

#### Law Ball Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,430.92	Bank charge	€17.22
Balls	€2,340.00	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€17.22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,770.92</b>	<b>Unreconciled Cheque Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>€3770.92</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3770.92</b>

#### National Law Debates Balance Sheet - 2012/2014 (2 years)

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2,105.78	Bank charge	€42.52
Ticket Sales	€4,662.94	Dinner	€6,500.40
Sponsorship	2100	Hall hire	€98.70
		Lights	€150.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€110.00
		Reception	€1,028.00
		Speaker accomm	€706.00
		Speaker travel	€240.00
		Expenditure Total	€8,875.62
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	-€6.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,868.72</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,868.72</b>

#### Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1219 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Law Soc		
<u><a href="#">John McDonagh</a></u>	Education Officer	100 hours
<u><a href="#">Catherine Corcoran</a></u>	Moot Court Convener	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Daniel McGlynn</a></u>	Social Secretary	200 hours
<u><a href="#">Conor Nolan</a></u>	Auditor	500 hours
<u><a href="#">Matthew Skelly</a></u>	Members Liason	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Rebecca McKittrick</a></u>	DLIC	25 hours
<u><a href="#">Amy Grant</a></u>	Treasurer	130 hours
<u><a href="#">Karen McGrory</a></u>	Speakers Convenor	52 hours
<u><a href="#">Ross Doyle</a></u>	PRO	250 hours
<u><a href="#">Emer Squires</a></u>	Secretary	20 hours

LawSoc is one of the largest societies on campus and aims to cater for all types of students, with our area of speciality being Law and Politics. The Law Society aims to promote Legal and Political issues through discussions, debate and guest speakers. We had some great events this year from the Law Ball, which was a huge success this year, to the talk on Life after Death row. Our highlight of the year was presenting President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins with an Honorary life Membership on the society on March 21st.

**# ALIVE Students:** 10 student

**# Hours Volunteered:** 1387 hours

## Life Society

The Life Society had an active and effective role on campus this year 2013/2014. As can be seen below, we held dozens of events ranging from information sessions, poster campaigns, public talks and movie nights to calling a campus-wide referendum to decide the SU's stance on abortion.

Notable campaigns of the year include the push to make the SU (Student's Union) neutral on the issue of abortion. 500+ signatures were collected and a referendum was held on Thursday 6th March 2014. The motion, "Vote Yes for a Neutral Union" was eventually defeated in a 45%-55% result. This result is largely negated by the scale of rampant poster ripping and other violations of NUI Galway's Code of Conduct/Postering Policy which took place unchecked during the referendum week. These violations, conducted by a small group of students opposing the motion, heavily compromised the democratic process. Some of them were outlined in a YouTube video "Poster Ripping and Thuggery at NUIG" which went viral with over 5,000 views.

In September, we developed a new look image for the society by commissioning a new logo, which can be seen on the society's webpage. During 2013/2014 our student membership more than doubled from last year's figures.

### Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

**NUI Galway Life Society::: New members Meet 'n' Greet » AC204 - on the concourse » 12th September 2013**

Short update on the current situation with regard to abortion in Ireland, presented by Society Auditor Isaac Burke. Find out who we are, what we do and how you can help to oppose abortion and other threats to the fundamental and universal right to life.

**Life Society Programme Launch » AC215 » 19th September 2013**

We will be launching our programme for this semester as it currently stands, including our 30min talk series entitled "Abortion: what you need to know". This series will run over the next four weeks, starting Thursday 26th September. Free pizza.

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION ::: to oppose the promotion of abortion on campus » Meet outside Kirwan Theatre, on the concourse » 24th September 2013**

Today we will be collecting the signatures of those who want NUI Galway Student's Union to adopt a neutral position with regard to abortion. If you are concerned about the fact that the SU are now spending your EUR224 on pro-abortion posters, events and campaigns, then come along, sign our petition and find out how you can get involved.

**What is Abortion? The methods and the means » AC215 » 26th September 2013**

Tonight we'll be examining what Michelle Obama calls "legitimate medical procedure" but be warned, we probably won't come to the same conclusion as she does. Whether you fancy yourself pro-abortion, anti-abortion or somewhere in between, I'm sure you'll agree that an informed position is the best position on this critical issue. Facts guaranteed; no misinformation; complete with free handouts. As always, discussion after. This is TALK 1 in our series "Abortion: what you need to know".

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION ::: to oppose the promotion of abortion on campus » Smokey's Cafe » 1st October 2013**

Today we will be again collecting the signatures of those who want our Student's Union to adopt a neutral position with regard to abortion. If you are concerned about the fact that the SU are now spending your EUR224 Student Levy on pro-abortion posters, events and campaigns, then come along, sign our petition and find out how you can get involved. We will have a table at Smokey's Cafe.

**Abortion and Ireland: "1861 to 2013: a chequered history" » AC215 » 3rd October 2013**

Tonight we will be examining the history of Ireland's conflict with abortion. Why does the story begin in 1861? How did events of the USA seventies create a domino effect that resulted in the eighth amendment of our constitution? What is the 8th amendment? How many Irish referenda on abortion have there been? Will the Irish summer of 2013 live on in infamy? If you are Irish, you ought to know the answers. Find them on Thursday, 3rd Oct. 7.30pm. AC215.

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION::: to oppose the promotion of abortion on campus » » 8th October 2013**

Today we will be again collecting the signatures of those who want our Student's Union to adopt a neutral position with regard to abortion. If you are concerned about the fact that the SU are now spending your EUR224 Student Levy on pro-abortion posters, events and campaigns, then come along, sign our petition and find out how you can get involved. We will have a table at Smokey's Cafe.

**Life Society Weekly Meeting » AC215, just off the concourse on the BOI side » 10th October 2013**

Come along to our weekly meeting, which is held 7:30pm - 8:15pm every Thursday in AC215. To find AC215, just go to the BOI end of the concourse and take a right down the yellow corridor. Continue to the end of this corridor, turn left and we are the third door on the left. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION::: to oppose the promotion of abortion on campus » » 15th October 2013**

Today we will be again collecting the signatures of those who want our Student's Union to adopt a neutral position with regard to abortion. If you are concerned about the fact that the SU are now spending your EUR224 Student Levy on pro-abortion posters, events and campaigns, then come along, sign our petition and find out how you can get involved. We will have a table at Smokey's Cafe and will be collecting signatures in the vicinity.

**What is Pro-Choice? The people and their policies » AC215 (Bank of Ireland end of the concourse) » 17th October 2013**

What do Barack Obama, Claire Daly, Vladimir Lenin, Ivana Bacik and Eamon Gilmore have in common? Ever wondered who was the first to use the term "Pro-Choice" to legitimize the taking of innocent life? Or maybe you are just curious as to what MSF (Marxism, Socialism, Feminism) has to do with the recent legislation on abortion.... We'll be uncovering all this and a whole lot more in this talk and discussion session. All invited. We keep things brief put pertinent: 25mins talk, 15mins discussion, free refreshments.

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION::: to oppose the promotion of abortion on campus » » 22nd October 2013**

Today we will be again collecting the signatures of those who want our Student's Union to adopt a neutral position with regard to abortion. If you are concerned about the fact that the SU are now spending your EUR224 Student Levy on pro-abortion posters, events and campaigns,

then come along, sign our petition and find out how you can get involved. We will have a table at Smokey's Cafe and will be collecting signatures in the vicinity.

**Life Society Short Film Screening & Discussion » AC215, just off the concourse on the BOI side » 24th October 2013**

Come along to our weekly meeting, which is held 7:30pm - 8:15pm every Thursday in AC215. To find AC215, just go to the BOI end of the concourse and take a right down the yellow corridor. Continue to the end of this corridor, turn left and we are the third door on the left. New members and new ideas are always welcome. This week we will be viewing short films on the topic of euthanasia. UPDATE: The talk "The Ban on Abortion: a relic from the 1950's or a moral imperative for a modern Ireland" will take place on 31st October, NOT on 24th October as previously advertised. We apologise for any confusion!

**The Ban on Abortion: A relic from the 1950's or a moral imperative for a modern Ireland? » AC215 (Bank of Ireland end of the concourse building) » 31st October 2013**

A public talk given by Auditor Isaac Burke followed by a discussion session. We will also launch the Life Society book club. All welcome.

**Life Society Discussion and Book Club Launch » AC215 (at the Bank of Ireland end of the concourse) » 7th November 2013**

Tonight we will be continuing the discussion which began last week after the talk "The Ban on Abortion: a relic from the 1950's or a moral imperative for a modern Ireland?". Come along and join in. We'll also be continuing with the launch of our book club. If you are a member and would like to suggest a book title that you think we should discuss, by all means email in with the details. See you there!

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION ::: to oppose the promotion of abortion on campus » » 13th November 2013**

Collecting signatures to call for a Students' Union that truly represents all its members - rather than forcing a pro-choice agenda on every last member.

**SIGNATURE COLLECTION ::: to oppose the promotion of abortion on campus » » 20th November 2013**

Collecting signatures to call for a Students' Union that truly represents all its members - rather than forcing a pro-choice agenda on every last member.

**Euthanasia: A Talk and Discussion » AC215 » 21st November 2013**

We'll be exploring the issue of Euthanasia, seeing the statistics and discussing the general situation worldwide. If you feel under-informed about Euthanasia, and would like to change that, then this is where to go on Thursday evening!

**NUI Galway Life Society :::: Meet 'n' Greet » The Hub Cafe (Aras Na Macleinn) » 16th January 2014**

We welcome all to the first gathering of the Life Society in 2014. Newcomers and Oldcomers alike, all are welcome. Free pizza. Come and meet likeminded people who promote life and oppose abortion, euthanasia etc. Bring ideas and get ideas.

**Coffee Meet-up » Gather at Student's Union Shop » 23rd January 2014**

Your chance to get to know other members of the Life Society and share interests over a cup of coffee! (We provide the coffee)

**What is Abortion? The methods and the means » meet at SU Shop, near Bialann » 30th January 2014**

Tonight we'll be examining what Michelle Obama calls "legitimate medical procedure" but be warned, we probably won't come to the same conclusion as she does. Whether you fancy yourself pro-abortion, anti-abortion or somewhere in between, I'm sure you'll agree that an informed position is the best position on this critical issue. Facts guaranteed; no misinformation; complete with free handouts. As always, discussion after.

**Lunch, coffee and more... » Starbucks, an Bialann » 13th February 2014**

Join us for lunch at Starbucks (an Bialann) this Thursday 13th February at 1pm. We'll be discussing any relevant news; local, national, global, and of course how it relates to us.

**Life Society EGM » McMunn Theatre » 20th February 2014**

The committee has decided to hold an EGM of the society at 8pm, Thursday 20th February in the McMunn Theatre. The purpose of the EGM is to discuss the content of the society's constitution and, if deemed necessary, to propose/adopt amendments.

It is anticipated that the duration of the meeting will be ca. 30mins.

**Abortion and You » McMunn Theatre » 20th February 2014**NUI Galway Life Society presents an evening of short film clips from Ireland, the UK, the USA and wider afield, on the theme "Abortion affects each and every member of society". Discussion as always and free pizza for all.

**Neutrality Referendum || Information Evening » McMunn Theatre » 27th February 2014**

Fantastic news! We have succeeded in raising the sufficient number of signatures to call a fresh referendum on the Student's Union position with regard to abortion. A huge thank you to all members who gave of their time to help us reach that target - we appreciate your efforts so

very much. This important referendum will be held on the 6th March along with the Students' Union Presidential Elections. We will be holding an information evening on the neutrality referendum this Thursday 27th February, 20.00 - 21.00 in the McMunn Theatre. Be there if you have any questions about the referendum.

**Annual General Meeting » » 27th February 2014**

The Life Society will be holding their Annual General Meeting to elect the committee for the 2014/15 academic year.

**For an Inclusive Students Union: Vote YES to Neutrality on Abortion! » » 3rd March 2014**

Kick-start your day with touch-base information on the YES to Neutrality referendum this week. See our table on the concourse (Smokeys Cafe) from 08:45-17:30 for 3 great reasons why voting YES to neutrality is a vote in your best interests, and why an inclusive union is every students right! A students union which represents every student, regardless of their views on abortion, is the only fair students union. For an inclusive union that represents all its members, vote YES on Thursday March 6th. Remember: there are 3 great reasons to vote YES on Thursday. Firstly, the SU should represent every student, regardless of their views on abortion. Secondly, a one-sided SU stifles debate and marginalizes students of different opinion. Thirdly, the SU should create unity not division, focusing on the real issues that affect students education. Its your SU. Make sure it respects your rights. Vote YES on Thursday. Every vote counts.

**For an Inclusive Students Union: Vote YES to Neutrality on Abortion! » » 5th March 2014**

Kick-start your day with touch-base information on the YES to Neutrality referendum this week. See our table on the concourse (Smokeys Cafe) from 08:45-17:30 for 3 great reasons why voting YES to neutrality is a vote in your best interests, and why an inclusive union is every students right! A students union which represents every student, regardless of their views on abortion, is the only fair students union. For an inclusive union that represents all its members, vote YES on Thursday March 6th. Remember: there are 3 great reasons to vote YES on Thursday. Firstly, the SU should represent every student, regardless of their views on abortion. Secondly, a one-sided SU stifles debate and marginalizes students of different opinion. Thirdly, the SU should create unity not division, focusing on the real issues that affect students education. It's your SU. Make sure it respects your rights. Vote YES on Thursday. Every vote counts.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Secretary:** Ammi Burke

**Auditor:** Isaac Burke

**Treasurer:** Maria Mahoney

**Vice-Auditor:** Kezia Burke

**PRO:** Enoch Burke

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Treasurer:** Maria Mahoney

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€634.69	Bank charge	€14.36
USC Grant	€500.00	Materials	€520.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,134.69</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€49.99
		Socs day expenses	€99.89
		Stationary	€84.47
		Expenditure Total	€769.54
		Closing Bank Balance	€365.15
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,134.69</b>

**Other Information**

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 149 members.



## Lit & Deb

The Literary and Debating Society's 166th session facilitated debates on the major questions facing Irish society in 2013/2012: from the abolition of the Seanad to place of the Party Whip system, from the relevance of feminism in Islam to the possible pitfalls of voluntourism. It welcomed an Academy Award winning actor to help launch the session, re-situated itself in the competitive debating arena with other universities, helped to form the curious mind of new schools debaters and strengthened its sense of purpose by engaging more with the greater Galway community.

### Lit & Deb Events

This year the society held a total of 59 events.

#### **Launch of Lit&Deb's 167 with Jeremy Irons » Bailey Allen Hall » 12th September 2013**

With a background as a British television actor including *The Professionals* and *One by One*, Mr Rob Heyland turned his mind to observing and writing with involvement in such shows as *Foyle's War*, *Have Your Cake and Eat It* and *Ultimate Force*. Regarded highly as a prolific social thinker, Mr Heyland's insights and vision is something to look forward to.

With a career that has included *The Lion King*, *The Man in the Iron Mask*, *Brideshead Revisited* and *The Borgias*, Mr Jeremy Irons is hugely influential as a dignified and eloquent giant of screen. His commitment to public discourse, his determination to stand publically for person-focused society and his work with *Evidence for Development* make this event an exciting launch to a great session. Tickets will be available in the Societies' Office, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUIG. There is no charge for current students of NUIG but they will need to collect tickets from the office as places are limited. Tickets are available for non-students at a cost of €5. Come early as crowds are expected. Come along and let the games begin!

#### **GIB's Night » The Kirwan Theatre » 19th September 2013**

It's time for The Literary and Debating Society's annual Gibs Night, where any first year can get up and make a speech on any motion they like, be it 'This House Would Abolish the Abortion Bill' or 'This House Would Like To Live In An Octopus' Garden?. And to sweeten the pot, every person who makes a speech gets to pick a prize of their choosing from our selection! The main business of the evening will be preceded by Private Members Time, where anyone in the house may propose a motion for debate on the floor. Despite the name Private Members Time is open to anyone? Don't feel shy about speaking!

So come down to the Kirwan Theatre at 7pm on the 19th of September for funny, interesting, and enlightening speeches, and a whole table full of free stuff!

#### **Seanad Debate » O'Flaherty Theatre » 24th September 2013**

Seanad Debate is in place of our usual Tuesday workshop In conjunction with NUI's Alumni Association the confirmed speakers include Senators Hildegard Naughton, Sean Barrett and John Crown and former Tanaiste and Minister for Justice, Mr Michael McDowell.

#### **Society Training Weekend » Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th September – 29th September 2013 (3 individual events)**

A weekend of Training for all committee members on Friday and Saturday with an Auditors Away day on Sunday see full details here: [http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/news\\_reviews/view/532/](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/news_reviews/view/532/)

#### **Public Speaking Workshop II » The Kirwan Theatre » 1st October 2013**

This weeks workshop concentrates on the use of rhetoric to win the hearts and minds of your audience.

#### **Meet and Greet » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 2nd October 2013**

This is an event for our members to meet up and talk outside our normal meetings so they get a chance to hang out and get to know each other!

#### **The Mental Health Debate » The Kirwan Theatre » 3rd October 2013**

Does the medical model have a place in mental health? Is it better to classify people into syndromes and illnesses, or treat each person as an individual. Do we need a more positive, community orientated, attitude towards mental health, or should we regard all mental health issues as physical problems with a physical cure? Come down to the Kirwan on the 3rd of October to discuss all of the issues surrounding the use of the medical model in mental health.

**Public Speaking Workshop » The Kirwan » 8th October 2013**

Workshop by Internal Convener, Shane Commins.

**The Self-Funding of the Arts Debate » The Kirwan7 » 10th October 2013**

Every year the Arts Council gives funding to various art projects around Ireland. The reality is however, that Ireland is still in a recession and cuts are being made right across the board. Our education and healthcare funding are being slashed and once secure jobs are now in jeopardy due to increasing privatisation. This is also affecting the arts. Should theatre and production companies be cut off from government purse strings and told to fend for themselves or is investment in the arts worth more to the economy through jobs and tourism? Does guaranteed funding lead to reduced competition between theatres and groups and a lack of innovation or does the security create a stable base with which to build on? As the forum for open discussion in NUI Galway, The Lit'n?Deb want to discuss whether the government and Irish Arts Council are right to cut. Join us in the Kirwan at 7pm on the 10th of October.

**Public Speaking Workshop » The Kirwan » 15th October 2013**

Workshop by Internal Convener, Shane Commins.

**Workshop 6 » The Kirwan » 22nd October 2013**

Debating workshop with external convenor Sane Commins.

**The Torture Debate » The Kirwan » 24th October 2013**

Torture is revolting. A man can retain his human dignity in front of a firing squad or on the scaffold: not in a torture chamber. Torturers set out to break their victim: to take a human being and reduce him to a whimpering wreck. However, in the event of a known bomb that would damage, maim and kill hundreds or even thousands; would you not agree to torture? The Bush administration called it Enhanced Interrogation and many insist it was the reason Osama Bin Ladin was found. This is not just an American debate though as US rendition flights pass through Shannon. In allowing this, is Ireland not supporting torture? Does the Geneva Convention go too far in banning all forms of torture? Can we ever justify torture?

**T.P O'Connor » The Kirwan » 29th October 2013**

This week come to LitnDeb to talk about whatever you're into! Make a speech about any topic you wish, and if our panel of esteemed judges deem it so, win an awesome prize, at our T.P O'Connor Memorial night!

**The Halloween Party » Monroes » 31st October 2013**

LitnDeb are having a Halloween Shindig! Costume mandatory, a certain amount of refreshment provided, and a good time near guaranteed! Prize for best costume!

**Workshop 7 » No suggestions found » 5th November 2013**

Internal Convener Shane Commins leads the young folk in debatin' an speakin'.

**GAA "Pay for Play" Debate » The Kirwan » 7th November 2013**

In the debate we want to discuss the argument for and against 'pay for play'. The players are ordinary people but extraordinary athletes. They train hard, put up with the injuries and are there for the love of the game. Given the current economic climate, is the love of the game enough and are full time paid players the way to move the game forward. How can a player than is cheered on by thousands of fans in Croke Park on a Sunday still have to cue up for dole on a Monday? Although the game has amateur status, the Gaelic Athletic Association is far from an amateur organisation with thousands of fans faithfully buying tickets to matches and their county jerseys. This debate was held by the Lit n Deb in 2006 and it proved to be a highlight of the year. Since this debate circumstances have changed as the Gaelic Players Association has moved from its neutral position to take a stance against professionalism. Should we pay for play when it comes to the GAA? Come to the Kirwan, 7pm on November 7th and watch it all kick off.

**Schools Workshop » The Kirwan » 10th November 2013**

Our first schools workshop of the year, instructing secondary and primary school students in debating.

**Workshop 8 » The Kirwan » 12th November 2013**

Public Speaking and debating workshop with internal convener Shane Commins.

**The Literary Convention » *Aula Maxima* » 14th November 2013**

The Literary Convention is the major literary event of the Lit & Deb's calendar and is held along with NUIG's NUI Galway Writers' Soc and the Irish Writers' Centre. This year, it will consist of talks on issues ranging from the rise of e-publishing to issues of translation from published writers. Afterwards, members of the audience will be invited to present short written works based on a series of pictures available here [http://www.literaryanddebating.com/ai1ec\\_event/literary-convention-2013/?instance\\_id=2305](http://www.literaryanddebating.com/ai1ec_event/literary-convention-2013/?instance_id=2305).

**Phil Speaks » *National University of Ireland University Road, Galway Ireland* » 16th November 2013**

PhilSpeaks

Seven years ago we started the Phil Speaks Initiative, which is a nation-wide secondary schools debating and oratory competition. Last year's success saw us win the Trinity College Dublin, Central Society Committee's 'Best Civic Contribution' awards.

We run a series of events throughout the year catering for all backgrounds and age groups. These are as follows:

Junior Schools Workshop for 1st to 3rd year students.

Senior Schools Workshop for 4th to 6th year students.

Pro-Am competition for 4th to 6th year students.

Competitive weekend for 4th to 6th year students.

**EGM » *The Kirwan* » 18th November 2013**

Emergency General Meeting to elect a new Vice Auditor. Anyone interested in running should email [auditor@literaryanddebating.com](mailto:auditor@literaryanddebating.com).

**Workshop 9 » *The Kirwan* » 19th November 2013**

Debating workshop with Internal Convener Shane Commins.

**The Big Pharma Debate » *The Kirwan* » 21st November 2013**

The pharmaceutical industry revenues are bordering on the trillion dollar mark, but at what expense? We trust our doctors, our doctors trust the pharmaceutical regulators, and the pharmaceutical regulators base their trust on trial data. However, if the regulators are only getting the trial data that shows a positive result, then they are being misled and so are we. Does big pharma care more about making money, than public health?

**The Lit&Deb Christmas Cocktail Party » *The House Hotel* » 22nd November 2013**

Lit and Deb, a society rife with tradition, is bringing back one of its most popular this year by putting cocktails back on its festive menu. Pop down to The House Hotel, Flood St. this Friday, 22nd November. Dress is semi-formal. Bring your equivalent of Mrs. Clause or one of your elf slaves, whatever you're into, just make sure they're down to party.

**The Stem Cell Debate » *The Kirwan* » 16th January 2014**

Embryonic Stem Cell research provides us with some of the biggest ethical questions facing medical research today -

"Is there a such thing as a spare embryo?", "When does life begin?", "Is adult life more worth saving than embryonic?"

In LitnDebs debate of the year we will deal with exactly these issues, with the help of experts Dr Donal O'Mathuna and Fr. Kevin Dolan.

**Hat Night » *The Kirwan* » 21st January 2014**

This week we've got a workshop with a twist! In the Kirwan we'll be picking motions out of hats and making completely off the cuff speeches. Hilarity will ensue.

**EGM » *The Kirwan* » 21st January 2014**

Emergency General Meeting to elect a new Vice Auditor.

**Bring Your Own Motion Night » *The Kirwan* » 23rd January 2014**

This week LitnDeb are holding a BYOM night! Anyone can raise any motion they like, all night! Be as serious, or silly as you like!

**Workshop » *The Kirwan* » 28th January 2014**

Public Speaking and debating workshop with Internal Convener and Vice Auditor Shane Commins. Learn how to speak good.

**Hangout » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 29th January 2014**

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and conversation for three hours! There are usually also board games.

**The Family Panel » The Kirwan » 30th January 2014**

What does family mean in modern Ireland? This week LitnDeb are holding a discussion where a panel of experts will discuss issues facing Irish families today, such as surrogacy, gay parenting, adoption and fathers rights. Afterwards there will be a Q&A session where audience members are encouraged to engage with the topics at hand.

**Workshop 12 » The Kirwan » 4th February 2014**

Workshop on debating, and public speaking.

**Hangout » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 5th February 2014**

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and bants!

**The Party Whip Debate » The Kirwan » 6th February 2014**

This year there has been an on-going unease over the party whip system and the passing of many bills which go against the moral code of some individual politicians. Should the TDs we elect be allowed to have a conscience when voting in the D?il or should they toe the party line? If their constituents are telling them to vote No when a party is ordering them to vote Yes then the minister is between a rock and a hard place. Is the party whip system the only way to get thing done in a collation government? Does the individual TD lack the foresight and knowledge of the country that a whole party has? In a debate worthy of D?il ?ireann itself, Lit n Deb are hosting expert speakers to make their case for and against this issue chipping at the foundations of our democratic system. How should our laws be passed? Join us in the Kirwan at 7pm on October 17th to make your voice heard to the House and our guest speakers.

**Debating Workshop » The Kirwan » 11th February 2014**

Workshop on public speaking and debating,

**The Comedy Inter-Varsity » Kirwan Theatre » 13th February 2014**

"This House Regrets It's Ability To Speak."

Is it enough to debate all weekend? Of course not! So we're hosting a Comedy Invitational on Thursday night to get the weekend off to a bang, with a delegate coming from (almost) every debating society in Ireland. It should be pretty damn funny.

As per usual the evening will start with Private Members Time, where anyone present in the house may propose any motion to be debated on the floor.

**Irish National Law Debates - The Galway Open » NUIG » 14th February – 15th February 2014 (2 individual events)**

The Galway Open is the annual intervarsity debating copatition hosted by LitnDeb.

**Debating and Public Speaking Workshop » The Dillon Theatre » 18th February 2014**

Learn to speak in public and debate good!

**Hangout » » 19th February 2014**

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and bants!

**The Volutourism Debate » The Kirwan » 20th February 2014**

In the debate we want to argue the merits and potential harms of individuals volunteering unskilled labor in developing countries. While this type of volunteering raises awareness of issues, it can also exploit projects as a volunteering holiday with the poverty of others used as a tourist attraction. Is it good that non-native people come and go to orphanages in other countries? Is it diluting the native countries culture or reducing it to a mere spectacle for visitors to enjoy as part of a tour? Volunteers leave with a feeling that they've made a difference to the world but did the money they spent on getting there possibly have the potential to do more good? The literary and debating society wish to argue all sides of this growing movement to volunteer abroad.

**Maidens Trials » The Dillon » 25th February 2014**

Trials for our internal competition for first year debaters.

**Hangout » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 26th February 2014**

Free tea, coffee, biscuits, and bants.

**A Celebration of David Norris » *The Kirwan* » 27th February 2014**

Senator David Norris has done more for gay rights in Ireland than any other single person. He is responsible for the de-criminalising of homosexuality in this country, and was the first openly gay politician to ever be elected to public office. The Literary and Debating Society would like to commend Senator Norris for his exceptional contribution to human rights in Ireland by holding an event in his honor, and presenting him with our Presidents Medal. At the event we will hold re-enactments of some of the most memorable speeches from the historic trial, and will have guests discuss the trial itself.

**Maidens Final » *The Dillon* » 4th March 2014**

The final of our internal first years competition.

**Hangout » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 5th March 2014**

Free tea, biscuits, coffee and chats.

**Social Entrepreneurism » *The Kirwan* » 6th March 2014**

This week we're honored to have John O'Shea, the founder of international humanitarian agency GOAL visiting LitnDeb to give an informative talk on social entrepreneurship, opportunities in the area, and why it's worth becoming involved in.

After this talk we have a new Irish movement to build connections between people and politicians giving a presentation on their work, as a particular, worthwhile example of social entrepreneurship. The evening will be preceded by Private Members Time from 7pm to 8pm, and main business will finish at 10pm, and we'll be heading to Murty Rabbittes for refreshments.

**Debating and Public Speaking Workshop » *The Dillon* » 11th March 2014**

Workshop on debating and public speaking.

**Hangout » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 12th March 2014**

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and bants.

**Islamic Feminism Panel Discussion » *The Kirwan* » 13th March 2014**

In collaboration with ISOC NUI Galway In the West, media bias and Islamophobia have made it difficult to get a clear picture of the situation of women in Islam. From debates about the wearing of the niqab, to abuse of women in countries like Saudi Arabia, the dominant picture is of oppression rather than empowerment. But what of Muslim women who are not oppressed, who use their faith to inspire liberation and equality for women? Islamic feminism is on the rise, and this week Lit and Deb discusses its place in modern Islam, and the modern world.

**Debating and Public Speaking Workshop » *The Dillon* » 18th March 2014**

Workshop on public speaking and debating.

**Lit & Deb Meet and Greet » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 18th March 2014**

The Weekly banter with Lit and Deb!

**Hangout » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 19th March 2014**

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and bants.

**Speaker of The Year » *The Kirwan* » 20th March 2014**

Speaker of The Year is the internal competition where all of our most successful debaters compete against each other for the title of Best Speaker of The Year. They get a big trophy, and the debate is always really high quality. Motion: TTH Would Welcome The Robot Revolution

**Australs » *The Dillon* » 25th March 2014**

Debating in Australian accents. Need I say more?

**Hangout » *meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 26th March 2014**

The last hangout of the year. Last chance to avail of free, tea, biscuits and coffee.

**AGM » *The Kirwan* » 27th March 2014**

The Annual General Meeting, where next years committee will be elected.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Ronan McCoy

**Treasurer:** Senan Maher

**Deputy Schools Convenor:** Conor Hogan

**Internal Convenor:** Shane Commins

**Communications Secretary:** Robert Hogan

**PRO:** Grainne Nielsen

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Cian Moran

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Conor Murphy

**Vice-Auditor:** Mairead Clancy

**Secretary:** David Molloy

**Debates Secretary:** Sarah Kennedy

**House Clerk:** Michael Flattery

**Literary Convenor:** Dean Buckley

**Schools Convenor:** Andrew Shevlane

**Deputy PRO:** Leah Heffernan

**Social Secretary:** Edel McNamara

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Shane Commins

**Treasurer:** Ruth Cormican

**Debates Secretary:** Brian Farragher

**External Convenor:** Leah Heffernan

**Literary Convenor:** Emma Walsh

**Vice-Auditor:** Grainne Nielsen

**Secretary:** Conor Murphy

**Internal Convenor:** Maria O'Flaherty

**Schools Convenor:** Andrew Forde

**Clerk:** Joshua Byrne

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€21.55	Bank charge	€98.05
Fundraising	€1,247.00	Dinner	€2,536.70
Hoodies	€450.00	Entertainment	€1,118.30
Members Contributions	€146.15	Entry fees	€3,536.18
Socs box Till	€165.00	Equipment misc	€1,197.35
Sponsorship	€200.00	Gifts	€100.00
USC Grant	€25,650.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€20.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>€27,879.70</b>	Printing	€1,743.00
		Prizes	€121.21
		Promotions	€48.60
		Received Money Returned	€800.00
		Reception	€1,792.72
		Security	€50.00
		Society accomm	€4,055.30
		Society transport	€4,705.20
		Socs day expenses	€99.49
		Speaker accomm	€808.95
		Speaker travel	€244.93
		Stationary	€43.00
		Teacher fees	€50.00
		Expenditure Total	€23,169.96
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,709.74
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€27,879.70</b>

## Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 821 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Lit & Deb

<u><a href="#">Michael Flattery</a></u>	Clerk	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Robert Hogan</a></u>	Communications Officer	120 hours
<u><a href="#">David Molloy</a></u>	Recording Secretary	540 hours
<u><a href="#">Colum Wedel</a></u>	Tabmaster, magazine graphic design	150 hours
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	4 students	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	830 hours	

## Lotus Society

This year the Lotus Soc enjoyed many Tea Meetings at the Secret Garden and a very successful retreat to Athenry before Christmas. We've hosted workshops and had some world class teachers deliver classes to our members. We are planning a Spring retreat to the Burren. Our classes are going from strength to strength and were in such high demand that we added three new classes to our schedule. We also began a series of classes with the NUIG Rowing Club. We held movie nights and worked with groups doing Laughter Yoga and Acroyoga. We also host tea weeks where committee members take time to get to know our members after each yoga class.

### Lotus Society Events

This year the society held a total of 365 events.

**Mixed Hatha** » » *16th September – 23rd June 2014 (41 individual events)*

Mixed Hatha with Katrina

**Intermediate Ashtanga with Eilis** » » *16th September – 23rd June 2014 (41 individual events)*

Intermediate Ashtanga with Eilis

**Vinyassa Flow** » *The View* » *17th September – 24th June 2014 (41 individual events)*

Intermediate Vinyassa Flow with Paul

**Beginners Ashtanga** » » *17th September – 1st July 2014 (42 individual events)*

Beginners Ashtanga with Cristina

**Lotus Soc EGM** » » *18th September 2013*

EGM for Lotus Society

**Mixed level Hatha with Lisa** » *The View* » *19th September – 26th June 2014 (41 individual events)*

Mixed level Hatha with Lisa

**Intermediate Vinyassa Flow** » *The View* » *19th September – 26th June 2014 (41 individual events)*

Intermediate Vinyassa Flow with Paul

**Laughter Yoga** » *view in Áras na mac lienn* » 19th September – 26th June 2014 (41 individual events)

Laughter Yoga

**Michael Ryan workshop** » *Cube* » 29th September 2013

Our first workshop of 2013-14 brings MICHAEL RYAN to NUIG on Sunday Sept 29th. A day of ANUSARA yoga at a highly reduced Lotus rate: 25 euro for the day or 15 euro for morning (10-12.30) or afternoon only (2.30-5pm) . Suitable for all levels.

This workshop will be suitable for all students - it will not be as demanding as Ashtanga. Vicky and Paul's students would get a lot out of it. Signup and pay in the SocsBox early to avoid disappointment

**Join Marese for self-practice** » *The meeting room, upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn* » 4th October – 29th November 2013 (9 individual events)

Regular Ashtanga yogis!! Join Marese for self-practice this Friday Oct 4th, and every Friday for the semester!

Where? The meeting room, upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn

When? 3pm

How much?? Not a cent

**Lotus Soc Night Out!** » *The Secret Garden* » 4th October 2013

Meet us at the Secret Garden at 8pm. Then we will be heading to Conradh na Gaeilge on 45 Dominick Street Lower, Galway for their World Music Club Oa2 night.

Club Oa2 arrived on the Galway Club scene nine years ago, based in Club ?ras na nGael. It has achieved huge status as one of the best alternative Club nights in Galway.

Resident DJ's, Ben ? Faol?in and Will Softly play the finest selection of world music every night. Ben and Will, with their guest DJ's play an eclectic range of funk, hip-hop and world rhythms which attracts a loyal following.

The G magazine has described Oa2 on Dominic St as one of the "Club secrets" of Galway. It continues "this Club is unique due to its pleasant personable atmosphere ? very few venues are available to provide such a night but the night speaks for itself and does not need to depend on complicated sound systems to satisfy it's loyal following."

**Certified Laughter Yoga Leader (CLYL) Training:** » *Galway* » 5th October – 6th October 2013 (2 individual events)

Whether you've had a chance to try the Laughter Yoga or not, you are invited to the upcoming Certified Laughter Yoga Leader (CLYL) Training on October 5th- 6th right here in Galway. All Lotus Society members are welcome to a further ?10 off the low price concession. See the facebook page for more info <https://www.facebook.com/GalwayLaughterClub>

**Lotus Soc Tea!** » *The Secret Garden* » 9th October 2013

Join us for tea and chats in the lovely Secret Garden Tea Rooms, 4 William Street West, Galway. :)

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSecretGardenGalway>

**Staff Yoga** » » 10th October – 12th December 2013 (10 individual events)

Staff Yoga with Sandra

**Acro-yoga workshop:** » *NUIG* » 11th October – 13th October 2013 (3 individual events)

AcroYoga is coming back to NUIG. Join the Lotus Soc in conjunction with An Seomra Yoga, Oct 11-13th, for a weekend of flying. Special Lotus price of ?40/weekend. Come along to the Friday evening workshop at 5pm for just a donation!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/123384651165410/> Sign up at the socs box for the whole weekend!

**Sunday and early morning classes with Sonja Radvila 20th-27th Oct:** » *An Seomra Yoga* » 20th October 2013

Sonja Radvila will facilitate early morning Mysore style ashtanga classes in An Seomra Yoga as well as two led primary series classes (Sunday 20th and 27th of Oct) in The Cube in Áras na Mac Léinn. Lotus members can attend one week of classes for 90 EWuros, the whole 2 weeks of classes for 160 Euros or the Sunday classes for ?25 (or 15 Euro per class).

Contact Eilis on 0852771399 to book your place for the 1 or 2 week workshop BY FRIDAY 4TH!!! You can sign up for the Sunday classes at the socs box from Monday the 14th of October.

**Intermediate Ashtanga** » *seminar room NSBC* » 21st October 2013

Moved due to conferrings



**Vinyasa Flow » » 22nd October 2013**

Moved due to Conferrings

**Mysore » » 23rd October 2013**

Mysore preparation moved to the large acoustic due to conferrings

**Mixed level vinyasa » » 24th October 2013**

**Laughter yoga » » 24th October 2013**

Moved due to conferrings

**Mixed Hatha » » 24th October 2013**

Moved to large acoustic for Conferrings

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Contact Eilis on 0852771399 to book your place for the 1 or 2 week workshop BY FRIDAY 4TH!!! You can sign up for the Sunday classes at the socs box from Monday the 14th of October.

**Lotus Soc Meeting » The Secret Garden » 6th November 2013**

Join us in The Secret Garden on Wednesday the 6th at 8.30pm for a short society meeting, but mainly for some delicious tea/coffee/hot chocolate and shisha! The Secret Garden is on William street around the corner from the Roisin Dubh in between Massimos and the Blue Note. Everyone welcome :)

**Lotus retreat to the Galway Yoga Centre in Athenry » Athenry Co.Galway » 22nd November – 24th November 2013 (3 individual events)**

If you think this looks like a beautiful hideaway to spend a weekend then look no further than our Lotus retreat to the Galway Yoga Centre in Athenry from Friday the 22nd to Sunday 24th of November.

Complete with a variety of yoga classes suitable for all levels, amazing vegetarian food, forest walks, as much herbal tea as you can stomach, wonderful yogis taking care of us, lots of meditation...all in a beautiful Co. Galway setting.

The whole weekend, transport, food, yoga and accommodation will cost you ?65!

**Lotus Soc Christmas Party » » 12th December 2013**

a free restorative/yin yoga class followed by some wine and cheese, lucky dip presents etc... More info to follow!

**Ashtanga with Marese » view in Áras na mac lienn » 9th January – 24th April 2014 (16 individual events)**

Ashtanga with Marese

**Beginners Ashtanga Cristina » The Space » 13th January – 28th April 2014 (16 individual events)**

Beginners Ashtanga

**Lotus Society meeting in The Secret Garden » The Secret Garden tea shop on William st » 22nd January 2014**

We will meet next Wednesday, 22nd in the Secret Garden tea shop on William st, in between the Blue Note and Massimos at 7pm for tea, cakes and shisha. All are welcome! One of the things we do at our meetings is talk about ideas for workshops and retreats that we want to plan for the semester, so come and have your say!

**Ashtanga NY Screening » colm hEocha theatre arts millenium (AM250) » 12th February 2014**

Wednesday 12th of Feb. @ 7pm to the Colm O' hEocha Theatre (Arts Millenium Building) for Lotus Soc movie night! We're going to watch a documentary called Ashtanga NY [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V\\_KtbDSSQZY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_KtbDSSQZY) and go to the college bar after

### Tea Meeting! » Secret Garden » 5th March 2014

We will meet tonight around 7 in The Secret Garden tea shop on William St, between the Blue Note and Massimos. Come along for the free tea and to tell us how your yoga is going and about any ideas you have for Lotus Soc!

### Lotus Soc AGM » The Hub » 12th March 2014

You are invited to the Lotus Soc AGM in The Hub on Wednesday, the 12th of March. We will talk about the committee for the next academic year, there are a few positions which must be filled because there are a number of long standing members graduating this year. So please come along to find out about joining the committee, or to contribute in any way you can! Free pizza in the bar after!! All welcome :)

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Lisa Hynes

**Secretary:** Teresa Corbett

**Treasurer:** Ruth Pinson

**Social events officer:** Deirdre Walsh

**Sign-up coordinator:** Lauren Martin

**Ordinary committee member:** Martin Butler

**Vice-Auditor:** Matthias Schmid

**Equipment officer:** Brian McGinley

**Tai Chi officer:** Michael O'Connor

**Public relations officer:** Kate O'Doherty

**Ordinary committee member:** Hollydawn Murray

**Ordinary committee member:** Leanne Kelly

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Lisa Hynes

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€959.76	Bank charge	€180.53
Socs box Till	€14,603.00	Equipment misc	€357.50
Ticket Sales	€400.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€486.25
USC Grant	€4,000.00	Printing	€116.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>€19,962.76</b>	Promotions	€83.71
		Society accomm	€225.00
		Society transport	€350.00
		Teacher fees	€16,021.50
		Expenditure Total	€17,821.34
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,141.42
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€19,962.76</b>

### Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 909 members.

# Malaysian Society

Malaysian Society is the first society of Malaysian which is officially registered under National University of Ireland, Galway.

Malaysian Society aims to:

1. To promote unity among Malaysian students.
2. To promote and encourage interaction and culture exchange between the Malaysian students with the locals.
3. To liaise with the Malaysian Students Department in Dublin with the students here in Galway.

Objectives for MSoc 2013/2014

- (a) Synchronize all the activities between the 2 main societies in Galway (PPIMG, MSoc).
- (b) Encourage the involvement of the non-Malays (Indian, Chinese)
- (c) To promote Malaysia to the local people in Galway/ non-Malaysian more effectively.
- (d) To enhance the Malaysian students to think more critically and think more about current issues other than focusing on studies.
- (e) Bridging the gap between senior and junior.
- (f) Try to increase more non-Malaysian members in the society.

## Malaysian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

### **Hari Raya Galway » Bailey Allen Hall » 15th September 2013**

Eid Mubarak is an important day celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. On this very day, Malaysian Society would like to invite Malaysian Society members to Hari Raya Galway. It is one of the biggest celebration in Malaysia and now it is in Galway. Lots of people from Malaysia to meet, food to taste and some lucky draws to be won. If you have any questions, please contact our committee members.

### **Malaysian Cultural Day » Bailey Allen Hall » 21st January 2014**

A day full of Malaysian cultures, food, and games. All are invited!

### **Galway Medical Symposium » Áras Moyola » 1st March 2014**

Come register with Galway Medical Symposium 2014! It's time to prepare yourself for the education-crammed, awesomeness-stuffed workshop of your choice and worth-every-cent Galway annual event.

Have you wonder what does it really look like for you in 10years time? If so, then you have made the right decision to join this event. Even if your mind never wonder, you never want to miss out this event anyway. Did we mention the food?

Ok. Time to get serious. There are few objectives to be achieved in this event:

- I. Make you aware of what you should expect for your future.
- II. Expose you to be an excellent medic student.
- III. Moulding you towards becoming a holistic doctor
- IV. Reality check for you as an overea graduate once you return to Malaysia
- V. Exposing the pros and cons working overseas or local to you
- VI. Teaching you the ethical and religion concerns when studying abroad, whether as a medical student or a doctor
- VII. Showing you ways to apply your rocket-high knowledge gained in overseas back in Malaysia

### **SOCS Day » Bailey Allen Hall » 11th September 2013**

A day to get to know more about Malaysian Society and its activities throughout the years such as Eid Mubarak, Malaysian Cultural Day, Galway Medical Symposium and more!

An opportunity to register and be one of Malaysian Society members.

A chance to taste Malaysian traditional food; kuih siput and kek batik.

### **SOCS Day » Bailey Allen Hall » 15th January 2014**

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### **Mcd » Bah » 12th March – 18th March 2014 (7 individual events)**

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Mohamed Zariff Bin Mohamed Redza

**Secretary:** Syazwani Dan Adnan

**OCM:** Muhammad Najmi Md Nor

**Public Relations:** Muhammad Uzair Bin Saharudin

**OCM:** Maryam Jamilah Mohamad Shahrman

**Event Coordinator:** Ahmad Haziq Bin Khairudin

**Vice-Auditor:** Nawal Adibah Binti Yahsah

**Event Coordinator:** Mohd Luqman Hakim Bin Mohamad Helmi

**Treasurer:** Khairun Sofea Binti Kula

**OCM:** Muhammad Izzul Bazlie Zahidi

**OCM:** Nadia Nursyahirah Noor Shiam

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Mohamed Zariff Bin Mohamed Redza

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€724.91	Bank charge	€47.70
Sponsorship	€822.78	Costumes	€40.52
USC Grant	€1,500.00	Dinner	€233.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,047.69</b>	Gifts	€48.00
		Hire Bus	€365.68
		Materials	€1,225.73
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€46.46
		Prizes	€102.40
		Society transport	€394.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,504.24
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€45.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€498.45
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,047.69</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 178 members.

## Marine Soc

Marine Soc engaged in many fun and marine based activities this year. We had guest speakers for Science week, we visited the Aquarium, screened documentaries like "Blue Planet" and screened movies such as "Finding Nemo". As well as that we had many trips to "The Planet" on Headford road where we played bowling and laser quest. We had many meetings this year where the society really came together and made progress for the future. We elected a new committee at our EGM and we have worked together well since then. Our society is full of creative minds that have the capacity to make extraordinary things happen in the future. We work well as a team and have an idea and a plan for where the society is heading. This year went very well in terms of teamwork as a result.

## Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

**Laser quest and Bowling » *leisure planet* » 15th October 2013**

Playing laser quest and bowling in leisure planet

**Marine Soc: Cove film screening » » 21st October 2013**

**Movie night » *darcy thompson* » 22nd October 2013**

Watching a film about fish

**Marine Soc Talk: Eco-Engineering: Design With Nature » *MRI Annex* » 11th November 2013**

Coastal defence structures are proliferating as a result of rising sea levels and stormier seas. Ecological engineering is an emerging field which integrates ecology and engineering, concerned with the design, monitoring, and construction of ecosystems. Native biodiversity can be manipulated on defence structures through various interventions including artificial rock pools, pits and crevices. In this talk, I describe some novel ecological engineering experiments that were carried out to conserve native biodiversity through habitat enhancement of the built environment.

This talk is being delivered by our own Dr. Louise Firth.

All are welcome.

**Marine Soc Talk: The Utility of the Marine Cnidarian *Hydractinia* » *Kirwan* » 11th November 2013**

NUIG's Dr. Uri Frank speaks about the uses of *Hydractinia echinata* in stem cell research and regenerative medicine.

**Science Week Dr. Louise Firth- ?Eco-engineering: design with nature? » *MRI Annex* » 12th November 2013**

Lecture: Dr. Louise Firth- ?Eco-engineering: design with nature?

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**Marine Soc Talk: An Evening with Dr. Simon Berrow of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group » *MRI Annex* » 12th November 2013**

An evening with Dr. Simon Berrow of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group.

**Marine Soc Talk: From Leviathans to Mermaids: An Overview of Marine Mammals » *MRI Annex* » 14th November 2013**

There are a number of challenges for terrestrial animals who choose to move into a marine habitat in order to find food, or even conduct their entire life cycle. Yet, we see that a number of mammal groups have taken this difficult but rewarding step. This talk will include an overview of the marine mammal groups, and investigate the characteristics they share that allow them to cope with marine conditions, including surviving for long periods without breathing. We will also examine their fragile relationship with humans, and the conservation issues they currently face.

This talk is presented by our own Dr. Colin Lawton.

All are welcome.

**Movie Night » » 28th January 2014**

Life of Pi will be showing for Marine Soc members

## Committee 2013/2014

**PRO:** Gillian Allen

**Secretary:** Cian Kelly

**OCM:** Harry Walker

**Auditor:** Clara Stanschewski

**Treasurer:** Stephen Leslie

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciara O'Halloran

**Safety and Travel officer:** Brian Grealley

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**Secretary:** Cian Kelly

**PRO:** Gillian Allen

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,443.78	Bank charge	€34.58
Societies day	€30.00	Dinner	€460.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,473.78</b>	Entertainment	€50.00
		Entry fees	€243.20
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€196.00
		Reception	€50.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,000.00
		Socs day expenses	€60.00
		Expenditure Total	€2,093.78
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€380.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,473.78</b>

### Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 362 members.

## Maths Soc

This year Maths Soc hosted a variety of entertaining educational and research talks from postgraduate students and lecturers on many areas in mathematics and bioinformatics. In addition, we held a Christmas party as well as social meetings where we solved (or at least attempted to solve) puzzles and played some fun mathematical games such as Tangloids. The committee this year was made up of a mix of postgraduate and undergraduate students and we had an overall increase in attendance of both groups this year.

### Maths Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 19 events.

#### **EGM » ABD1020 » 20th September 2013**

EGM to finalize committee positions for the year

#### **An Introduction to Genome Assembly » ADB1020 (Áras de Brun) » 26th September 2013**

Simone Coughlan will be giving a talk on genome assembly and will be covering things like what it is (useful to know!), why we need to do it, challenges that are encountered in assembling genomes, and different algorithms that have been developed to do the job. Refreshments will also be provided!

#### **Math puzzle evening » ADB1020 » 3rd October 2013**

Social get together to meet up, have a chat and have a look at some math puzzles. Feel free to bring along any puzzles you find interesting!

**Topologies as continuity spaces: the epsilon delta obsession » ADB1020 » 17th October 2013**

Jorge Bruno is giving a talk titled: Topologies as continuity spaces: the epsilon delta obsession

**Understanding ENCODE datasets » ADB1019 » 24th October 2013**

Sofia Barreira will be giving a talk on understanding ENCODE datasets. Room 1019 in Áras De Brun at 6pm. Refreshments will be provided!

**An Introduction to Impacts with Friction » ADB1020 » 7th November 2013**

Talk by Shane Burns

**Talk : "Entering Sparse-Land" by Dr Fintan Hegarty » AC201 on the Concourse » 15th November 2013**

"Compressed sensing is a relatively new signal processing technique for efficiently acquiring and reconstructing signals by finding solutions to underdetermined linear systems. Dr. Hegarty presents a sparse overview of the topic, describing some popular applications and algorithms."

**Talk: Some Classical Cipher Systems » ADB1020 » 21st November 2013**

Talk by Dr Emil Skoldberg

**Social Meeting » ADB1019 » 28th November 2013**

Puzzle solving!

**Christmas Party » The Skeff » 18th December 2013**

Christmas Party in the Skeff, Eyre Square from 6.00pm . Wear your christmas jumpers. Finger food provided

**Tangloids Game by Kevin Doherty » ADB1020 » 16th January 2014**

We will be playing a game called "Tangloids" which will be taught to us by Kevin Doherty. This game is a nice example of something called Group Theory. The rules of Tangloids are straightforward and you don't need to know anything about groups to be able to play but it will be a nice introduction to group theory for those that don't know anything about it. It should be fun! Refreshments and cheese will also be provided. As always new members or those who haven't previously attended talks or meetings with us before are welcome!

**Talk by Paul Korir - Seq-ing improved gene expression estimates from microarrays using machine learning » ADB-1020 » 6th February 2014**

This work was carried out jointly by Paul K Korir, Paul Geeleher and supervised by Prof. Cathal Seoighe

Microarrays are relatively affordable tools used by biologists to measure the expression of tens to thousands of genes at once. Over the years that they have developed, many algorithms have been devised to give reliable estimates of gene expression but they have several setbacks. We have developed an alternative approach to algorithms that uses statistical learning (popularly referred to machine learning while overcoming these setbacks. It takes advantage of a newer technology called RNA-Seq to generate improved gene expression estimates. Our method, called machine learning of transcript expression (MaLTE), also comes with other benefits, which I will describe. Altogether, we show that a learning framework can be a powerful means by which better expression estimates can be obtained with benefits that apply to later analyses.

**Some Sequences of Integers » ADB1020 » 20th February 2014**

Talk by Dr Liam Naughton

The Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences is an excellent resource for scientists. In this talk I will describe some of my favorite sequences and how they arise in group theory, combinatorics and nature.

**Talk by Kevin Doherty - Mathematical Models of Centromere Associating Proteins » ADB1020 » 27th February 2014**

**Mechanics of soft solids: skin, brain, and jelly » ADB-1020 » 13th March 2014**

Prof Michel Destradre will be giving a talk on the mechanics of soft solids such as skin, brain, and jelly

**A differential equation model of seasonal migration » ADB1020 » 20th March 2014**

A talk by John Donohue on his research

**Harnessing related species and samples data to create and optimise draft genome sequences for Leishmania species » ADB1020 (Áras de Brun) » 27th March 2014**

Talk by Simone Coughlan

**AGM » ADB1020 » 3rd April 2014**

AGM to elect a new committee for next year

**Computational homology of n-types » ADB1020 » 3rd April 2014**

Talk by Le Van Luyen on his PhD thesis

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Simone Coughlan

**Vice-Auditor:** Michael O'Donnell

**O.C.M.:** Richard Burke

**Treasurer:** Peter Keane

**Secretary:** Paul Cassidy

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** David Barry

**Treasurer:** Simone Coughlan

**O.C.M.:** Richard Burke

**Vice-Auditor:** Peter Keane

**Secretary:** Yaxuan Yu

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€180.12	Bank charge	€10.70
USC Grant	€500.00	Entertainment	€209.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>€680.12</b>	Reception	€330.45
		Socs day expenses	€15.85
		Expenditure Total	€566.05
		Closing Bank Balance	€114.07
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€680.12</b>

## Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 296 members.

## Mature Students

The NUI Galway Mature Students Society is open to both undergraduates and postgraduates who entered their courses as mature students.

The Society serves as a focal point for all mature students and we cater for a diversity of interests.

We had 'Meet and Greet' coffee mornings, took two very interesting bus outings this year (one to Omagh in the North and the other to Dublin visiting Leinster House and Áras an Uachtaráin and 20 students will travel to Brasov and Bucharest in Romania in June for the international trip. Furthermore, we were involved in fundraising for 'Hand in Hand' charity this year and the outreach and networking that evolved from that is astounding.

If you are interested in finding out more, you can find us on Facebook, click on the following link

<https://www.facebook.com/nuigmss?ref=hl> , or you can send us an email [maturestudents@soc.s.nuigalway.ie](mailto:maturestudents@soc.s.nuigalway.ie).

## Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 40 events.



**Family Fun Day In Aid of the Hand in Hand Charity » Bailey Allen Hall » 16th November 2013**

Come along and enjoy our Family fun day, 16th of November 11-5pm @ Bailey Allen Hall NUIG. Bouncing castles, stalls, face painting, arts & crafts. Barney, Bob the Builder, Mickey & Minnie will be there on the day Entrance fee 2 euro per person. FREE PARKING  
Find this event on Facebook @ Family Fun Day In Aid of the Hand in Hand Charity <https://www.facebook.com/FamilyFunDayNUIG>

**Mature Students Coffee Morning » The Hub » 18th October – 13th December 2013 (9 individual events)**

The Mature Students Coffee morning has proven to be great at creating the space for Mature students from all disciplines to meet up and have a chat over a cuppa. Please note that the coffee morning will take place every Friday in 2 hours slots, these times will rotate weekly. Starting this Friday the 18th October at 10-12 and the following week it will be from 12-2pm.

**Christmas Party » College Bar » 22nd November 2013**

Christmas Party for Mature Students. Come along and join fellow mature students, Free food and Discount Vouchers for Drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you all there :))

**Mature Students Day Trip Away » Omagh Northern Ireland » 19th December 2013**

Day trip to Omagh Northern Ireland, with our first stop in the city centre so all our students can shop or stroll around the city. Finally we will also visit the Ulster American Folk Park. ( Tickets for this trip will be on sale soon to our members)

**Meet & Greet » » 21st January 2014**

Meet up with your fellow matures and committee members for a coffee and a catch up. Information regarding the International trip to Romania will also be available on the day!!

**Coffee meetings » The Space » 28th January – 3rd June 2014 (19 individual events)**

Come along and meet with your fellow matures, free tea/coffee will be provided!!!

**Rugby Match » Galway Sports Grounds » 15th February 2014**

Tickets are being sold by the SU starting on the 3rd February at €15.

We are going to have a meeting point if mature students want to come together and enjoy a rugby match.

Further details to follow

**Trip to Áras on Uachtarain » Dublin » 14th March 2014**

We received an invitation for 40 Mature Students to visit Áras on Uachtarain, where we will have the opportunity to learn about The Presidents House. In addition, refreshments will be provided.

Furthermore, we have also arranged a tour of Leinster House in the morning. So if you have ever dreamed about sitting in a TD's chair or visiting the Seanad Eireann then this is your chance.

There will also be an opportunity to grab a bite to eat between the two.

**International Trip to Romania » Romania » 11th June – 16th June 2014 (6 individual events)**

Our Chosen destination for our International trip is Romania. We will fly from Dublin to Bucharest on the 11th of June and return on the 16th. Staying 4 nights in Transylvania and one night in Bucharest. If our previous trips are anything to go by, this trip will be brilliant!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Brian O'Mahony

**Secretary:** Patricia O'Mahony

**Vice-Auditor:** Owen Ward

**Treasurer:** Michelle Mitchell

**OCM:** Katriona Patton

**OCM:** Nigel Gorman

**OCM:** Catherine Griffith

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact :** Michelle Mitchell

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€230.88	Bank charge	€62.58
Fundraising	€2,088.05	Costumes	€40.00
Societies day	€110.00	Dinner	€134.90
Socs box Till	€789.00	Entertainment	€450.00
Ticket Sales	€2,397.00	Entry fees	€70.00
USC Grant	€4,500.00	Fundraising/charity	€2,058.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,114.93</b>	Hire Bus	€465.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€179.72
		Promotions	€33.16
		Returned Socs Money	€110.00
		Society accomm	€2,120.70
		Society transport	€3,768.00
		Stationary	€41.53
		Expenditure Total	€9,533.75
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€581.18
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,114.93</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 241 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Mature Students		
<u><a href="#">Catherine Griffith</a></u>	Ordinary Member	55 hours
<u><a href="#">Michelle Mitchell</a></u>	Treasurer	200 hours
<u><a href="#">Owen Ward</a></u>	Vice Auditor	220 hours
<u><a href="#">Katriona Patton</a></u>	Volunteer	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Brian O'Mahony</a></u>	Auditor	60 hours
<u><a href="#">Nigel Gorman</a></u>	Volunteer and Fundraiser	35 hours
NUIG Mature Students Soc		
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	630 hours	

# Medicine Soc

## Description

This year, the medicine society has a total current membership of 515 members, mainly comprising of the medical students of NUI Galway. This has been a drop in numbers from last year, though this drop was mainly due to the lack of students who were based in the hospital attending socs day and registering online, as well as the large proportion of medical students who are away on placement.

The aims of our society are:

- To represent the students of the School of Medicine
- To advocate for the interests of students of Medicine, and of doctors
- To promote good health among all students of NUI Galway and the wider community
- To facilitate and encourage philanthropic activities by the students of NUI Galway. to benefit the wider community
- To ensure representation of NUI Galway at inter varsity competitions between students of Medicine
- To support students of the School of Medicine academically and to encourage high educational standards
- To encourage and organise social interaction between its members

These aims were met throughout the year by running a variety of events - social, educational, sporting and fundraising & health promotion

## Events

### Social

This year, we kept social events scheduled at various times throughout the year, and did our best to keep them as constant as possible. Many of these events were also fundraising events, and some held in conjunction with other organisations or societies, where as some activities were conducted completely through social media such as our memes competition.

### Educational

As one of our main aims is to support the students of the school of Medicine academically, this year we did our best to provide our members with information that was important in relationship to career development and their current academic work. We made efforts to cover areas in particular that may not be the priority of the medical school itself.

### Sporting

This year we continued the tradition of running various sporting competitions, in particular the Browne Memorial Gaelic Football Match and the memorial soccer tournament, as well as sending teams to represent us this coming weekend in the first AMSI Medical Student Intervarsity competition.

### Fundraising & Health Promotion

Finally, we also continued to do our work surrounding health promotion in the community and on campus. Our Fit & Well Week was run this semester to promote healthy living and mental health in various secondary schools, and our Blood Pressure Measurement Clinic in Aid of Galway Autism Partnership was also very successful this year.

On campus, we held a healthy living photography competition, and most recently the Shave or Dye held in the Quays in aid of the Irish Cancer Society which raised approximately 2500 euro overall.

### Our Sponsors

All of this was achieved this year with the help of our very supportive sponsors, who we would like to thank:

MPS, Electric Garden & Theatre Galway, O'Brien's Wines, Beer & Spirits, The Cellar, Bank of Ireland, Boojum

### Society Aims for the Coming Year

To continue the good work, and maintain the revival which MedSoc has undergone in the past two years.

This committee will achieve this by handing on individual job descriptions to their incoming successors, as well as remaining available to help in an advisory capacity as required.

## Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

### **MedSoc Welcome Night** » *Clinical Science Institute* » 19th September 2013

Back for another year! An introduction night for all medical students. Representatives from every class will give an informative talk to the year below on what to expect from the coming semesters. This event is always well-attended and entertaining every year.

After all that, there is a food and refreshments reception and free into Electric Garden & Theatre for the after-party.

See you there!

**EMSSI (Emergency Medicine Student Society of Ireland) Launch Night** » *Clinical Science Institute* » 14th October 2013

We have a guest speaker (Dr Jim Lee) who'll be telling us exactly what life in the Emergency Department is like, followed by hands on teaching in the following areas:

1. Difficult airways
2. Collaring & Boarding
3. Full body vacuuming
4. Video of emergency thoracotomy

This night is open to ALL medical years regardless of clinical experience. So don't worry if you don't know your Guedels from your OPAs! We'll be wrapping up the evening with a bit of FOOD and an opportunity to chat with the other years.

**Surgical Society Suturing Workshop** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 17th October 2013

A skills based suturing workshop where members can learn new surgical skills.

**NUI Galway Medical Undergraduate Research Day** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 18th October 2013

There are oral presentations in the morning and evening. Poster sessions in the afternoon. Come along to support fellow students and learn what is involved in doing a research project.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Masquerade Ball** » *Markree Castle, Collooney, Co. Sligo* » 19th October – 20th October 2013 (2 individual events)

Get your masks out - MedSoc and VSA bring you the annual Masquerade Ball!

Join us at Markree Castle, Sligo, for a night of mysterious encounters . . . who knows who'll be hidden behind the mask!

Enjoy a champagne reception, four-course meal, entertainment by live band, QueenBee Sligo and DJ . . . and of course, BAR 'TIL LATE!

Tickets €75, students €55 - on sale from MedSoc and VSA reps.

Discounted accommodation for guests - €99 for a double room, including full Irish breakfast - call 071 91 67800

Dress Code - Black Tie recommended. Mask a necessity!

**AMSINI Organisational Summit** » *Bailey Allen Hall - The View* » 9th November 2013

NUI Galway is proudly hosting the first ever organisational summit for a new national medical student organisation. Full details of the event will be available on the medsoc website [www.nuigmedsoc.com](http://www.nuigmedsoc.com)

**Suturing Seminar** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 18th November 2013

A suturing workshop teaching simple interrupted sutures and a single handed knot tie

**Even surgeons need to read ecgs** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 21st November 2013

An interest talk about the importance of ecg interpretation in the surgical field

**Pie Throw in Support of Philippines Aid Relief** » » 26th November 2013

Come down and join us for an evening of PIE THROWING!!! For a small donation, you'll get the chance to smush a pie into the face of some of your most loved peers including your very own MedSoc auditor Pishoy!!

There will also be some SPECIAL GUESTS that will be auctioning off pies to be thrown!

All proceeds will be donated to MSF in aid of the Philippines Typhoon Emergency Appeal!

See you there!

**Suturing Seminar** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 20th January 2014

A suturing workshop teaching simple interrupted sutures and a single handed knot tie

**Collegiate Surgical Case Competition Finals** » *clinical science institute, large lecture theatre* » 28th January 2014

The Finalists of the Collegiate Case Competition will present their cases for appraisal by a panel of consultant surgeons. The winner will be chosen to represent NUIG at the Royal College of Surgeons' Charter Day Inter-Collegiate Case Competition. They will be competing for the David-Bouchier Hayes medal on behalf of their university.

**EMSSI: A Night to Mend A Broken Heart** » *clinical science institute, UCHG.* » 13th February 2014

The Emergency Medicine Student Society, Ireland (EMSSI) present an event on Thursday February 13th including:

A talk on The road to specializing in emergency medicine

Case presentations on Valentines Day related cases in ED

We hope to see you all there!

**Surgical Specialties Night** » *clinical science institute, large lecture theatre* » 5th March 2014

A talk from some of the surgeons working in UCHG on their surgical specialty.

**Regional Final for National Students' Surgical Skills Competition** » *clinical science institute, UCHG. Room 312* » 19th March 2014

As part of the National Students' Surgical Skills Competition which is being run by the RCSI (the regulatory body for Irish surgeons) NUI Galway Surgical Society is hosting the regional final for NUI Galway.

The Competition is open to final year medical students with the top 2 students being selected to attend a day long skills seminar in the RCSI simulation lab on the 15th of April and the top student competing against contemporary students on the same day for the overall title.

**MedSoc AGM** » *CSI small lecture theatre* » 3rd April 2014

MedSoc will hold its AGM on Thursday the 3rd of April.

Positions to be filled include the following:

Auditor - head honcho.

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The meeting will be held in the Small Lecture Theatre in CSI with a video link to academics.

**MedSoc Intervarsities - UCD** » *UCD* » 5th April 2014

It's that time of year again! Time to start training for the sports event of the year! MedSoc Intervarsities! This year the day will be held in Dublin at the UCD pitches. The sporting events will include tag rugby, football and a 5km run. Additionally, the AMSI are organizing an academic debate on the day, details TBA. As always there will be a great night out to celebrate all of the athletes, spectators, and fans at the end of the day! Keep an eye out on the MedSoc and AMSI Facebook pages for further details!

**Medical Intervarsities 2014** » *UCD* » 29th March 2014

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**NUIG Medical Society AGM 2014 - Surgical** » *SLT, CSI* » 2nd April 2014

NUIG Surgical Society will be holding 2014's AGM on Wednesday, the 9th of April, with the election of the new committee.

Membership applications are now available on this page. The incoming committee for 2014-2015 will comprise the following:

- 1 1st Med (to be elected in September 2014)
- 2 2nd Meds
- 2 3rd Meds
- 2 4th Meds
- 2 5th Meds

Please email your membership application to [surgicalsoc.nuig@gmail.com](mailto:surgicalsoc.nuig@gmail.com) with the subject heading 'Committee Member Application'. We look forward to receiving your membership applications!

Shortlisted applicants will be required to present a short speech preceding the voting at the AGM.

See you there! :)

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#### **Inter Varsity Debate 2014: Should I stay or should I go? » UCD » 5th April 2014**

Medical Society Intersvarsities are just around the corner, taking place in UCD on the 5th of April. As well as the usual rugby, football and running events, this year will feature an inter-varsity debate on the topic of medical student emigration, "should I stay or should I go? - This house believes that it's in the best interest of medical graduates to emigrate".

UCD, Trinity and UL will propose the motion. RCSI, NUIG and UCC will be in opposition.

The victor will receive a fancy trophy sponsored by MPS to show their mom.

One speaker will represent each university, and prizes will be awarded to both the winning team and the best speaker on the night.

Afterwards we'll mosey over to the UCD student bar before heading out for a night on the town to celebrate the victorious and commiserate the defeated with some well deserved beverages.

#### **Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Pishoy Gouda

**Treasurer:** Aidan Stankard

**Public Relations Officer:** Sally-ann Sheehy

**Sports Officer:** Oisin O'Carroll

**International Officer:** Sarah Chiu

**Website Designer:** Samuel Fanous

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Eveline Matthews

**Emergency Medicine Sub-Society Representative:** Sean Dillane

**Vice-Auditor:** Simon Neary

**Secretary:** Stephanie Marie Bollard

**Entertainment Officer:** Susan Morrison

**Education Officer:** Jennifer Hayden

**Newsletter Editor:** Lisa Flynn

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Mary Ann Larkin

**Surgical Sub-Society Representative:** Domhnall O'Connor

**Immediate Past Auditor:** John Campion

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Lisa Flynn

**Secretary:** Samuel Fanous

**Education Officer:** Carl Byrne

**Entertainment Officer:** David O'Reilly

**Sports Officer:** Kevin McMahon

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Joseph Conway

**Newsletter Editor:** Caoimhe O'Sullivan

**Vice-Auditor:** Kate McCarthy

**Treasurer:** Sinead Dilworth

**Outreach Officer:** Matthew Sheridan

**PRO:** Margaret Brennan

**AMSI Representative:** Aoife Cunningham

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Lorcan O'Maoileannaigh

**Surgical Society Representative:** Gerard Browne

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€10,881.09	Ball	€62,825.45
Balls	€61,370.04	Bank charge	€240.16
Bank Charge	€68.12	Dinner	€413.43
Sponsorship	6,500.00	Entertainment	€350.00
Ticket Sales	€430.00	Equipment misc	€215.56
		Fundraising/charity	€3,020.00
		Gifts	€604.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>€79,249.25</b>	Hall hire	€250.00
		Hoodies	€463.71
		Makeup/Props	€20.48
		Materials	€151.85
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€594.32
		Postage	€34.50
		Printing	€150.00
		Prizes	€500.00
		Promotions	€276.48
		Reception	€849.50
		Society transport	€559.00
		Sound	€260.00
		Expenditure Total	€71,778.63
		Closing Bank Balance	€7,470.62
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€79,249.25</b>

## Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 526 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Medicine Soc		
<b><u>Kuan Hao Yee</u></b>	Volunteer at Science & Technology Festival 2013	3 hours
<b><u>Bridog Nic Aodha Bhui</u></b>	Teddy doctor, volunteer	3 hours

<a href="#"><u>Leah Hayes</u></a>	First Med Class Rep	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Pishoy Gouda</u></a>	Auditor	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mary Byrne</u></a>	Time keeping for summer research presentations in the CSI	2 hours
<a href="#"><u>Gerard Browne</u></a>	SurgSoc Committee Member	40 hours
<a href="#"><u>Caolan Coleman</u></a>	2nd Med Class Representative, Volunteer	7 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aidan Stankard</u></a>	Treasurer	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Susan Morrison</u></a>	Entertainment officer	80 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Tarpey</u></a>	Class Rep	6 hours
<a href="#"><u>Stephanie Marie Bollard</u></a>	Secretary	90 hours
<a href="#"><u>Robert Browne</u></a>	Volunteer at teddybear hospital	5 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lorcan O'Maoileannaigh</u></a>	Organiser of the NUIG MedSoc Shave or Dye	25 hours
<a href="#"><u>Eamonn McCrave</u></a>	Volunteer with Teddy Bear Hospital	3 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife O'Leary</u></a>	Helper teddy bear hospital for science week	3 hours
<a href="#"><u>Eveline Matthews</u></a>	Fundraiser, Fit&Well Week (Secondary School Mental Health Promotion Week)	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Coughlan</u></a>	Volunteer	3 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ronan Sheridan</u></a>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	5 hours
<a href="#"><u>Clodagh Birmingham</u></a>	Outreach officer	60 hours
<p>NUIG MedSoc represents the students of NUI Galway's School of Medicine. As a society we aim to both support our members academically and provide organisation for them socially by running various events throughout the year.</p> <p># ALIVE Students:                    19 student</p> <p># Hours Volunteered:                645 hours</p>		

## Microsoc

This year the committee organised all of the long standing annual MicroSoc events e.g. The Christmas Party, a Christmas Coffee Morning and the Postgrad Ball. Events like Music bingo which were started in recent years were also held. Some new events like the Great Micro Bake-Off, movie nights, food and board game nights were also added.

It was decided at last year's AGM that a special effort would be made to increase the number of alcohol-free events run by MicroSoc and try to make those where alcohol is involved less alcohol-centric. Several movie nights were held, and a trip to the David O'Doherty comedy gig was organised. For the first time non-alcoholic alternatives to wine were offered during the meal at the PostGrad Ball. There were also non-alcoholic drinks and sweets offered at the Ball reception.

It was also decided that special effort would also be put into attracting undergraduates to MicroSoc events. All events, meetings etc. were well advertised in advance on Facebook and emails sent specifically to undergraduates in Micro to make them aware that they were very welcome at all MicroSoc meetings and events and that every effort was being made to have events on dates that didn't clash with major events/deadlines in their academic calendar. There was a mixed response. There was a good turn out at the party in Monroe's in October, a very good turn-out at the Christmas party and a small number who attended the David O'Doherty gig and the Table Quiz. There seemed to be a core group who were willing to attend MicroSoc events...

Over the course of the year MicroSoc has supported four charities. The proceeds of the Mulled Wine and Mince Pie coffee morning (€378) were topped up from MicroSoc funds to €400 and split evenly between Galway Simon and MADRA. The excess



food from the morning was donated directly to the Cope Day Centre which is close to campus. A charity table quiz in February raised €655 which MicroSoc "topped up" to €755 in conjunction Galway Cycle. All proceeds from the Cycle go to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Ireland. In total, MicroSoc has sent €1155 to some very deserving charities.

The Postgrad Ball was held in early March this year with the Westwood Hotel as the venue for the first time. The general impression is that a good night was had by all. We had Ball veterans "The Lewd Tunes" back as the band. Tickets were Sold Out. The final number of attendees was 328. This should allow us to leave a healthy financial balance for the incoming committee. So far this year there has only been a single speaker in the Microbiology Seminar Series. The committee was only informed of the speaker's intention to give a talk during the week it was to be held and hence could not advertise it as a MicroSoc event. This excellent talk was given by Dr. Rowena Jenkins on the antimicrobial properties of manuka honey. In some regards, there seems to be an apparent lack of will/enthusiasm within the academics in the Department to support/suggest/help organise speakers. The postgrad rep. for microbiology is also a committee member and had informed the department academics repeatedly at several staff meetings of the financial and organisational support available from MicroSoc for visiting speakers. In the past MicroSoc meetings were held on a fairly ad hoc basis with meetings being called as required. With many of the committee members engaged in lab research it could be difficult to find a time that was convenient to a large number of members, especially so at short notice. This year it was decided to give having a monthly meeting a go. This took place in the same venue at the same time on the second Monday of each month. This approach was found to be very successful. Supplementary meetings had to be held now and again in the run up to certain events, but this was to be expected. It also allowed both types of meeting to be focused and efficient in regards to time taken. MicroSoc is not yet finished it's work for the year. The next large event that needs to be arranged is the 4th Year Finishing up party. It is hoped that there will be several more. There is some thought of having a Technicians Picnic event to recognise the work the Micro department technicians in keeping undergrads, postgrads and academics work lives running smoothly.

## Microsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

### **Meeting- New Year Kick Off** » *Dunican Theatre - Micro Dept. » 14th October 2013*

All Welcome. Staff and Students....

Kick off meeting for the new year.

Any ideas and suggestions for events very welcome.

### **Monthly Meeting** » *Dunican Theatre, Microbiology » 11th November 2013*

Regular meeting-to discuss progress and events

### **4th Year Night Out** » *Monroe's Tavern, Galway » 24th October 2013*

The "4th Year Night Out" is to socialise and interact among 4th Years and with postgrads in the society.

All MicroSoc members welcome.

### **MicroSoc Movie Night** » *Dunican Theatre » 13th November 2013*

### **MicroSoc Movie Night** » *McMunn Lecture Theatre » 27th November 2013*

MicroSoc Movie Night. Sweets and Soft Drinks provided. Just show up. Everyone welcome.

Feel free to send us your suggestions for future films you'd like to see at [microbiology@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:microbiology@socs.nuigalway.ie)

We're particularly looking for science related films that would also be entertaining, but plan to show a wide variety....

### **Trip to Christmas Market** » *Meet at Micro Common Room Downstairs in Micro to proceed to Eyre Sq. » 3rd December 2013*

Just a trip to the Christmas market together. We'll meet at Micro Common Room proceed together to the market, and MicroSoc will put a few euro towards a bison burger or spiced apple drink or something. (You can also track us down there if meeting at college at 6 isn't convenient.)

### **Monthly Meeting** » *Dunican Theatre » 9th December 2013*

### **Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Morning** » *Environmental seminar room. » 13th December 2013*

Our annual charity pre-Christmas charity coffee morning will be expanded this year to incorporate our first Micro Bake-Off. Bring along your tasty goodies. It's all in a good cause and you might win a prize on top of it. Entries must be dropped off prior to 10am to allow for judging by our own bearded, blue eyed, better than Paul Hollywood Mike Coughlan and that wannabe Mary Berry, Aileen.

Post Event Update:

There was a great turnout for the event. We had changed venue from the Micro Downstairs Seminar room to the much larger Environmental Sciences Seminar Room and it was still full to capacity. People were very generous in their donation of food and money for the chaities.

**The Big Micro Bake-Off** » *Downstairs Seminar Room - Micro* » 13th December 2013

Our first ever baking competition.... Drop your entries off at the seminar room between 9 and 10 and come back at 11 to bask in the glory of being Star Baker !!

Categories: Sweet, Savoury, Micro (interpret it as you will!) and Christmas.

Enter as many times as you like....

Post Event update: An amazing array of entries was received for the Bake-Off. There were 29 entries in total (3 in the junior section). As well as the Micro, Savoury, Christmas and Junior categories, additional prizes were given for "Meringue Based Item", "Chocolate Items""Buns", and "Cheesecake" categories. There were also special awards given for "Best Pastry", "Best Fruit" and Best Healthy Indulgence.

**Movie Night- Double Bill** » *MAIRTIN O TNUTHAIL THEATRE* » 17th December 2013

Christmas Movie Double Bill. Just show up- we'll have the films, sweets and pop!

**Christmas Party!!** » *The Dail Bar* » 18th December 2013

MicroSocs annual Christmas party. Fancy dress. Theme to be confirmed. Food and fun....

The theme chosen for the fancy dress element of the night was "Icons".

Post Event Update: We had a great turnout of about 80 people with a very good showing from the undergrads in Micro. Costumes included the Honey Monster, Bertie Bassett, Cat Woman Man, John Lennon, Bosco, Axel Rose, Charlie Chaplin, the Invisible Man, Santa, Mrs. Claus, The Spice Girls (All of them!), Sleeping beauty, Minnie Mouse, Mario, Luigi, Thor, Michael Flatley and Jean Butler, the Dude, the Virgin Mary Berry, Captain Jack Sparrow, Dolly the Sheep Parton, a Clockwork Orangeman and many many more.....

**MicroSoc Monthly Meeting** » *Dunican Theatre* » 13th January 2014

Discussion of events for the New Year. Music Bingo, Table Quiz, Movie Nights etc.... All ideas welcome.

**Music Bingo!** » *Monroe's* » 30th January 2014

Bingo with Music!! ?5 entry. Lots of music, fun and prizes

**Postgrad Ball Ticket Sale (EarlyBird Price)** » *foyer Áras na mac Léinn* » 5th February – 6th February 2014 (2 individual events)

Early Bird Sale of Tickets for Postgrad Ball. Special price of ?45. Sweets and Drinks Reception, 4 course meal, music by "The Lewd Tunes." No afters tickets for this event.

Normal ticket price will be ?50 after this sale, with tickets available from Socs Box.

Post Event Update: 196 tickets were sold over these sale dates.

**Monthly Meeting** » *Dunican Theatre* » 10th February 2014

MicroSoc Monthly Meeting.

Discussion of Ball and Prader Willi Table quiz among other things....

**Charity Table Quiz** » *College Bar* » 27th February 2014

Table Quiz. All proceeds to Prader Willi Syndrome Association of Ireland. Lots of great prizes. (Some sponsored by the Dingle Brewing Company) Entry: 20 Euro per table of 4.

Post Event Update: We had a total of 18 tables on the night with a good showing from Micro but also some "outside" teams which was good to see. There were some good raffle prizes which helped to raise a total of

**David O'Doherty** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 3rd March 2014

MicroSoc will provide a ticket for any member who'd like to go to see David O'Doherty in the O'Flaherty theatre at 8pm on Monday, March 3rd. All you have to do is email [microbiology@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:microbiology@socs.nuigalway.ie) before 6pm on Friday the 21st of February. We'll get back in touch about getting your ticket to you.

Post Event Update:

A total of 30 MicroSoc members attended the gig and a good night was had by all....

**Post Grad Ball » Westwood House Hotel » 6th March – 7th March 2014 (2 individual events)**

Post Grad Ball

Sweets and Sparking Wine Reception

3 Course Meal

Music by the Lewd Tunes followed by DJ.

Post Event Update:

The ball was a success. We were very happy with the food, management, security etc. provided by the Westwood Hotel. The "Lewd Tunes" were brilliant and had the dance floor full for the whole night.

**Food, fizz and fun » The Space Áras na Mac Léinn » 7th March 2014**

Exactly what it says on the tin. Come along for some pizza/salad and a refreshment. (Some refreshments provided by the Dingle Brewing Company) There'll be fun and games....

Post Event Update:

A lovely evening of cartoons, banter and board games was had. We even went for a healthier option than pizza. Food from the Asian Tea house. Well there was vegetables in it.... :)

**Monthly Meeting » Dunican Theatre » 10th March 2014**

Regular meeting to discuss upcoming events. Any and all ideas welcome.

A trip to the dogs anyone?

Post meeting update:

It was decided that Justine Rudkin would approach the academics in the Micro Department in relation to setting up a seminar series where each postgrad in the department would give a short presentation (10-15 minutes) once a year so that undergrads, postgrads and academics all know what each person is working on and the methods they are using.

**Monthly Meeting » Dunican Theatre » 14th April 2014**

Meeting to Discuss upcoming events, Fourth Year Finishing Up party date, any other ideas for trips etc....

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Beth O'Donoghue

**Vice-Auditor:** Aoife Duff

**Treasurer:** Paul McAteer

**Secretary:** Aileen Gill

**OCM:** Sinead Murphy

**Vice- Secretary:** Kerrie Nicaogain

**Vice- Treasurer:** Colm Lowry

**OCM:** Laura Gallagher

**OCM:** Helena Coughlan

**PRO:** Yinka Somorin

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Beth O'Donoghue

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,472.37	Ball	€11,048.71
Balls	€11,645.00	Bank charge	€95.67
Fundraising	€310.00	Dinner	€346.98
Socs box Till	€4,490.00	Entertainment	€150.00
Ticket Sales	€600.00	Equipment misc	€557.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>€22,517.37</b>	Fundraising/charity	€815.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€2,794.88

Income	Expenditure	
	Printing	€159.29
	Prizes	€436.44
	Reception	€484.61
	Returned Socs Money	€1,000.00
	Society accomm	€650.00
	Socs day expenses	€56.96
	Expenditure Total	€18,596.40
	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
	Cash In Hand	€0.00
	Closing Bank Balance	€3,920.97
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€22,517.37</b>

### Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 385 members.

## Misneach

Is grupa a bhfeacann leis an nGaeilge a chur chun cinn agus pobal briomhar na nGael a chothu e Misneach. Deanann muid e seo tri imeachtaí sóisialta a reachtail - oicheanta ceoil, craic cultuir, m. sh. - chomh maith le cainteanna poiblí agus imeachtaí eile tri mhean na Gaeilge. Chomh maith le sin, teann muid i mbun feachtasaíochta agus gníomhaíochta ar son na teanga.

Feictear duinn go bhfuil an Ghaeilge faoi bru ag an gcoras eacnamaíochta - idir ciorruithe siar, imirce 7 eile - agus gur fuinn fein atá se anois an teanga a chur chun cinn ar bhealach briomhar, spleodrach agus spreagail.

An oiread le gluaiseacht na Gaeilge ar fad, ta muid "dearg le fearg" agus ta muid reidh le rud a dheanamh faoi! Ach ar ndo, nineart go cur le cheile - biodh Misneach againn!

### Misneach Events

This year the society held a total of 33 events.

#### **EGM Cumann Misneach** » *An Mheitheal Rothar* » 29th January 2014

Beidh EGM Cumann Misneach ar sí?l sa Mheitheal Rothar san Ollscoil De Ceadaoin seo chugainn an 29u la ag 11.n. Toghfar an coiste agus socrofar plean don bhliain.

#### **Cruinniú Seachtainí?il** » *Seomra 205, thuas staighre, Áras na Gaeilge* » 3rd February – 28th July 2014 (26 individual events)

<http://misneachnagailimhe.blogspot.ie/>

#### **G-Spota** » *Áras na nGael* » 5th February – 6th February 2014 (2 individual events)

#### **Mrshiil sa phromhchathair i dtaca le cearta do phobal na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta** » *Baile Atha Cliath* » 15th February 2014

Agid ar son Cearta teanga i mBaile tha Cliath ar an 15 l deag de M Feabhra.

#### **Ag?id ar son na Gaeilge** » *An Spideal* » 23rd February 2014

Agoid in eadan chiorraithe an stait i leith na Gaeilge. Bus le shocru ag Misneach do la. Taraigi ann!

#### **An G-Spota** » » 12th March 2014

Beidh oiche shóisialta Ghaelach a eagra ag Misneach oiche Cheadaoin an 5u la Feabhra. Cuirfear scoith an cheoil i lathair ag an tslua in Áras na nGael ona 9 a chlog ar aghaidh. Beidh ceol traidisiúnta agus cupla DJ's againn ar an oiche agus beidh polaitíoch radacach a phle againn freisin. Taraigi ann!

## Caint Phoibl ar Oidhreacht Mhairtín Uí Chadhain » ?ras na nGael, sraid dhominic » 15th March 2014

Caint Phoibl faoi pholaitocht Mhairtín Uí Chadhain, an t-dar mór agus duine de bhunaitheoir Mhisneach i 1963, agus a dhearcadh cl-eiteach i leith chs na Gaeilge. Beidh an stara agus scríbhneoir Aindrias Cathasaigh agus an comhairleoir contae Chonamara a raibh baint Irnach aige le Gluaiseacht Chearta Sibhialta na Gaeltachta, Seosamh Cuaig, ag caint. Tí filte roimh cch.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Eadaoin Donnelly White

**Vice-Auditor:** Ben Kelly

**Treasurer:** Fionnghuala Nic Roibeaird

**Secretary:** Naoise O'Caireallain

**OCM:** Pádraic O'Finneadh

**OCM:** Alan Spencer

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Eadaoin Donnelly White

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00		
USC Grant	€200.00	Expenditure Total	€0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€200.00</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€200.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€200.00</b>

### Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 58 members.

## Musical Society (GUMS)

2013/2014 has been one of GUMS most successful years to date. It has been a year which has seen GUMS go from strength to strength in terms of membership, success and camaraderie. This year's committee have worked diligently and consistently throughout the year despite the many bumps we had to face along the way. None of this could have been possible without Jessica Mullins and Jenny Brennan, our ever enthusiastic and helpful Auditor and Vice-Auditor.

After the formation of the committee at the AGM, the task of deciding on a musical and obtaining the rights was undertaken. On April 8th 2013 the new committee met and debated this issue to great length. In the end it was decided that this year's production would be 'The Drowsy Chaperone'. This musical was more upbeat and light hearted compared to previous shows GUMS had done. It allowed us to put our own stamp on it and take the show in many creative directions. The show was scheduled to run in the Black Box Theatre from the 11th to the 15th of February 2014.

The first committee meeting of the new academic year took place on the 3rd of September. It was here that the committee were made aware that our elected MD Niamh Daly, could no longer continue on in her role due to personal circumstances out of her control. An EGM was scheduled to elect a new MD as soon as possible.

An EGM took place on the 13th of September to fill the position of sets assistant. Jack Scullion was elected. Jack had already been elected as schools liaison officer at the AGM so another EGM took place to refill this position. Freya Carroll was elected as the new schools liaison officer at the second EGM which took place on the 2nd of October.

GUMS started off its string of successful events with a variety show that took place during Fáihte fest in semester 1. The society grew from strength to strength after that. Societies Day gave us a good indication of what to expect for the coming year with hundreds of students signing up to be part of our society. Our current member list stands at a whopping 673 members.

Auditions for The Drowsy Chaperone took place on the 16th of September in various rooms around Áras na mac Léinn. The amount of people auditioning and the talent that was presented this year was incredible. This increased interest can be

attributed to both the rising reputation of GUMS on campus and the committed work of our PR team. This years cast and crew were a highly talented, enthusiastic and friendly bunch . I have no doubt they will ensure the continuation and strengthening of the society in the future.

Committee meetings occurred once a week on a Tuesday at 6pm in the first semester and Thursday at 4pm in the second semester. There were also additional production meetings throughout the year especially coming up close to the show . There were separate rehearsals for singing ,acting and dancing. Eva Marie Costello took on the role of chorus mistress for the first semester while the committee tried tirelessly to find a suitable MD who would bring this show to life for the final stretch until show time. .After Christmas things stepped up a notch with the addition of weekend rehearsals and the combining of all three rehearsals into one for run-throughs of the show. It also brought us our new MD , the wonderfully talented Dean Reidy , who did such an incredible job with both leads and chorus in such a short amount of time.

Besides rehearsals for the Drowsy Chaperone , NUIGs Got Talent was the society's biggest event in the first semester once again . This was a talent competition which ran for three heats from the 15th of October to the 29th of October . The final took place on the 13th of November. The three heats took place in the college bar, while the final took place in Baily allen hall which was presented by iradios Fergal D'arcy.

With most members being unable to resist the opportunity to see a musical, we organised a society outing to see West Side Story at the Bord gais energy Theatre in November. Semester 1 also saw GUM'S first 24 hour panto 'Wolf tales' written by a previous GUMS member Sam Iredale. It was a huge success and enjoyed by all who partook in it . Bake sale , bonding nights and an Interactive screening of the Rocky Horror picture show all took place in a jam packed semester 1 for GUMS.

Semester 2 opened with a bang with the 'Drowsy Chaperone' but the fun didn't stop once that was over . Two weeks later auditions started for the mini Musical 'Summer Night's, which was put together in just 10 days ! It was a hugely enjoyable experience for all involved and allowed the society to keep running all year .

Our lovely schools liaison officers put together a schools workshop , where acting ,singing and dancing techniques was covered . It was extremely successful and we urge the new committee coming in to keep this event running next year and to expand more on it .

The Musical Ball is one of the most anticipated events in the GUMS calendar as it offers the cast and crew of the show a chance to socialise in style. The evening of the 19th of March kicked off in the Galway Bay hotel with a drinks reception and a chocolate fountain . Guests were treated to a three course meal and then we danced the night away. As ever the Musical Ball proved to be an evening of glamour and entertainment and a great night out for all.

May will see 12 of our members jet off to London for three days to see the Lion King in the west end while also taking in some sites and taking London's social scene by storm . London is always an unforgettable trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all so we hope the same will apply again this year .

The Drowsy Chaperone , the 24-hour panto and the mini musical were an extraordinary success. This success would not have been possible without you all. On behalf of all the committee we thank you whole heartedly for sticking with us until the end and making this year one of the most enjoyable experiences for us. We have been through many hurdles this year and have come out fighting and stronger in the end . We could not have done that without your infectious enthusiasm and commitment. Overall GUMS has had a brilliantly successful year. Not only has this years committee managed to put on 3 productions and make it a success despite the many set backs they faced , they also ensured that the society's other events were run to the highest standard and increased the reputation of GUMS both on campus and in Galway city as a whole.

Massive thanks to our Auditor and Vice Auditor whose dedication and can do attitude inspired an increased effort from their committee. On behalf of myself it's been a pleasure working with and getting to know all of you. I couldn't have asked to work with a nicer group of people . I have enjoyed my role as secretary immensely. I have no doubt ye will go on to bigger and better things after this and excel in anything ye do. GUMS will forever be like a family and we can be confident leaving our roles knowing that it will continue to develop and grow in future years with such an incredibly talented group of people.

## Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society held a total of 63 events.

**Fáilte fest Variety Show » » 1st September 2013**

**Socs Day » » 11th September 2013**

**GUMS EGM, » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 12th September 2013**

Gums EGM taking place to elect new sets assistant. All members welcome .

**Musical Society Auditions for The Drowsy Chaperone » » 16th September 2013**

Auditions will take place in Áras na Mac Léinn on Monday. There will be a singing audition, a dancing audition and an acting audition. All you have to do is prepare a short singing piece which can range from twinkle twinkle to any musical song of your choice.

**Meet and Greet » The Cube » 23rd September 2013**

Come along and meet the cast and crew of GUMS 2013/14 musical THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

**GUMS Singing Rehearsals » Small Acoustic Room » 1st October 2013**

**GUMS EGM » Tyndall Lecture Theatre (Concourse) » 2nd October 2013**

GUMS is holding an EGM to fill the position of Musical Director and Schools Liason Officer. If you are interested in either of these positions or know someone who is make sure you come and nominate and vote for who you think is best for the job.

**GUMS acting rehearsals » » 10th October 2013**

GUMS acting rehearsals

**Dance Rehearsals » the Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUIG » 14th October 2013**

Every week we have dancing rehearsal for The Drowsy Chaperone at this time. Please come along if you are interested in being apart of our musical! Try to make it to as many as possible so you don't fall behind or miss out on the amazing time we always have!

**NUIG'S GOT TALENT » College Bar » 15th October 2013**

If you want to win a thousand euro go to the SocsBox and sign up for NUIG's Got Talent! It's only 2 euro to sign up! The first heat is on this TUESDAY (the 15th of October) at 7:30pm in the College Bar!! Even if you don't want to enter it's always fun to come and watch!! Great atmosphere and great entertainment NOT to be missed!!

**Singing Rehearsals » Tyndall Theatre on the Concourse » 16th October 2013**

We have singing rehearsals at this time every week for the musical The Drowsy Chaperone! The Tyndall Theatre is located down the red doors to the right of Smokey's!

**Nuigs got talent - Heat 2 » » 22nd October 2013**

If you want to win a thousand euro go to the SocsBox and sign up for NUIG's Got Talent! It's only 2 euro to sign up! Heat 2 is taking place on the 22nd of October in the college bar .even if you don't want to enter it's always fun to come and watch!! Great atmosphere and great entertainment NOT to be missed!! :)

**NUIG's Got Talent - Heat 3 » » 29th October 2013**

Would you like to win ?1000?? Then sign up in the SocsBox for our third and final heat of NUIG's Got Talent!! It's free to watch and always entertaining!!

**Singing Rehearsal » Tyndall Theatre, Concourse » 30th October 2013**

We have singing rehearsals at this time every week for the musical The Drowsy Chaperone! The Tyndall Theatre is located down the red doors to the right of Smokey's!

**ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW SCREENING » O'Flaherty Theatre, Arts Concourse, NUIG » 30th October 2013**

Filmsoc and GUMS unite to create an amazing viewing experience!! There will be a screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show the eve of Halloween!! Costumes are advised!! Props provided on the night so you can be as involved as possible. This is a very exciting colab so we hope you enjoy!!

**Dance rehearsals » » 4th November 2013**

**WestSide Story Trip! » Bord Gais Energy Theatre » 5th November 2013**



So We're heading to the Bord Gais to see West Side Story! 19 of us are going on the 5th of November, at 3 Pm from the Quadrangle. Show starts at half seven and we should be back in Galway around 12 :D Should be a great show guys so don't miss out! Buy your tickets at the SocsBox NOW! :D Tickets are forty euro with a tenner back, on the day of the show or soon after ;)

**Singing Rehearsals » TBC » 6th November 2013**

Make sure you check your e-mails and the GUMS like age on Facebook to find out this week's venue!

**Acting Rehearsal » The Stage » 8th November 2013**

**24hr Panto Auditions » Stage » 11th November 2013**

**Dance Rehearsals » The Cube » 11th November 2013**

Weekly dance rehearsals for the Drowsy Chaperone!

**NUIG'S GOT TALENT - FINAL » Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUIG » 13th November 2013**

This is where all of the performers that got through in the heats compete for the grand prize of 1000 euro!! Tickets for this are available from the SocsBox and from ticket sellers around campus. They are 10 euro which includes a meal and a voting ticket!! The after party is in Carbon where anyone who attended the show will get a concession price in! A fantastic evening full of entertainment NOT to be missed!!

**DANCE rehearsals » » 18th November 2013**

Weekly dance rehearsals for the Drowsy Chaperone!

**24 Hour Panto: Wolf Tales » » 18th November 2013**

24 Hours later we have our musical Wolf Tales, The 3 little pigs, all all singing, dancing and acting. Tickets 5 euro on the door so get there early.

**24 Hour Panto » » 18th November 2013**

**Dance Rehearsals » » 25th November 2013**

**Weekend rehearsals » The view and the stage » 11th January 2014**

Rehearsals will begin at 10am sharp on Saturday. Leads will be taken for singing with Dean in the stage. Chorus will be taken for dancing with Hannah in the view. Lunch will be from 1.30 - 2.30pm. In the afternoon there will be singing for everyone and we will have a read through for the whole cast from 5pm onwards. Rehearsals on Saturday will finish at 7pm. On Saturday night there will be an event at our entertainments officer Dave's house so make sure you come along and get to know all the cast and crew.

**Weekend rehearsals » the view and stage » 12th January 2014**

Sunday's rehearsals will begin at 10am sharp. Dancing will take place from 10am and leads will be taken for singing from 12 o'clock onwards. Lunch will be from 1pm-2pm. From 2 - 6pm we will try our first run through so everyone can get an idea of the show as a whole. Rehearsals will finish at 6pm. :)

**singing rehearsals The Drowsy Chaperone » the Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUIG » 13th January 2014**

Only SIX WEEKS until the show so be sure to attend as many rehearsals as possible!!

Remember to text Jenny or Jess if you can't make it just so we know you still want to be involved! You can always contact us via the Facebook page too!

**Acting for leads for the Drowsy Chaperone » » 14th January 2014**

**Dance rehearsals The Drowsy Chaperone » » 15th January 2014**

**Acting rehearsals » » 16th January 2014**

not everyone will be needed for acting , check your emails to see if you have been called or if it was already mentioned to you at the last rehearsal :)



**Weekend rehearsals » siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium » 18th January 2014**

rehearsals for everyone ! all rehearsals will be taking place in the siobhan mckenna theatre this weekend .:)

**Weekend rehearsals » siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium » 19th January 2014**

rehearsals for everyone !

**Singing rehearsals » » 20th January 2014**

**GUMS BAKESALE! » » 22nd January 2014**

Hey guys!! So we're having a BAKE SALE this Wednesday in Smokey's Cafe! Please come and support the society and feel free to donate some baked goods! It's happening from 12-3 so make sure to stop by and get some yummy treats :)

**weekend rehearsals » » 25th January 2014**

At 10am on Saturday morning there will be dancing but only those who are in the BRIDES LAMENT are called. This is Grainne, Elaine, Frankie, Cliondha, Julia, Freya, Christina, Aisling O'D, Maria, Siobhan, Rory, Dave, Dara and Charlie. Shane G, Joe and Robert.

Everyone else can come in after lunch for acting. Acting will begin at 2.30pm for the whole cast.

**weekend rehearsals » » 26th January 2014**

On Sunday everyone is starting at 10am for singing with Dean. Diarmuid and Robert will be doing cold feets. In the afternoon there will be a run through.

**Muscailt press release for 'The Drowsy Chaperone' » » 27th January 2014**

**Dance rehearsals » » 28th January 2014**

hey guys so dance rehearsals for everyone who is in Fancy dress and Toledo surprise will be happening (Tuesday) at 8pm in the stage.

PLEASE Keep an eye on your emails for details of rehearsals later in the week :)

**Weekend rehearsals » siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium » 1st February 2014**

**Weekend rehearsals » siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium » 2nd February 2014**

**Last sing rehearsal ( tear :'( ) » » 3rd February 2014**

This will be the last singing rehearsal before the final run through and tech run at the weekend . Please be there and keep on practicing your harmonies ! You're amazing guys , keep up the great work ! :)

**Dance rehearsals » » 3rd February 2014**

Note : \*THESE ARE NOT THE RIGHT TIMES ! PLEASE LOOK AT EMAILS FOR CORRECT TIMES AND VENUES\*

Dance rehearsals will be on Monday for certain dances , please check your emails to find out the time and venue and if you are needed :)

**Dance rehearsals » » 4th February 2014**

Note :\* the times mentioned above are not the actual times \* .Dance rehearsals will be happening at various times and venues throughout the week . Certain groups will be called so PLEASE check your emails to find out when , where and who is needed . :)

**Acting rehearsals » » 4th February 2014**

Acting is in the stage: 8-8.30 ERicka and Joe and Feldzeig Troupe. All leads from 8.30 onwards.

**Dance rehearsals » » 5th February 2014**

This evening (WEDS) there will be dance from 8pm in the cube for those in show-off, fancy dress and love is always lovely. It is important that everyone attends.

**Dance rehearsals » » 6th February 2014**

Note :\* the times mentioned above are not the actual times \* .Dance rehearsals will be happening at various times and venues throughout the week . Certain groups will be called so PLEASE check your emails to find out when , where and who is needed . :)

**Run through with orchestra » » 6th February 2014**

there will be a run-through with the orchestra starting at 6.30pm in the bailey allen hall. Everyone must attend.

**Weekend rehearsal » » 8th February 2014**

**Weekend rehearsal » » 9th February 2014**

keep an eye on your emails for rehearsals happening on Sunday in college as the venue and times may be different !

**GUMS presents 'The Drowsy Chaperone' » the Blackbox theatre » 11th – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

11th - 15th of February 2014! In the Black Box Theatre!

Ever wonder how a broken plane, a blindfolded man on roller-skates, and some politically incorrect innuendos made their way into the same musical? If not, I bet you're wondering now. The Drowsy Chaperone (book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar and music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison) is a colourful comedy that takes place in the 1920's with frantic preparations being made for a wedding.

Naturally, problems arise that threaten the marriage of starlet, Janet Van de Graaff, and the dreamy Robert Martin.

The show breathes through start-and-stop narration performed by the eloquent, yet lonely, Man in Chair. He exists in a world separate from the musical, but is delighted when The Drowsy Chaperone comes to life in his apartment. It's a show within a show, and that's the least of the fun surprises. Get ready for a satirical slant on a 1920's melodrama. We can promise singing, dancing, comedy (if you have a good sense of humour), and maybe even a wedding!

tickets :10/12 euro GET THEM AT THE SOCS BOX OR IN THE TOWNHALL THEATRE NOW ! :D

**Summer Nights » » 11<sup>th</sup> -12th March 2014**

Summer Nights follows ten teenagers as they navigate the complexities of love in the 50's! The show tackles such social issues as teenage pregnancy and gang violence; its themes include love, friendship, teenage rebellion, sexual exploration during adolescence, and, to some extent, class consciousness/class conflict.

A fun show for everyone to enjoy! The production team and cast put this show together in just 2 weeks!

Tickets €5/8 available from the Socsbox!

**Musical BALL » Galway Bay Hotel » 19th March 2014**

**screening of the drowsy chaperone » Concourse » 20th March 2014**

**London Trip » London » 20th May – 22nd May 2014 (3 individual events)**

GUMS go to London!

Departing: 6:25am Dublin Airport

Going to Lion King on the 20th!

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Jessica Mullins

**Secretary:** Alida Zauers

**Choreographer:** Hannah O'Reilly

**Head of Sets:** Ronan Gallagher

**Costumes Assistant:** Yvonne McHugh

**PRO:** Dara O'Donnell

**Schools Liason Officer:** Deirdre Ni Chloscai

**Entertainments Officer:** David McEnroe

**Schools Liaison Officer :** Freya Carroll

**Treasurer:** Darragh Cooney

**Director:** Conor Burke

**Choreographer Assistant:** Charlotte Moore

**Productions Officer:** Richard Brown

**Costumes Mistress:** Blathnaid McKeivitt

**PR Assistant:** Keegan Charlier

**Sets Assistant:** Jack Scullion

**Vice-Auditor:** Jennifer Brennan

**Musical Director:** Dean Reidy

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Freya Carroll

**Secretary:** Keegan Charlier

**Director:** Kori Kilduff

**asst Choreographer :** Rory McNamara

**Head of sets :** Ryan Hehir

**Schools liasion officer:** Shifra Tobin

**Ents officer:** Diarmuid Tierney

**PR asst :** Alison Greene

**Vice-Auditor:** Alida Zauers

**Treasurer:** Darragh Cooney

**Choreographer :** Claudia O'Sullivan

**costumes Mistress:** Deirdre Ni Chloscai

**PRO:** Robbie Walsh

**schools liasion officer:** Kevin Murphy

**Productions Liasion Officer/OCM:** Grainne White

**Costumes asst:** Clíodhna Hallissey

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,843.38	Affill/Mem fees	€330.00
Fundraising	€1,329.00	Ball	€1,463.21
Members Contributions	€385.00	Bank charge	€137.60
Socs box Till	€8,020.00	Costumes	€3,340.00
Sponsorship	€700.00	Entertainment	€1115.50
Ticket Sales	€1,377.80	Hoodies	€1,224.71
USC Grant	€13,500.00	Lights	€2,350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€31,155.18</b>	Materials	€859.55
		Performing rights	€5,888.20
		Postage	€52.70
		Printing	€82.65
		Prizes	€1,212.95
		Promotions	€445.74
		Reception	€92.39
		Security	€270.00
		Set	€2,316.71
		Society accomm	€631.22
		Society transport	€1,264.58
		Sound	€6,510.00
		Teacher fees	€180.00
		Expenditure Total	€29,767.71
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,387.47
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€31,155.18</b>

## Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 673 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Musical Society (GUMS)		
<b>Hannah Loughnane</b>	Member of orchestra	30 hours
<b>Jack Scullion</b>	Sets Assistant	300 hours

<b><u>Dara O'Donnell</u></b>	P.R.O	600 hours
<b><u>Julia Schaefer</u></b>	Chorus Member	200 hours
<b><u>Aisling Ni Dhonnchadha</u></b>	Chorus member	60 hours
<b><u>Freya Carroll</u></b>	Committee and Cast Member	373 hours
<b><u>Jessica Mullins</u></b>	Auditor	600 hours
<b><u>Darragh Cooney</u></b>	Treasurer	200 hours
<b><u>Francesca McClean</u></b>	Cast member	200 hours
<b><u>Keegan Charlier</u></b>	Cast Member, PR Assistant	600 hours
<b><u>Aisling McGing</u></b>	backstage work	8 hours
<b><u>Dean Reidy</u></b>	Musical Director	600 hours
<b><u>Yvonne McHugh</u></b>	Costumes Assistant	510 hours
<b><u>Jennifer Brennan</u></b>	Vice Auditor	600 hours
<b><u>Orla Tubridy</u></b>	Chorus member	100 hours
<b><u>Richard Brown</u></b>	Production Liason Officer, Director of	430 hours
<b><u>David McEnroe</u></b>	Entertainments Officer	300 hours
<b><u>Alida Zauers</u></b>	secretary/ocm	400 hours
<b><u>Shane Egan</u></b>	Member of the cast of	200 hours
<b><u>Christina O'Reilly</u></b>	cast member in the musical	240 hours
<b><u>Oisin Tierney</u></b>	Backstage	40 hours
<b><u>Blathnaid McKeivitt</u></b>	Costumes Mistress and Cast member	550 hours
<b><u>Diarmuid Tierney</u></b>	Member.	420 hours
<b><u>Muireann Ni Raghallaigh</u></b>	Volunteer	80 hours
<b><u>Kevin Murphy</u></b>	Cast Member	350 hours
<b><u>Deirdre Ni Chloscai</u></b>	School's Liaison Officer, Performer, Volunteer	500 hours
<b><u>Julie Breen</u></b>	Orchestra Member	40 hours
<b><u>Kori Kilduff</u></b>	NUIG's Got Talent Judge & Stage Crew	60 hours
<b><u>Ryan Hehir</u></b>	Actor	50 hours
<b><u>Robert Browne</u></b>	volunteer	120 hours
<b><u>Clíodhna Hallissey</u></b>	Chorus member, Head of Costumes	400 hours
<b><u>Siobhan Boyle</u></b>	Performer	150 hours
<b><u>Charlotte Moore</u></b>	Assistant Choreographer and chorus member	650 hours
<b><u>Elizabeth Moon</u></b>	Lead in musical	390 hours
<b><u>Orla McHugh</u></b>	Choreographer, Volunteer	90 hours
<b><u>Katie Reid</u></b>	Stage Manager,	27 hours

The musical society is an organisation all about inclusion, hard work and creativity. The society not only produces a week long production in the Black Box each year, it also organised many other events around campus. This year the society kicked off with a variety show for freshers organised by our hard working committee of 18. Then through October we held heats for NUIG's Got Talent with the grand final taking place in the Bailey Allen Hall in November. This year saw the first GUMS/ DRAMSOC 24 hour panto written by a talented past GUMS member. We also put on a mini musical during theatre week which was very successful. The main show ran for 5 nights in the Black Box which is an accumulation of hundreds of hours of work by cast, crew, production team and orchestra.

# ALIVE Students:	36 student
# Hours Volunteered:	10468 hours

## Occupational Therapy

The occupational therapy society had a busy and successful year for 2013/2014.

Two fundraisers were organised by the committee both in semester one and two. These events were a great success raising much needed funds for two excellent causes, the Galway Community Garden and the Care for Shane Trust.

Money raised for the Galway Community Garden initiative was put to great use during the semester whereby 3rd year occupational therapy students as part of their emerging areas module organised and ran various workshops (photography, computer classes, art classes etc) for different organisations around the Galway region. These organisations included that of Ability West, the Galway Youth Dioces and Shine.

Money raised from the bakesale in Áras Moyola for the Care for Shane trust was used to purchase much needed equipment for Shane's ongoing care. All members of the OT society were delighted to have been given the chance to contribute to this excellent cause, even if it was only small, given that this cause has such a close link with the occupational therapy department in NUIG as one of the PHD students has been working with Shane in recent months.

Other events organised and held by the society throughout the year included movie evenings with refreshments and pizza as well as day trips for all its members members

### Occupational Therapy Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

#### **Meet and Greet » » 23rd September 2013**

Hey fellow OCCSOCCERS.....

The Occsoc committee are currently very busy thinking of cool and crazy ideas for us all to do throughout the college year but to start things of we have decided to organise a little get together in the college bar on Monday the 23rd of September starting at 8.30pm.

It will be a great way of everyone getting to know one another and should be great aul craic:D The college bar have even been sound enough to provide us with free finger food and free entry to electric before 11.45 so all ye guys gotta do is get down :D No excuses:D Ah no, It would be great to see ye all and we hope ye can all make it!!

### Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Michelle McHugh

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Claudia Harrington

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Niamh Corry

**Auditor:** Claire Kelly

**Treasurer:** Triona Ni Dhomhnaill

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Naomi Algeo

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Emma Fingleton

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Edel Doherty

**Secretary:** Amanda Browne

**Vice-Pro:** Aoife Roche

## Committee 2014/2015

Contact : Claire Kelly

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€361.24	Bank charge	€31.62
Fundraising	€1,376.99	Dinner	€100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,738.23</b>	Fundraising/charity	€295.00
		Socs day expenses	€13.79
		Expenditure Total	€440.41
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€360.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,347.82
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,788.23</b>

### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 195 members.

### ALIVE Participation

#### Occupational Therapy

<u>Claire Kelly</u>	Auditor of the Occupational Therapy Society	30 hours
<u>Amanda Browne</u>	Secretary	15 hours
<u>Emma Fingleton</u>	PRO	40 hours
<u>Naomi Algeo</u>	Advisory Role/Ordinary Committee Member	15 hours
<u>Triona Ni Dhomhnaill</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Michelle McHugh</u>	Vice Auditor	40 hours

The Occupational Therapy society had a fantastic year yet again. We had social meetings, advisory sessions for occupational therapy students and are currently organizing a fundraising event. Although we are a small group, this did not stop our fantastic committee from encouraging other non-OT students to join which gave people a chance to find out what exactly occupational therapy is.

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 170 hours

## Orchestra Soc

The Orchestra Society now in its Thirteenth year prides itself on welcoming all musicians of every age and standard while promoting enjoyment of classical, contemporary and modern music to the wider student population and local community. The Orchestra society practices every Tuesday evening throughout the two college semesters and is conducted by Hugh Kelly, Director of Maoin Cheoil na Gaillimhe. This year the Orchestra raised over 1200 euro for Self Help Africa an international charity that promotes and implements long-term rural development projects in Africa. This concert was held in St Nicholas Collegiate Church in partnership with Choral and Trad societies of NUI Galway building inter society relations. The Orchestra had the opportunity to benefit from evening masterclasses with the ConTempo string quartet famously the Galway ensemble in residence and the RTE quartet in residence. We travelled to Esker monastery for a days sectional and rehearsing workshop

finally ending in a social event to build team membership relations of the orchestra. In April we will travel to Davitt College performing an audio visual event along side Film Soc, celebrating popular film covers including Pirates of the Caribbean, Forrest Gump and Gladiator while forming ties with local music groups. Our final concert for the year held in the college includes our popular film covers and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and is open to all to attend.

## Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

### **Orchestra Soc Trip » Lisdoonvarna » 1st November – 3rd November 2013 (3 individual events)**

The Orchestra's annual semester trip will be to Lisdoonvarna staying at The Burren Hostel Friday and Saturday night. The Orchestra will have an intensive full day practice in sectionals on Saturday coming together in the evening for a full practice. This trip is instrumental to the Orchestra's progress in perfecting pieces ready for our end of semester concert taking place late November/early December.

### **Contempo String Quartet Visit » St Mary's College » 5th November 2013**

Player's of the famous Contempo String Quartet will mentor each instrument section providing essential practical help to the success of the NUIG Orchestra in the upcoming end of semester concert.

### **Orchestra, Trad and Choral Soc Concert » St. Nicholas's Collegiate Church » 26th November 2013**

This November, the Choral, Orchestra and Trad societies of NUIG will come together to present a Christmas Concert in aid of Self Help Africa. The programme will include performances from all three societies to whet the festive appetite. With some magnificent traditional Irish jigs and reels, some choral delights, and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, this is definitely a must see event! Tickets cost €6, and €4 with concessions. All ticket sales go directly to Self Help Africa. Tickets are available from the Socs Box in NUIG, and a limited amount will be on sale at the door on the night. To pre-book your ticket, please contact Evie on nuigchristmasconcert2013@gmail.com. Check out Self Help Africa on FaceBook, Twitter, and on [www.selfhelpafrica.org](http://www.selfhelpafrica.org)

### **Orchestra Society Outing » Esker Monastery » 16th February 2014**

Orchestra outing to Esker for a full days practice with nibbles/dinner afterwards.

### **Orchestra Trip Semester Two » Castlebar » 4th April – 6th April 2014 (3 individual events)**

Annual Orchestra Trip and Concert away. Collaborating with the Film society to host an audio visual event in Davitt College. The concert will be open to the students and staff of Davitt College as well as the local community.

### **Orchestra and Film Concert » Bailey Allen Hall » 7th April 2014**

Audio visual event brought by the Orchestra and Film societies tickets available on the door at 7.15pm €6 concession, €10 standard ticket price in The Bailey Allen Hall. Projections of The Pirates of the Caribbean, Forrest Gump and Gladiator as well as a collection of silent films paired to Schubert's Unfinished Symphony will be on show. Refreshments available during the interval, all are welcome to attend this very special event.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Michael Walsh

**PRO:** Niamh Johnston

**Vice-Auditor:** Aisling Moriarty

**Treasurer:** Eoin Coughlan

**Secretary:** Yvonne Kiely

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Pdraig Synnott

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€718.92	Bank charge	€60.47
Fundraising	€1,114.00	Dinner	€48.00
Members Contributions	€220.00	Entertainment	€100.00
Socs box Till	€154.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,269.00

Income		Expenditure	
Sponsorship	€1,600.00	Hall hire	€250.00
USC Grant	€4,400.00	Performing rights	€141.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,206.92</b>	Printing	€69.00
		Received Money Returned	€1,600.00
		Society accomm	€1,258.00
		Society transport	€340.80
		Speaker travel	€48.00
		Teacher fees	€2,480.00
		Video Hire	€100.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,764.73
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€442.19
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€8,206.92</b>

### Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 419 members.

### ALIVE Participation

#### Orchestra Soc

##### Kate Murphy

Librarian

75 hours

The Orchestra Society now in its Thirteenth year prides itself on welcoming all musicians of every age and standard while promoting enjoyment of classical, contemporary and modern music to the wider student population and local community. This year the Orchestra raised over 1400 euro for Self Help Africa an international charity that promotes and implements long-term rural development projects in Africa. We had the opportunity to benefit from evening masterclasses with the ConTempo string quartet famously the Galway ensemble in residence and the RTE quartet in residence. In April we will travel to Davitt College performing an audio visual event along side Film Soc, celebrating popular film covers including Pirates of the Caribbean, Forrest Gump and Gladiator while forming ties with local music groups. Our final concert for the year held in the college includes our popular film covers and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and is open to all to attend.

# ALIVE Students: 1 student

# Hours Volunteered: 75 hours

## Organic Gardening Society

The Organic Gardening Society in its fourth year with its own garden at the rear of No.12 Distillery Road has four raised beds as well as a fruit border, composting area and small greenhouse. Members of the society grow their own vegetables in a sustainable and organic manner. We also welcomed members of the wider public to participate in the garden as well.

### Organic Gardening Society Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.



### Weekly Meeting » the garden » 22nd October 2013

Our weekly meeting!

### Weekly Meeting » the garden » 23rd October 2013

Weekly meeting for those who can't make it on Tuesdays.

### Organic Gardening Weekly Meeting » The Organic Garden » 3rd February 2014

Organic Gardening will hold its weekly meetings from 12-2 on Mondays in the Garden.

### Organic Gardening Garden » The Organic Garden » 10th February – 31st March 2014 (8 individual events)

Our weekly meeting, in the Organic Garden; on Distillery Road, beside the Security offices!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Amy Devaney

**Treasurer:** Paul Lyons

**Vice-Auditor:** Claire Callaghan

**PRO:** Alva Gallagher

**Secretary:** Christine Neer

## Committee 2014/2015

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€292.46	Bank charge	€27.32
USC Grant	€500.00	Materials	€15.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>€792.46</b>	Promotions	€56.33
		Teacher fees	€420.00
		Expenditure Total	€519.25
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€273.21
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€792.46</b>

### Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 154 members.

## Palestine Solidarity Soc

Palestine Solidarity Society is a society based on the principles of anti-war, anti-colonialism, anti-imperialism, anti-racism and anti-terrorism. We are committed to showing strong solidarity to the Palestinian people in the face of brutal oppression. We aim to raise awareness of the blatant human rights abuses and gather as much international support as possible for the Palestinians in their struggle for liberation and freedom.

### THIS YEAR:

We started the year off by highlighting the evils of occupation by showing a film screening of Occupation 101, which turned out to be very successful and gained us a few more members. The film highlighted not only the devastating physical consequences of occupation but also the psychological effects it can have on a people.

We also believe in everyone's right to education, believing firmly in Thomas Davis' quote "Educate, that you may be free".

Palestinians growing up in Israel or in the Occupied Territories do not have this right. Palestine Solidarity Soc joined in on the

Right to Education week as a way of demonstrating our support for this universal right. We had a debate, a film screening and interviewed some students.

As we are an anti-war society we took part in demonstrations in solidarity with Margaretta D'Arcy after she was imprisoned for protesting the use of Shannon Airport for facilitating warplanes on their journey to murder innocent civilians.

**THE BDS (BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, SANCTIONS) CAMPAIGN:**

Since 2005 there has been a growing call on the international community from Palestine to boycott Israel until it complies with International Humanitarian Law and stops their campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians. We decided that we would try and get NUIG to endorse the BDS movement through an SU referendum. This involved a tremendous effort from all society members, tireless campaigning both online and offline.

A week before the referendum week we hosted an information night on BDS and the Arab-Israeli conflict. We invited Martin Quigley from the IPSC (Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign) and Jim Roche from Academics for Palestine to speak alongside our Auditor Fionnghuala Nic Roibeaird. About 30 people attended and the information night persuaded them to help us out during the referendum week which proved the night to be very successful.

The Monday of the referendum week we hosted a talk about Repression and Resistance in Apartheid's Jails by Randa Wahbe who is an Advocacy Officer with Addameer Palestinian Prisoner Rights Association. This was very successful and a great start to the referendum week.

In spite of dirty tactics by our opposition we won the referendum by a majority of 2:1. This was reported in the international news stations and is a great sign to show that BDS is growing and Palestinian support is too.

## Palestine Solidarity Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

### **Palestine Solidarity Society Annual General Meeting » *The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn » 2nd October 2013***

After a period of inactivity, the Palestine Solidarity Society is being revived. We will discuss ideas to take the society forward and will elect a committee for the forthcoming academic year. One of the society's main focuses this year will be to push for a NUI Galway Students' Union Referendum on supporting an academic and cultural boycott of Israel. Do come along; those new to NUI Galway are especially welcome. The meeting will take place in The Stage, downstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn near the Bailey Allen Hall.

### **Film Screening: Occupation 101 » *cairnes theatre (bank of ireland) » 16th October 2013***

On Wednesday the 16th of October, the recently reactivated NUI Galway Palestine Solidarity Society will be screening Occupation 101 for all of you wishing to know more about the cause of the Palestinian people. There will be an opportunity to find out more about the society and to try out some Mediterranean and Arab food!

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.

The film also details life under Israeli military rule, the role of the United States in the conflict, and the major obstacles that stand in the way of a lasting and viable peace. The roots of the conflict are explained through first-hand on-the-ground experiences from leading Middle East scholars, peace activists, journalists, religious leaders and humanitarian workers whose voices have too often been suppressed in Western media outlets.

The film covers a wide range of topics -- which include -- the first wave of Jewish immigration from Europe in the 1880's, the 1920 tensions, the 1948 war, the 1967 war, the first Intifada of 1987, the Oslo Peace Process, Settlement expansion, the role of the United States Government, the second Intifada of 2000, the separation barrier and the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, as well as many heart wrenching testimonials from victims of this tragedy.

### **Right 2 Education Week » *NUI Galway » 11th November – 15th November 2013 (5 individual events)***

The Right to Education campaign is a grassroots Palestinian movement based at Birzeit University which aims to document, research and raise consciousness about the realities of education under Israeli occupation. Education is a human right, and it is one that has been continuously denied under occupation. It is our responsibility to defend the universal right to education, and demand it's realisation.

In this tone, the NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society is organizing a week, with activities as follows:

11/11, Monday: Film Screening, Tyndall Theatre, 7pm

12/11, Tuesday: Art Display/Mini Exhibition, Áras na Mac Léinn 12-4pm

13/11, Wednesday: Talk, AC203, 7pm

14/11, Thursday: Street Interview, campus, 12-4pm

15/11, Friday: Video Release.

**Palestine Solidarity Society Signature Collecting Stall » » 11th December 2013**

We are commencing our campaign to have the SU join the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israeli apartheid! Help us reach the required 500 signatures to prompt a SU referendum on the issue.

**Palestine Solidarity Society Signature Collection » » 12th December 2013**

We are commencing our campaign to have the SU join the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israeli apartheid! Help us reach the required 500 signatures to prompt a SU referendum on the issue.

**Palestine Solidarity Society Signature Collection » » 13th December 2013**

We are commencing our campaign to have the SU join the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israeli apartheid! Help us reach the required 500 signatures to prompt a SU referendum on the issue.

**Palestine Solidarity Society Vigil » Eyre Square » 31st December 2013**

The NUI Galway Palestine Solidarity Society will hold a vigil in Eyre Square on Tuesday evening at 6pm to give the people of Galway an opportunity to show their support for the Palestinian people. The vigil is being organized to highlight Israeli attacks on Gaza over the Christmas period and commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Israeli 'Operation Cast Lead' attack on Gaza.

In the past week alone, reports the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, in Gaza Israeli forces have killed 2 Palestinians, including a 3-year-old child, and wounded 12 others, including 3 children and a mother, in several aerial and land attacks in and other shooting incidents along the border fence.

Please spare an hour of your time to remember the victims of the attacks and the ongoing illegal Israeli siege of Gaza, where Israeli attacks and killings are ongoing, even in the face of the man-made crisis there arising from sporadic power outages as a result of severe fuel shortages.

Feel welcome to bring Palestinian flags and supportive placards if you wish.

**NUI Galway Palestine Solidarity Society EGM » AC202 » 15th January 2014**

We shall elect a committee for the new semester and discuss the campaign for making the SU supportive of a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions policy. Get involved!

**Collecting signatures for Palestine Solidarity referendum » NUIG concourse » 27th January – 31st January 2014 (5 individual events)**

Collecting the 500 signatures needed to prompt the Students' Union to endorse a referendum on the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions policy against the state of Israel.

**Shannon Peace Vigil » Shannon, Co. Clare » 9th February 2014**

As some of you may know there will be a solidarity peace vigil for Margaretta D'Arcy this Sunday in Shannon Airport at 2 pm.

As we are fundamentally an anti-war society we here feel that it's vital we have members from the society join us. We will be able to reimburse those who keep their receipts from the bus ticket.

Margaretta has stood up to US terrorist policy. Palestine is in the situation it's in because it's US policy. Let's stand up to this injustice.

**Oiche Eolais, NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society Information Night » Concourse classroom TBC. » 13th February 2014**

We are the NUI Galway Palestine Solidarity Society. We are opposed to the occupation of Palestine and current U.S-Israeli imperialist policy against those indigenous to the land.

An international campaign of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) was launched in Palestine in 2005 against the Zionist State of Israel. We are campaigning for the NUIG Students Union to endorse the BDS movement via a referendum amongst NUIG students. As there are many activists sympathetic to the cause but without adequate knowledge on the subject we're holding this information night to educate our fellow comrades on the subject so that we have a stronger, more united force come election week!

**Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions Information Night » AC202 » 25th February 2014**

As part of our campaign on the referendum amongst NUIG students on 6th March on whether or not the Students' Union should take a stance in support of BDS (Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions) against Israel, the NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society will be hosting this public information night to outline our views as to why NUIG students should support BDS & Vote Yes on 6th March.

Speakers;

Martin Quigley - IPSC (Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign)

Fionnghuala Nic Roibeaird - NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society

Jim Roche - Academics for Palestine

### **Israeli Apartheid Week Talk: Randa Wahbe on Palestinians and Israeli Prisons - Repression and Resistance in Apartheid's jails » » 3rd March 2014**

As part of Israeli Apartheid Week 2014, on Monday 3rd March at 7pm the NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society in association with the Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign is honoured to present Randa Wahbe from Addameer, the Palestinian Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association. Ms. Wahbe will speak in the Siobhan McKenna theatre, Arts Millennium building, NUI Galway.

Some of the issues that Ms Wahbe will address in her talk will be:

- The issue of torture in Israeli prisons.
- Hunger strikes in Israeli prisons.
- Denial of prisoners rights and violations of international law in Israel's prison system.
- Administrative detention A form of internment without trial, which Amnesty says is used to suppress the legitimate and peaceful activities of activists in the Occupied Palestinian Territories?.
- The 99.7% conviction rate for Palestinian security prisoners, tried before Israeli military (non-jury) courts whose proceedings do not meet international standards for fair trial?, according to Amnesty.
- Child prisoners and the abuse of children within the system.
- The detention of Palestinian parliamentarians and civil society leaders.
- The Anglo-Danish security multinational G4S and its role in the Israeli prison system.
- The forthcoming BDS Referendum amongst students in NUIG

The Israeli prison system is part of the architecture of Apartheid.

Since the beginning of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories in 1967, between 750,000-800,000 Palestinians have been detained by the Israeli military. According to Amnesty, many [have been] held incommunicado for prolonged periods?. This figure represents approximately 40% of the total male population in occupied Palestinian territory. At present, according to the latest available figures from Addameer (January 2014), there are over 5,000 Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails, including 155 Administrative Detainees, 12 parliamentarians, 17 women and 154 children.

The issue of prisoners, particularly child prisoners, is one that is often overlooked in discussions around the Palestine-Israel issue, usually only mentioned when Israel releases prisoners as a so-called 'goodwill gesture'. Yet the prisoners issue goes to the very heart of Israeli policy in Palestine the decapitation of political movements, the criminalisation and 'securitisation' of young people who resist occupation, not to mention the psychological and traumatic effects detention and abuse has on young people who go through the prison system. Even NGOs who work with prisoners are targets of Israeli policy, with offices being raided and advocates themselves detained.

**\*\*About the speaker\*\***

Randa Wahbe is a Palestinian-American working in Palestine on the issue of political prisoners and prisoner rights for Addameer (Arabic for conscience) Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association.

Addameer is a Palestinian non-governmental, civil institution that works to support Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli and Palestinian prisons. Established in 1992 by a group of activists interested in human rights, the center offers free legal aid to political prisoners, advocates their rights at the national and international level, and works to end torture and other violations of prisoners' rights through monitoring, legal procedures and solidarity campaigns. Addameer believes in the importance of building a free and democratic Palestinian society based on justice, equality, rule of law and respect for human rights within the larger framework of the right to self-determination. Addameer's work is based on a belief in the universality of human rights as enshrined in international law.

Addameer has been actively involved in the development of Palestinian civil society since its establishment. In particular, in its role as an executive member of the Palestinian NGO Network and the Palestinian Council of Human Rights Organizations, Addameer plays an important role in structuring the response of civil society to human rights violations, as well as directing strategies for increased community awareness. This has also placed the association in a unique position because of its strong commitment and relationship to the local community. Community involvement remains the backbone of the organization, in the form of volunteerism and support for all activities of the association and its campaigns. Addameer strives to be more than a service-oriented association, but rather a resource for the local and international community to address human rights violations. In that regard, Addameer also works closely with international human rights organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, OMCT and FIDH to provide regular information on the situation of Palestinian political detainees.

This event is organised by the NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society in association with the Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC) as one of a

series of events taking place around Ireland during international Israeli Apartheid Week 2013 (1st - 8th March). See the IAW 2014 page for a full list of events taking place around Ireland - <http://www.ipsc.ie/iaw2014>

#### **Pancakes for Palestine » An Mheitheal Rothar » 4th March 2014**

Come visit us in An Mheitheal Rothar (just behind the bikeshop through the cathedral side entrance to the college!) this Tuesday for some tasty pancakes!

We will be there alongside Choice Soc and Eco Soc, and we will be giving out information on why you should vote YES on BDS this Thursday!

#### **Vote for BDS! » NUI Galway » 6th March 2014**

NUIG students are determined to leave a mark on campus that will outlive their time at the university and set the basis of a progressive, more politically involved and more ethical student experience. These times of crisis have opened up debates not only about how to leave our lives of consumerism behind us, but also about how everyday citizens can contribute to the big decisions that shape our Ireland.

NUIG students are set to vote on two Students' Union referenda on Thursday 6 March. Firstly, students will be asked to consider a motion to back track the Pro-Choice stand, which was positively supported by an over two to one majority of NUIG students last year. Secondly, another referendum will call for NUIG students to endorse an economic, academic and cultural boycott of Israel by mandating the Students' Union to join the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign.

A collaboration of the Feminist Society, Pro-Choice Society and Palestine Solidarity Society.

### **Committee 2013/2014**

**Treasurer:** Gerard Madden

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Mariel Whelan

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Safuan Sabri

**Secretary:** Eadaoin Donnelly White

**Vice-Auditor:** Joseph Loughnane

**PRO:** Ciaran Maher

**Auditor:** Fionnghuala Nic Roibeaird

### **Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact :** Fionnghuala Nic Roibeaird

### **No Financial Transactions**

### **Other Information**

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 131 members.

## **Philosophy Soc**

The Philosophy Society at NUIG this year has been phenomenal, and if that (and what follows here) sounds like boasting then yes it is. But I, the secretary of this society, know that we have very sound reasons to be proud of our work this year.

And so - to brag a little.

Under the excellent auditor Kat McCormack The NUIG Philosophy Society underwent a genuine transformation, tangibly improving upon the great work already achieved by the society in previous semesters.

There has been so many positive events, conversations, thought-provoking and philosophically rich films, lectures and presentations ranging from Plato, Descartes, to the philosophy of art. We regularly updated our Facebook pages, engaged with members (bought a kettle to make them cups of tea and instant coffee). We also designed a very nice looking logo for the society, and we created posters and blue hoodies showcasing our logo with the caption 'Think About It'.

I think our biggest achievement this year has been the student reaction. It was extremely positive and proved to us that students are interested and enthusiastic about philosophy. The students who regularly attended our events, be they visiting students or home students responded so much to the service we provide at NUIG. The discussions that took place after the philosophical films shown, or during lectures from students themselves was lovely and so incredibly intelligent: our members (visiting or at home in Galway) are our biggest achievement, and they alone motivate the society to care-take our work even further.

Philosophy is about thinking about it. We could not advocate that more. We as a society have faith in the importance of Philosophy in both our University and the wider culture. There is a misconception that Philosophy is pretentious or for the idle. We feel that more time needs to be given to Philosophy and it needs to be promoted, understood, and taken more seriously in

general. We have encouraged students from any discipline to come to our events and we worked hard to provide a relaxed atmosphere to facilitate informal but important exposure to vital philosophical debates, ideas and writers. It has been a brilliant year for us. We thank the SU for their support. We boast but it's not unfounded: Our Philosophy Society at NUIG has come on in leaps and bounds this year, and we look forward to a new semester to continue our work.  
Niamh Clarke

## Philosophy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

### **Phil Soc Planning Meeting » Meeting Room 2 » 30th September 2013**

Phil Soc Planning Meeting

### **Phil Soc Meet and Greet » Meeting Room 2 » 1st October 2013**

Phil Soc Meet and Greet

### **Philosophy Society Monday Movie-With-Pizza » » 14th October 2013**

This weeks Philosophy Society "Movie with Pizza" is Human, All too Human: Martin Heidegger, a movie which looks at the life and work of Heidegger and the question of Being. Controversial for his involvement in the Nazi project and his open admiration for their ideology, the film looks into whether his philosophy can be rescued from the Nazism for which he remains so controversial.

### **Philosophy Society EGM » » 14th October 2013**

Are you interested in discussing all things Philosophy? Would you like to be part of the team that works to promote Philosophy on Campus and in Galway at large? Those of us on the committee want to build a society that caters to the exploration of pure philosophy and philosophy as it applies to other disciplines. Come to the EGM where you'll have the chance to join our committee! Even if you don't want to join the committee, have your voice heard and help make philosophy society all that it can be!

### **Game Night with Chess Soc: Bananagrams!!! » » 30th October 2013**

Together with Chess Soc. we want to invite you for a chilled out night before big Halloween celebrations. Cup of coffee, chess board and goon bunch to hang around. We will be also playing Bananagrams, it's an awesome scrabble type game. Come down for some proper chill out time.

### **Monday Movie Screening: Human, All too Human: Jean Paul Sartre" » » 4th November 2013**

Last one of documentaries from BBC series "Human All too Human". This time the documentary follows life of Jean Paul Sartre, french philosopher, novelist and political activist. Movie will take a closer look on his involvement in World War 2, Cold War period and relationship with feminist theorist Simone De Beauvoir.

### **Descartes : Discussion on first and second Meditation » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 6th November 2013**

After a successful discussion on Plato's analogies, this time we would like to invite you guys to discuss Descartes's Meditations. We will have a look specifically and only at the first and second Meditation. It is a great opportunity not only to revise it but also to hear much more about it. We will show what implications did Meditations have on philosophy and what were the counterarguments to Descartes's theory. There will be free tea/coffee and biscuits. So please join us! :)

### **Monday Movie Screening: Human, All too Human: Jean Paul Sartre" » » 11th November 2013**

Last one of documentaries from BBC series "Human All too Human". This time the documentary follows life of Jean Paul Sartre, french philosopher, novelist and political activist. Movie will take a closer look on his involvement in World War 2, Cold War period and relationship with feminist theorist Simone De Beauvoir.

### **Monday Movie Screening: "The Life of Buddha" » O'Flaherty Theatre » 18th November 2013**

"The life of Buddha". It is a documentary which looks at the life of Siddharta Guatama, founder of the Buddhist tradition. The film presents an interesting look at eastern philosophy as a part of one's life, a tradition which seems to characterize eastern thought to the western tradition. Nineteenth century German philosophy, under the Orientalising effect of trade, was exposed to both Hindu and Buddhist thought, a tradition

well reflected in the work of Schopenhauer and his successors. This film then, gives not only a look at the life and work of the Buddha, but an interesting perspective under which Schopenhauer and his contemporaries may be understood.

**Nietzsche on Morality** » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 20th November 2013

Discussion on (I'm so excited!!) Nietzsche's theory of morality. We will be looking mostly at how Nietzsche portrayed the origin of our "modern" moral values, their implications on our life and what truly are they. Discussion will be mostly based on "The Genealogy of Morality", although I will find some interesting essay for you guys, and I promise to post it on Facebook. I'm not gonna lie I can't wait for it. It is also a good to revise your stuff (1st years and second years

**Movie Night: Waking Life** » Kirwan Theatre » 27th January 2014

Waking Life is a movie directed by Richard Linklater. The stunning animation of the movie brings us into the world of dreams where we observe how the main antagonist seems to be thrown into. Knowing that he is dreaming, yet not being able to wake up, our hero will meet sane, insane, interesting and very colorful characters who might answer his existential questions. Be ready for some serious philosophical trip... As well during the screening there will be free pizza

**Monday Movie Night: "Fish Called Wanda"** » Fottrell Theatre » 3rd February 2014

"To celebrate the existence of a John Cleese acted-directed-written piece of cinema (and also to soothe the ego of our PRO, who insists that this film has some relation to philosophy by way of a character fixated on Nietzsche - like somebody else we suffer the acquaintance of), this coming monday, Philosophy Soc will be screening said John Cleese acted-directed-written piece of cinema. Concurrently, we will also be celebrating the existence of pizza by providing free pizza!

**Christopher Hitchens Night** » philosophy seminar room, Distillery Road » 5th February 2014

The event for this Wednesday is screening one of the Christopher Hitchens debates. Why am I making such a big deal about it... simply in my opinion he was one of the most intelligent "media" philosophers. As radical as I always have found him, I always admired his opposition to certain values given in our times. I believe he might be found offensive to certain large groups of the people. Such than if you happen to be easily offended, you might skip that one. The point is that no matter on what side are you, the level of intellectual reasoning in the debates that he is taking part in is marvellous. Just to watch the way arguments are built and the way he presents them is quite remarkable. It is not very important in this case if you do believe in god or any supernatural higher existence or if you truly disagree with the claim about existence of such. This debate is amazing in its own form, brought out by the clash of the opposites. You can agree or disagree with Hitchens, but ignoring him would be just unwise. Therefore please do come to the screening. It will take a place on Wednesday the 5th in philosophy seminar room at 7pm.

**Monday Movie Night: I <3 Huckabees** » Fottrel Theatre » 10th February 2014

I think Im gonna cite my co-Pro again. This week will be very special. Together with Marky Mark and his (very, very) Funky Bunch we shall show a mysterious, existential questioning with a hint of a romance and a very strange title movie called "I <3 Huckabees". What are huckabees? <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=huckabee>

Does this help, not at all. I'm still confused... Anyways the movie was suggested by one of our awesome members, thanks go into your direction. What is this movie about? Some would say about change, some would say it is about love, some would even say it is about our existence. I would say it is about all of these. Plus Marky Mark is in it, what do you need more. Fine maybe a little bit of Dustin Hoffman and Jude Law. Yeah that sounds great! We will show it on Monday (Tomorrow) at 7pm. in Fottrell Theater. Lets watch it all together!! Here is the trailer... but first listen to this bit, its important to watch this before the trailer

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eSN8Cwit\\_s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eSN8Cwit_s)

and here is the trailer...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyUJSYwt7co>

**Monday Movie Night: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind** » Fottrel Theatre » 17th February 2014

Ever wonder what it would be like to erase someone from your memory? You can find out tomorrow, Monday (17th), as we will be showing 'Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind' in the Fottrell Theatre at 7pm, with FREE PIZZA as per usual! See you tomorrow!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnSgSe2GzDc&hd=1>

**Monday Movie Night: "Unthinkable"** » Fottrel Theatre » 24th February 2014

So on Monday at 7pm in Fottrel Theater (Arts Millennium) we shall screen "Unthinkable". There are several topics, about which I dont really joke. The problem that movie "Unthinkable" is concerned with is one of them. It is not terrorism, it is the concept of morality opposed to the



concept of ethics. It is the problem of what is right or wrong. What does it mean for the action to be "right"? How much can we sacrifice in order to protect what is dear to us. This movie scratches the surface of this topic. We closely follow an interrogation/torture lead by Samuel L. Jackson. The safety of United States is at stake and only Jackson can make the prisoner talk. But how far will he have to go to extract the information that can save his country? Personally, I found this movie quite very good. In the end it leaves us with the question of "What really is a moral code in 21st century, and do we really need it?" I leave my description with a quote "The atom bomb was no 'great decision.' It was merely another powerful weapon in the arsenal of righteousness"- Harry S. Truman

Here is the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plpenejMR8I>

#### **Monday Movie Night: Gattaca** » Fottrel Theater » 3rd March 2014

"Set in the always-more-distant-than-the-movie-suggests not-so-distant future (seriously, it's nearly 2015, where are my power-laces and hover-boards?), Gattaca follows the story of genetically inferior but somehow still painfully attractive Vincent, who lives in a world where naturally conceived people such as himself belong to an under-class, as he strives against the system for a career in space where he feels he truly belongs because oxygen and gravity and all the other things human bodies quite fancy don't really scream home to him, for some reason.

Tackling the philosophical issues of genetic engineering and free will, Gattaca poses the question. 'Does what you are determine who you are?'

Movie hated by all followers of Friedrich Nietzsche, who said: "I believe this movie is completely against my concept of Amor Fati, therefore it is wrong and silly" (Friedrich Nietzsche, "Unpublished Notes and Things", 2013), wait or was it someone else... hmmm.

#### **Extended Essay Talk** » seminar room - Philosophy dept. Distillery Road » 5th March 2014

We prepared something more 3rd and 2nd year orientated. Company of brave heroes from the 3rd year will talk about their extended essays. They will discuss different ways of approaching such challenging project. I believe this will be really rewording for everybody. Its going to happen at 7 pm in Seminar Room of Philosophy Department.. Wine, Pizza and very good looking people are to be expected :)

#### **Movie Night: Dogma** » Fottrel Theater » 10th March 2014

This Monday we are screening "Dogma". Have ever wondered what would it be like to have a movie with "Silent Bob", "Jay", "Loki" (but not the cool one played by Tom Hiddleston, rather a character completely not connected with Nordic God of lies, who is really just Jason Bourne), "Very Lame Daredevil" and Alan Rickman (He is a super character by the simple aspect of his awesomeness)? Well "Dogma" is almost like an answer to your wondering. Follow story of two angels that are trying to re-enter heaven... while "Buddy Christ" and Chris Rock... with amazing Salma Hayek. What else can I say, you gotta see it. Accompanied by the beautiful flavors of our college bar pizza. Find us on Monday in Fottrel Theater at 7pm. (<http://9gag.com/gag/av0v95O?ref=fb.s>)

oh and here is the trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20CRw3XdETA>

#### **"Knowing an Aesthetic Object" by Professor Paul Crowther** » » 19th March 2014

So finally on this Wednesday, not on the last one as some crazy PRO preached, we will be hosting a talk by Professor Paul Crowther. Professor Crowther will present paper titled "Knowing an Aesthetic Object". The title might sound a little bit alien but I assume you that such feeling will leave you after first 5 minutes of the talk. I had a chance to attend one of talks, lead by Professor Crowther, it is a great chance for all of you guys to encounter proper philosophical language. Even if you are not interested in Aesthetics, this talk will benefit you greatly. The talk will take place on this Wednesday, in AC 201 at 7pm. Please join us guys...

#### **Monday Movie Night: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** » Fottrell Theatre » 24th March 2014

So tomorrow, on Monday 24th we will be showing "The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy". This movie is simply about Bilbo Baggins playing Arthur Dent who is send off from the earth just minutes before its destruction by his friend Mos Def, a friend that everybody would like to have. He will search for meaning of life and Earth II with a paranoid robot with a voice of Alan Rickman, New Girl Jess and plenty of other characters played by famous actors like John Malkovich, Sam Rockwell, Bill Nighy, What else can I say, it is quite a crazy movie, make sure not to miss it. Find us in Fottrel Theatre at 7pm on Monday.You will also find there free wine and free pizza.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Katherine McCormick

**PRO:** Siobhan Lenihan

**OCM:** Jonathan O'Rourke

**Vice-Auditor:** Matthew Kyles

**OCM:** Nathalie Bauer

**OCM:** Ronan Powell



**Secretary:** Niamh Clarke

**PRO:** Maciej Andrzejewski

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Siobhan Lenihan

**Vice-Auditor:** Matthew Kyles

**Treasurer:** Katherine McCormick

**PRO:** Lar Mullally

**OCM:** Megan Costello

## Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€607.23	Bank charge	€27.28
Socs box Till	€267.00	Dinner	€179.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€874.23</b>	Entertainment	€69.00
		Equipment misc	€29.74
		Hoodies	€286.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€66.53
		Socs day expenses	€99.40
		Expenditure Total	€756.95
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€117.28
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€874.23</b>

## Other Information

We held 16 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 342 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Philosophy Soc

<b><u>Siobhan Lenihan</u></b>	Public Relations Officer	220 hours
<b><u>Megan Talty</u></b>	Vice Auditor	220 hours
<b><u>Nathalie Bauer</u></b>	Committee member	100 hours

### PHILOSOPHY SOC NUIG

<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	3 student
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	540 hours

## Photography Soc

In this society we have talks from guest photographers, exhibitions, competitions, trips, photo-walks around Galway, darkroom classes and various workshops. We cover the basic camera settings and have photographers who are experts in their fields come in to explain the techniques they use.

## Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

### **AGM » IT125 » 16th September 2013**

We've had an exciting year in Photo Soc but first, we need to elect some positions on this year's committee! Positions include; Auditor, Treasurer, Secretary, PRO, webmaster. We'll be heading to the College Bar afterwards for some pizza to get talking about all things photography.

### **Photography EGM » IT125 » 16th September 2013**

Come get involved in this year's PhotoSoc Committee!

### **Photoshop Workshop » Friary suite cairnes building » 14th October 2013**

Mark Grealish, a photoshop expert, will be teaching key skills in photoshop.

There are spaces left so if you want to go meet outside the engineering building at 6.45 or go to the friary suite if you know where it is! It's 2euro at the door.

### **Photoshop Workshop 2 » Friary Suite » 21st October 2013**

We had a brilliant photoshop workshop last Monday with Mark Grealish.

If you missed it, not to worry! He will be back next Monday (the 21st).

Date: Monday 21st October

Time: 7-10pm

Venue: Friary Suite

Cost: 2euro

How to get there: The friary suite is in the old looking building opposite Áras moyola. Follow the signs in that building for Friary Suite.

Everybody welcome! No need to book a place this time, just turn up on the night!

Hope to see you all there.

### **Music Photography Talk » IT125 » 4th November 2013**

Music performance photography talk from Florian Stravock, xadacka.com

### **PhotoSoc Trip to Berlin Sign-Up » SocsBox » 19th November 2013**

Join PhotoSoc on our trip to Berlin Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th. tickets ?100, LIMITED AVAILABILITY so book buy early! Payment must be accompanied by photocopy of valid passport

### **Get Together » Scholars's Rest » 20th January 2014**

Everybody welcome! We're meeting in IT250 first at 7.30 and then walking over to scholar's rest. There will be free food! It's just for everybody to get to know each other. Everyone going on the trip should come along and get to know the others going on the trip. See you then !

### **Photowalk » IT125 » 3rd February 2014**

Next Monday (the 3rd) we are having a photo walk around the campus. We will meet in IT125 at 6.30. Bring your camera's and tripods and whatever else you want! This is the perfect opportunity to practice your skills and get help from the committee if you want to learn more about your camera. The photos from the walk can also be submitted to Capture your Campus photo competition (which is explained in detail on the facebook page).

### **FOCUS2014 Exhibition Opening » Áras na mac Léinn (the foyer) » 10th February 2014**

Join PhotoSoc in celebrating their annual exhibition

### **Underwater Photography with Joe Hyland » IT125 » 24th February 2014**

We are delighted to welcome back previous PhotoSoc Auditor and accomplished underwater photographer Joe Hyland. Joe has been invited to present at Dive Ireland 2014 in Kilkenny next week and will be debuting his talk on Underwater Photography with PhotoSoc this Monday at 7.15pm in IT125. We will be heading to the Scholar's Rest for some free finger food and discussion afterwards. People who submitted photos for FOCUS2014 are welcome to collect their prints at this event.

### Underwater Photography » IT125 and Scholar's rest » 24th February 2014

For those of you who submitted photographs, you can collect your prints next week at our event...

We are delighted to welcome back previous PhotoSoc Auditor and accomplished underwater photographer Joe Hyland. You can see some of Joe's photography here. Joe has been invited to present at Dive Ireland 2014 in Kilkenny next week and will be debuting his talk on Underwater Photography with us this Monday at 7.15pm in IT125. We will be heading to the Scholar's Rest for some free finger food and discussion afterwards.

### Day trip to Connemara National Park and Kylemore Abbey » Connemara » 29th March 2014

Tickets are on sale at the socsbox for 10euro. Times are not definite so keep an eye on your emails and the facebook page.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Web Master:** Richard McCormack

**Vice-Auditor:** Paula Kelly

**Auditor:** Clodagh Gillen

**Secretary:** Conor O'Beolain

**Treasurer:** Evan Ryan

### Committee 2014/2015

**Vice-Auditor:** Clodagh Gillen

**Auditor:** Conor O'Beolain

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€69.34	Bank charge	€88.68
Muscailt	€200.00	Dinner	€109.65
Socs box Till	€2,760.00	Entertainment	€192.00
Ticket Sales	€100.00	Materials	€25.61
USC Grant	€2,400.00	Printing	€240.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,529.34</b>	Reception	€90.65
		Society accomm	€728.00
		Society transport	€3,339.00
		Speaker travel	€40.00
		Teacher fees	€158.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,011.84
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€517.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,529.34</b>

### Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 413 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Photography Soc

Conor O'Beolain

Secretary

33 hours

Clodagh Gillen

Auditor

50 hours

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 83 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 Nemo science centre in Amsterdam, Science museum in Warsaw, Isar II nuclear power plant, Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and the Stefanik Observatory.

The science ball was a great success followed by many reunions and class parties. We also donated a thousand euro that we made from the ball to a charity thats in aid of Katie born to run.

Remember, P for Physics P for Party!

### Physics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

#### **Bowling night** » Room 220 » 24th September 2013

Everyone met up to go to the bowling dept in Headford road.

#### **Games Night** » Room 220 » 8th October 2013

A games night in room 220, Cludo, connect four, X- box and much more!

#### **Movie night** » Room 220 » 15th October 2013

Held a movie night. Watched back to the future with snacks provided.

#### **Science Ball Tickets On Sale for Final Years** » Outside the Bank Of Ireland on the Arts Concourse » 6th November 2013

2013 Science Ball

Galway Bay Hotel

7.30pm

Full Ticket - 60

Afters - 25

#### **Science Ball Tickets on Sale for Everyone** » Outside the Bank of Ireland on the Arts Concourse and The Socs Box » 7th November 2013

2013 Science Ball

Galway Bay Hotel

7.30pm

Full Ticket - 60

Afters - 25

#### **Science Ball Ticket sale** » Bank of Ireland, Concourse » 11th November 2013

Selling tickets for the Science Ball today from 12-4, just outside the Bank of Ireland on the Concourse!

#### **Physics Soc: Science Ball** » Galway Bay Hotel » 13th November 2013

The 2013 Science Ball, brought to you by Physics Soc, Bank of Ireland and Carbon Night Club, has been scheduled for the night of Wednesday, 13th of November in the Galway Bay Hotel.

Dress Code is Formal.

Full Tickets (including champagne reception and four course meal) are priced at 60 euro.

Afters Tickets (including pre-party in the College Bar and admission to the ball after the meal) are priced at 25 euro.

All tickets include entry to the Ball after party on Thursday the 14th which will take place in Carbon Nightclub.

Music by The Converse Allstars and Ryan Griffin.

Tickets on sale in the Socs Box in Áras na Mac L?inn.

**Physics Soc: Science Ball After Party » » 14th November 2013**

Science Ball After Party will be taking place in the College Bar & Carbon Nightclub.

**Foreign trip meeting » Room 220 Physics Department » 3rd December 2013**

Held a meeting with the people going on the foreign trip just to let them know some initial details.

**Final meeting for foreign trip event » Room 220 » 17th December 2013**

Held a meeting with everyone going on the foreign trip to finalize details for the trip.

**Foreign trip » Room 220 » 7th January 2014**

Went to Amsterdam

**Foreign trip reunion » Room 220 » 14th January 2014**

We all met up in room 220 and then went to the college bar after the meeting. we had to discuss how the trip went.

**Charity Quiz night » Busker Browne's » 4th March 2014**

Held a fundraiser for the Katie Born to run charity.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Vice-Auditor:** Shauna Nic A Bhaird

**Treasurer:** Conor Whelan

**PRO:** Kenneth Dillon

**Auditor:** James O'Sullivan

**Secretary:** Edel McMahan

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact :** James O'Sullivan

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,492.27	Ball	€2,685.79
Fundraising	€280.00	Bank charge	€83.18
Socs box Till	€5,315.00	Dinner	€7,918.85
Sponsorship	€2,000.00	Entertainment	€1,391.00
Ticket Sales	€14,285.00	Fundraising/charity	€1,034.50
USC Grant	€2,000.00	Printing	€10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€26,372.27</b>	Society accomm	€3,362.52
		Society transport	€3,635.60
		Socs day expenses	€37.50
		Sound	€2,460.00
		Expenditure Total	€22,618.94
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,753.33
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€26,372.27</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 722 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Physics Soc

**Conor Whelan**

Treasurer

116 hours

NUI Galway Physics society shares their interest in physics, participating in social events such as bowling Monday nights, hosting two parties a month for the year and the Science Ball on 4th November, and a foreign trip in January. Academic events include access to state of the art research and technology, visiting cutting edge research/physics/engineering facilities, and the European Space Agency in the Netherlands or the Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics in Germany, for example. On with science!

**# ALIVE Students:** 1 student

**# Hours Volunteered:** 116 hours

## Poker Society

Poker Soc has been set up for students to play poker tournaments in an safe, fun and informal manner. It is one of the fastest growing societies in NUIG and is a great outlet for students to practice their psychology skills!

### Poker Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

**Poker » The Space » 1st October 2013**

**EGM » » 1st October 2013**

The Poker Soc will be hosting an EGM, to elect a committee, discuss plans and also to teach beginners how the game works. We will start at 6pm and will finish once a committee is elected, information is distributed and tutorials of how to play are finished.

**Poker Tournament » » 8th October 2013**

Poker Tournament

Sit and Go Format

5 euro buy in

Purchase tickets at socs box limited number of tickets

All abilities welcome

Any queries contact socsbox, our website or the auditor at poker@socs.nuigalway.ie

**Poker Tournament » » 15th October 2013**

Poker Tournament

Sit'N'Go Format

5 Euro Buy- in, buy tickets at socsbox

50 seats available plus those who didnt gain entry last week but still have a ticket will be accommodated

Hope to see everyone there !

**Poker Tournament » AC203 one week only » 22nd October 2013**

Poker Tournament (Sit'N'Go)

5 euro buy-in, For this week get your tickets at poker in AC203

All abilities welcome

**Poker Tournament » » 29th October 2013**

Poker Tournament  
Tournament Format  
10 euro buy in  
Beginners welcome

**Poker Tournament » » 5th November 2013**

Tournament at 6pm in space  
tickets at socsbox  
either 5 or 10 euro buy in  
Beginners welcome

**Poker Fournament » The Space » 12th November 2013**

**Poker Tournament » » 19th November 2013**

Poker Tournament  
€10 buy in  
The space  
tickets sold in socs box  
6pm sharp tuesday

**Poker Tournament » » 21st January 2014**

Tournament in bailey allen hall, buy-in is either 5 or 10 euro , tickets in socs box , anybody welcome

**Poker Tutorial » » 21st January 2014**

Tutorial on everything in poker for anybody who wants to come immediately followed by tournament

**Poker Tournament » » 28th January 2014**

Poker Tournament in the space ( top floor of bailey allen) 5? buy in gets you 5000 in chips and 10? gets you 12000 in chips  
all abilities welcome be great to see new faces.

**Poker Tutorial » » 28th January 2014**

Poker Tutorial for anyone who wants to come along , whether your a beginner or brushing up on your skills.

**Poker Tournament » » 4th February 2014**

Poker Tournament  
Buy-ins are 5 and 10 euro  
Tickets available in Socsbox

**Poker Tutorial » » 4th February 2014**

Tutorial for beginners , open to everyone

**Poker Tornment » » 11th February 2014**

Poker Tournament in college bar  
5 euro buy in = 5000 chips  
10 euro buy in = 12000 chips  
Hope to see you there!

**Poker Tournament » The View » 17th February 2014**

**Poker Tournament » The Space » 18th February 2014**

**Poker Tournament » » 4th March 2014**

Poker Tournament check email and text for details

**Poker Tournament In Caesars » Caesars Casno Salthill » 11th March 2014**

Poker Tournament Out in Caesars In Salthill,  
ten Euro in , bring student ID , make boylepoker account if you want to win tickets (8 on offer )to student masters and dont be late .

**Poker Tournament » » 18th March 2014**

Poker Tournament in the Space at 6pm Tonight ,

Buy-ins are:

?5 = 5000 chips

?10 = 12000 chips

Tickets available in Socs Box

**Poker Tournament » The Space » 18th March 2014**

Come buy your bet and enjoy the weekly poker sessions!

**Poker Tournament » Space, Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th March 2014**

Tournament on in space tonight , we will show the football , buy-ins 5 or 10 euro

Hope to see you there!

**poker » Space, Áras na Mac Léinn » 1st April 2014**

buy in 5 and 10 euro.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Vice-Auditor:** Tj Greene

**OCM:** Aisling Brady

**Auditor:** Connor Edwards

**Treasurer:** James Scarry

**Secretary:** Shane Owens

**Public Relations Officer:** Andrew Shine

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact:** Connor Edwards

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€95.30	Bank charge	€94.77
Socs box Till	€2,842.00	Entry fees	€30.00
USC Grant	€200.00	Prizes	€2,639.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,137.30</b>	Expenditure Total	€2,764.04
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€373.26
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,137.30</b>

**Other Information**

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 266 members.



# Polish Society

This year we focused on celebrating traditional polish - and more broadly - slavic events, where every one had a chance to learn about folklore and history of Eastern Europe. Just like many former eastern block countries, Poland was behind iron curtain and people in "west" still don't know much about history and custom of these states. Polish and other nationals had a chance to meet, try cuisine and have a chat about everything in nice atmosphere.

## Polish Society Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

### **Independence Day** » *Cellar Bar* » *11th November 2013*

National Independence Day is a public holiday in Poland celebrated every year on 11 November to commemorate the anniversary of Poland's resumption of independent statehood in 1918 after 123 years of partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

### **Polish 'Wigilia' (Christmas Party)** » *?ras na Mac L?inn, The Space* » *18th December 2013*

Wigilia is the traditional Christmas Eve vigil supper in Poland, held on December 24. Due to this occasion, we would like to meet everyone to eat together some polish specials and have a nice evening. Afterwards we are heading to the town to celebrate our Christmas Party in one of the local pubs.

### **Fat Thursday /Tlusty Czwartek** » *College Bar (upstairs)* » *27th February 2014*

Fat Thursday; Polish "Tlusty Czwartek"; German "Fetter Donnerstag"; Greek "Tsiknopemti"; Hungarian "Torkos Csutortok" is a traditional Catholic feast marking the last Thursday before Lent and is associated with the celebration of Carnival. Because Lent is a time of fasting, the next opportunity to feast would not be until Easter. It is similar to, but should not be confused with, the French festival of Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday"). Traditionally it is a day dedicated to eating, when people meet in their homes or cafes with their friends and relatives and eat large quantities of sweets, cakes and other meals forbidden during Lent. Among the most popular all-national dishes served on that day are "Paczki" (Polish) or "Berliner Pfannkuchen" (German), fist-sized donuts filled with rose marmalade, and "Angel Wings" "Faworki" (Polish), French dough fingers served with lots of powdered sugar.

Bring a tee or coffee.

### **1st Day of Spring; Truant's Day and Drowning Marzanna** » *College Bar* » *21st March 2014*

Marzanna (in Polish), Mor(in Lithuanian) or Morena (in Czech, Slovak, Russian) or also Mara, Marzena, Morana, Morzna, Mora or Marmora is a Baltic and Slavic goddess associated with seasonal agrarian rites based on the idea of death and rebirth of nature. She is associated with death and winter and is often described as the goddess of death. As the Goddess of death and winter she appears in different guises. Her proficiency in different guises is a reoccurring trait that sticks out in the stories told about her. To this day in some regions of Poland, there is a festival held where an effigy of Marzanna is made in the month of March, and is burned or drowned to symbolize the triumph of springtime over winter. This is known as The Burning and Drowning Ritual of Marzanna.

Some medieval Christian sources such as the Czech 9th century Mater Verborum also compare her to the Greek goddess Hecate, associating her with sorcery. 15th century Polish chronicler Jan Dbugosz likened her to Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture.

Also in the first day of spring (March 21) in Poland is an unofficial occasion popular among children, who traditionally play truant on that day.

Come and welcome Lady Spring with us!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Pawel Antonik

**Treasurer:** Michal Boczar

**Secretary:** Amanda Budzyk

**Vice-Auditor:** Maciej Doczyk

**PRO:** Honorata Kraskiewicz

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Pawel Antonik

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€916.90	Bank charge	€38.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>€916.90</b>	Materials	€239.49
		Socs day expenses	€26.79
		Teacher fees	€244.42
		Expenditure Total	€548.92
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€367.98
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€916.90</b>

## Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 75 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Polish Society

<b><u>Michal Boczar</u></b>	Treasurer	20 hours
<b><u>Pawel Antonik</u></b>	Auditor	50 hours

Polish Soc is a society not only for Poles & not only for students, but all interested in Poland and Polish culture.

# ALIVE Students: 2 student

# Hours Volunteered: 70 hours

## Potter Soc

This year PotterSoc focused on creating social events in which Harry Potter enthusiasts enjoyed. We collaborated with many other societies to reach as wide an audience as possible. We concentrated mainly on our big event PotterFest, it was a very successful event which involved lots of effort put in by committee and volunteers.

### Potter Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

**AVPM** » » 30th September 2013

Watching a fan musical parody

**Quidditch** » » 2nd October 2013

Join us this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the hub for the introduction to rules of Quidditch and team sign up this year!

**An Introduction to Quidditch** » » 2nd October 2013

I'll explain the rules of quidditch and you can sign up for the Galway team

**Mystery Event** » meet at the hub » 15th October 2013

There will be mysterious happenings with a prize... come along and find out

**Quidditch Training** » *Presidents Lawn* » 16th October 2013

Quidditch Training

**Quidditch** » *the green behind the orbsen building* » 23rd October 2013

quidditch team training, open to one and all. bring warm clothes and runners

**Multi-Soc Halloween Party** » » 29th October 2013

Come join the gaming and social societies for drinks, finger food and a spot of halloween madness

There will be a competition for best costume on the night

All for only 5 euro!

**Quidditch** » *the green behind the orbsen* » 30th October 2013

quidditch team training, open to one and all. bring warm clothes and runners

**Quidditch** » *the green behind the orbsen* » 6th November 2013

quidditch team training, open to one and all. bring warm clothes and runners

**Oxford Quidditch trip** » *coach station galway* » 8th November – 11th November 2013 (4 individual events)

The NUIG quidditch team takes on the challenge of the British Quidditch League

**EGM** » » 16th January 2014

PotterSoc are electing committee members, and making plans! come and join us

**quidditch** » » 22nd January 2014

Quidditch training, bring clothes for muddy weather, and your courage. All fitness levels welcome

**PotterFest Galway** » » 31st January – 2nd February 2014 (3 individual events)

PotterHeads, your very own convention. With talks on the series we've grown to love, games, quidditch matches, competitions, panels, debates and Diagon Alley, you can experience the magic of the Wizarding World right here in NUIG.

**Pottersoc/ Potterfest EGM!** » *The Small Acoustic Room* » 27th February 2014

We are having an EGM to decide who will be made next year's Potterfest con-director and many more. We will be discussing the future of the con and hope you can come along and have a bit of Harry Potter banter also!

**Quidditch intervarsities** » *DCU* » 15th March 2014

Galway Grindylows face DCU, NCI, and Trinity, in a battle for the all-Ireland title!

**POTTER SOC AGM!** » *Large Accoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 25th March 2014

We are holding an AGM for to look for new members of Pottersoc in the next term? Think you have what it takes to be auditor? Vice-auditor/ treasurer? Secretary or know someone who does? Come along and also enjoy some Harry Potter banter!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Ned Walsh-Roberts

**Treasurer:** Cathy Gormley

**The Con Director Who Lived:** Rebecca O'Connor

**Technology Officer:** Rozalia Kenderesi

**Secretary:** Ellie Parfrey Taylor

**Billy:** Billy Stewart

**Auditor:** Sarah O'Neill

**P.R.O:** Aine Kilbane

**Anti-Billy:** Michael Crampton

**Events Manager:** Siobhan McMamara

**OCM:** Laura Walsh

## Committee 2014/2015

**Vice-Auditor:** Ellie Parfrey Taylor

**Treasurer:** Lukasz Dudek

**Secretary:** Rory O'Connor

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	454.07	Promotion	€30.58
Fundraising	€50	Bank charge	€21.28
Ticket Sales	€878.98	Costumes	€283
Socs box Till	€165	Entertainment	€763.4
USC Grant	€600	Hoodies	€14.48
		Makeup/Props	€30.94
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€23.97
		Promotions	€85
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€1252.65
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€925.4
<b>Total</b>	€2178.05	<b>Total</b>	€2178.05

### Potterfest Balance Sheet - 2013/2014

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€16.03
Ticket Sales	€1961.6878.98	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	€16.03
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	€2824.56
<b>Total</b>	€2840.59	<b>Total</b>	€2840.59

### Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 841 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Potter Soc

<a href="#"><u>Rebecca O'Connor</u></a>	Convention Director	250 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cathy Gormley</u></a>	Treasurer	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aine Kilbane</u></a>	Society/Convention PRO and Quidditch Captain	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Dara MacEoin</u></a>	PotterFest Staff Member	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Emma Tyrrell</u></a>	Potterfest Staff	33 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Keighron</u></a>	OCM PotterFest	80 hours

<u>Ciara Clarke</u>	Potter Fest Staff	30 hours
<u>Robert Hogan</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Rozalia Kenderesi</u>	Committee member	40 hours
<u>Siobhan McMamara</u>	Events Manager	40 hours
Harry Potter Society NUIG		
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	813 hours	

## Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc

Gaisce First Meeting: Meeting Room 2; 22nd September 2013

Introduction to Gaisce and voting in of the Committee. Pizza and Refreshments afterwards

Committee Meeting: Smokies; 23rd October 2013

A committee meeting held to discuss the Bronze/ Silver Adventure Trip such as preparations and costs.

Bronze/ Silver Adventure Trip Meeting: D'Arcy Thompson Theatre AC; 14th November 2013

A guest speaker from Gaisce headquarters gave in depth information in relation to Gaisce, paperwork, answered questions and recited a few stories of previous Gaisce Trips. A powerpoint presentation also presented a combined Bronze and Silver Adventure Trip. Trip scraped due to not enough interest.

Committee Meeting: The Hub; 20th January 2014

A committee meeting was held to discuss the possibility of a Gold Trip. the location, cost and Gaisce budget was also discussed at this time.

Committee Meeting: Meeting Room 2; 26th February 2014

A committee meeting was help to further discuss the Gold Trip. The destination has been decided, Sibillini, Italy. Costs for the trip such as accommodation, flights and transport where discussed in this meeting.

Committee Meeting: Meeting Room 2;

5th March 2014

A committee meeting was held to finalize the costs of the Gold Trip. An information night was also discussed.

Sibillini, Italy Gold Trip: Meeting Room 2; 12th March 2014

An information evening was held for the Gold Trip. Only Two people turned up. A decision was reached to re-hold the information evening again. Refreshments!

Sibillini, Italy Gold Trip: Meeting Room 2; 26th March 2014

A second information evening was held for the Gold Trip. Three people turned up. A minimum of six people was needed for the trip to go ahead. Refreshments! In addition information on a "Bonding Trip" was given out- Bowling and hosteling.

### Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

#### **Gold Information Night » » 26th March 2014**

It's a meeting for all Gold awardees who are interesting on going on the adventure trip to Italy

#### **Silver and bronze information night about the adventure trip » darcy thompson » 5th November 2013**

#### **Silver and bronze adventure trip » Doolin Co. Clare » 8th November – 10th November 2013 (3 individual events)**

This trip is for all members who are completing their Silver and Bronze award.

#### **Gold Information Evening » » 26th March 2014**

This is an information evening for all people doing their gold award who want to away for the adventure trip. Attendance is mandatory

**Gaisce Award Ceremony » » 19th November 2013**

This event is for all people receiving their Silver and Bronze Gaisce award from Galway city. It is being held in the Bailey Allen starting at 8 p.m. All are welcome

**Gold Information Night » Áras na mac Léinn -Meeting Room 2 » 12th March 2014**

An Information Evening in Relation to the Gold Trip. Attendance is mandatory, if you want to go on the trip

**Bake Sale for Madra » Smokies, Concourse » 21st November 2013**

There is a Bake sale this Thursday in aid of Madra <http://madra.ie> who do amazing work for dogs in the west of Ireland but are in great need of funds to keep going. We will also have their calendars on sale and on sale from the socsbox.

**Gaisce Award Ceremony » » 19th November 2013**

The annual award ceremony for silver and bronze recipients from Galway city

**Gaisce Information Night » darcy thompson » 14th November 2013**

There is an information evening for all awards that is Gold, Silver and Bronze this Thursday 14th of November at 6 p.m. in Darcy Thompson Theater. The north-western regional officer Hugh MacConville is there to answer all your questions.

**Gaisce Soc EGM » Meeting Room 1, Áras na Mac Léinn » 16th September 2013**

Come to our EGM we are planning of the year and electing a committee, all members welcome. Find out more about what we do and how to get your President's Award.

**Annual General Meeting » O'Flaherty Theatre, Main Concourse » 2nd April 2014**

Gaisce

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Treasurer:** Jasmine Kelly

**Auditor:** Rebecca Tierney

**Vice-Auditor:** Mellisa Tierney

**Secretary:** Annalice Cullen

**Event Manger:** Keith Kelly

**OCM:** Amy Abrahams

**OCM:** Fiachra Sherry

**OCM:** Rebecca Lucey

**Gold PAL:** Billy Stewart

**Bronze PAL:** Caoimhe Joyce Hearne

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** Mellisa Tierney

**Vice-Auditor:** Jasmine Kelly

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€99.16	Bank charge	€11.95
Fundraising	€360.00	Entertainment	€270.49
Socs box Till	€36.00	Fundraising/charity	€360.00
USC Grant	€700.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€120.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,195.16</b>	Promotions	€17.22
		Expenditure Total	€780.14
		Closing Bank Balance	€415.02
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,195.16</b>

**Other Information**

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 613 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc

<a href="#"><u>Caoimhe Joyce Hearne</u></a>	Bronze PAL	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Jasmine Kelly</u></a>	Treasurer	34 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kate Kerrane</u></a>	Gold Award Participant.	36 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rebecca Tierney</u></a>	Auditor	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mellisa Tierney</u></a>	vice auditor	75 hours

Gaisce - the President

# ALIVE Students: 5 student

# Hours Volunteered: 255 hours

## Psychological Society

The NUIG Psychological Society, also known as Psych Soc, is a society for students of psychology and anyone with an interest in what makes people behave the way they do.

Psych Soc is about introducing people to things they wouldn't ordinarily come across in course readings and lectures. The society frequently holds talks in the university on a variety of topics. Previous talks include new and growing areas in the field, such as: forensic psychology; sports psychology and positive psychology. This gives people the opportunity to explore postgraduate and career directions by discovering where their interests lie.

Besides the academic side of things, we also organize get-togethers and trips abroad. The society gives people the chance to get to know their classmates a little better, but also allows people to meet students from other psychological societies, at events such as the Annual Congress of Psychology Students of Ireland. Psych Soc has also visited other psychological societies in Amsterdam and Cardiff, building immensely rewarding international links.

With international networking in mind, several members of the society are involved in EFPSA, the European Federation of Psychology Student's Associations. EFPSA holds several events annually, with the goal of supporting cooperation and networking between students, academics and professionals. By organizing these events, EFPSA promotes European integration and greater standards of research in psychology, as well as providing a strong platform to represent European psychology students. EFPSA also publishes an academic journal, the Journal of European Psychology Students, which gives students the opportunity to publish research findings.

Volunteering and social awareness are important to our society, which works in conjunction with NUIG's ALIVE program.

Previous events which support mental health interest groups and charities include: A table quiz in aid of Spunout.ie, a website which offers information about mental health and social issues for young people; and an awareness-raising event in Áras na Mac Léinn for World Mental Health Day. Psych Soc members are encouraged to volunteer their time while at university, particular in mental health and disability projects. Psych soc is an open and inclusive society. Anyone with an interest in how the mind works is very welcome to get involved or take part.

### Psychological Society Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

#### **Psych Soc EGM » The Hub » 30th September 2013**

Extraordinary general meeting to allow members of the society to get to know one another, elect new committee members and plan the society's direction for the coming academic year. Refreshments and pizza afterwards in College Bar.

#### **World Mental Health Day Bake Sale, in aid of Positive Mental Health » Concourse » 10th October 2013**

To mark World Mental Health Day, Psych Soc will be on the Concourse to dispense information about mental health resources, sell a variety of baked creations in aid of the volunteer group 'Positive Mental Health' and share some inspirational ideas about mental health :)

**Psych Soc Bowling** » *The Planet Entertainment Centre, Terryland* » 27th January 2014

Psych Soc are going bowling :)

We'll meet outside the College Bar at 6.30, before heading to the Planet Entertainment Centre to be there at 7.

5 euro per person. Looking forward to seeing you at our first event of the semester!

**Global Mental Health Talk with Ross White** » *Room G065, School of Psychology (Arts Millennium Building Extension)* » 10th February 2014

Dr. Ross White, co-ordinator of the Global Mental Health MSc program at the University of Glasgow, will be giving a talk on "Global Mental Health" on Monday 10th Feb at 1pm in G065. Tea/coffee will be provided at 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Psych Soc Film Screening: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** » *G043, School of Psychology, Arts Millennium Building* » 11th February 2014

Psych Soc will be showing the first psychological film of the semester: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

Starring Jack Nicholson, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975) won 5 Oscars (Best Picture, Actor in Lead Role, Actress in Lead Role, Director, and Screenplay), and is rated 8.8 on IMDB. Set in a mental hospital in the early 1960s, Nicholson plays a troublemaker who unwisely cons his way out of prison and into a mental institution, without realising he has been committed until considered sane by the people he winds up on a daily basis. Free pizza from College bar afterwards! :D

**Stimulating the brain! Using non-invasive brain stimulation in cognitive (neuro)science** » *Room G065, School of Psychology, Arts Millennium Building Extension* » 20th February 2014

Dr. Nina Bien from Maastricht University in the Netherlands, will be speaking to the society about how the brain can be stimulated using Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and other methods, with some interesting results! Wine reception afterwards.

**Dr. Lucia Regolin: 'The World Through the Eyes of A Newborn'** » *Room G065, School of Psychology, Arts Millennium Building* » 26th February

On Wednesday 26th February at 7.30pm, Room G065 in the School of Psychology, Dr. Lucia Regolin from the University of Padua will be presenting a talk about what infants might already know from birth.

"From the moment of birth newborns learn a variety of things about their environment. But, is the newborn mind truly naive about the world? Is there any information that does not actually need to be acquired through learning? Research has revealed that certain objects are special to newborns as these objects are privileged in visual processing. Moreover, quite extraordinary similarities emerge between species as different as newborn babies and newborn chicks. The talk will look at recent evidence concerning early visual predispositions, discussing the implications in an evolutionary perspective." A wine reception will be held afterwards in the foyer.

**Dr. Mark Elliott - 'Space and the matrix of visual experience'** » *G065, School of Psychology, Arts Millennium Building Extension* » 5th March

NUI Galway's own Dr. Mark Elliott will speak to Psych Soc about 'Space and the Matrix of Visual Experience.'

"Do we represent passively or do we construct sensory spaces? Put another way, is our experience of events and things in our environment a representation, or is it an active "psychological re-construction" of the sensory environment? A representation or reconstruction that we then refer to as perception. From the point of view of naive realism it should be the former. However, this leads to insurmountable logical problems that indicate the best way to conceive of any perceptual experience must be as a consequence of processes by which a sensory environment is "psychological reconstruction." By this logic perception can no longer refer to what is 'out there', and must instead refer to an internal, psychological representation of the sensory environment. Until the 18th century the term 'aesthetics' was understood to mean something like this. It was not used to refer to a special kind of experience, but applied to art we can see how aesthetic experience can derive from the use of mechanisms to construct a reality. This lecture explores these themes." A wine reception will be held afterwards

**Psychology Film Night: 'Side Effects'** » *G065, School of Psychology, Arts Millennium Building Extension* » 11th March 2014

As part of our 'Brain Awareness Week' events, we'll be showing another psychological film on Tuesday 11th March.

Rated 7.1 on IMDB, Side Effects is about how a young woman's world unravels when a drug prescribed by her psychiatrist has unexpected side effects. Starring Rooney Mara, Jude Law and Channing Tatum. FREE PIZZA

**Brain Awareness Day** » *AM150, Mairtin O Tnuthail Theatre, Arts Millennium Building* » 13th March 2014

To mark Brain Awareness Week, a number of international speakers will speak about their own research on the brain.

Refreshments, including food and tea/coffee, will be provided between the talks, and a wine reception will take place after.

4:00-4:05pm Introductions



4:05-4:45pm Jessica Wainman-Lefley of the University of Glasgow

"The journey towards a research PhD in clinical psychology: Investigating outcomes after head injury"

4:50-5:30pm Ciara Stiles of the University of Glasgow

"This Is Your Brain on Music: How a passion for music encouraged a career in neuropsychology"

5:30-6:00pm Questions and a coffee/tea break

6:00-7:00pm Keynote speaker Dr. Markus Conci of Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich

"Seeing the forest for the trees: Object integration in attention and memory."

**PSI/NIBPS student congress 2014** » Dublin City University » 11th April – 13th April 2014 (3 individual events)

36th Annual PSI/NIBPS Congress of Psychology Students in Ireland.

Annual Congress organised by psychology students to showcase research carried out in universities all over the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Ronan O'Keeffe

**Postgraduate Officer:** Chris Noone

**PSI SAG Representative:** Shona O'Connor

**Secretary:** Mark Corcoran

**OCM:** Martina Gannon

**OCM:** Maria Cowley

**OCM:** Fionnuala Rogers

**Guest Speaker Liason:** Christina Vaughan

**Public Relations Officer:** Grace Kenny

**Web Communications Officer:** Stephen Smith

**Events Organiser:** Meaghan Carmody

**Treasurer:** Nadine Wall

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciaran King

**OCM:** Kate Barrett

**OCM:** Martha Finnerty

**Guest Speaker Liason:** Michaela McAssey

**OCM:** Eimear Bane

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Grace Kenny

**Treasurer:** Maria Cowley

**Vice-Auditor:** Ciaran King

**Secretary:** Martha Finnerty

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,006.56	Affill/Mem fees	€1,002.00
Fundraising	€215.00	Bank charge	€41.94
USC Grant	€2,350.00	Dinner	€118.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,571.56</b>	Entertainment	€346.00
		Fundraising/charity	€215.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€48.96
		Reception	€203.92
		Socs day expenses	€2.50
		Expenditure Total	€1,978.42
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,593.14
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,571.56</b>

## Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 335 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Psychological Society

<a href="#"><u>Mark Corcoran</u></a>	Secretary	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Martina Gannon</u></a>	Ordinary committee member	4 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shona O'Connor</u></a>	Committee Member	4 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ronan O'Keeffe</u></a>	Auditor	70 hours

NUIG Psychological Society, or Psych Soc, is for students of psychology and anyone with an interest in what makes people behave the way they do. Psych Soc represents the interests of psychology students, provides the opportunity to continue learning outside lectures and gives people the opportunity to get to know other students, both in NUIG and other universities.

In the last year, Psych Soc has held a bake sale to raise money and awareness for the Positive Mental Health foundation, and hosted a number of local and international speakers, highlighting current issues in psychological research and practice.

# ALIVE Students: 4 student

# Hours Volunteered: 93 hours

## Quiz Soc

We organised a number of quizzes other societies during the year and brought many questions to the student body, many of which they could answer and some they could not.

### Quiz Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

#### **Quiz Soc AGM** » *The Hub* » 16th September 2013

Quiz Soc are hosting our AGM to fill a number of positions on the committee and to discuss events for the coming year.

#### **Disney Quiz** » *College Bar* » 25th September 2013

As part of 'Give it Socs Week', Quiz Soc are having their first event of the year in association with Disney Soc. The Disney themed quiz will kick off at 7.30pm in the College Bar. Its just €5 per person, with 4 to a team. There'll be plenty of prizes and finger food on the night. Hope to see all you Disney fans there.

#### **Irish Overload Quiz** » *College Bar* » 17th October 2013

Quiz Soc in association with Irish Studies Soc are hosting the 'Irish Overload Quiz' on Thursday October 17th at 7.30pm. The quiz will test your knowledge on all things Irish including music, tv, film, geography, history and of course the language itself. Its €5 a head with proceeds going towards Irish Studies Soc itself who are in much need of funds. Hope to see you all there!

#### **Music Quiz** » *College Bar* » 27th January 2014

A music quiz in association with Choral Soc at 7.30 in the College Bar. 4 to a team at €5 a head. Great prizes, finger food and some amount of craic as usual. See you all there!

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Darren McDonagh

**Secretary:** Lissette Hernon

**Vice-Auditor:** Hannah Gibbons Coyle

**Treasurer:** Louisa Brophy Browne

**PRO:** Laura Walsh

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€338.70	Bank charge	€6.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>€338.70</b>	Prizes	€220.00
		Expenditure Total	€226.10
		Closing Bank Balance	€112.60
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€338.70</b>

### Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 602 members.

### ALIVE Participation

Quiz Soc

**Louisa Brophy Browne**

Treasurer

20 hours

Quiz Soc

# ALIVE Students:

1 student

# Hours Volunteered:

20 hours

## RadioSoc

RadioSoc is a society in NUI Galway for people who have an interest in radio.

The aims of the Society are

1. To ensure that all students in NUI Galway who have an interest of radio have an outlet to express that interest
2. To facilitate discussion between our members, the wider college and radio professionals
3. To help anyone interested in a future career in radio to realise their potential and dreams The society tries to achieve these aims through a number of objectives
  1. Show our members that there are many resources, both on (Flirt FM) and off campus that will take them in and allow them to have their own show, gaining valuable experience in the field
  2. Have people from the radio industry come in and give talks to our members
  3. Host events that allow our members to work with other students from around Ireland in radio and learn more about it.
  4. Host events that give our members a deeper understanding of radio.
  5. Ensure that we work collectively with other student radio societies and stations around Ireland to share ideas and resources

### RadioSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

**EGM » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 19th September 2013**

Come along to get involved

**RadioSoc EGM » meeting room 1 ( upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn ) » 19th September 2013**

Our Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) is this coming Thursday the 19th of September. We will be hosting it at 5pm in Meeting Room 1 which is upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn! We will be electing for the following positions:

Auditor

Vice-Auditor

Treasurer

Secretary

PRO

Events Organiser

OCM

If you are interested in any of the positions just come along. We will also be talking about our plans for the year as well as having some FREE PIZZA! Hope to see you!

#### **RadioSoc Show » Flirt FM » 14th October 2013**

Every week, the committee of RadioSoc will host a radio show on Flirt FM! We will be talking to members of the society, different radio stations around the world, showcasing our committee's many talents and also talk about all our upcoming events for the year! So tune into Flirt FM 101.3 every Monday from 3pm, listen online at [www.flirtfm.ie](http://www.flirtfm.ie), message us at 0851801013 and online on the website!

#### **RadioSoc Presents Flirt FM Full Schedule Launch » The Scholars Rest » 14th October – 15th October 2013 (2 individual events)**

Flirt FM launches its full schedule next Monday, the 14th of October. So, to celebrate we here at RadioSoc have decided to throw them a party (sure the station turned 18 recently!). The Full Schedule Launch Party will be held in the Scholars Rest on Monday the 14th of October at 8pm. There will be free food. There will also be refreshments, but these are on a strictly "first come, first served" basis. So the earlier you get there the better!

#### **RadioSoc Presents: Louise Clarke » » 16th October 2013**

Throughout the year RadioSoc will be getting in guest speakers to talk about Radio and different aspects of radio. First up, Louise Clarke. Louise Clarke is a former Production Manager in Flirt FM. She currently works for iRadio where she presents the Vodafone First Play which showcases new talent from Ireland and around the world as well as unsigned talent. She also presents the early morning shows iRise. Louise DJs around the country but has a regular slot in Electric Garden, where she rocks the decks on Tuesday nights. She will be talking about what it's like to work professionally in a broadcast radio station, how she finds new talent and incorporates them into her shows as well as other things. She will also be taking some questions.

#### **RadioSoc Show » » 21st October 2013**

Every week, the committee of RadioSoc will host a radio show on Flirt FM! We will be talking to members of the society, different radio stations around the world, showcasing our committee's many talents and also talk about all our upcoming events for the year! So tune into Flirt FM 101.3 every Monday from 3pm, listen online at [www.flirtfm.ie](http://www.flirtfm.ie), message us at 0851801013 and online on the website!

#### **RadioSoc Documentaries » » 23rd October 2013**

Come along this Wednesday at 2pm to the Large Acoustic Room to see documentaries about the making of music videos! There will also be some free pizza provided!

#### **Luc O Cinnseala Talk » the Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn, NUIG » 13th November 2013**

Luc O Cinnseala, presenter of the 'Promised Land' on FlirtFM and news presenter on iRadio, will be in the Cube to give us a talk on the radio industry and his experiences in it. Refreshments afterwards in Scholar's Rest.

#### **London Info Evening » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 21st November 2013**

This is an information night for anyone who is coming on the trip to London! The remaining 45 euro can be paid at this time and we will be telling you the exact plan for the trip!

#### **RadioSoc Presents: Simon Maher » the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 22nd November 2013**

This Friday, RadioSoc are pleased to host a talk given by a man who has founded not one, but two stations in his career. Simon Maher was one of the men who set up Phantom FM in Dublin in 1996 as a pirate radio station. He worked there as General Manager for many years and also hosted a show called Phantom Daily right up until January 2011. In the summer of 2012 he founded a brand new station, 8radio.com, tapping into the new and rapidly expanding online radio market. 8radio have a wide variety of shows and presenters, anywhere from 70's music to current tunes and much more in between, 8Radio is quickly becoming one of the go to online radio stations. Come along to The Art Room upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn this Friday from 2 til 3 to listen to Simon talk about setting up radio stations, what has driven him throughout his career and much more/

#### **London Trip » London » 6th January – 9th January 2014 (4 individual events)**

RadioSoc are going to London! We will be visiting different stations and seeing all the different things one of the greatest cities in Europe has to offer!

**Radio Soc/Flirt FM Listening Party » *small Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd January 2014***

Radio Producers to host listening party

**National Student Radio Conference » *7th February – 8th February 2014 (2 individual events)***

NUI Galway's RadioSoc will host Ireland's first ever National Student Radio Conference on the 7th and 8th of March in Áras na Mac Léinn, National University of Ireland Galway. The event will run over the space of Friday Afternoon to Saturday Night.

The event, run in conjunction with the Societies Office in NUI Galway and CRAOL, will give students a vocal point to learn more about radio. The focus will not specifically be on Student Radio, it will be all-encompassing of the medium and the structures built around it. The event will focus on 3 strands of radio- Theory, Practical and General- with experts and people directly involved in radio giving talks on varying topics within these strands.

The event will start on the evening of Friday the 7th of March, with an early registration for those staying the night in Galway City (A list of accommodation and travel options will be posted closer to the date) followed by a social in NUI Galway's College Bar. Things will kick off properly on Saturday the 8th of March with attendees meeting in Áras na Mac Léinn at 10:30 a.m. for registration. The event will kick off at 11:30 with a timetable being provided closer to the time for all attendees. The morning session will run until 1:30, we will then break for Lunch which will be provided. From 3:30 til 6 will be the afternoon session. From 6 onwards we will be having a social where more food will be served. There will also be goody bags and a delegate pack given out throughout the day.

Tickets are 8 euro and can be bought in the SocsBox and online at EventBrit

**SRA Ireland Training » *Belfast, Antrim, Northern Ireland » 11th February – 13th February 2014 (3 individual events)***

RadioSoc are heading to Belfast to Queens University to learn more about Radio and how our English counterparts have formed together to create a national Student Radio Association.

**National Student Radio Conference » *7th March – 8th March 2014 (2 individual events)***

NUI Galway's RadioSoc will host Ireland's first ever National Student Radio Conference on the 7th and 8th of March in Áras na Mac Léinn, National University of Ireland Galway. The event will run over the space of Friday Afternoon to Saturday Night.

The event, run in conjunction with the Societies Office in NUI Galway and CRAOL, will give students a vocal point to learn more about radio. The focus will not specifically be on Student Radio, it will be all-encompassing of the medium and the structures built around it. The event will focus on 3 strands of radio- Theory, Practical and General- with experts and people directly involved in radio giving talks on varying topics within these strands.

The event will start on the evening of Friday the 7th of March, with an early registration for those staying the night in Galway City (A list of accommodation and travel options will be posted closer to the date) followed by a social in NUI Galway's College Bar. Things will kick off properly on Saturday the 8th of March with attendees meeting in Áras na Mac Léinn at 10:30 a.m. for registration. The event will kick off at 11:30 with a timetable being provided closer to the time for all attendees. The morning session will run until 1:30, we will then break for Lunch which will be provided. From 3:30 til 6 will be the afternoon session. From 6 onwards we will be having a social where more food will be served. There will also be goody bags and a delegate pack given out throughout the day.

Tickets can be bought on EventBrite and at the SocsBox at a cost of 8 euro per person.

Mark Kelly (Auditor of NUIG RadioSoc)

**RadioSoc AGM » *the Art Room (Áras na Mac Léinn) » 27th March 2014***

The Annual General Meeting of NUI Galway's Radio Society will take place in the Art Room in Áras na Mac Léinn at 7:30 on Thursday the 27th of March. Positions up for election are as follows

\*Auditor

\*Vice-Auditor

\*Treasurer

\*Secretary

\*Events Organiser

\*Public Relations Officer (PRO)

\*Ordinary Committee Member-Conference

\*Ordinary Committee Member x2

Only students who are registered members of the radio society may vote in any contested election for any position. As, only registered

students may run. If you are interested in running for the role of Auditor you MUST e-mail back your name and student number before 5pm next Wednesday. All other positions will be up for nomination on the day. There will be refreshments in Flirt FM after. So please do join us for what promises to be a great night! If you are interested in running for any role but are not sure what it entails, email us here and we will get back to you about what exactly you would be doing if elected to that position.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Ailbhe Jagodic

**Treasurer:** Padraig McMahon

**Public Relations Officer (PRO):** Darragh O'Connor

**Ordinary Committee Member (OCM):** Paula Healy

**Ordinary Committee Member (OCM):** Maureen Johnson

**Ordinary Committee Member (OCM):** Dervilla O'Reilly

**Auditor:** Mark Kelly

**Secretary:** Mairead Duffy

**Events Organiser:** Isabel Mutaaga

**Ordinary Committee Member (OCM):** Elizabeth Sims

**Ordinary Committee Member (OCM):** Rachel Masterson

### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Ailbhe Jagodic

**Treasurer:** Padraig McMahon

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Alan Meaney

**Events Organiser:** Mark Kelly

**Vice-Auditor:** Rachel Masterson

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Paula Healy

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Darragh O'Connor

**PRO:** Eoghan Holland

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€280.82	Bank charge	€31.57
Socs box Till	€786.00	Dinner	€438.11
Sponsorship	€2,000.00	Entertainment	€581.40
Ticket Sales	€304.44	Entry fees	€227.64
USC Grant	€2,700.00	Equipment misc	€120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,071.26</b>	Gifts	€59.49
		Hoodies	€196.80
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€123.00
		Postage	€3.00
		Printing	€8.53
		Prizes	€196.70
		Reception	€621.95
		Society accomm	€1,088.03
		Society transport	€1,345.84
		Socs day expenses	€35.00
		Speaker accomm	€379.00
		Speaker travel	€134.40
		Stationary	€304.18
		Expenditure Total	€5,892.03
		Closing Bank Balance	€181.84
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€6,071.26</b>

### Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 333 members.

## ALIVE Participation

RadioSoc

<a href="#"><u>Mairead Duffy</u></a>	Secretary	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ailbhe Jagodic</u></a>	Vice Auditor	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Dervilla O'Reilly</u></a>	PRO and ordinary member	25 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rebecca Coyne</u></a>	Presenter	48 hours
<a href="#"><u>Darragh O'Connor</u></a>	P.R.O	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rachel Masterson</u></a>	Social Media Manager	80 hours

RadioSoc are the society that caters to the Radio lovers in NUI Galway. We work closely with Flirt FM to provide anyone with an interest in radio a way to learn more about it, be it through talks from leading people in the industry, workshops about how to present your show better on Flirt FM all the way up to organising a national conference so that people from all around Ireland can come together and learn more about radio!

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 303 hours

## Rock Soc

This year we sought to accomplish much more for those involved in the society. During the course of the year we organised a trip to the Siege of Limerick (an all day metal festival), helped to organise Witless,(the battle of the bands), held a guitar hero night, jamming sessions for musicians of all levels and two screenings of Spinal Tap and School of Rock. We have also had an egm and we have 3 further events organised for the final month of class, A barbecue screening of Waynes World, a Rock Quiz in the college bar and a society party. Next year our objectives are to keep our events to a regular occurrence, as well as purchasing new music equipment for musicians to practice with. Over the year we have seen our event attendance grow through what we consider to be fun and enticing events unique to our society.

### Rock Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

#### **Weekly meeting » » 10th September 2013**

Weekly committee meeting

#### **EGM » Meeting Room 2 » 25th September 2013**

First meeting to make plans, elect a committee and find out what we are all about.

#### **Siege of Limerick » Limerick » 27th October – 28th October 2013 (2 individual events)**

The Siege of Limerick is an all day rock/metal festival.

#### **Woodstock Marathon » » 11th November 2013**

Rock society and Film society are hosting a screening of Woodstock,

#### **School of Rock - Screening » Kirwan Lecture Theatre » 29th January 2014**

A screening of School of Rock to kick off Rock Socs events of the year, free refreshments so don't miss out.

#### **Guitar Hero Night » » 24th February 2014**

Guitar hero and the likes, free pizza and refreshments. Come down for the lolz like.

**EGM » Meeting Room 2 » 26th February 2014**

EGM to elect new vice auditor and PRO

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Melissa Naylor

**Treasurer:** Darragh McNeill

**OCM:** Nicole McGovern

**OCM:** Michael Joyce

**OCM:** Robert Dalton

**Pro:** Jessica Glennon

**OCM:** James Hoey

**OCM:** Anthony Lesbros

**Vice-Auditor:** John McDonnell

**Secretary:** Shane Walsh

**OCM:** Michael O'Connor

**OCM:** Daniel Ffrench

**OCM:** Shane Brien

**OCM:** Brian Dooley

**OCM:** Finn McCarthy

**OCM:** Liam De Courcey

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact :** Melissa Naylor

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€2,584.68	Bank charge	€22.20
Socs box Till	€105.00	Entertainment	€240.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,689.68</b>	Society accomm	€222.34
		Sound	€184.50
		Expenditure Total	€669.52
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€2,020.16
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,689.68</b>

**Other Information**

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 489 members.

**ALIVE Participation**

Rock Soc		
<b><u>Christopher Wilson</u></b>	Volunteer	9 hours
ROCK SOC provides a positive environment for musicians and fans of alternative music and culture. ROCK SOC is dedicated to promoting original student bands and performers, and cover bands too. We want you bands so we can showcase you on NUI Galway		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	9 hours	



# Rover Soc

Rover Society - "Adventure is out there!"

This year, eight hard-working individuals came together to restart the what was dormant society that is Rover Soc. Together we formed the new committee and organised meetings and events to make people aware that Rover Soc is back!

Rover Soc is an outdoor society which encompasses a wide range of activities from hiking, kayaking, pioneering and orienteering to volunteering. Since there are so many outdoor clubs in college as it is, we put our own spin on things. When hiking or kayaking, we'll carry tents, if we do archery we'll make our own bows or if we're sailing we'll make our own boats.

The way we operate and the activities we undertake all fall under the scouting ethos and influence. Rover Soc offers its members great opportunities to develop and learn new skills.

We've held meetings every week since we restarted, with full attendance from all committee members. At these meetings, we discussed our plans for this semester as well as long-term plans. We ran and attended various events which can be seen below.

We have achieved a lot in the two short months since we restarted:

- We have a very active facebook page with over 200 likes
- We've made connections with other Rover groups such as UCC
- We've carried out a survey through which we were able to promote Rover Soc and make people aware of what it entailed
- We've organised meetings with Scouting Ireland to discuss our affiliation with them
- We won "Best Society Photo" at the Socs Ball on 1st April and the national BICS Awards

Our plans for the upcoming weeks are as follows:

- We want to get neckerchiefs for all our members
- We will be taking part in Rover Action Week in Dublin on the 17th/18th of May
- We will be attending a meeting with Scouting Ireland on the 24th May to discuss our affiliation with Scouting Ireland.
- We will be running Sea Sessions (27th-29th June) in Donegal and assisting at Independence (1st-4th August) during the summer

## Rover Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

**Edible Wild Plants Talk** » » 10th March 2014 » AC216 » 7pm – 8pm.

Talk on Edible Wild Plants - Roversoc makes its return!

Ever wondered what wild plants or garden weeds are edible or poisonous? On Monday, 10th March Rover Society are hosting a talk about edible wild plants by NUIG Botanist, and hobby forager: Matthew O'Toole BSc. Some refreshments & samples will be served!

**Campcraft Intersociety Competition** » Fota, Co. Cork » 28th March – 30th March 2014 (3 individual events)

The first National campcraft competition for all Rover societies in Ireland (there are several) will take place this year at Fota Scout Centre in county Cork. This aims to be a 'shield' style competition so there will be plenty of opportunity to display your outdoor prowess along with a great chance to meet other like minded people. A great weekend of craic guaranteed!

**Scouting Ireland National Council - Youth Forum** » Cork City » 30th March 2014

The SI National Council takes place in Cork this year and a few of our members are set to go along to discuss any issues relating to us Rover Scouts.

**AGM & Barbecue** » AC203 » 31st March 2014

It's time for the Rover Society AGM to elect next year's committee followed by a Barbecue for all! We'll be heading for the barbecue straight after the AGM so come along to AC203 at half 6 and we'll see you there!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** James O'Connell

**Vice-Auditor:** Fionn Delahunty

**Safety Officer:** Alan Herdman

**OCM:** Caoimhin De Burca

**OCM:** James Branigan

**Treasurer:** Cathal Breathnach

**Secretary:** Holly Casey

**PRO:** Cecile Collot

**Quarter Master:** Dylan Byrne

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**Secretary:** Holly Casey

**Safety Officer:** Alan Herdman

**OCM:** Caoimhin De Burca

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€406.24	Bank charge	€28.93
Socs box Till	€225.00	Dinner	€70.00
USC Grant	€1,665.00	Entertainment	€91.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,296.24</b>	Entry fees	€308.00
		Equipment misc	€144.57
		Materials	€5.97
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€39.62
		Printing	€5.00
		Promotions	€12.00
		Society transport	€307.03
		Expenditure Total	€1,012.18
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,284.06
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€2,296.24</b>

## Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 68 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Rover Soc

<u><a href="#">James O'Connell</a></u>	Auditor	10 hours
<u><a href="#">Fionn Delahunty</a></u>	Vice-Auditor, Volunteer	24 hours
<u><a href="#">Alan Herdman</a></u>	Committee	15 hours
<u><a href="#">Cathal Breathnach</a></u>	Treasurer	10 hours
<u><a href="#">Cecile Collot</a></u>	PRO	10 hours
<u><a href="#">Holly Casey</a></u>	Secretary	12 hours

Scouting has volunteering and the outdoors at its heart. We are members of the largest youth organisation in the world, which is built off volunteers. One of our key mottos is "Do good to others". This is something we try to implement in the Rover Society. We aim to help all of our members find a volunteering role that suits them; both inside and outside the society, while experiencing the outdoors as our committee live to do.

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 81 hours

# ShoutOut

ShoutOut wants to deliver the old message of 'don't discriminate' in a new and engaging way. We are bringing this into classrooms through volunteers who have been in this situation just years before and know exactly what it feels like. We want to bring about change in the Irish education system, allowing for a much freer discourse around sexual orientation and gender identity in schools, lessening stigma and reinforcing the message of equality.

## ShoutOut Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

### **Shout Out Launch** » *siobhan mckenna theatre, Arts Millenium Building* » 18th November 2013

Shout Out is a new society on NUIG campus which aims to promote knowledge of and compassion for LGBT issues in secondary schools. The society's volunteers will be facilitating workshops in schools across Galway in the coming months. Shout Out are having an official launch this coming Monday with presentations explaining further the aims of the society and at which the members will answer any questions regarding the same. Teachers, NUIG students and the general public from across the city and county are encouraged to attend. There will be presentations by Lionel Pilkington, LGBT ally and noted member of the NUIG academic staff among others. There will be free refreshments on the night which promises to be an enlightening and exciting experience.

### **Committee meeting** » *The "cube", Áras na Mac Léinn* » 14th October 2013

A committee meeting to discuss the upcoming ShoutOut launch.

### **Committee meeting** » *Smokies* » 21st October 2013

A committee meeting to discuss volunteer training and upcoming workshops.

### **Committee meeting** » *Smokies Caf   - Concourse* » 12th November 2013

A committee meeting to discuss volunteer training and upcoming workshops.

### **Committee meeting** » *Smokies Caf   - Concourse* » 22nd January 2014

### **Committee meeting** » *Smokey's Caf  , Concourse* » 3rd February 2014

A committee meeting to discuss volunteer training and upcoming workshops.

### **EGM** » *The "cube", Áras na Mac Léinn* » 16th April 2014

EGM.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Maria O'Flaherty

**Vice-Auditor:** Leah Heffernan

**Training and Development :** Cian Moran

**OCM:** Ashling Brady

**Secretary:** Liam O'Hare

**OCM:** Holly Casey

**PRO:** Maria Keenan

**Fundraising and Events Officer :** Lisa Faherty

**Treasurer:** Maggie MacAonghusa

**OCM:** Etain Upton

**OCM :** Ivan Fahy

**OCM:** Patrick Deane

**OCM:** Dominique Meehan

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Leah Heffernan

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€15.98
USC Grant	€250.00	Dinner	€66.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>€250.00</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€71.40
		Society transport	€65.00
		Socs day expenses	€7.65
		<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>€226.53</b>
		Closing Bank Balance	€23.47
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€250.00</b>

### Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 222 members.

### ALIVE Participation

#### Shoutout

<a href="#"><u>Maggie MacAonghusa</u></a>	Treasurer	35 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ashling Brady</u></a>	OCM	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ivan Fahy</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Liam O'Hare</u></a>	Secretary	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Patrick Clancy</u></a>	ShoutOut Volunteer	3 hours
<a href="#"><u>Celine Gregory</u></a>	Volunteer	5 hours

ShoutOut wants to deliver the old message of 'don't discriminate' in a new and engaging way. We are bringing this into classrooms through volunteers who have been in this situation just years before and know exactly what it feels like. We want to bring about change in the Irish education system, allowing for a much freer discourse around sexual orientation and gender identity in schools, lessening stigma and reinforcing the message of equality.

# ALIVE Students: 6 student

# Hours Volunteered: 123 hours

## Sinn Fein Soc

Local activist Cumann and active in National Movement known as Sinn Fein Republican Youth. We are committed to finding a peaceful solution and path to fairer and more equal United Ireland.

### Sinn Fein Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

**Sinn Fein National Youth Congress » Omagh » 15th November – 16th November 2013 (2 individual events)**

Ogra Shinn Fein is having its annual National Youth Congress in Omagh on the weekend starting the 15th November

### Committee 2013/2014

**Secretary:** Dermot Browne

**Treasurer:** Brendan O'Connor

**Auditor:** Naoise O'Faolain

**PRO:** Lucy Costello

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Eoghan Curran

**Vice-Auditor:** James Walsh

**Secretary:** Anna Carroll

**Treasurer:** Luke MacAn Bh

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€931.29	Affill/Mem fees	€95.00
Members Contributions	€290.00	Bank charge	€7.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,221.29</b>	Entry fees	€580.00
		Equipment misc	€56.00
		Society accomm	€120.00
		Expenditure Total	€858.48
		Closing Bank Balance	€362.81
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,221.29</b>

### Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members.

## Slainte Soc

Slainte Soc this year has achieved their goal of promoting physical and mental health throughout NUIG and the wider community. We started off our year by promoting a 2 day Blood Drive encouraging students and staff of NUIG to donate one pint of blood. Next we organized a Movember Bake Sale in aid of Prostate Cancer. Our flagship event of the year was as always our Teddy Bear Hospital. Now in its 9th year Teddy Bear Hospital was bigger and better than ever! With 1500 kids and sick teddies, hundreds of volunteers and teddy doctors we created a fun filled hospital experience for all the sick teddies of galway, and their owners too! We think we achieved our aim of exposing children to a hospital environment from an early age, so they see its nothing to be scared of! To finance this years Teddy Bear Hospital we held a fundraising night in Electric in early January. The night was themed "Break your new years resolution" and between ticket sales and a generous donation from Electric Garden we managed to raise enough money not only for this years teddy bear hospital, but for future ones too!

### Slainte Soc. Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

#### **Movember Bake sale** » » 14th November 2013

Hey guys! Just a bake sale to raise awareness for prostate cancer and other male cancers.

#### **New Years Revolution** » Electric/Halo » 16th January – 17th January 2014 (2 individual events)

A fund raising night out for the teddy bear hospital!

#### **volunteers meeting** » » 21st January 2014

just a meeting for anybody who wants to volunteer at Teddy Bear Hospital , so you know your volunteering duties etc

#### **Teddy Bear Hospital** » » 23rd January – 24th January 2014 (2 individual events)

Teddy Bear hospital, where children bring their sick teddy bears in to be mended by our volunteers, the idea is to make children less afraid of hospitals and doctors

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Micheal Brennan

**Treasurer:** Paul Donovan

**Co-auditor:** Oisin Brady Bates

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Ellen Walsh

**Fundraising & Sponsorship Officer:** Richard Prendiville

**Gaelscoil Liaison Officer:** Seán Donohue

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Mai O'Sullivan

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Maria Murphy

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Hope Murphy O'Connor

**Public Relations Officer:** Matthew Sheridan

**Vice-Auditor:** Katie Lynam

**Secretary:** Leah Hayes

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Aisling McNamara

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Katie St John

**Artistic Director:** Elaine Murphy

**Fundraising & Sponsorship Officer:** Sinead Coen

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Lisa Flynn

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Jennifer Haugh

**Ordinary Committee Member:** David Gorey

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Henry Roberts

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Micheal Brennan

**Treasurer:** Paul Donovan

**Co - Auditor:** Oisin Brady Bates

**Vice-Auditor:** Katie Lynam

**Secretary:** Leah Hayes

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,268.79	Bank charge	€33.97
Fundraising	€626.25	Equipment misc	€900.00
Socs box Till	€96.00	Fundraising/charity	€5,330.00
Ticket Sales	€10,338.74	Hoodies	€540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€12,329.78</b>	Materials	€773.66
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€48.00
		Reception	€18.08
		Socs day expenses	€19.80
		Expenditure Total	€7,663.51
		Cash In Hand	€10.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€4,656.27
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€12,329.78</b>

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 562 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Slainte Soc.

<b><u>Bridog Nic Aodha Bhui</u></b>	Teddy Doctor	10 hours
<b><u>Jacqueline Bowe</u></b>	Volunteer, Teddy Bear Hospital	3 hours
<b><u>Ruth Campbell</u></b>	Volunteer	2 hours
<b><u>Sean Donohue</u></b>	Volunteer, Fundraiser, Organiser	20 hours
<b><u>Paul Whooley</u></b>	Teddy Bear Hospital 2014	8 hours
<b><u>Ben Murphy</u></b>	Volunteer Doctor at Teddy Bear Hospital	4 hours

<b><u>Orla Hennessy</u></b>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	8 hours
<b><u>Barry Coffey</u></b>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	5 hours
<b><u>Orla Cullivan</u></b>	Volunteer	4 hours
<b><u>Keith Kelly</u></b>	Volunteer	10 hours
<b><u>Kerrin Hickey</u></b>	Volunteer for Teddy Bear Hospital	7 hours
<b><u>Aaron Croke</u></b>	Volunteer	6 hours
<b><u>Aisling McNamara</u></b>	Ordinary committee member and volunteer	60 hours
<b><u>Dean Murray</u></b>	Volunteer	11 hours
<b><u>Yvonne Clinton</u></b>	Volunteer	3 hours
<b><u>Lucy McKenna</u></b>	Volunteer	2 hours
<b><u>Megan Goldrick</u></b>	Volunteer at 'Teddy Bear Hospital' in Áras Ui Cathail	5 hours
<b><u>Leah Hayes</u></b>	Secretary	150 hours
<b><u>Niamh Hearty</u></b>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	3 hours
<b><u>Eileen Shannon</u></b>	Volunteer	10 hours
<b><u>Chiara Leone-Ganado</u></b>	Teddy Bear Hospital	6 hours
<b><u>Micheal Brennan</u></b>	Co-Auditor	300 hours
<b><u>Niamh Allen</u></b>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	7 hours
<b><u>Katie St John</u></b>	OCM	25 hours
<b><u>Elaine Murphy</u></b>	Artistic Director	20 hours
<b><u>Mai O'Sullivan</u></b>	Committee Member	15 hours
<b><u>Brendan Phelan</u></b>	Volunteer at Teddy Bear Hospital	12 hours
<b><u>Hannah KIELTY</u></b>	Volunteer at the annual Teddy Bear Hospital	3 hours
<b><u>Aoife O'Brien</u></b>	Volunteer	3 hours
<b><u>Aisling Bell</u></b>	Volunteer	5 hours
<b><u>Hope Murphy O'Connor</u></b>	Volunteer	5 hours
<b><u>Iona Dollery</u></b>	Volunteer	4 hours
<b><u>Jane O'Sullivan</u></b>	Volunteer at Teddy Bear Hospital	1 hours
<b><u>Ciara Ryan</u></b>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	10 hours
<b><u>Gerard Browne</u></b>	Volunteer	3 hours
<b><u>Richard Prendiville</u></b>	Fundraising and Sponsorship Officer/Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	16 hours
<b><u>Gerard Mullane</u></b>	Volunteer, Fundraiser	10 hours
<b><u>David Gorey</u></b>	OCM	20 hours
<b><u>Katie Lynam</u></b>	Vice Auditor	100 hours
<b><u>John O'Farrell</u></b>	Volunteer	4 hours

<u><a href="#">Mairead Reidy</a></u>	Volunteer for the Teddy Bear Hospital	12 hours
<u><a href="#">Caoimhe Joyce Hearne</a></u>	Volunteered at the Teddy Bear's hospital	5 hours
<u><a href="#">Michelle Maher</a></u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u><a href="#">Jacqui Hartigan</a></u>	Volunteer Teddy Bear Hospital	5 hours
<u><a href="#">Nadia Nursyahirah Noor Shiam</a></u>	Volunteer on Teddy Bear Hospital	2 hours
<u><a href="#">Aisling Dunne</a></u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u><a href="#">Kayleigh Murphy</a></u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	4 hours
<u><a href="#">Aifric Ni Choinin</a></u>	Volunteer	4 hours
<u><a href="#">Rebecca Sweeney</a></u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u><a href="#">Jennifer Haugh</a></u>	Committee member	50 hours
<u><a href="#">Paul Donovan</a></u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u><a href="#">Rachel Bourke</a></u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u><a href="#">Rachel Bourke</a></u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u><a href="#">Janisha Manhas</a></u>	Volunteer with the Teddy Bear Hospital	3 hours
<u><a href="#">Matthew Sheridan</a></u>	Public Relations Officer & Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	20 hours
<u><a href="#">Ellen Walsh</a></u>	Organiser, Fundraiser, Volunteer	150 hours
<u><a href="#">Aoife Murray</a></u>	Volunteer for teddy bear hospital	4 hours
<u><a href="#">Alison Fahey</a></u>	Volunteer	20 hours

Our organization aims to promote good health and a healthy lifestyle in general! We try to raise awareness of various health issues for example prostate cancer. One of the main events we hold each year is the teddy bear hospital, where we invite the local children to bring in their 'sick' teddy bears to our 'hospital' to be treated by our volunteer 'doctors'. This helps children to become familiar with the clinical setting, even if our hospital is a little more colorful than usual! We strive to make students on campus more health aware and to draw attention to the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

# ALIVE Students: 58 student

# Hours Volunteered: 1230 hours

## Speech and Language Therapy

The Speech and Language Therapy Society reached all its intended goals. A full committee was elected and fundraising and recruitment goals were reached. The first semester was the busiest semester for the society as many of the society members were on placement in the second semester. In September we held our EGM and elected our committee. We also had a bowling night where we rented out a few lanes in the bowling alley and had people come to bowl and chat! This was the first opportunity for all the members to mix and get to know each other! In October we had a 'movie' night where we ordered pizza and watched a film relating to speech and language therapy. On the 19th November we held a 'Christmas Jumper Day' where we asked people to dress up in a Christmas jumper of their choice give a donation to the Parkinson's Association of Galway. It was a very successful event and a grand total of €229.57 was raised for the charity.

In second semester we had two 'bonding' nights where all of the different years got to bond and share knowledge with one another. They were a great success and people are very interested in continuing to develop the society next year.



This year as a committee we learned that the majority of events need to be held in the first semester as many society members go on block placement in second semester. Here's to another successful year!

## Speech and Language Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

### EGM » » 25th September 2013

EGM of the society to formally elect committee members and fill positions.

### DVD Night! » » ?Áras Moyola MY129- Lecture Theatre 2? » 29th October 2013

Bonding over a speechie film :)

### Christmas Jumper Day » » ?ras Moyola » 19th November 2013

Wear your Christmas jumper to college to support the Galway Parkinsons Association. 2euro per person with all money going to a great cause :)

### Society Outing » » Áras Moyola » 16th January – 17th January 2014 (2 individual events)

Night out bowling and bonding!

### Party Night! » » 6th March – 7th March 2014 (2 individual events)

A party night to celebrate the new society

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Ruth Durham

**Treasurer:** Laura O'Dowd

**P.R.O:** Kristina Cunningham

**Vice Treasurer:** Orla Joyce

**3rd year Rep:** Aimee O'Connor

**4th year Rep:** Jessica O'Donoghue

**Vice-Auditor:** Hannah Loughnane

**Secretary:** Alice Monaghan

**Vice Secretary:** Orna Doris

**Vice PRO:** Gemma Connolly

**1st year Rep:** Anne Shanahan

**1st year Rep:** Tracy Beirne

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Hannah Loughnane

**Treasurer:** Elaine Higgins

**Secretary:** Orla Joyce

**P.R.O:** Gemma Connolly

**4th year Rep:** Rachel Kelly

**Vice-Auditor:** Aoife Godfrey

**Vice Treasurer:** Laura Doyle

**Vice Secretary:** Orla Gately

**P.R.A:** Rita Linehan

**3rd year Rep:** Sarah Tuthill

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€17.27
Fundraising	€229.57	Fundraising/charity	€229.57
USC Grant	€300.00	Expenditure Total	€246.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>€529.57</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€282.73
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€529.57</b>

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Speech and Language

[Hannah Loughnane](#)

Vice-Auditor

15 hours

[Orla Joyce](#)

Vice Treasurer

35 hours

### SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

# ALIVE Students:

2 student

# Hours Volunteered:

50 hours

## St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul is the largest, voluntary, charitable organisation in Ireland. Its is a society that is working for social justice and the creation of a more just, caring nation. The aim of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need.

### St. Vincent de Paul Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

#### **Weekly meeting » Room in chapel » 23rd September 2013**

The members of the St.Vincent de Paul society held their weekly meeting to conceive, discuss, plan and organise future fundraising and voluntary activities for the coming year.

#### **St Vincent de Paul meet and greet event. » The common room in the Chapel » 30th September 2013**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold a meet and greet event for all members of the society, This is an informal gathering to enable all members of the Society to socialise with each other and get to know each other in a relaxed environment . Pizza and refreshments will be provided for all members

#### **Weekly meeting » Room in the nuig chapel » 7th October 2013**

The weekly meeting of the St.Vincent society will take place in a room in the nuig chapel. The members will meet to discuss the first fundraising activities to be carried out by the society this year. Over tea and biscuits all the members will be invited to contribute ideas and help in the organisation of these events. All members welcome.

#### **E.G.M Extraordinary General Meeting » Room in the nuig chapel » 14th October 2013**

An E.G.M will be held in the meeting room in the N.U.I.G chapel . All society members welcome. Tea and Biscuits will be on offer. See you there!

#### **Bake Sale » Beside smokies » 23rd October 2013**

A Bake Sale in aid of the st Vincent de Paul will take place Wednesday the 23rd . Make sure to visit our stall beside smokies between 11 and 3 to sample some yummy treats. Help us make our first fundraising event of the year a success. See you there!

#### **society of the st.vincent de Paul weekly meeting » Room in the chapel » 11th November 2013**

The society of The St.Vincent De Paul will hold its weekly meeting. We will be discussing upcoming fundraising events for the coming weeks. Hope to see as many of our willing and able bodied members there. There will be tea and biscuits for all!

#### **Weekly meeting » Room in chapel » 3rd February 2014**

A weekly meeting of the st. Vincent De Paul Society will take place in the common room in nuig chapel. We'll be planning our upcoming fundraising events. There'll be tea and biscuits for everyone. Hope to see you there!

**St Vincent De Paul pink and blue bake sale.** » *Table beside smokies » 5th February 2014*

Come along to the table beside smokies Wednesday the 5th of February where they will be a delicious array of baked goods on offer. Treat yourself to a homemade treat made by our talented bakers. Eat goodies in aid of charity. Now if that isn't guilt free indulgence! There will be Rocky Road, brownies, cupcakes and cookies on offer to name just a few of the tempting treats. Go on treat yourself!

**Weekly meeting of The St.Vincent De Paul** » » *17th February 2014*

Our weekly meeting will take place in the chapel tonight. We'll be asking for your help with upcoming fundraising events. There will be Tea and Biscuits! Hope to see ye all there!

**Weekly Meeting** » *Chapel room. St.Vincent De Paul » 24th February 2014*

The weekly meeting of the St Vincent De Paul will be held in the chapel room. We need as many people as possible to help us plan and organise our upcoming events. There will be tea and biscuits! New members always welcome! Hope to see you there!

**Bag packing event.** » *Dunnes Stores » 7th March 2014*

A bag packing event will take place in Dunnes stores on Friday to raise much needed funds for this worthy charity. Please come along and support our members in their fundraising if you can. All donations welcome!

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Lorna Freney

**Vice-Auditor:** Richard Heavey

**Secretary:** Donna Naughton

**Treasurer:** Aisling Moyles

**OCM:** Helena O'Shea

**PRO:** Tracey O'Sullivan

**OCM:** Mary Byrne

**OCM:** Gavin Lynam

**OCM:** Aidin Browne

**OCM:** Aoife O'Brien

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Lorna Freney

### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€794.04	Bank charge	€7.78
Fundraising	€446.85	Fundraising/charity	€10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,240.89</b>	Expenditure Total	€17.78
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,223.11
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,240.89</b>

### Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 445 members.

### ALIVE Participation

St. Vincent de Paul

<u>Mary Byrne</u>	OCM	6 hours
<u>Aoife O'Brien</u>	Volunteer and OCM	6 hours
<u>Lorna Freney</u>	Auditor/President and volunteer	46 hours

Donna Naughton

Secretary

40 hours

The Society of the St. Vincent De Paul is the largest voluntary charitable organisation in Ireland. There are 11000 volunteers throughout Ireland whom are supported by professional staff in working to fight poverty, achieve social justice and the creation of a more caring nation. They also try to encourage self sufficiency and fight social exclusion through the provision of a wide range of services. Here in N.u.i.g branch of the Society of st. Vincent De Paul concentrates on fundraising activities. We organise various events such as carol singing bake sales, traditional music nights and various other activities to raise money. We also provide direct assistance to people who may be experiencing loneliness in the form of nursing home visits..

# ALIVE Students: 4 student

# Hours Volunteered: 98 hours

## Students for Health Equality

NUIG Students for Health Equality continued to grow as a society this academic year, gaining new members from both Socs Days. In its events, the society focused on quality over quantity, arranging a Meet and Greet at the start of the year, hosting a talk from the Transgender Equality Network Ireland, and organising a preliminary round debate for the Irish Forum of Global Health.

A team from the society also took part in a Hackathon organised by SpunOut.ie, Facebook and CoderDojo in Dublin, with the task of developing innovative solutions to match young people with health-related services in their area. As one of the greatest achievements this year, the SFHE team WON the Hackathon by developing an iOS app called 'MoJo' (My Own Journal) featuring a daily log that tracks mental health status in youth.

SFHE actively updated its page on Facebook with the aim of keeping members informed on latest society events, but also sharing links to news and videos relating to topics important to the society.

### Students for Health Equality Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

#### **Meet and Greet Activity Night » » 2nd October 2013**

Meet the committee and other SFHE members, get to know what we're about and play some interactive development games!

#### **Transgender Talk » Larmor Theatre (concourse) » 25th November 2013**

Guest speaker: Vanessa Lacey from Transgender Equality Network Ireland

Topic: Transgender health and equality rights

#### **Irish Forum for Global Health Debate - Preliminary Round » Large Lecture Theatre, Clinical Sciences Institute, UCHG » 11th March 2014**

Join SFHE students debate the motion: 'This house believes that the Millennium development goals have driven a wider gulf between developed and developing nations'

Everyone welcome! We need your votes to decide which team to send to the All Ireland Finals to be held in April in Limerick.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Manisha Sachdeva

**Vice-Auditor:** Laura Reynolds

**Secretary:** Sonja Moore

**Treasurer:** Sinead Coen

**PR Officer:** Maeve Dunne

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Henry Roberts

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Lisa Flynn

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Abirami Manian

**Ordinary Committee Member:** John Murphy

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Manisha Sachdeva

No Financial Transactions.

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 130 members.

# Students for Sensible Drug Policy/Drug Policy and Law Reform

Students for Sensible Drug Policy society are an awareness-raising student body on issues surrounding drug policy and law reform. This year we critically analysed local drug policy within the Health Service Executive and the closing down of Merlin Park addiction clinic in September 2013. We worked with the staff there and we held a vigil in December which was well attended by media, politicians, drug users, Galway community and medical professionals.

In second term, we held a national drugs conference featuring five Irish colleges, two medical professionals, head of school of medicine Trinity College, and former London Chief Constable.

We registered as consultants to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna, where we presented the largest independent drug survey ever conducted in Ireland.

## Drug Policy and Law Reform Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

### **Howard Marks Talk** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 2nd October 2013

Howard Marks - Scholar, Smuggler, Prisoner, Scribe

### **Drug Policy & Law Reform AGM** » *The Space* » 9th October 2013

AGM to elect a committee and update our constitution all welcome to find out more about us.

### **General Meeting** » » 29th October 2013

### **Luke 'Ming' Flanagan TD - Public Talk** » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 4th November 2013

Luke 'Ming' Flanagan TD speaks with NUI Galway Students for Sensible Drug Policy about his upcoming bill in the Dail to legalise the private possession and responsible consumption of cannabis in Ireland. Ming will discuss the model of legalisation that he proposes for the Irish State. The bill is set to be discussed and voted on the 6th of November.

### **Natty Wailer @ Monroes** » *Monroe's Live, Dominic St* » 6th November 2013

Natty Wailer, Jamaican reggae singer-songwriter, performs at Monroe's on Wednesday the 6th of November in aid of NUI Galway Students for Sensible Drug Policy, with proceeds going for drug education and awareness. Since the late 1970s, Natty has been working as a musician, having recorded with and played on albums by The Wailers.

### **Public Talk with Doug Fine** » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 14th November 2013

NUI Galway Students for Sensible Drug Policy and Norml Ireland are proud to present Doug Fine author of Too High to Fail Cannabis and the New Green Economic Revolution. He wrote the first in-depth look at the legal cannabis industry in the USA and he...

### **Merlin Park Vigil** » *Galway* » 20th December 2013

### **Substance Abuse and Homelessness: Perspectives from the Field** » » 21st January 2014

Speakers include Fr PeterVerry and Tony Duffin.

#### Students for Sensible Drug Policy Ireland Conference » National University of Ireland Galway » 5th April 2014

Keynote Speakers to include:

Tom Lloyd, Ex-Police Constable and International Drug Policy Adviser.

Tim Bingham, Researcher on Drug-Trends and Harm-Reduction, Irish Needle Exchange Forum.

#### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Graham de Barra

**Vice-Auditor:** Brian Masterson

**Secretary:** Clíodhna Bairead

**Treasurer:** Muhammad Rohan Bajwa

**First Year Rep:** Ryan Morrison

**OCM:** Connor Kilgallen

**OCM:** Andrea Westcott-Lacoursiere

**PRO:** Emmett Smith

**OCM:** Connor Taylor

**OCM:** Ciaran Maher

#### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Clíodhna Bairead

**Vice-Auditor:** Emmett Smith

**Secretary:** Ryan Morrison

**Treasurer:** Brian Masterson

**Public Relations Office:** Ciaran Maher

**Vice PRO:** Connor Taylor

#### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€24.83
Socs box Till	€1,317.00	Entertainment	€1,095.00
Ticket Sales	€1.00	Society transport	€490.00
USC Grant	€300.00	Expenditure Total	€1,609.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,618.00</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€8.17
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,618.00</b>

#### Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 336 members.

## STv Society

STV Galway cover all aspects of campus life including events, college balls, Students' Union issues and more. We allow our members to have access to high quality equipment and tools to create quality videos and live stream productions. We've increased the number of videos on last year and hope to grow even bigger next year.

#### STv Society Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

#### Equipment Training » AC203 » 24th September 2013

In our first training session of the year we'll be training our new members in on our Sony HXR-MC2000e. We'll be walking through all the functions of the camera and how to set it up properly.

#### S:TV Training » » 1st October 2013

S:TV Training

**Live Stream - White Collar Boxing » Bailey Allen Hall/Livestream.com » 14th November 2013**

We're live streaming the NUI Galway White Collar Fight Night in aid of Pieta House and GRCC. You can watch the live stream at the following link: <https://new.livestream.com/accounts/6129224>. You can also catch up on YouTube where all the fights will be uploaded.

**Trip to National Media Conference » Trinity College Dublin » 16th November 2013**

STV are heading to Dublin with FlirtFM and SIN for the National Media Conference! This conference is Ireland's only student run national media forum and encompasses a series of debates and discussions on the current state and future prospects of all forms of Irish media. There will be 6 talks throughout the day, covering areas as diverse as film production, radio broadcasting and on the ground reporting. They have some fantastic guests booked, each with a wealth of experience in their respective fields. For more information on the conference go to <http://nationalmediaconference.org>

**Students' Union Election Coverage 2014 » YouTube.com/STVGalway » 3rd March – 7th March 2014 (5 individual events)**

We'll be covering all aspects of the Students' Union Full Time Elections on YouTube.com/STVGalway. We'll have interviews with the candidates, live streams of the hustings and an exit poll on Friday.

**Committee 2013/2014**

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| <b>Auditor:</b> Kieran Durcan                             | <b>Vice-Auditor:</b> Feithin O'Fatharta                             |
| <b>Co-Head Of Production (Students Union):</b> Conor Lane | <b>Head of Sport:</b> Megan Cox                                     |
| <b>Head of Tech:</b> Jack Grier                           | <b>Secretary:</b> Saoirse Nic A`bhaird                              |
| <b>Treasurer:</b> Darragh O'Connor                        | <b>Co-Head Of Production (Original Programming):</b> Elixia Neumann |
| <b>Head of Marketing:</b> Darren Meehan                   | <b>Head of News:</b> Lean Crowley                                   |

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact :** Kieran Durcan

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€358.62	Bank charge	€36.88
Socs box Till	€18.00	Equipment misc	€263.59
USC Grant	€500.00	Materials	€169.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>€876.62</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€27.00
		Society transport	€13.50
		Socs day expenses	€52.72
		Expenditure Total	€563.33
		Closing Bank Balance	€313.29
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€876.62</b>

**Other Information**

We held 19 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 144 members.  
**ALIVE Participation**

STV Society		
<b>Saoirse Nic A`bhaird</b>	Secretary	20 hours
Student TV. For frequent updates on training sessions, video shoots and more, join s:tv		
<b># ALIVE Students:</b>	1 student	
<b># Hours Volunteered:</b>	20 hours	

# Suas Society

Suas is a youth and education focused society which aims to address educational disadvantage in Galway, Ireland and in the developing world. Suas is a registered charity. This year Suas ran literacy support projects in 4 schools in Galway City, recruiting mentors from NUIG to engage in paired reading with the children. Suas also ran a Global Issues course and promoted the Volunteer Programme in India. Suas held the 8x8 Film Festival to address different global issues and we also had our St. Patrick's Day Shamrock face painting fundraiser to raise money for educationally disadvantaged children in Ireland.

## Suas Society Events

This year the society held a total of 150 events.

### **Suas Literacy Support Mentor Sign Up!** » *Online » 2nd September – 17th September 2013 (16 individual events)*

Sign up to be a Literacy Support Mentor with Suas! The role involves you spending one hour a week for 8 weeks helping a disadvantaged child read. The school is a 10 minute walk from the college and you will get an ALIVE certificate for your volunteering role. Sign up online here: <http://www.suas.ie/applymentoring.html>

### **Suas Fundraiser** » *NUIG » 4th September 2013*

We are having a fundraiser to raise money for partner schools in India and Kenya. We need volunteers to hold buckets for people to donate money into. You can help out for as long or short as you want whenever suits you. Email [suas@socs.nuigalway.ie](mailto:suas@socs.nuigalway.ie) if you would like to volunteer. You will contribute to your ALIVE cert hours by participating and help raise money for an excellent cause

### **Suas Literacy Support Homework Club** » *Claddagh NS » 16th September – 18th November 2013 (10 individual events)*

The Suas Literacy Support group is where Suas Soc mentors provide one on one literacy support to a disadvantaged child in a DEIS school in Galway City.

### **Suas Literacy Support Homework Club** » *Claddagh NS » 17th September – 4th November 2013 (49 individual events)*

The Suas Literacy Support group is where Suas Soc mentors provide one on one literacy support to a disadvantaged child in a DEIS school in Galway City.

### **Suas Literacy Support Homework Club** » *Tirellan Heights NS » 18th September – 6th November 2013 (50 individual events)*

The Suas Literacy Support group is where Suas Soc mentors provide one on one literacy support to a disadvantaged child in a DEIS school in Galway City.

### **Suas Literacy Support Homework Club** » *Tirellan Heights NS » 19th September – 21st November 2013 (10 individual events)*

The Suas Literacy Support group is where Suas Soc mentors provide one on one literacy support to a disadvantaged child in a DEIS school in Galway City.

### **Suas Film Festival - Waste Land Film** » *The View, Áras na Mac Léinn » 23rd September 2013*

Wasteland is an uplifting feature documentary highlighting the transformative power of art and the beauty of the human spirit. Filmed over nearly three years, the film follows renowned artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump., Jardim Gramacho, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There he photographs an eclectic band of catadores - Recycling Pickers, who sort through garbage and turn it into art and find it as a means of survival.

### **Suas Film Festival - Which Way Is The Front Line From Here? Film** » *D'arcy Thompson Theatre, Concourse » 23rd September 2013*

Shortly after the release of his documentary Restrepo, photographer Tim Hetherington was killed by mortar fire in Libya, where he'd been covering the civil war. Sebastian Junger traces his close friend and colleague's work across the world's battlefields to reveal how he transcended the boundaries of image making to become a luminary in his profession. Hetherington documented the experience of war from the perspective of the individual, mostly in West Africa and the Middle East. His stunning photographic work, whether of child soldiers on the frontlines or intimate portraits of sleeping American servicemen in a combat outpost, earned him several major awards, including four World Press prizes. The film also conveys the incredible risks of the combat journalists' profession at a time when they are dying with greater and greater frequency in war zones. To be followed with a Q & A session with producer James Brabazon

### **8x8 Film Fest: Reporting from Conflict Zones Workshop with James Brabazon** » » *23rd September 2013*



James Brabazon is an award-winning frontline journalist and documentary filmmaker. Based in London, he has travelled in over seventy countries, investigating, filming and directing in the world's most hostile environments. His awards include the Rory Peck Trust Sony International Impact Award 2003, the Rory Peck Freelancer's choice Award 2003, and the IDA Courage Under Fire Award 2004. He has made over thirty international current affairs films broadcast by the BBC, Channel 4, CNN, SABC and the Discovery Channel. He lectures on the ethics and practicalities of reporting from war zones and his writing has been published in the Observer, the Independent and the Guardian.

**More Than Honey » Darcy Thompson Theater » 24th September 2013**

Over the past fifteen years, numerous colonies of bees have been decimated throughout the world. The causes of this disaster haven't yet been established. Between 50% and 90% of the bees have disappeared. This epidemic, of colossal violence and breadth, is spreading from beehive to beehive all over the planet. Why does this matter? Without bees, there is no pollinisation, meaning fruits and vegetables could disappear from the face of the Earth. Einstein predicted that 'If bees were to disappear from the globe mankind would only have four years left to live.'

For further information please see <http://www.morethanhoneyfilm.com/>

Director: Markus Imhoof

Film length: 95 minutes

Countries: Switzerland, Germany, Austria

Year of release: 2012

**Give Us The Money (Followed by a panel discussion) » Cairnes Theatre » 24th September 2013**

From Live Aid to Make Poverty History, celebrities have become activists against poverty. Bob Geldof and Bono have been the most prominent of celebrity voices advocating on behalf of the poor. The divisive duo have been criticised by some for over simplifying issues and failing to challenge the fundamental causes of poverty, while also being praised by others for saving lives and bringing an awareness of poverty to a new audience and a new generation. Geldof and Bono speak candidly about their work and the move from raising money to raising awareness and lobbying. This critical look at their work, including interviews with both supporters and critics such as Bill Gates and Dambisa Moyo, raises big questions about the role of the west in development, the dangers of over-simplifying complex issues and the legacy of perpetuating stereotypes.

Director: Bosse Lindquist

Film length: 58 minutes

Country: Sweden, United Kingdom, USA

Year of release: 2012

**God Loves Uganda (Followed by panel discussion) » The View, Áras na Mac Léinn » 24th September 2013**

God Loves Uganda is a powerful exploration of the role of the American evangelical movement in Uganda, where American missionaries have been credited with creating schools and hospitals as well as promoting dangerous religious bigotry. The film follows evangelical leaders in America and Uganda, along with politicians and missionaries as they attempt the task of converting Ugandans to fundamentalist Christianity and eliminating 'sexual sin' through the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, which if passed would make homosexuality punishable by death.

For further information please see <http://www.godlovesuganda.com/>

Director: Roger Ross Williams

Film length: 83 minutes

Country: USA, Uganda

Year of release: 2013

**Fire in the Blood (Followed by panel discussion) » Kirwan Theatre » 25th September 2013**

An intricate tale of 'medicine, monopoly and malice', Fire in the Blood tells the story of how Western pharmaceutical companies and governments aggressively blocked access to low-cost AIDS drugs for the countries of Africa and the global south - causing ten million or more unnecessary deaths - and the improbable group of people who decided to fight back. Shot on four continents and including contributions from global figures such as Bill Clinton, Desmond Tutu and Joseph Stiglitz, Fire in the Blood is the never-before-told true story of the remarkable coalition which came together to stop 'the Crime of the Century' and save millions of lives in the process. As the film makes clear, however, this story is by no means over. With dramatic past victories having given way to serious setbacks engineered far from public view, the real fight for access to life-saving medicine is almost certainly just beginning.

For further information please see <http://fireintheblood.com/>

Director: Dylan Mohan Gray

Film length: 87 minutes

Country: India, South Africa, USA

Year of release: 2013

**Rafea: Solar Mama** » *The View, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 25th September 2013

Rafea is a Bedouin woman who lives with her daughters in one of Jordan's poorest desert villages on the Iraqi border. She is given a chance to travel to India to attend the Barefoot College, where illiterate women from around the world are trained in 6 months to be solar engineers. If Rafea succeeds, she will be able to electrify her village, train more engineers, and provide for her daughters. Even when she returns as the first female solar engineer in the country, her real challenge will have just begun. Will she find support for her new venture? Will she be able to inspire the other women in the village to join her and change their lives? And most importantly, will she be able to re-wire the traditional minds of the Bedouin community that stand in her way?

For further information please see <http://www.rafeasolarmama.com/>

Director: Mona Eldaief, Jehane Noujaim

Film length: 75 minutes

Countries: USA, Denmark, Egypt

Year of release: 2012

**Here Was Cuba: A Cautionary Tale** » *Huston Film School* » 25th September 2013

Galway, Ireland

Here Was Cuba: A Cautionary Tale

Ticket Information

Type End Quantity

Here Was Cuba: A Cautionary Tale 25 Sep 2013 Free

Register

Who's Going

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Event Details

Here Was Cuba tells the inside story of the Cuban Missile Crisis and how in October 1962 the earth teetered on the very brink of nuclear holocaust. In the first major feature documentary on the subject, featuring revealing interviews with key witnesses and experts including Sergei Khrushchev, son of the former Soviet premier and Kennedy's trusted advisor Ted Sorensen, the film brings to life the three iconic characters, Kennedy, Castro and Khrushchev, and reveals how the world's most powerful men fell into an abyss of their own making and what courage and luck it took to climb out again. With nuclear brinkmanship high on the international agenda today, the events of October 1962 hold invaluable lessons for a generation too young to remember just how close we came to the end. 'Nuclear catastrophe was hanging by a thread... and we weren't counting days or hours, but minutes.'

For further information please see <http://herewascuba.com/about/>

Director: Emer Reynolds, John Murray, Film length: 78 minutes, Country: Ireland, Cuba, Year of release: 2013

**Town of Runners** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 26th September 2013

Town of Runners is a feature documentary about young runners from Bekoji - an Ethiopian highland town which has produced some of the world's greatest distance athletes, including Tirunesh Dibaba, Kenenisa Bekele and Derartu Tulu. Bekoji holds few opportunities for young people beyond subsistence agriculture, particularly for girls. Only a small percentage of girls in the town will move from primary to secondary education and many will marry very young. The film tells the story of two young girls, Alemi and Hawii, for whom athletics offers the chance of a different life. Narrated by their friend Biruk the film follows their highs and lows over three years as they try to become professional athletes. Through their struggle, the film gives a unique insight into the ambitions of young Ethiopians living between tradition and the modern world.

For further information please see <http://www.townofrunners.com/> Director: Jerry Rothwell, Film length: 80 minutes, Countries: Ethiopia, UK

Year of release: 2012

**Living on One Dollar** » *The View, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 26th September 2013

How do 1.1 billion people live on less than one dollar a day? Their desire to understand this reality leads four American university students to spend just 56 dollars each for 56 days in rural Pena Blanca, Guatemala. They battle E.Coli, financial stress, and the realisation that there are no easy answers. Yet, the generosity and strength of their neighbours gives them hope. They return home transformed and embark on a mission

to share their experience with other students, inspiring and challenging their generation to make a difference.

For further information please see: <http://livingonone.org/>

Director: Zach Ingrasci, Sean Leonard, Chris Temple, Film length: 56 minutes, Country: USA, Guatemala, Year of release: 2013

#### **Suas Film and Xmas Party » » 20th November 2013**

Suas will be showing the film 'Give Us The Money' which follows celebrities that have become activists against poverty. It particularly focuses on Bob Geldof and Bono and asks the questions 'Can poverty be tackled without celebrities? Do they put issues in the spotlight or cause more harm than good? Have their concerts and campaigns really lifted millions out of poverty?'. It is well worth watching. There will be FREE POPCORN during the movie, then a Christmas 'disco party' afterwards with Christmas songs. Wear your Christmas jumpers! Oh... and did I mention there will be FREE PIZZA for all?! :P Perfect way to take a break from the study!

#### **Suas Valentines Stand » » 12th February 2014**

Selling valentines chocolates and delivering them as a surprise to your loved one in aid of the volunteers travelling to India

#### **Suas Shamrocks For Schools » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 17th March 2014**

Raising money for schools in India and Kenya by painting shamrocks on peoples faces at the St. Patrick's day parade.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Cathy Gormley

**Vice-Auditor:** Robert Hogan

**Treasurer:** Caitilin Cogavin

**Secretary:** Aoife Barry

**PRO:** Kelly Eckhardt

**OCM:** Bernadette Drury

**OCM:** Naomi Forrest

**OCM:** Madouna Shafik

**OCM:** Emma Coburn

**OCM:** Lorraine Morrin

**OCM:** Katie Phelan

**OCM:** Cathal O'Dea

### Committee 2014/2015

**Contact:** Cathy Gormley

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€965.43	Bank charge	€17.10
USC Grant	€500.00	Dinner	€26.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,465.43</b>	Entertainment	€119.18
		Gifts	€30.51
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€37.33
		Postage	€5.48
		Reception	€500.00
		Socs day expenses	€21.50
		Expenditure Total	€757.10
		Closing Bank Balance	€708.33
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,465.43</b>

### Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 1490 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Suas Society

<a href="#"><u>Elaine Mullarkey</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Ruane</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Maeve Dunne</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shannon Stubbs</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rebecca O'Connor</u></a>	St Patrick's Day facepainter	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lorraine Morrin</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Naomi Forrest</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aine McKeown</u></a>	literacy program	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Fiona O'Mahony</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aisling Lisibach</u></a>	Paired Reading	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Magdalene Eziashi</u></a>	Volunteer and OCM	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cecilia Akinsowon</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Samantha Kelly</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Frances Whelan</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Padraig Flood</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Nathan Carney</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Carole Fair</u></a>	Suas mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Conor O'Neill</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Niamh Kelly</u></a>	literacy support	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cathy Gormley</u></a>	Auditor, teaching in India and literacy support mentor	700 hours
<a href="#"><u>Michelle Dolan</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sharon Loughnane</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ryan Hoey</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Megan Connolly</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Niamh Hearty</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aine Kilbane</u></a>	Homework Club/Literacy Support Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Evan Dolan</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife O'Donoghue</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kelly Eckhardt</u></a>	Literacy Support Mentor	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Caroline Conroy</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sequoia Hornsby</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sarah Kinneen</u></a>	Literacy Mentor and St Paticks Day Volunteer	15 hours

<a href="#"><u>Shannon O'Grady</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Michelle Mather</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Helena Hunter</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Louise Sammon</u></a>	Homework club mentor	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Leigh Conway</u></a>	Mentor and film festival helper	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sinead Heaney</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Karen O'Brien</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Katie Lynn</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Anna Kelly</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mylene Lim</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Breandan Eakin</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Marina Morcos</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Louisa Briody</u></a>	Mentor for paired reading	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Calpin</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shauna Reape</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mary Olaloko</u></a>	Literacy Mentor, Shamrock for Schools	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Bernadette Drury</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lorraine Togher</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Nicola Barrett</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Horrigan</u></a>	Mentor	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aine Jordan</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sally Griffiths</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sarah Courtney</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Hope Murphy O'Connor</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Emma Coburn</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Anne van Lieshout</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Robert Butler</u></a>	Volunteer	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Molly Nee</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Katie Phelan</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kirsty Warby</u></a>	literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Phelan</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Amanda Asana</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mary-Elizabeth McSorley</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Orla Clissmann</u></a>	Literacy Mentor, Vice-Lead Mentor, Committee Member	15 hours

<a href="#"><u>Caoimhe Carolan</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Loman Begley</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Amy Rudall</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Emer Squires</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ruth O'Dea</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rebecca Coyne</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aine Leech</u></a>	Literacy Mentoring	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mairead Ni Iarnain</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Bronwyn Young</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Janet Forrest</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shane Gerety</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Elaine Tuohy</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shauna Cunniffe</u></a>	Mentor	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Linda Reilly</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Molly O'Gara</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Chloe Cronin</u></a>	Assisted Reading	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Dooley</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aisling Boyle</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Robert Hogan</u></a>	Vice-Auditor	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Katie Finlay</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Francesca McClean</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Katie Linden</u></a>	Literary Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aoife Cahill</u></a>	Homework club mentor	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Keeva Carr</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Madouna Shafik</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cathal O'Dea</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Caitriona Ni Chualain</u></a>	literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sara Jeffers</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Caitilin Cogavin</u></a>	Suas Treasurer, Literacy mentor, St Patrick's day volunteer	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Megan McGuinness</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lorraine Sweeney</u></a>	literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sarah Smith</u></a>	Mentor and OCM	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Karen Jacob</u></a>	Literary Assistant	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Katie Kennedy</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours

<b><u>Cormac Fitzsimons</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Meagan Mulcair</u></b>	Literacy Support Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Eleanor Carey</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Rita Linehan</u></b>	Teaching assistant in India	400 hours
<b><u>David O'Meara</u></b>	Helped With Fundraiser	15 hours
<b><u>Colum Wedel</u></b>	Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Tidy Munyaradzi</u></b>	Fundraiser-Shamrocks for school	15 hours
<b><u>Rebecca Smyth</u></b>	Collecting Money and Facepainting on St Patricks Day	15 hours
<b><u>Shane Gohery</u></b>	Volunteer	15 hours
<b><u>Amanda Connolly</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Francis Molloy</u></b>	Mentor	30 hours
<b><u>Hazel Gilligan</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Sarah Kelly</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Hussain Binamir</u></b>	literacy mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Lauren McCausland</u></b>	literacy mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Ryan Murphy</u></b>	Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Noel Martin</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Cristabelle Metcalfe</u></b>	Volunteer	15 hours
<b><u>Eilis Flanagan</u></b>	Literacy mentor	20 hours
<b><u>Indrek Kollist</u></b>	Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Clare O'Malley</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Lisa Sheridan</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Robert Soper</u></b>	Literacy Mentor and St Patricks Day Fundraiser Volunteer	15 hours
<b><u>Aileen Wruck</u></b>	Literacy mentor and film festival volunteer	20 hours
<b><u>Kathleen Fitzgerald</u></b>	Fundraiser	15 hours
<b><u>Sinead D`arcy Bewick</u></b>	Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Aileen Curran</u></b>	Volunteer	15 hours
<b><u>Eimear Doonan</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Danielle Ni Dhoibhlinn</u></b>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Sharlene Cunningham</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Clodagh O'Sullivan</u></b>	literacy mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Maeve Leonard</u></b>	Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Melanie McGuinness</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<b><u>Lubos Simo</u></b>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours

<a href="#"><u>Michelle Chambers</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Niall Bambrick</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sarah Jacob</u></a>	Literacy support volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sarah Cunningham</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Anne-Laure Gautun</u></a>	Volunteer during Saint Patrick's Day	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Aidan Fanning</u></a>	Literacy Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Bridget Davitt</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Roisin Horrigan</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Suresh Babu Jonnalagadda</u></a>	Mentor	20 hours
<a href="#"><u>Danielle Curran</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Orla Farrell</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Gintare Valentelyte</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cathal Larkin</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Natalie Hougnon</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Nicola Walsh</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Nessa Coman</u></a>	Literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Leigh Keeney</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cormac Finucane</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciaran Walsh</u></a>	literacy mentor	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rozalia Kenderesi</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sharon Whelan</u></a>	Literacy Support	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Oyinkansola Adesiyun</u></a>	Literacy Mentir	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Siobhan McMamara</u></a>	Film Festival	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Rachel Hall</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Daniel Rodriguez Ribera</u></a>	St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Jasmine Ashby</u></a>	Volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Louise Carroll</u></a>	homework club volunteer	15 hours
<a href="#"><u>Gregory Mulhall</u></a>	Mentor	15 hours

Suas is a youth and education focused organisation which aims to address educational disadvantage in Ireland and in the developing world. Suas is a registered charity. We are a secular society and we are not affiliated with any political party. We organised literacy support mentoring groups in 4 DEIS schools in Galway, in which 175 volunteers from the university engaged in paired reading with an educationally disadvantaged children. We also have a global issues course and we hosted the 8x8 Film Festival in the university to address different global issues to the students of NUIG.

# ALIVE Students: 162 student  
# Hours Volunteered: 4110 hours



# Taize Society

Taize is a village in France.

We, in Taize NUIG have tried to bring a little bit of that village to the campus.

They have produced a certain style of prayer/relaxation/meditation and in Taize NUIG we meet once a month to do a Taize Prayer. We held many meetings, promotions and even tried a trip to a nearby Taize prayer.

We welcomed many members of staff, students and public and we're extremely happy with the year.

## Taize Society Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

### **Taize at Socs Day » » 11th September 2013**

Taize is recruiting members at Socs Day 1.

### **Taize prayer Meeting » Chapel Common Room » 23rd September 2013 (2 individual events)**

1st Meeting of Taize NUIG.

Free Sweets and Pizza.

Please come along and bring a friend!

1st timers, repeaters and old friends are all welcome!

### **1st Meeting » College Chapel Common Room » 25th September 2013**

1st Meeting and EGM of Taize NUIG

### **After Mass Taize Promotion » Chapel » 13th October 2013**

An after Mass promotion of Taize to try and drum up new members.

### **2nd Meeting » College Chapel Common Room » 14th October 2013**

The 2nd Meeting of the year for the Taize Society, will take place on Monday the 14th of October @7pm. There will be free tea and biscuits.

Any questions? Email taize @socs.nuigalway.ie or the chaplains.

### **Taize Prayer Meeting » Chapel Common Room » 11th November 2013**

Taize Society will meet this Monday for the 3rd time this year. There will be free tea and biscuits. Taize is a great way to relax, unwind and get away from the stress of college. We sing chants and have silences and prayers. It is open to everyone who wants to be there. We would love to see anyone that can come along! If it's your 1st time, repeat time or 1st time in a while then please don't be afraid to come along! Thanks!

### **Final Meeting for the year » NUIG Chapel Common Room » 10th December 2013**

Final Meeting of Taize NUIG for the year!

### **Taize 4th Meeting and EGM » College Chapel Common Room » 10th December 2013**

4th and final meeting of Taize NUIG.

There will be chants, prayers and free tea coffee and Christmas cake!

Hope to see you all there!

### **Taize After Mass Promotion! » Chapel » 9th February 2014**

Taize will promote the upcoming prayer and invite everyone to attend!

### **Taize Prayer » College Chapel Common Room » 10th February 2014**

Taize NUIG will meet for the 1st time this year and will have a prayer session. Everyone is invited and we would like you to bring a friend! Free tea and Biscuits!

### **Society Meet and Great and 1st Meeting » NUIG Chapel Common Room » 10th February 2014**

Hey Everyone!

Taize is back for another great semester!

If you are interested in coming along to see what its all about then please come to our 1st meeting this evening!  
 On at 7pm and guranteed not togo longer than 8pm there will be free Tea, cake biscuits, etc and we'll being doing a chant or two too :)  
 Please come along and see what you think,  
 See you there.

**Taize After Mass Promotions » Chapel » 9th March 2014**

Taize Soc will give after mass promotions after the 2 masses to entice people to attend the regular meeting the following night!

**Taize Regular Monthly Meeting » Chapel Common Room » 10th March 2014**

Taize meets for its regular monthly meeting with free tea and Biscuits! It is a relaxing way to settle down before the exam period. It only lasts for 30mins and we would encourage everyone to please bring a friend!

**After Mass Promotion » College Chapel » 30th March 2014**

After Mass promotion to encourage people to attend the AGM and final meeting of the Taize Meeting!

**Final Meeting of Taize NUIG and also the AGM » College Chapel Common Room » 31st March 2014**

Final meeting and the AGM of Taize with free tea, biscuits and Pizza.  
 Please come along and see what Taize is about.  
 Bring along a friend and experience Taize and what it can do for you.  
 It can be a welcome relief from study stress and other pressures in college.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Auditor:** Patrick Clancy

**Treasurer:** Mark Nestor

**Vice-Auditor:** Deirbhile Ryan

**Secretary:** Barbara Praemassing

**OCM:** Emmet Greaney

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** Deirbhile Ryan

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€122.64	Bank charge	€35.97
USC Grant	€250.00	Materials	€51.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>€372.64</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€61.70
		Printing	€3.85
		Expenditure Total	€152.57
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€220.07
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€372.64</b>

**Other Information**

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 61 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Taize Society

**Patrick Clancy**

Auditor

65 hours

**Deirbhile Ryan**

Vice Auditor

50 hours

Taize is named after a village in France. It has given rise to a special type of prayer, meditation etc. Taize has aimed to bring a small bit of this prayer to NUIG and help people to enjoy Taize. More details can be found at [fb.com/NUIGTaize](https://fb.com/NUIGTaize). And our last meeting is the 31st of March so please feel free to come along to see what we're about.

# ALIVE Students:

2 student

# Hours Volunteered:

115 hours

## Time Lord Society

This year, we were really just trying to make people aware of our society, due to it being so new. We held weekly screenings of Doctor Who; both the old episodes and the new episodes in an effort to allow people who were already fans the opportunity to see the classic episodes, and also to draw in new fans with the newer, more modern episodes. We created Brigadier Week, a week to celebrate one of the characters from Doctor Who. We emailed our members weekly, and texted reminders to them occasionally, depending on the circumstance (e.g. late sent email, AGM, etc.). We did speed dating the week of Valentine's Day. All in all, we provided Doctor Who, Sarah-Jane Adventures and Torchwood fans an opportunity to make new friends who share their passion.

### Time Lord Society Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

**BRIGADIER WEEK** » NUIG » 24th February – 3rd March 2014 (8 individual events)

A week to celebrate Nicholas Courtney's portrayal of Brigadier Sir Alistair Gordon Lethbridge-Stewart in both Doctor Who and The Sarah-Jane Adventures!

**Classic Who Screening** » AC202 (On the Concourse, along the corridor between Larmor and O'Flaherty) » 24th February – 24th March 2014 (5 individual events)

We will be screening episodes of Classic Who (from the First to the Eighth Doctor)

**New Who Screening** » Meeting Rooms One and Two (Upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn) » 4th March – 8th April 2014 (6 individual events)

We will be screening episodes of New Who (from the Ninth Doctor onwards)

**AGM** » Meeting Rooms One and Two, Áras na Mac Léinn » 25th March 2014

**Doctor Who Speed Dating** » Meeting Rooms One and Two, Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th February 2014

Impress the object of your affections with your extensive knowledge of Whovian trivia and terrible Doctor Who pickup lines.

### Committee 2013/2014

**Treasurer:** Megan Donnelly

**Vice-Auditor:** David Acton

**Events Manager:** Raizel Burstein-Frame

**OCM:** Abel Garcia Cortina

**OCM:** James Hoey

**Secretary:** Ella Heatley-Mulhall

**Auditor:** Joshua Byrne

**PRO:** Owen McBrearty

**OCM:** Barry Kelly

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Joshua Byrne

**Treasurer:** Megan Donnelly

**PRO:** Owen McBrearty

**OCM:** Abel Garcia Cortina

**OCM:** James Hoey

**Vice-Auditor:** David Acton

**Secretary:** Ella Heatley-Mulhall

**Events Manager:** Raizel Burstein-Frame

**OCM:** Barry Kelly

## No Financial Transactions

## Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 227 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Time Lord Society

**Dara MacEoin**

PRO/OCM

10 hours

NUIG Doctor Who Society

**# ALIVE Students:**

1 student

**# Hours Volunteered:**

10 hours

## Trad Soc

The Trad society this year had a very successful year again this year. At our socs day, we have gained more than 400 new members in trad soc this year. We have took part in Trad for Trocaire session which was very successful in helping to raise money for charity. Trad soc have held many fundraising events this year for charities such as Trocaire and St Vincent De Paul at our student sessions. Our Student Sessions held at the Crane Bar every Tuesday have been very popular again this year with great turn outs each week. Our society trips such as Glasgow have been very enjoyable and memorable occasions. This year we have introduced more singing into the society with the help of our singing co-ordinator Eoin to appreciate song and to encourage the learning of songs. This has been successful, with performances at many trad soc events. Trad soc hosts singing sessions regularly to give an opportunity to learn and perform songs. Trad soc have put in time to perform at many event in the college such as music week and arts in action. Trad soc have performed with other societies such as Cumann craic, Gig soc and many more. we look forward to the coming year and we hope for another successfull year .

## Trad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

**Student Session » » 10th September – 19th November 2013 (11 individual events)**

A weekly student session of live Irish music in the Crane Bar every Tuesday night. Starting at 9:30 pm with a singing session and live Irish music at 10 pm. Here the members meet up for a weekly session and play music for both musicians and listeners alike. You don't have to play an instrument to come. All are welcome!!

To find the Crane Bar from Eyre Square:

Go down Shop St. and go right at the fork (on Shop St.), following to the end.

Go straight and cross the bridge.

Follow the road around the bend to the left (turn left at the Galway Arms Hotel).

Turn right at Monroe's.

After you pass by Monroe's on your left and the Roisin Dubh on your right, follow the road around the bend to the left (take the left turn at "Number 1 Shop").

Follow the road around the bend to the right.

Find the Crane Bar (painted green and red) on your right on the corner after the small square car park.

**Soc's Day 2013** » *Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 11th September 2013

TradSoc had a table set up at Societies Day and signed up over 300 members :)

**Meet n' Greet** » » 26th September 2013

A Meet n' Greet to get to know new members, existing members and committee members. There will be refreshments and tunes so bring along your instruments if you wish!

**Trad for Trocaire** » *The Crane Bar, Sea Rd, Galway.* » 1st October 2013

Trad Soc are having a session in aid of Trocaire. Come along to hear good music and to contribute to a great cause!

**Tradsoc EGM** » *small Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 9th October 2013

Extraordinary General Meeting open to all members. Some positions available on the committee include 1st year reps, etc. Constitutional amendments also on the agenda.

Come along and get involved in the society, everyone is welcome. Free pizza!!!

**Music Practice** » » 16th October – 26th November 2013 (6 individual events)

Practice to learn and organise music sets which will be played at society events. Come along to learn a few tunes!

**The Halloween Student Session** » » 29th October 2013

A bit of Halloween madness at the Crane Bar this week. We are having a Halloween costume night as part of our session of Irish music!!!

Starting at 9:30 pm with a singing session and live Irish music at 10 pm. Here the members meet up for a weekly session and play music for both musicians and listeners alike. You don't have to play an instrument to come. All are welcome!!

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Follow the road around the bend to the right.

Find the Crane Bar (painted green and red) on your right on the corner after the small square car park.

**Tradsoc Singing Session** » *The Space* » 7th November 2013

A chance for all of the Tradsoc singers to meet and sing a few songs.

**Practice for ChOrchesTrad Winter Concert** » *The View, Áras na Mac Léinn* » 12th November – 19th November 2013 (2 individual events)

Music practice with Choral Soc and Orchestra Soc.

**Tradsoc session** » » 12th November 2013

Trad Tuesday the 12th!!! A session of Irish music will take place in the hub, Áras na mac Léinn for this years music week. All musicians and listeners are welcome

**ChOrchesTrad Winter Concert 2013** » *St. Nicholas's Church* » 26th November 2013

The Choral, Orchestra and Trad Societies of NUIG will come together to present a Christmas Concert in aid of Self Help Africa. The performances will take place in St. Nicholas's Collegiate Church, at 8pm on Tuesday 26th of November. The programme will include performances from all three societies to whet the festive appetite:)

The concert will include some magnificent traditional Irish jigs and reels (Paul Halfpenny, Castle Kellys and Ships Are Sailing), some choral delights, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony as well as a superb rendition of Ban Chnoic Éireann O by all three societies. This is one event which

should definitely not be missed!

Tickets cost €6, and €4 with concessions. All ticket sales go directly to Self Help Africa. Tickets are available from the Socs Box in NUIG, and a limited amount will be on sale at the door on the night.

There will also be a raffle on the night with great prizes!

**Music Practice for ChOrcheTrad Winter Concert 2013 » » 26th November 2013**

Final practice before the concert at 8pm tonight!

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Vice Secretary :** Declan Gilmartin

**Treasurer/Vice Auditor:** Leeanne Black

**PRO:** Sean Reilly

**Musical Director:** Conor Connolly

**OCM:** Gearoid Kelly

**OCM:** David Crowe

**Singing Co-ordinator:** Eoin

**Junior committee member:** Andrew Beirne

**Junior committee liaison officer :** Mary Byrne

**Junior Committee Member:** Ciara Corbett

**Auditor:** Martin Boyle

**Secretary:** Kathryn Murray

**Events Manager:** Sinead O'Halloran

**OCM:** Steven Mullally

**OCM:** Shane Armstrong

**OCM:** Aoife Weeks

**Junior committee member:** Gareth Dempsey

**Junior committee member:** Kate McManus

**Junior committee member:** Cathal Tone

**OCM:** Stephen Bartley

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Auditor:** Eoin

**Secretary:** Mairead Ni Ghrainne

**Vice-Auditor:** Cathal Tone

**PRO/VICE-SECRETARY:** Ciara Corbett

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€1,938.04	Bank charge	€43.56
Fundraising	€500.00	Dinner	€965.08
Members Contributions	€796.29	Entertainment	€270.00
Socs box Till	€1,364.00	Equipment misc	€440.00
Sponsorship	€250.00	Fundraising/charity	€250.00
USC Grant	€5,500.00	Gifts	€18.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,348.33</b>	Hoodies	€400.00
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€116.99
		Performing rights	€50.00
		Returned Socs Money	€1,375.00
		Society accomm	€730.00
		Society transport	€2,509.92
		Socs day expenses	€43.71
		Sound	€40.00
		Expenditure Total	€7,252.35
		Closing Bank Balance	€3,095.98
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€10,348.33</b>

**Other Information**

We held 19 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 624 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Trad Soc

<a href="#"><u>Leeanne Black</u></a>	Vice Auditor & Treasurer	800 hours
<a href="#"><u>Eoin</u></a>	Sining Coordinaor	250 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mairead Ni Ghrainne</u></a>	Junior Committee Member	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mairead Ni Ghrainne</u></a>	Junior Committee Member	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Kathryn Murray</u></a>	Secretary	336 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sean Reilly</u></a>	PRO	150 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mary Byrne</u></a>	Junior Committee liaison officer.	200 hours
<a href="#"><u>Cathal Tone</u></a>	JCM	190 hours
<a href="#"><u>Ciara Corbett</u></a>	Junior Committee Member	100 hours
<a href="#"><u>Conor Connolly</u></a>	Musical Director	550 hours
<a href="#"><u>Sinead O'Halloran</u></a>	Events manager & Health and Safety officer	130 hours
<a href="#"><u>Shane Armstrong</u></a>	OCM	10 hours
<a href="#"><u>Eimear Daly</u></a>	Concert participant	8 hours
<a href="#"><u>Martin Boyle</u></a>	Auditor	850 hours
<a href="#"><u>Declan Gilmartin</u></a>	Vice Secretary	170 hours
<a href="#"><u>Stephen Bartley</u></a>	OCM	171 hours

TradSoc is a forum for the students of NUIG to express and indulge their interest in traditional Irish music and song. Our weekly sessions in the Crane Bar always welcome newcomers and are a great way to meet people with strong similar interests. Over the year we hosted a number of events including our annual trip to Glasgow, music lessons, music practices, concerts and social outings to traditional Irish festivals in Galway and further afield. TradSoc is about bringing people together with a common interest in Irish music and song, making friends and having the craic!

# ALIVE Students: 16 student

# Hours Volunteered: 4115 hours

## Victorian Society

This is the first year of the Victorian Society and our main goals were to establish the society and to get many new members involved. We tried to achieve this with movie nights, tea parties and bigger events such as two Murder Mysteries and the Parlour Game Nights.

A big part of our events also included collaborations with other established and newer societies to make contacts and provide our members with more possibilities as well as give the members of other societies the chance to participate in something new. Also, we managed bigger events such as the Christmas Carol Tablequiz or the Victorian Funfair, which won the prize for the most original event within the Muscailt Festival.

Most important this year was to introduce our society to the students and be active and visible in student life.

### Victorian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

**Victorian Murder Mystery Night » » 15th October 2013**

We are going to engage in the solving of a mysterious murder that happened in one foggy night in October 1867. A Group of people gets together and everything seems to be going quite well until they realize there is a murderer in their midst...but who is it? The gardener, the grumpy old widow, or maybe the dubious gentleman from next door?

Intrigued? Then come along and help us solve this mystery!

**Movie Night No. 2 » » 22nd October 2013**

We are showing "The Picture of Dorian Gray"

**Halloween Party » » 29th October 2013**

We are happy to announce that we will be co-operating with FanSci Society, Anime and Manga Society, Disney Society and Potter Soc on an intersocietal Halloween Party! We wish all of our members to participate and have great fun with us!

The doors open at 8 pm, entry fee is 5 Euro.

There will be free finger food and fancy dress competitions.

Come one, come all!

**Victorian Games and Pastimes » » 5th November 2013**

**Urban Entertainment: Having Fun with the Victorians. » Moore Institute Seminar Room » 12th November 2013**

We are proud to host our first public lecture given by NUIG's very own Prof. Richard Pearson. There will be time for discussions and a few refreshments afterwards.

**Bakesale! » » 14th November 2013**

Have a cake and help support us in creating wonderful Christmas events for all of you in the coming two weeks!

**Victorian Christmas Party » The Pie Maker » 19th November 2013**

We're having our internal Christmas Party! You'll get a pie and a drink + side (mash/gravy or salad) for 6 euro! Be quick there is only a limited number of spots for this event and once they're filled, they're filled. ;)

**Christmas Carol Tablequiz Party » Busker Browns » 26th November 2013**

Join us for our Christmas Carol Party at Busker Browns! There will be a Christmas themed table quiz for 5 Euro per person and 15 Euro for a table of four people!

**Victorian Parlour Games Night » » 23rd January 2014**

This is an event to welcome our old and new members to the new semester and get to know each other a bit by playing Victorian Parlour Games, so practise your Alphabet and loosen your laughing muscles! Come one, come all.

**Movie Night: Alice in Wonderland » Larmor Theatre » 30th January 2014**

We are going to show Tim Burton's Version of Alice in Wonderland.

**Victorian Fun Fair » Mechanical Soils Lab » 11th February 2014**

Enjoy a walk back in time and learn more about the amazing Victorians and their literature, science and pastimes! Let the amazing jugglers amuse you and try your luck at one of our wonderful games, maybe while tasting some scrumptious delicacy. The Victorian Fun Fair will suit every taste! Come one, come all!

**Movie Night: Miss Potter » Larmor Theatre » 20th February 2014**

Join us in watching the lovely Victorian inspired movie about the work of Beatrix Potter one of the most popular illustrators of the Victorian era.

**Disney Movie Night: Aristocats » Kirwan Theatre » 4th March 2014**

Together with Disney Soc we will be showing "The Aristocats". Come one, come all.

**Victoria and Doctor Who » meeting room 1 upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn » 11th March 2014**



This week we got together with Timelord Soc to discover the Victorian side of THE Doctor.  
Come along and watch an Victorian themed episode with us and enter the discussion afterwards with tea and a few snacks.

**A Night to "Remember" » small Accoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 20th March 2014**

Tonight we will be engaging in a typically Victorian activity. We will create a Scrapbook for our society in which we will assemble as many memories from the last two semesters as possible.

**Murder Mystery Night II » Small Accoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn » 27th March 2014**

And once more, we are looking for the murderer! If you are willing to help us find him or her, come along!  
We'll have the free pizza ready and the Fun going!

**AGM » TB 302 » 2nd April 2014**

You liked what you saw this year and maybe want to get involved? Then come to our AGM on Wednesday and grab a position on the committee for yourself! Snacks at the College Bar after.

**Committee 2013/2014**

**Treasurer:** Carla Lessing

**Auditor:** Anna Gasperini

**Vice-Auditor:** Jonathan Harte

**Secretary:** Rory O'Connor

**PRO:** Giulia de Martin

**Ordinary Committee Member:** Ciara Clarke

**Committee 2014/2015**

**Contact :** Anna Gasperini

**Organisation Balance Sheet**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Bank charge	€20.93
Fundraising	€101.90	Costumes	€130.00
Members Contributions	€0.10	Dinner	€187.00
Muscailt	€350.00	Entertainment	€12.65
Ticket Sales	€195.00	Gifts	€17.85
USC Grant	€300.00	Materials	€79.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>€947.00</b>	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€45.01
		Reception	€35.60
		Expenditure Total	€528.67
		Closing Bank Balance	€418.33
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€947.00</b>

**Other Information**

We held 30 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 452 members.

# Video Game Society

As a new society, VG Soc spent most of its first semester trying to find its feet, much of our energy being spent on the election of the society's founding committee and hammering out of committee roles, the setting up of society accounts and systems, and the development of the society's purpose and ambitions. Regardless, we still found the time to stage a number of successful events, events like our joint PokÃ©mon game night with Anime & Manga Soc, our screening of Scott Pilgrim vs The World in conjunction with Comic Book Soc, and end-of-semester Mario Party game night. We also laid the foundations for next year's projects in the form of setting up facilities such as the society Steam group and Minecraft server, two things (amongst many others) that we hope to see grow and thrive next year and beyond.

## Video Game Society Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

### **Video Game Soc EGM » » 23rd January 2014**

The first EGM of Video Game Soc. We'll be electing a committee and deciding on events for the semester.

### **Video Game Soc EGM + Minecraft LAN Party » » 30th January 2014**

This will be the first meeting of Video Game Soc. We'll be electing a committee and running over the constitution. Afterwards there'll be a Minecraft LAN Party. Bring a computer and a copy of Minecraft. Fun is guaranteed. (Warning: Fun not actually guaranteed).

### **Video Game Extravaganza » IT204 » 13th February 2014**

Come along to Video Game Soc's Gaming Extravaganza! We'll be playing all sorts of games on many different platforms. Feel free to bring a laptop/console and your favourite games - we'll be providing our own machines and collections as well - and we'll all have a lot of fun. Try playing games you've never experienced before, get nostalgic with a game from your childhood, or just come have a laugh!

### **Gaming Night: Pokemon » AC203 » 26th February 2014**

A joint event with Anime & Manga Soc, we'll be playing Pokemon X and Y, as well as other Pokemon related video games ? Twitch Plays Pokemon may also make a guest appearance... come join us!

### **VG Soc & Comic Book Soc Present... SCOTT PILGRIM VS THE WORLD » IT204 » 13th March 2014**

Based on Bryan Lee O'Malley's comic book of the same name, Scott Pilgrim vs. the World follows the eponymous slacker living in a video-gamey alternate reality on his quest to defeat his dream girl's seven evil ex-boyfriends.

### **VG Soc Plays: Mario Party » AM107 » 3rd April 2014**

What do you get when you stick a mess of Nintendo consoles, a plethora of brightly-coloured friendship-ruining videogames and a stack of free pizzas together? Use your powers of deduction or come join us this Thursday to find out, yo!

## Committee 2013/2014

**Vice-Auditor:** Siobhan Lenihan

**Treasurer:** Kenneth Duignan

**PRO:** Jason Browne

**OCM:** Conor Kelly

**OCM:** Brendan O'Donnell

**OCM:** Shane Gaffney

**Auditor:** Daniel Gallen

**Secretary:** Andrew Diviney

**Quartermaster:** Hugh Murray

**OCM:** Abel Garcia Cortina

**OCM:** Catherine Scanlon

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Daniel Gallen

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€0.00	Dinner	€37.50
USC Grant	€300.00	Expenditure Total	€37.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€262.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€300.00</b>

## Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 213 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Siobhan Lenihan

Vice-Auditor

60 hours

NUIG Video Game Society

# ALIVE Students:

1 student

# Hours Volunteered:

60 hours

## Voluntary Services Abroad Soc

Voluntary Services Abroad (VSA) is run by the 4th year medical students of NUI Galway. Founded in 1977 by Galway doctor Dom Colbert, the organisation raises funds for healthcare facilities in developing countries. Every summer, after looking their exams in the eye, groups of students set off to their chosen destinations where they will spend 4-6 weeks. This time is spent volunteering their own skills, improving the facilities of our partner clinics/hospitals and gaining valuable, often inspiring experience working in challenging environments. One key principle of VSA is that all our volunteers fund their own travel and accommodation expenses. This allows all our funds, every euro and cent raised, to directly be used to help our partner hospitals and clinics. Where possible, we aim to spend money locally, boosting the local economy and cutting down on transport costs. To date, VSA has sent more than 450 medical students as healthcare volunteers to Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, The Philippines, Belize, Vietnam, India, Ecuador and Peru.

Fundraising activities take place right throughout the year, and all of the money raised goes directly towards developing and supporting medical services in the developing world.

Activities and events of the 2013-2014 committee included:

Traveller's Tales: 5th year students who ran VSA last year talked to us all about their experiences working in various hospitals in the developing world including Zambia and the Phillipines, and their achievements during their time on VSA society.

Annual VSA Quiz: A hugely anticipated event with Medical school colleagues in attendance, held in the Quays pub. All years of the medical school from pre-med to final med were involved in making this a night of great fun, and most importantly great success, with a raffle and games at breaktime also.

Forbidden Friday: a night of house music in Kelly's pub with guest DJs.

VSA Halloween Ball: an annual event of dress-up and spooky fun, this year held in Carbon nightclub, with prizes for best costumes.

USMLE Night: An event co-ordinated with MedSoc where information was given about the American medical licensing exam USMLE, with donations given to VSA.

VSA Christmas Concert: Annual event where each medical year performs an act and a great night was had, with a raffle.

VSA Bake Sale: Numerous bake sales throughout the year in Galway and Sligo medical academies, yummy treats with all sales and donations towards VSA.

Movie Night: A night of Christmas cheer, screening of Home Alone and hot chocolate, held in Kelly's pub.

Sale of VSA customised ID badge holders and lanyards.

VSA Spring Concert feat Frankie Gavin, The NUI Galway Medical Orchestra and the NUI Galway Choral Scholars: A terrific night of music in the Aula Maxima.

In association with our other medical society MedSoc:

Masquerade Ball: A glamorous night with masks and mystery in aid of VSA, held in Markree Castle, Sligo (Semester 1)

Swing Ball: A night of swing dancing in aid of VSA, held Hotel Meyrick, Galway (Semester 2)

All funds raised at each event goes directly to purchasing medical aid and equipment brought to the hospitals VSA are going to in the developing world. Every event also highlights the awareness of VSA's importance in delivering this aid. Support from NUI Galway and throughout the medical school is incredible and extremely appreciated- from fellow students in all academic years, lecturers, medical staff and family and friends.

VSA hold regular meetings to discuss VSA and events, and plans and roles are delegated. The auditor chairs these meetings, the secretary records the minutes and the treasurer provides details of financial issues. Ordinary committee members all play crucial roles in the success of this charity society. As the medical school is now divided into 5 medical academies- Galway, Sligo, Castlebar, Letterkenny and Ballinasloe, communication amongst the committee members is key and aided by means of phone, email and social media.

VSA is winner of 'Best Society in a Charity or Civic Field' 2013/2014, awarded by NUI Galway at the Society Awards in April 2014. It will also have the honour of going forward to the Board of Irish College Societies awards night in Queens University Belfast on April 10 2014.

## Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

**Xmas Movie Night** » *kellys bar, Bridge St, Galway, Ireland* » 3rd December 2013

**VSA Annual Christmas Concert** » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 14th November 2013

A fun-filled evening of comedy and entertainment as each year of the medical school presents a Christmas themed play/video. And in to town for an after party after the entertainment! A night not to be missed, it's one of VSA's best events of the year!

**Halloween Ball** » » 29th October 2013

VSA soc and Carbon team up to bring you the VSA HALLOWEEN BALL! Tickets ?5 from the SocsBox

**The VSA Table Quiz** » *The Quays Bar* » 3rd October 2013

The annual VSA Table Quiz kicks off this Thursday in The Quays Bar at 7:30pm! Plenty of prizes to be won on the night so pick your team wisely! 5 euro entry at the door.

**Forbidden Friday** » *Kelly's Bar* » 20th September 2013

Join us this Friday in Kelly's Bar for Forbidden Friday, a night of House Music with Guest DJ in aid of VSA NUI Galway!

Tickets on sale at the door; 5 euro entry.

Doors open at 11PM.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Rebecca Dunne

**Vice-Auditor:** Miriam Wynne

**Secretary:** Laura Nicholson

**PRO:** David Moynan

**Treasurer:** Anna O'Sullivan

**Events Coordinator:** Aoife Kirk

## Committee 2014/2015

**Contact :** Rebecca Dunne

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€5,455.38	Bank charge	€193.62
Balls	€1,185.00	Fundraising/charity	€35,015.83
Bank Charge	€137.44	Materials	€910.36
Fundraising	€54,119.61	Expenditure Total	€36,119.81
Hoodies	€525.00	Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
Members Contributions	€2,242.17	Cash In Hand	€0.00
Socs box Till	€60.00	Closing Bank Balance	€29,949.89
Sponsorship	€2,345.10	<b>Total</b>	<b>€66,069.70</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€66,069.70</b>		

## Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 841 members.

## ALIVE Participation

### Voluntary Services Abroad Soc

<a href="#"><u>Aoife Kirk</u></a>	Secretary & Events Coordinator	120 hours
<a href="#"><u>Lorna Kilbane</u></a>	Fundraiser, Volunteer	320 hours
<a href="#"><u>Miriam Wynne</u></a>	Vice-Auditor	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Catriona Reddin</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>Christine Condon</u></a>	Class Representative	12 hours
<a href="#"><u>Mary Ann Larkin</u></a>	Ordinary Committee Member, Fundraiser	30 hours
<a href="#"><u>David Moynan</u></a>	Treasurer	50 hours
<a href="#"><u>Clodagh Birmingham</u></a>	Ordinary committee member	25 hours
<a href="#"><u>Laura Nicholson</u></a>	Secretary	30 hours

VSA is run by 4th-year medical students of NUI, Galway. Founded in 1977 by Dr Dom Colbert, the organisation raises funds for healthcare facilities in developing countries. One key principle of VSA is that our volunteers fund their own travel and accommodation expenses, allowing all funds to be used to help our partner hospitals and clinics.

To date, VSA has sent more than 450 medical students as healthcare volunteers to countries in Africa, Asia and South America.

Fundraising activities take place throughout the year, and all money raised goes directly towards developing and supporting medical services in the developing world.

# ALIVE Students: 9 student

# Hours Volunteered: 667 hours

# Writers Group Soc

Young Writers' Group Soc is an active and alive society this year. It aims to create a relaxed environment in which writers can come together and discuss their original work, practice performing it and get feedback from their peers. The society organises two meetings a week. The main meeting, on a Thursday focusses around people sharing their work but we also play a variety of silly writing games to get us all inspired and creative. Half way through the meeting we have a tea and biscuits break which allows members to chat more freely amongst themselves, share ideas and get to know other like-minded people.

## Writers Group Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

### **Weekly Writers' Get-together** » September- January 2014 (24 events)

Writers' Soc members get together to share their work. Bring some of yours or just listen to others, and join in with some light-hearted writing games/ exercises over a nice cup of tea!

### **Word Game Night** » The Blue Note Bar, William St » October 2013

Get together for a sociable night of Boggle, Scrabble, Double-Quick, chats and refreshments! The Blue Note is on William Street near the Roisin Dubh. If you think you might not be able to find it shoot us an email and we'll organise for someone to walk there with you.

### **Socs Day 1** » September 2013

Come and join up to Writers' Soc today!

### **Socs Day 2** » January 2014

Come and join up to Writers' Soc today!

### **Writing and Performance Workshop** » November 2013

A Writing Workshop with a focus on performance. A calm but physically involved process that will improve the presentation and substance of your writing.

## Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Michael Healy

**Publisher:** Laura Hayes

**Events Manager:** Richard Brown

**Treasurer:** Kathryn Kerns

**OCM:** Deirdre Scanlon

**Vice-Auditor:** David McEnroe

**PRO:** Tara McDermott

**Secretary:** Carter Vance

**OCM:** Molly Aitken

**OCM:** Megan Hassan

## Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Richard Brown

**Secretary:** Ivy Dawkins Lloyd

**Vice-Auditor:** Grainne O'Donovan

**PRO:** Valerie Brentjes

**OCM:** Stephen Burke

**Treasurer:** Yvonne Clinton

**Events Manager:** Sorcha O'Mahony

**Publisher:** Cathy Lee

**OCM:** Laura Hayes

## Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€424.51	Bank charge	€5.78
Socs box Till	€27.00	Teacher fees	€80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€451.51</b>	Expenditure Total	€85.78
		Closing Bank Balance	€365.73
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€451.51</b>

## Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have not held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 414 members.

## Young Fine Gael Soc

Young Fine Gael held an opening meeting shortly after the socs day which was a huge success for the society as we recruited nearly 200 members. At this meeting we met with new and existing members and set out our plans for the year.

Throughout the course of the first semester the society held several meetings, mostly on a bi-weekly basis, in which we talked about current affairs issues and what our opinions were on senior party decisions. We also had several guest speakers that included lecturers from the college and political representatives. We were also able to hold a lively debate between our society and other political societies in the college about topical issues such as gay marriage and cannabis legalisation.

In the second semester we gained some additional members at socs day two. We had several more speakers come in to talk to us particularly on issues of local elections. The society helped to campaign for senior Fine Gael candidates. The highlight of the year was the trip to Dail Eireann, we were given a guided tour by James Bannon TD and met up with some Dublin Young Fine Gael members. Who were good enough to host us for our time in Galway.

At the end of the year we held an A.G.M and filled some of the committee spots for next year. The old committee gave some words of advice and the society called it a day till September.

### Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

#### **YFG Dail Trip » Dail Eireann » 12th February – 13th February 2014 (2 individual events)**

We're delighted to be heading up to see Leinster House and a night out in Dublin afterwards. For those who aren't interested in the night out we have catered for you too as gobus and citylink go every hour back to Galway up to 11pm. A bus has been organised to collect those that head out at 3am to take us back to Galway.

#### **YFG AGM 2014 » TBA » 2nd April 2014**

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Jason Gaynor

**Treasurer:** Kyle Moore

**Secretary:** Ethan Moore

**Vice-Auditor:** Jonathan Callaghan

**First Year Rep:** Keelan Moran

**Public Relations Officer (P.R.O):** Luke Murphy

### Committee 2014/2015

**Auditor:** Keelan Moran

**Secretary:** Terence O'Reilly

**Treasurer:** Jason Gaynor

### Organisation Balance Sheet

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Opening Bank Balance	€750.03	Affill/Mem fees	€215.00
USC Grant	€500.00	Bank charge	€5.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,250.03</b>	Entertainment	€100.00
		Hire Bus	€375.00
		Expenditure Total	€695.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€554.48
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,250.03</b>

## Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 210 members.

## ALIVE Participation

Young Fine Gael Soc		
<b><u>Niall Bambrick</u></b>	ordinary committee member	5 hours
NUIG Young Fine Gael Soc		

## ZooSoc

In the beginning of the current semester the zoosoc was reactivated. A committee was election and plans were made how to get the ZooSoc back on track. For the coming semester and the socsday the new committee wants to organise itself and try to get a lot of new members. A new logo was designed for this, which will hopefully soon decorate a banner and jumpers so the society members can identify themselves with the society and also adverstise it at the same time. A need for a zoosociety was noticed already last year and this year we were happy to get it going again. A lot of supports and ideas were offered by the zoological staff and for the coming year there should be a close link in between the weekly talks from the zoology department and the society, which will hopefully result in a great advantage for everyone. During the semester study groups were held.

### ZooSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

#### **ZooSoc EGM** » » 18th February 2014

The ZooSoc is back on track and new and old members are welcome to join in for the EGM

The ZooSoc was frozen for the last one and a half years and a completely new team is required. Maybe you would suit one of the positions?!

On the day we also want to have a little brainstorming about upcoming activities.

So please come around and elect and get elected!!!

I will try to organise some tea and coffee and maybe even a few cookies !

### Committee 2013/2014

**Auditor:** Alina Wieczorek

**Vice-Auditor:** Amy Houlihan

**Secretary:** Lauren Browne

**Treasurer:** Katherine McCormick

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**Auditor:** Alina Wieczorek

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### Organisation Balance Sheet

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Bank Balance	€95.70		
<b>Total</b>	<b>€95.70</b>	Expenditure Total	€0.00
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0.00
		Cash In Hand	€0.00
		Closing Bank Balance	€95.70
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€95.70</b>

### Other Information

We held 1 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 26 members.



## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1: USCG (University Societies Coordination Group)

#### The USCG Representatives this year

##### were:

Chairperson: Patrick O'Donohue

Societies Chairperson: Patrick O'Flaherty

##### Student Reps:

Emma Walsh: Academic.

Sarah Kenedy: Political and Debating

Liam Krewer: Social and Gaming

Ronan Gallagher: Artsitic & Performing

Patrick Clancy: Religious and Social Action

##### Academic Staff Reps:

Maire Aine Ni Mhainnin

Fabio Quondamatteo

Saoirse NicGabhainn

*Staff reps*

Dr Pat Morgan

Helen Freeburn

#### Societies Office Interns

Full Time:

Emily Murray

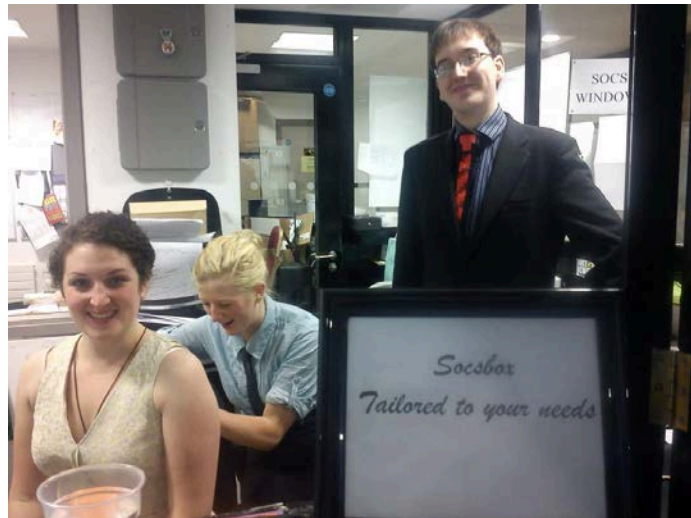
Hannah O'Reilly

Colm McElligott

Billy Stewart

Part Time:

Brian O'Brien



## Appendix 2: Societies Awards 2014

The NUIG Society Awards took place on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, in the Ardilaun Hotel with 440 in attendance. Music was provided by Transmitter. **The winners on the night were:**

**Best Society Cultural, Academic, or Social Category (BICS):**  
GiGsoc

**Best Society in a Charity or Civic Category (BICS):**  
VSA

**Most Successful:**  
Disney

**Best New Society (BICS):**  
Astro Soc

**Most improved Society (BICS):**  
DJ Soc

**Best Society Individual (BICS):**  
Eamon Doran, Juggling Soc

**Best Society Event (BICS)**  
*The Drowsy Chaperone*, GUMS

**Best Fresher (BICS)**  
Leah Heffernan, ShoutOut

**Best Poster (BICS):**  
FilmSoc and Dramsoc, *1984*

**Best Website (BICS):**  
Lit and Deb

**Phoenix Award:**  
Palestine Solidarity Society

**Best Publication, Small:**  
Lit & Deb (College Annual)

**Best Promo Video (BICS):**  
DramSoc and Filmsoc, *Polaroid Stories*

**Best Publicity Campaign (BICS):**  
Anime and Manga Soc,  
*Akumakon*

**Best Cultural Contribution:**  
Dramsoc

**Best Academic:**  
Astro Soc

**Best Photo (BICS):**  
Rover Soc

**Múscailt Awards:**  
Victorian Society  
Trad Soc  
Archaeology Society

**Most ALIVE Society:**  
Suas and Dramsoc

### Special Achievement Awards

**The 'Patience of Job' Award**  
Gearóid Ó Conluain

**The 'Lifetime Achievement' Award**  
Oisin Robbins

**The 'Outstanding Individual' Award**  
Michelle Mitchell

**The 'Truly Spectacular' Award**  
Bizsoc

**The 'Most Charming' Award**  
Victorian Society

**Most Active Society**  
Dansoc

**The 'We have no homes to go to' Award**  
Juggling Society

**The 'Food for thought' Award**  
Chinese Society

**The 'If You Build It They Will Come' Award**  
GUMS

**The 'Dogged Determination' Award**  
Thor McVeigh

**The 'We Can Make a Difference' Award**  
ShoutOut

**The 'Front of the Queue' Award**  
Elizabeth Moon and Neil Delaney

**The 'What Would Billy Do?' Award for Best Treasurer**  
Senan Maher

**The 'Best Poster Campaign' Award**  
Biomed Soc

**The 'Chivalry's Not Dead' Award**  
Ryan Hehir

**The 'Come Fly with Me' Award**  
Galway Grindylows

**The 'Stepping up to the Plate' Award**  
Kori Kilduff

**The 'Light up Our Lives' Award**  
Susan Collins

**The 'Helping Hand' Award**  
Dara O'Donnell

**The 'Above and Beyond the Call of Duty' Award**  
Cathy Gormelly

**The 'Good Vibration' Award**  
Radio Soc

**The 'Magnificent Brownie' Award**  
Yvonne McHugh and Hannah Loughnane

**The 'Out of Sight but not out of Mind' Award**  
Med Soc

**The 'I Have a Dream' Award**  
Graham De Barra



GiGSoc win Best Society - Cultural, Academic, or Social Category



DJ Soc win Most Improved Society



FilmSoc and Dramsoc, 1984  
Winner of Best Poster



## Appendix 3: BICS Awards

NUI Galway won two awards at BICS National Awards in the Titanic Museum, Belfast on April 10<sup>th</sup>:

**Best New Society in a Large College** – Astro Soc

**Best Photo** – Rover Society

**All BICS Winners:**

**Best Society (in a Cultural, Academic, or Social Field) in a Large College** – UCC Economics

**Best Society (in a Cultural, Academic, or Social Field) in a Small College** – CIT International Students Soc

**Best Society (in a Civic / Charity Field) in a Large College** - DCU RAG

**Best Society (in a Civic / Charity Field) in a Small College** - Letterykenny IT Gaisce

**Best Event in a Large College** - Vodafone DIT Fashion Show (DIT Fashion Show)

**Best Event in a Small College** - Cats the Musical (Mary Immaculate Dramatic Arts Society)

**Best Individual in a Large College** - Triona O’Sullivan, UL

**Best Individual in a Small College** - Emma Nolan, IT Tallaght

**Most Improved Society in a Large College** - UCC Amnesty

**Most Improved Society in a Small College** - CIT Music

**Best New Society in a Large College** - NUIG Astronomy Society

**Best New Society in a Small College** - Mary Immaculate Harry Potter Society

**Best Fresher in a Large College** - Eoin Lúic Ó Ceallaigh, DCU

**Best Fresher in a Small College** - Damien Kiely, Mary Immaculate

**Best Publicity Campaign** - UCC Cancer Society

**Best Poster** - DIT Fashion Society

**Best Promotional Video** - IT Tallaght Radio

**Best Photo** - NUIG Rover Society



Socs Box staff and SU President with members of GUMS, DJ Soc and FilmSoc.



Rover Soc Win Best Photo



Astronomy Soc Win Best New Society in a Large College

## Appendix 4: First Year Orientation, Fáilte Fest



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh

Freshers'  
**Fáilte Fest**

**Sunday September 8th  
from 12pm - 10pm**



### TAKE THE CAMPUS CHALLENGE

**1pm – 5pm**

You will be the graduates of 2016/17/20 so record how enterprising, clever, fit and able to use a map you are and be part of the new league table. Make sure to register in every zone you visit & we will be publishing the stats on how many of you managed to make your way all around the campus in 4 hours.

Getting lost is part of the fun there will be lots of Fáilte helpers to guide you. Each zone of the campus is colour coded overleaf. There is at least one lap top in each zone where you register to be in the draw for the specific prize described. **Register in all 6 zones & be in with a chance to win one of the following prizes,**

- 22" LCD HD TV
- HP 8GB Slate 7 tablet
- 1 Year Kingfisher Gym Membership
- €150 on your SU Card
- 32GB memory stick
- Epson Printer
- Digital Camera

## Fáilte Fest Evening Events

**5pm – 10pm**

### The Inflatable Disco

Bailey Allen Hall 5pm.  
with DJ Soc. Free Pizza

### Socs Table Quiz

Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn  
6pm-7pm.

*First prize: College Bar  
Pizza Party for you and 5  
of your friends.*

### Variety Show

Hosted by  
GUMS (Musical Soc)  
The Cube 6.30pm.

All performers welcome  
*prize: pizza party for you and 5 of  
your friends*

**College Bar Welcome Party**  
with DJ, from 8pm

### Films in Áras na Mac Léinn

Hosted by Film Soc

**Brave, Large Acoustic Room @ 7pm**

**Skyfall , The View @ 8pm**



### CLASS OF 2013 PHOTOGRAPH 12pm

Don't miss out on taking your place in the "Class of 2013" photograph on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm in the Quadrangle. This is the first time we are taking a class photograph of all our first year students when they arrive on campus. We will post this photograph on the NUI Galway website and Facebook page and we want you to tag yourself in the photograph and tell us and your friends why you made NUI Galway your University of Choice. **DON'T MISS OUT.**

## Class Photo 12pm, 6 Zones 1 Challenge 1pm – 5pm, Evening Events 5pm – 10pm.

**Zone 1: Prize: 4 tickets to Galway University Musical Society new musical 'The Drowsy Chaperone' Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2014**

<b>Student Information Desk</b>	Ask <b>SID!</b> Like us on Facebook and be in the draw for a free Tablet / iPad
<b>Áras Uí Chathail</b>	Join <b>Comic Book Soc</b> for cartoons and candy.
<b>Student Services Áras Uí Chathail</b>	Pick up the "Flying the Coop" Booklet from the <b>Student Services</b> desk (first floor)
<b>Martin Ryan Institute Lawn</b>	Come to the Garden Party hosted by Helen our part-time Chaplain for goodies, cupcakes and refreshing lemonade. Or why not try a hand at shooting some hoops with <b>giant inflatable basketball</b> .
<b>College Green</b>	Come join <b>Potter Soc</b> playing Quidditch!

**Zone 2: Prize: 2 weekend passes to Film Socs Horror Festival**

<b>Chaplains Behind AM building</b>	Mass in the Chapel at 1pm. Followed by Barbeque & Live Music in chapel garden plus Facebook sign-up & Freebies from 1.45pm.
<b>Student Counseling 5 Distillery Road.</b>	Pick up your free <i>Wispa</i> and find out where the <b>Counselling Service</b> is, in case you or your mates ever need it!
<b>Organic Garden Distillery Road.</b>	Visit the <b>Organic Garden Society</b> for a tour of the garden and a piece of fruit.

**Zone 3: Prize: 2 Afters Tickets to Arts Ball February 2014, (sponsored by Cumann Staire)**

<b>Smokies</b>	Sign up for your SU card you be in with a chance to win lots of prizes.
<b>Career Development Centre</b>	Collect your free candy popcorn at the <b>Career Development Centre</b> in the Arts Science Building off the concourse.
<b>An Bialann</b>	Pick up your loyalty cards and be in with a chance to win a monthly prize "Eat Free for a Month"
<b>Concourse (Smokies end)</b>	<b>Trad Soc:</b> Come and hear us play tunes.
<b>Concourse (Bialann steps)</b>	<b>Astronomy Society:</b> Take a 3D Tour of the Universe. Tours leaving the concourse every half hour.

**Zone 4: Prize: 2 tickets to the afters of Commerce Ball January 2014 (sponsored by Bizsoc)1**

<b>Aras na Mac Leinn Foyer</b>	<b>Juggling Society:</b> Show off your mad skills and come Juggle with us or try something new. <b>French Soc:</b> Crepe stand with yummiie pancakes. <b>STV Soc:</b> have your say at their video booth <b>Film Soc:</b> be interviewed and see yourself on Fáilte Fest the Movie.
<b>Bailey Allen Hall</b>	Have fun on the giant inflatables check out Laser Quest with music provided by <b>DJ Soc.</b>
<b>Meeting Room</b>	Come join <b>CompSoc</b> , be amazed by our technology and lollypops!
<b>Outside</b>	<b>Writers Soc:</b> Make a wish on the Wish Tree or leave a message for your beloved on their 'Juliet's wall' <b>Archeology and Cumann Staire:</b> come and play medieval games like skittles, cards and chess! Also find out about 'Aiseri' September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> and the big event on September 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>The Space</b>	<b>Lotus Soc:</b> Join us for yoga, relax with herb tea and biscuits and find out about our yoga classes.
<b>Large Acoustic Room</b>	Join <b>Lit and Deb Society</b> for games and refreshments and be in with a chance to get tickets to our guest speaker Jeremy Irons on Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>The View</b>	<b>Anime &amp; Manga Soc:</b> Nyanicorn Tournament (computer game tournament) <b>Fansci Society:</b> gaming, board games, card games, come roll some dice with us! Plus sweets and a great view!
<b>Art Room</b>	Join <b>Art Soc</b> to have some fun painting on our mural and get a henna tattoo,
<b>The Cube</b>	Come and join <b>GiGsoc</b> (Gay in Galway) for cake, baked goodies and tea, leave your print in our arts and crafts area and enjoy our marriage ceremonies.

**Zone 5: Prize: 2 tickets to a Q & A session with David Rudisha (800m world champion) on motivation Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Sports Hall (Kingfisher) Fun, &amp; Fitness</b>	A huge array of activities will be there for you to watch and you can join in & have some fun too – special prizes for those who have a go !! Including Funballz (Human Zorbing), Archery - Robin hood, bungee run, beat the goalie & hit the cross bar. Free food and surprise goodies
<b>Kingfisher</b>	It will be open house for new students to look around our Sports Facilities in the Kingfisher. Take the tour and be in for the Draw.
<b>Clubs (Kingfisher)</b>	You will be given vouchers by the Sports Clubs which you will bring back to that same Club on Clubs Day. You will be entered into a draw for super prizes including 2 Kingfisher Memberships and class passes. Lots of great goodies .

**Zone 6: Prize: 10 Free College Bar Carvery Dinners on your SU Card. All rooms are in Aras na Mac Leinn.**

<b>The Hub &amp; Wellness Centre</b>	Visit the Wellness Centre at the back of the Hub, join in the giant group massage and pick up a goodie bag.
<b>ALIVE (Hub)</b>	Save the world! Become a superhero at the ALIVE cut-out photo boards. Sign up to the volunteer newsletter and get sweets!
<b>Students' Union</b>	Call in to our office upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn and play giant games. Plus enter our free draw to win tickets to every SU comedy gig during the year!
<b>Flirt FM</b>	<b>Flirt Shout Out</b> Visit the studios record a shout out, pick up a sweet treat and sign up to volunteer with <i>your</i> student station. Everyone that drops down on the day gets entered into a draw for a multimedia goodie bag.
<b>College Bar</b>	Call in and catch some of the action of the All-Ireland Hurling Final on the big screen and sign up for your SU card.
<b>Bank of Ireland Theatre (next to the College Bar)</b>	Come and join <b>DramSoc</b> for improv games and a meet and greet with the committee to talk about upcoming workshops and productions.



## Appendix 5: Society Themed Weeks

NUIG SOCIETIES

# MUSIC WEEK

## 11<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

#### RockSoc: WoodStock Marathon

Large Acoustic Room, Áras Na Mac Léinn, 6pm-1pm.  
RockSoc will be holding a seven hour screening of the 2009 Woodstock documentary, with pizza & goodies.

#### Irish Studies Society: Fake Wake

091Labs, 7.30pm – 10.30pm  
Traditional games, music, dance and costume dress based on Ireland in the 1930's-1950's. There will be a prize for best dressed and other prizes for games we shall play. Sandwiches on the house!

#### FilmSoc/ChoralSoc: "The Nightmare before Christmas" Sing-a-long

D'Arcy Thompson 8pm.  
Exactly what it says on the tin- FilmSoc & Choral Soc are combining their powers to bring you another awesome sing-a-long event!

#### Legion of Mary Society: Gregorian

Chant Workshop  
College Chapel, 8.15pm – 9pm

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

#### TradSoc Open Session

The Hub, Áras Na Mac Léinn, 1pm.-2pm.  
Enjoy a free hour of traditional music in the Hub cafe with the Trad Society - all welcome! Then join us that night for our **Weekly Session in the Crane**, 9.30pm

#### Sneak Peek of Orchestra Soc's concert!

The View, Aras Na Mac Leinn, 6pm.-8pm.  
Orchestra soc invite you to an open rehearsal of their upcoming concert

#### NUIG Choral Ramblings

The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn 8pm.-9pm.  
A collaboration of Choral Soc, Sing and Tonics, & NUIG Staff Choir. It should be a great night with some wonderful talent. So come along and enjoy the concert. Refreshments will be served!

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Poster Sale

Aras Na Mac Leinn Foyer, 10am-6pm  
A wide selection of posters on sale including great music themed ones.

#### FilmSoc : Screening, Anvil

O'Flaherty Theatre, 8pm  
Anvil: The Story of Anvil is a 2008 rockumentary film about the Canadian heavy metal band Anvil. Expect laughs and awesome music!

#### Musical Society presents:

#### NUIG's Got Talent

Bailey Allen Hall 7pm  
The finale of NUIG's Got Talent where our best performers compete for a €1,000 cash prize! With meal & voting card. Tickets €10 from the SocsBox

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Poster Sale

Aras Na Mac Leinn Foyer, 10am-6pm  
A wide selection of posters on sale.

#### Arts in Action

The Cube, Áras Na Mac Léinn, 1pm. – 2pm.  
Legendary Piper Ronan Browne & special guests, his son Diarmaid on pipes & his daughter Ellidh on fiddle.

#### Students Union: White Collar Boxing

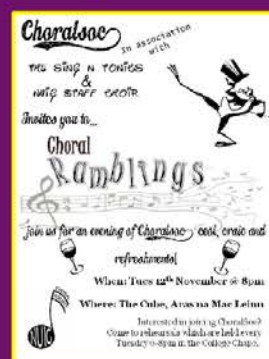
Bailey Allen Hall, Doors 6pm  
with special guests NUI Galway Dansoc  
In aid of Child line and Galway Rape Crisis Centre  
Tickets €7.50 students and €12.50

#### Juggling Society Gala

Featuring the amazing Patrik Elmnert  
The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn, 8pm.  
Tickets €3

#### Music for Galway : Ah Ruem Ahn

Aula Maxima, NUI Galway, 8pm.  
Featuring celebrated Korean pianist Ah Ruem Ahn,  
Tickets on-line from the Town Hall Theatre.  
Students Tickets €6 at the door & from Opus 2



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## New Writing

### Jerome Hynes One Act Play Series

Six playwrights with directors and cast perform their new works, mentored by Charlotte McIvor, Maria Tivanan & Emma O'Grady, Series Manager Hannah O'Reilly, Technical Manager Matt Burke, Series Director Riona Hughes. The winning play will win the Jerome Hynes Trophy.

#### When Threatened Go to Sleep

Playwright: Robin Oree, Director: Peter Shine  
Cast: Luke Murray and Martin Talbot  
Dom, Emmet & Niall share a flat. Lads will be lads. Don't judge.

#### Spoiling Sunset

Playwright: Gemma Creagh, Director: Charlotte Moore.  
Cast: Sean Kearns, Holly Hughes  
Set on a roof top at sunset this intimate tale of self-reflection questions life and the brevity of it all.

#### Stolen

Playwright: Mary Kelly, Director: Emily Murray  
Cast: David McEnroe, Glenn Farrelly, David Holland  
Just another day at the office - Good work all.

#### The Ward

Playwright: Diarmaid Bleheine, Director: Niamh Nic Aodh Bhuí. Cast: Michael Foley, Elaine Ward, Dylan McCormack, Maebh Browne, Dee Ni Closcáil, Jenny Lynam.  
Cian and Mags are nurses in a busy Irish hospital dealing with a particularly challenging group of patients.

#### The Inn

Playwright & Director: Darragh Cooney, Cast: Martin Talbot  
Inn explores the journey of a young man, forced to come to terms with death and his own mortality

#### Café

Playwright: Russell Browne, Director: Julie Breen  
Cast: Ryan Hehir & Dee Ni Closcáil  
A couple's attempt to understand their complex relationship transforms into the demise of their twisted reality.  
Wed, March 12<sup>th</sup>

1pm Inn, The Ward

7pm The Inn, The Ward & Stolen

Thurs, March 13<sup>th</sup>

1pm When Threatened go to Sleep & Spoiling Sunset

7pm When Threatened go to Sleep, Spoiling & Café

Fri, March 14<sup>th</sup>

1pm Café & Stolen

6pm Omnibus of all 6 plays and award ceremony

Venue: Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Léinn

Tickets: 1pm - €3/€5, 7pm - €5/€8, Omnibus - €8/€10



## Theatrical Productions

### Electra

NUIG Drama and Theatre Department  
Frank McGuinness's adaptation of Sophocles' "Electra" has been described by "New York Times" critic Peter Mark as a "sleek and hypnotic text" which showcases "soul-satisfying drama at its most passionately, intensely alive." This production resurrects the history of the House of Atreus to ask what does Electra mean today and what can we learn by returning to the classics through the lens of the now? Frank McGuinness will be attending the Monday Morning performance with talk back to follow.  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm

Monday & Tuesday matinées @10am  
Venue The Cube Theatre Tickets €10



### Julius Caesar

Cyclone Rep  
Inspired by Nelson Mandela's imprisonment on Robben Island where a forbidden copy of Julius Caesar helped Mandela cope with his confinement. Mandela's inspiration has, in turn, inspired Cyclone to revisit Julius Caesar in an Irish Context. The time is 1981 and the place is Northern Ireland. An illegal copy of Julius Caesar is performed by prisoners struggling with their internment and the spectre of the hunger strikes.  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10.30am Tickets €10

### 1984

Dramsoc  
Directed and Adapted by Chris Moran  
Winston Smith knows he cannot escape the Thought Police forever. In the end he will be faced with the unimaginable horrors of room 101. A new adaptation of George Orwell's dystopian masterpiece. Big Brother is Watching You!  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm.  
Venue: Bank of Ireland Theatre Tickets €5/€8

### Granuaile

Arts in Action  
Anam Theatre explores the many different identities of this extraordinary figure from the West of Ireland, who, for a long time, and like many other female Irish historical figures, was written out of history, blending myth and history along with movement, music and spoken word. Starring Andrea Kelly Directed by Sarah O'Toole  
March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm  
Venue: Bank of Ireland Theatre

### Loff to Laff Improff Extravagaff

Dramsoc & Comedy Soc  
Improv-off with our experts of the stage!  
Participate or watch the frolics, it's up to you! Warning: May cause laughter.  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm  
Venue: Bailey Allen Hall Adm Free



## Dramatic Entertainment

### GUMS's Mini Musical

Musical Society  
Can you imagine after a 6 month run up to The Drowsy Chaperone, & standing ovations The Society have decided to push it even further! In 14 days, they will choose, rehearse and perform their next musical for theatre week! Come see how they get their toes tapping!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
Bailey Allen Section 6pm tickets €5/8

### Identity of Expression

GIG Society  
Variety Show with MC acclaimed Drag Queen Pixie Woo who will perform from her show and feature special guest society performers, creating a night of lavish entertainment  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8.30pm  
Venue: Bailey Allen Hall. Tickets €3



### Holi

India Society  
Holi festival commemorates the victory of good over evil. And the end of winter. The main theme of the celebration is to have a good time, to forgive and forget and to mend broken relationships. Holi is also known as the 'Festival of colours'. It is celebrated by putting coloured powders on friends, families and strangers alike. Music and dance is an essential feature of the event so come in old clothes preferably a white t-shirt with perhaps a change for later! Followed by Party in the College Bar at 6pm.  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm - 5pm.  
Venue: Green beside the IT Building.

### Art Society Exhibition

Annual week long exhibitions by the members of Art Soc.  
Aras na Mac Léinn Foyer

## Drama on Screen

### Synecdoche New York

Filmsoc: Charlie Kaufman's 2008 debut, starring Philip Seymour Hoffman. A struggling theatre director tries to keep his spirits up in spite of his failing marriage. Using an unlimited grant, he decides to create production that accurately depicts life to the extreme... (And it's pronounced sin-neck-duh-key!)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8.15pm  
Venue: D'Arcy Thompson Theatre, Concourse

### Glengarry Glen Ross

Filmsoc: Based on the David Mamet play, Salesmen of a powerhouse Chicago real-estate office are thrown into a competitive sales challenge, There is no room for losers, only the thirst and pressure to succeed. -Of course, until something else gets in the way...

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8.00pm  
Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre, Concourse

### Dev.D

India & Film Societies: The film Dev.D is a modern day take on classic novel DevDas by the famous Indian author Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay's. It is a tale of love, betrayal, friendship and remorse. Devdas, a rich boy falls in love with a middle class girl but the class divide complicate their simple love story. The film powerfully depicts the prevailing customs of Bengal in the early 1900s.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.  
Venue: Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn.

## Schools Workshops

### ThereisBear! Shakespeare Workshops

Let the bears transport you through the pages of Shakespeare's with their experienced actors and directors showing and bringing you through the exciting stories and myriad of characters, preparing students for exams, and showing the passer-by the wonderful ways of these plays!

The Merchant of Venice  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 11am, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am

Macbeth  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm

Othello

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, 2pm, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, 2pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 10, 11am, Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, 10, 11am

Venue: Bailey Allen Hall Tickets €10

## Tickets & Information

SocsBox, Áras na Mac Léinn.

Tel: 091 492852

E-Mail socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie

Theatre Week is a Societies Office production

	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>
10am	Art Soc Exhibition * Electra	Art Soc Exhibition * Electra	Art Soc Exhibition * Othello Workshop	Art Soc Exhibition *	Art Soc Exhibition * Othello Workshop
10.30am	Julius Caesar				
11am	Macbeth Workshop	Merchant Workshop			
11.30am			Macbeth Workshop		
1pm	Othello Workshop	Othello Workshop	One Acts Series	One Act Series Granuaile Merchant Workshop	One Act Series Macbeth Workshop
6pm	Mini Musical	Mini Musical	Mini Musical		One Acts Omnibus
3pm				Holi Festival of Colours	
7pm			One Act Series	One Act Series	Indian Film DevD
8pm	Electra Synecdoche New York	Electra	Glengarry Glen Ross		
8.30pm * All Week	Dramsoc: 1984	Dramsoc: 1984	Dramsoc: 1984 Improv Show	Dramsoc: 1984 GIG Soc Variety Show	Dramsoc: 1984

Websites: [nuigsocs.wix.com/theatreweek](http://nuigsocs.wix.com/theatreweek)  
[www.socs.nuigalway.ie](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie)



# GIVE IT

September  
23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
2013

# SOCS WEEK



NUI Galway  
O'É Gaillimh

**Societies Variety Day  
in Fisheries Field**  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 6pm.  
Arch Soc & Cumann Staire:  
Medieval Forge Demonstration, Replica Iron Age Chariot,  
Fig-On-A-Spit display of replica medieval torture equipment,  
swords, shields and helmets from Atheryn Heritage Centre &  
Fulecht Fiadh  
plus  
Art Soc: Henna Tattoos/Face Painting  
Lotus Soc: Outdoor Yoga Session  
Juggling Soc: make your own juggling balls & poi,  
learn to juggle and swing, hula hoop and spin a  
diabolo and ride our unicycles or mini-bikes.  
Victorian Society: Mad Hatters tea party with  
Victorian games 4pm – 6pm

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Dramsoc:** Drama Gala  
2 days: Introduction to Theatre Workshops,  
Open Auditions & Improvisation.  
Monday 5pm – 11pm and Tuesday 10am –  
4.30pm. Áras na Mac Léinn

**Aiseiri:** Historical Treasure Hunt  
Aiseiri is a joint venture between the Archaeology  
Society and Cumann Staire (History Society),  
consisting of 4 days of interactive activity.  
1pm-3pm, Áras na Mac Léinn (the foyer)

**Lotus Society:** Yoga Classes  
All the classes are now full, new classes in 4  
weeks, add yourself to their mailing list for  
notification and sign up at the SocsBox.

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest - Reporting from  
Conflict Zones with James Brabazon  
1pm – 2pm, The Space, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Aiseiri:** Medieval Torture Device & Weaponry Display  
1pm – 5pm, Áras na Mac Léinn (outside)  
& 10am-5pm Tue 24<sup>th</sup>-Thur 26<sup>th</sup>

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Waste Land"  
3pm – 5pm, The View, Áras na Mac Léinn  
**Comp Soc:** Monday Mashup!  
6pm-7.30pm, Meeting Room 1, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Gums (Musical Society):** Meet and Greet  
6pm-8pm, The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn

**FanSci:** Card Games  
7pm-10pm The Space, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Aiseiri:** Launch  
7pm – 9.30pm The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Which Way Is The  
Front Line From Here?"  
7pm – 9.30pm Darcy Thompson Theatre

**Taize Society:** Prayer Meeting  
7.45pm-8.20pm Chapel Common Room

**Filmsoc:** "Side Effects" Screening  
8pm-11pm, Darcy Thompson Theatre

**Comic Soc:** Weekly Meeting  
8pm-10pm, The Art Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Cumann de Barra:** Cumann Meeting  
8pm – 9.30pm, AC 201 Concourse

## TUESDAY 24th September

**Aiseiri:** "Claiomh" Late Medieval Re-enactment  
10am – 12.30pm Presidents Lawn  
1pm – 2.30pm Áras na Mac Léinn (outside)

**Life Society:** Signature Collection to oppose the  
promotion of abortion on campus  
12pm – 1.30pm Meet outside Kirwan Theatre.

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "God Loves Uganda"  
(Followed by panel discussion)  
12.15pm-2.30pm, The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Dance Soc:** Irish Dancing and Hiphop  
6pm-9pm, The Stage and The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Aiseiri:** Prehistoric Pottery Class/Workshop:  
Pottery Production and Use in Archaeology  
6pm – 8pm Art Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Choral Soc:** Weekly Meeting  
6pm-8pm, College Chapel

**FanSci:** RPG Night  
6pm-10pm, AC 214

**Juggling Soc:** Hula Hooping Workshop  
6pm – 8pm, Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer

**Socialist Society:** The Quebec Student Movement  
and its Potential in Ireland.  
6pm – 10pm, AC202

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Give us the Money"  
6.30pm-8.45pm, Cairnes Theatre

**Orchestra Soc:** Weekly Practice  
7pm-8.30pm The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Lit&Deb:** Seanad Debate  
7pm – 10pm, O'Flaherty Theatre

**STV:** Equipment Training  
7pm-8.30pm, AC 203

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "More Than Honey"  
7pm-8.45pm, Darcy Thompson Theatre

**Astronomy Soc:** Prof. Jocelyn Bell Burnell.  
World-renowned astrophysicist, 'A light-weight  
introduction to gravitational radiation'  
7pm – 9pm, Kirwan Theatre

**Anime & Manga Soc:** 'Summer Wars' Screening  
8pm-11pm, Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

**French Soc:** 'Speed Dating' & Conversation  
The Cellar Bar, 8pm – 11pm

**Comedy Soc:** Impov is War!  
8.30pm-11pm, The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Trad Soc:** Music Session  
9.30pm-12am Crane Bar, Sea Road

## WEDNESDAY 25th September

**Aiseiri:** Bake Sale, plus Spinning and Textile  
Production Demonstrations  
10am – 2pm, Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer

**Aiseiri:** Society Variety Day  
1pm – 6pm Fisheries Field

**Lit&Deb:** Coffee & Chat  
3pm – 5pm Áras na Mac Léinn

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Rafae: Solar Mama"  
4pm-5.30pm, The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Victorian Soc:** Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
4pm-6pm, Fisheries Field

**German Soc:** Boat Trip on the Corrib.  
6pm -8pm, Depart Wood Quay on the Corrib  
Princess, tickets from the Socsbox.

**Speech and Language Soc:** EGM  
6pm -7pm, NY129 Aras Mayola

**Dance Soc:** Zumba, Ballet and Salsa  
6pm-8pm, The Cube and The Stage, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Rock Soc:** EGM  
6pm-7pm, Meeting Room 2, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Here was Cuba: A  
cautionary tale"  
6.30pm-8.15pm, The Huston Film School

**FanSci:** Weekly Meeting  
6.30pm-11pm, The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Fire in the Blood"  
(Followed by panel discussion)  
7pm-10pm, Kirwan Theatre

**GIGSoc (Gay in Galway):** Coming Out Workshop  
7pm – 9pm, IT202

**Quiz Soc & Disney Soc:** Disney Quiz  
7.30pm-11.30pm College Bar

**Bahai:** Devotional Meeting  
8pm – 9pm, Wellness Centre, The Hub, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Filmsoc, Disney Soc and Choral Soc:**  
Sing-A-Long Lion King!

8pm-11pm, O'Flaherty Theatre

**Feminist Society:** EGM  
8pm-9pm, Small Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Christian Union Soc:** Meeting: Where Is God  
When Things Go Wrong?  
8pm – 9pm, The Space, Áras na Mac Léinn

## THURSDAY 26th September

**Aiseiri:** Glass Bead Making Workshops  
10:30am-5pm, Meeting Room 2, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Living on One Dollar"  
3pm-4.15pm, The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Fishing Soc:** Casting Competition  
2pm-5pm Green area between the Library and  
Arts Millennium Building

**Suas Society:** 8x8 Film Fest – "Town of Runners"  
6pm-8.15pm, O'Flaherty Theatre

**Choice Society:** Pro-Choice Placard Workshop,  
6pm-9pm, The Art Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Juggling Soc:** Diabolo Workshop  
6pm-8pm, The Cube, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Filmsoc:** Weekly Production Meeting  
6pm-10pm, Large Acoustic Room, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Disney Soc:** EGM  
6pm-7pm, AC 201

**Socialist Society:** Woman and Socialism  
7pm-9pm, Kirwan Theatre

**Life Society:** What is Abortion?  
7.30pm-8.30pm, AC215

**Anime & Manga Soc:** Tiger & Bunny Screening  
7pm-10pm, Dillon Theatre

**Lotus Society:** Laughter Yoga  
8pm-10pm, The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Aiseiri:** Collins vs DeValera Debate  
8pm-10pm, The Cube Theatre, Áras na Mac Léinn

**Lit & Deb:** Public Speaking Workshop  
7pm-10pm, Kirwan Theatre

**Biz Soc:** A Night With Arthur  
Tickets from the Socsbox  
10pm, Electric Garden

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## Appendix 6: Múscailt Arts Festival, 10-14 February 2014



### FOCUS 2014

Join PhotoSoc in their annual celebration of photography at their FOCUS 2014 exhibition in Áras na Mac Léinn! Exhibition is open from Feb 10 until Feb 14, 9am-10pm, Áras na Mac Léinn foyer.



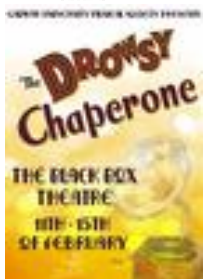
### Mask-making Workshops

The Italian Society will facilitate mask-making workshops to celebrate the Venetian Carnevale and in anticipation of (but not exclusive to) their Carnevale Masquerade Ball on February 13. There will be two workshops. The venue is the art room upstairs in Áras na Mac Léinn.



### Victorian Fun Fair

Enjoy a walk back in time and learn more about the amazing Victorians and their literature, science and pastimes! Let the amazing jugglers amuse you and try your luck at one of our wonderful games, maybe while tasting some scrumptious delicacy. The Victorian Fun Fair will suit every taste! Come one, come all!



### The Drowsy Chaperone (Musical)

Ever wonder how a broken plane, a blindfolded man on roller-skates and some politically incorrect innuendos made their way into the same musical?

The Drowsy Chaperone is a colourful comedy that takes place in the 1920s. Frantic preparations are under way for a wedding. Naturally, problems arise that threaten the marriage of starlet Janet Van de Graaff and the dreamy Robert Martin.



### WITLESS Band Competition Final

The Witless Battle of the Bands Competition focuses attention on the talent that often arises from the student scene. Down through the years the monumental achievements of the NUI Galway music competitions have inspired many young Galway bands to further their music careers. For more than a decade now the NUI Galway Witless competition has been encouraging and showcasing musicians from all music backgrounds and genres.

## Appendix 7: Society Press Coverage



^ **NUI Galway** Medical Students donate €5,000 to Children's Hospitals. Members of the **NUI Galway** Slainte Society recently presented Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin with a cheque of €2,500. Pictured at the presentation were members of the Slainte Society with (third from left) Shane Reilly of Electric Club and (third from right) Jamie Conway, Community Fundraising Manager with Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin.

### LAW SOC HONOURS PRESIDENT



President Michael D Higgins speaking to students at **NUI Galway** where he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the **NUI Galway** Law Society. Also in the photograph is Conor Nolan, Auditor of the Law Society, who presented the award to President Higgins. PHOTO: JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY.

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## Unique musical show at **NUIG**

**THE Orchestra and Film societies of NUI Galway will come together this month to present a live visual and audio performance of some of well-known film soundtracks.**

The performance will take place in the Bailey Allen Hall, in **NUI Galway**, at 7.30pm next Monday, April 7.

This concert is highly unusual as the two societies have united to combine a projection of film montages played with live performances of themes from *Forest Gump*, *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Gladiator*. As well as this, the orchestra will perform *Schubert's Unfinished Symphony*.

Before the **Galway** show, the societies travel to Mayo this Saturday where they are playing in Davitt College, Castlebar.

- *Tickets for the **Galway** show cost €10, and €6 with concessions. Refreshments will be provided at the interval. Tickets are on sale at the door on the night, and at the **NUIG Socs Box**.*



# GREEK TRAGEDY IS **NUIG** HIT AND THERE'S MORE TO COME

**A**ncient Greek drama, with its emphasis on blood and guts and references to a myriad of pagan gods might seem light years away from our modern, technology-driven world, but a new production of Sophocles' play, *Electra*, at **NUIG's** Cube Theatre demonstrates how relevant these classic stories remain today.

This version of *Electra* was written by Frank McGuinness, the Donegal dramatist whose other plays include *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching towards the Somme*, *Carthaginians*, and *Dolly West's Kitchen*. He attended Monday's production of *Electra*, which was part of the university's Theatre Week. His version of Sophocles drama - based on the original, written around 410BC - was staged by students from **NUIG's** Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance, with the cast ranging from novices to more experienced actors.

Afterwards, at an open question and answer session, Frank McGuinness explained the ongoing appeal of these ancient dramas.

"Greek tragedies got to the core of things and are quite shocking in their simplicity and directness," he said. That was the reason they had survived as theatre.

"You learn from the Greeks, never lose the smell of blood from your writing."

Frank McGuinness, who "has always been attracted to the combination of violence and intelligence," told Monday's audience that he was working on a new version of his one-woman show, *The Match Box* for the 2015 **Galway** Arts Festival drawing on Euripides' tragedy, *Hecuba*. That story is about a woman who loses her family and sees her home - Troy - destroyed, and the impact it has on her.

"For the Greeks, the family is their thing; the family is their story," the playwright explained.

It's that family focus that appeals to him in *Electra* where the eponymous main character continues to mourn her father, Agamemnon, who was murdered some 15 years previously by her mother, Clytemnestra, and Clytemnestra's lover, Aegisthus. *Electra's* brother, Orestes has been sent into exile for his own safety thanks to her efforts, while her sister, Chrysothemis, seems to have no desire to avenge their father's death.

A fine student cast, directed by drama lecturer, Charlotte McIvor and with guidance from dramaturge, Natasha Remoundou-Howley, brought the text to life. There were particularly strong performances from Anna-Marie Clery as *Electra* and Róisín Egan as her sister,

Chrysothemis.

Frank McGuinness's adaptation of *Electra* was originally commissioned by UK director David Leveaux. It premiered in 1997 with leading UK actress Zoë Wannamaker in the title role and went on to London's West End and Broadway.

McGuinness's adaptation has only received one Irish production, by B\*spoken Theatre in Dublin's Project in 2002. That was directed by the playwright and Jane Brennan took on the central part. So **NUIG's** Anna-Marie Clery had big shoes to fill and she did so admirably, demonstrating anger and grief, but always keeping on the right side of restraint.

Frank McGuinness told the students, that despite being separated by almost 2,500 years there were connections between the society that produced *Electra*, and the world in which he grew up; a "world full of strong women".

For him, the tragedy raises basic questions about identity. "It's a play about confusion, about who am I as a daughter, who am I as a son, as a mother, as a son, as a servant. You have the big questions being examined in close ways."

It was also a work that gave a glimpse of the effect of depression, he added, as the play's chorus try to restrain *Electra* from her great grief and the destruction it seems destined to bring her. That still showed "how difficult it is to cope with and care for someone who is depressed and suicidal".

Director and lecturer Charlotte McIvor, who during her student days in America had seen Zoë Wannamaker play *Electra*, spoke of her own desire when directing this production to remove the students from their comfort zone by asking them to do a play that was vastly different from contemporary work.

The actors rose brilliantly to her challenge, she said.

Their initial preparations during rehearsals had involved a type of drama work-shopping called Viewpoint, which originated in America.

Later they unexpectedly found inspiration from Pharrell William's song, *Happy*, when they played it one day at rehearsals to contrast with what *Electra* was enduring. That modern pop song provided them with a relevant cultural reference and they ended up playing it before each show.

Going out of their comfort zone brought the students great joy, despite the challenges and darkness of the subject matter, and doing a little dance before curtain up helped them handle the emotional insight of the text, she added.

Students from **NUIG's** Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance worked on all aspects of *Electra*, including poster, set and costume design as well as acting. The next play in the **NUIG** Drama series is *The Monster in the Hall* by Scottish playwright David Greig. Directed by Andrew Flynn it will run at Nuns Island Theatre from March 26-29.

Tickets for *The Monster in the Hall* are available at **Galway** Arts Centre, Dominick Street, in person or phone 091 565886. And, due to demand, *Electra* will be revived for a limited run on **NUIG** campus next week. Call the Socs Box, 091 492852, for times and venue.

## JUGGLING THEIR OPTIONS



Members of the **NUI Galway** Juggling Society performing in Shop Street as part of Jailbreak14. The **NUIG Jailbreak**, a charity event, takes place on February 22 and 23 when selected students have 36 hours to get as far away from **Galway** as possible ... with no money! All funds raised go to Amnesty International, Draíocht and St Vincent de Paul. Jailbreak14 is a national competition consisting of 4 universities (UCD, TCD, **NUIG** and UCC) raising money for charity. PHOTO: JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY.



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# Witches, wizards and muggles flock to weekend Galway Potter convention

BY JESSICA THOMPSON

**NUI Galway** was swarming with witches, wizards and muggles over the weekend as the Harry Potter Society in the university held their second annual Potter Fest.

The college hosted Ireland's only Harry Potter Convention from Friday to Sunday, attracting Potter fans of all ages to Galway over the course of the weekend.

"It was very successful as far as we're concerned, with most of the events running as planned, and the attendees really seemed to enjoy themselves, especially some young children who were so excited about it," said Potter Soc's PR Officer Áine Kilbane.

"Some of the more popular events were our flying classes, duelling, divination and defence against the dark arts classes, as well as the sorting ceremony on the Friday," she added.

Miss Kilbane also said that this year's festival outdid last year's by a long shot, stating that there was "way more happening, much more of a buzz, triple the attendance, and it came together far better overall".

The three-day event featured events such as duelling, a juggling show, a 'Goblet of Fire' raffle and potions-tasting on Friday evening when the festival opened, as well as a sorting ceremony where aspiring witches and wizards were sorted - by the sorting hat - into one of the four Hogwarts houses; Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Hufflepuff.

Saturday saw a range of activities including a writing competition, talks by Jennifer Trieu

and Gráinne O'Brien from 'Magic is Might', a 'Snape' Disco and a Horcrux Hunt, as well as another 'Goblet of Fire' raffle.

On Sunday, Potter fans were treated to flying classes, duelling, a cosplay workshop and various other activities before a closing ceremony which took place in the Aula Maxima.

Sunday afternoon also featured the much-anticipated Quidditch match in which the local team - the Galway Grindylows - took on the Anime and Manga Society and won.

"The weather cleared perfectly the morning of the Quidditch match, allowing us to play in slightly overcast, but otherwise perfect weather," said Miss Kilbane.

She explained that Muggle Quidditch is scored on a largely similar basis as the sport in the Harry Potter series, though the snitch is only worth 30 points and each goal is 10 points, and the snitch is a person who runs around with a tag or a sock around their waist, where the seeker tries to grab it.

Of course another important difference is that there's no flying involved, though everyone has brooms.

While the committee of Potter Soc were mainly targeting college and secondary school students, the convention appealed to a much wider audience, from children to parents and middle-aged Potter fans.

All proceeds from the weekend will be donated to the Make A Wish Foundation.

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## 'Women in Islam' NUI discussion

The **NUI Galway** Literary and Debating Society will host a Panel Discussion on the subject of Women in Islam at 7pm on Thursday, 13 March in the Kirwan Lecture Theatre on the main Arts Concourse of **NUI Galway**.

Confirmed speakers include Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui, a Member of Quebec Bar, Lecturer and LLM Programme Director in the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Shaykh Dr Muhammad Umar Al-Qadri, a Islamic Theologian from the Al-Mustafa Islamic Centre of Ireland.

All are welcome to attend and as usual the evening will begin with Private Members' Time, where any member of the society may raise a motion to be discussed by the house. For more information visit [literaryanddebating.com](http://literaryanddebating.com), or follow them on Twitter and Facebook.

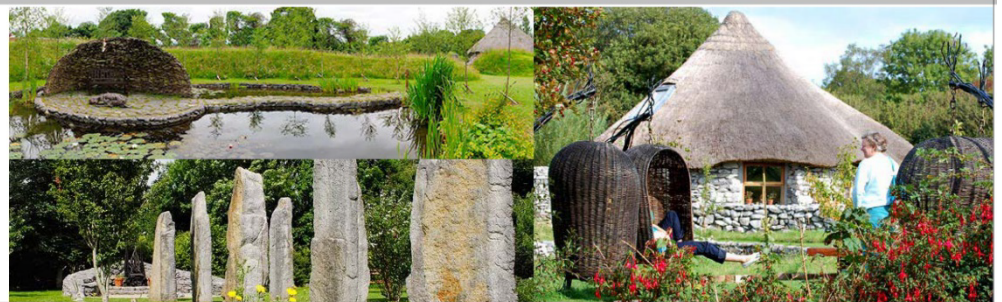
# Appendix 8: Society Training

Socs Training Weekend Sept 27st & Saturday 29nd				The View		How & Why to Attend
Fri 27rd Sept	Bailey Allen A	Bailey Allen C				
2pm – 3.30pm	<p><b>1. Team Building</b> John Hannon (Careers Development Centre) How to create an effective team, understanding team dynamics, learn how to use a character analysis tool to understand your committee. This is very useful exercise you will learn to do with your committee, it will help with creating a vibrant working team and avoiding conflict.</p>	<p><b>2. Themed weeks,</b> <i>Riona Hughes &amp; Representatives from the various weeks</i> how to get involved with presentations from the SU on their numerous themed weeks, the Arts Office Muscait, Health Promotion, Environmental office Green Week and Societies Music, Theatre Festival and Summer Festival.</p>	<p><b>3. Poster Design Workshop</b> <i>Shannon Reeves</i> Learn fundamentals of effective poster design. Topics covered will include: <b>Composition basics:</b> layout, colour theory, typography, and images; <b>Concept &amp; theme:</b> how to get your message across; <b>Technical knowledge:</b> print vs. screen, resolutions, colourspace, pixels &amp; vectors, design software, and file formats.</p>			<p><b>Please register on Eventbrite</b> <a href="http://nuigsocs.eventbrite.ie">http://nuigsocs.eventbrite.ie</a> <b>by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at 1pm September.</b> (This is to confirm numbers for catering)  <b>Auditors we need you to register by 1pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to confirm numbers for the bus to Brigid's Garden</b></p>
3.30pm – 4.30pm	<p><b>4. 3.30pm – 4.30pm</b> John Hannon Societies and your career, making the best of your transferrable skills. Interview techniques and producing a kick-ass CV</p>	<p><b>5. Understanding the USCG</b> <i>Representatives from the USCG</i>  (University Societies Coordinators Group). What is your constitution? Society policies including Postering and Alcohol policy.</p>	<p><b>6. Your Control Panel:</b> <i>Riona Hughes &amp; Emily Murray</i> Getting to grips with the control panel, a step-by-step guide on how to use all the applications – sms, membership, profile, room booking etc..</p>			<p><b>There is a €10 bonus per member attending to a max of 10 members to be spent on what your committee decides. That's a maximum of €100 just for you</b></p>
4.30pm -6pm	<p><b>7: PR Getting your message out there</b> <i>John Caulfield (Internal Communications officer)</i> <i>Lily McGarry &amp; Paula Healy (Flirt FM):</i> Using Socs Mail, keeping your members informed, writing a letter, press releases, campus advertising, local and national media. Flirt FM - what it can do for you.</p>	<p><b>8. Health &amp; Safety</b> <i>Riona Hughes &amp; Hannah O'Reilly</i> Health and safety: The issues which impact on societies, Organising safe events, risk assessment, the safety matrix, developing a safety statement and the importance of duty of care.</p>				<p><b>As many of your committee can attend no upper limit</b></p>
6pm – 7pm. Pizza and Society Speed Dating Bailey Allen B						

Socs Training Weekend Saturday Sept 28th						
Venue	Bailey Allen Hall A	Bailey Allen Hall C	Computer Suite	The Large Acoustic Room	The Cube	Flirt FM
9.30am -	Registration at the desk in Aras na Mac Leinn after registration open until 11am.					
10.00am – 11.00am	<p><b>9. Fundraising and Sponsorship:</b> <i>Riona Hughes &amp; Billy Stewart:</i> how to create a partnership with your sponsor How to fund your fantastic ideas!</p>	<p><b>10. The Control Panel:</b> <i>Lily &amp; Emily</i> Getting to grips with the control panel, a step-by-step guide on how to use all the applications – sms, membership, profile, room booking etc</p>		<p><b>11. Making a Promo Video</b> <i>With Brian &amp; O'Brien Film Soc &amp; Kierna Durcan STV Soc</i> Learn the basics of filming, editing and exporting short films to the net using the socs box equipment. Use it to help raise awareness of your society, events you are running and how generally awesome you are. We will be recreating some scenes from the cult "classic", The Room for the exercise. It's going to be amazing.</p>	<p><b>B. Bryan &amp; Colm</b> <b>12. Tech training.</b> <i>Brian Rabbitt &amp; Colm McElligott</i> How to use the lights and sound in the Cube and the Bank of Ireland. Setting up for a show and Health &amp; Safety when operating the equipment</p>	
11.00-11.15	<b>Tea Break</b>					
11.15am - 12:30pm	<p><b>13. Treasurers! Using the finance website;</b> <i>Riona &amp; Billy:</i> The Schedule of Allowances, Budgeting, Balancing Accounts &amp; getting yourself up and running this year. We will have copies of your most up to date bank statements. Note the finance system receipting function will be upgraded so it is all new.</p>	<p><b>14: The SocsBox</b> <i>Emily &amp; Hannah</i> The SocsBox what it can do for you how to sell tickets and merchandise plus booking equipment, finishing with a tour of the building AV. And how to use it.</p>	<p><b>11.30am – 6pm call in and get your passwords etc. Try out what you have learnt.</b> <i>with Lily</i></p>			<p><b>15. Tour of Flirt FM</b> <i>Paula Healy</i> and introduction to using the editing equipment to make your own radio show.</p>
12.30pm – 1.45pm	Lunch in the College Bar Main course, Tea/Coffee in the Hub					
1.45pm – 3pm	<p><b>16. Being a Secretary:</b> <i>Riona &amp; Emily</i> Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report.</p>	<p><b>17. PR &amp; Getting your message out there</b> <i>Lily &amp; Paula</i> PR Using Socs Mail, keeping your members informed, writing a letter, press releases, campus advertising, local and national media. Flirt FM – what it can do for you. (repeat from Friday)</p>	<p>From 1.30pm <b>Get your socs accounts up to date and balanced, one of the socsbox team will be on hand to help you. Plus get your passwords and one to one help.</b> <i>With Billy</i></p>			
3pm – 4pm	<p><b>18. Event Management</b> <i>Riona &amp; Lily McGarry:</i> Fun things to do, How to organise a ball, a trip, guest speaker etiquette, intervarsities, conferences and conventions.</p>	<p><b>19. Room Booking the do's and don'ts</b> <i>Emily Murray &amp; Hannah O'Reilly</i> using all the systems and getting the perfect room plus useful spaces on campus.</p>				
4pm – 4.15pm	<b>Break</b>					
4.15pm – 5.15pm	<p><b>20: Chairing, Team Management and the Power of Delegation: Conflict resolution,</b> <i>Riona &amp; Hannah O'Reilly:</i> Chairing Skills, how to organize meetings. Things you need to know as the Auditor. Achieving your societies potential Increasing membership and keeping everyone motivated.</p>	<p><b>21. ALIVE, Awards &amp; Explore</b> <i>Lily McGarry, Emily Murray, Geraldine Marley &amp; Emmet Connolly.</i> <i>How to enter the Society Awards, the National BICS Awards, Alive and how to get your cart for your members' volunteering.</i> plus Find out about SU Explore opportunities And how to create your account on the BICS website.</p>				
5.15-6pm	<p><b>22. Sending your members Volunteering</b> <i>Geraldine &amp; Emily</i> Abroad you must attend special training and have your Colamh Approval. This session will tell you how to comply with all the rules and keep your member safe abroad when Volunteering.</p>					
6pm – 7pm	<b>Finger food &amp; networking College Bar</b>					

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** *One person from each Society must attend preferably the Auditor.*  
Bus departs from the Orbsen Building at 9.30am sharp departing at 5.30pm.  
Destination: Brigid's Garden (past Moycullen) [www.brigidsgarden.ie](http://www.brigidsgarden.ie)  
Food & Refreshments provided all day

**Itinerary**  
10am – 10.30am intro to the garden, tea/ coffee & Scones  
10.30am Leadership with common purpose  
Exploring diversity: seeing the world through other people's eyes, learning to disagree, What is a leader, examining personal leadership styles, providing new ways to lead.  
[www.commonpurpose.ie/programmes](http://www.commonpurpose.ie/programmes)  
1.00pm Lunch  
1.45pm Exploring the garden and getting to know each other treasure hunt  
3.00pm Tea break  
3.30pm – 5.30pm Interactive exploration of group dynamics and creating effective teams plus getting to know each other even better.  
5.30pm Bus departs for Galway



## Appendix 9: ALIVE Report

### Societies

[www.socs.nuigalway.ie](http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie)

This year there are 117 active societies, 14 new societies were established this year. They organise almost 3000 events each year (including guest speakers, classes, debates, film screenings, fundraisers, trips, parties, committee meetings and rehearsals) with which 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. 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 both the local community and the wider world. Our membership stands at 51709 of which 48810 are students. That represents 9378 unique memberships of which 8724 are students. NUI Galway Societies have won more BICS National Societies Awards than any other college in Ireland.

567 Society members participated in ALIVE this year. 86 societies took part. The society ALIVE participants volunteered a staggering 63,449 hours, which is 115 hours per person. The number of ALIVE participants on committees was 298 and they volunteered 43,906 hours which is an average of 150 hours per person. These present 32% of the total 919 students on committees. If we conservatively estimate that the remaining 621 committee members volunteered 100 hours each this would bring the total hours which committees volunteered to 106,006 hours. Add the 21,543 hours volunteered by the 269 society members not on committees the grand total is 106,006 hours volunteered. This is the equivalent of 110 full time workers on a 40 hour week during term time providing a valuable service to the University community, which in monetary value at minimum wage would cost a million euro. The Societies expenditure last year was €610,517, €458,326 of that was raised by the societies themselves and of this they gave €97,593 was given to charity. To fully appreciate Societies contribution to the University and to put this in context, societies provide the equivalent of 110 full time workers during term-time providing social, cultural and educational support to the university community with a budget of €448,572 which they have raise themselves, equalling a total monetary value of almost 1.5 million euro.