

NUI Galway Societies End of Year Report 2014 – 2015



India Soc's Holi Event

NUIG joint winners of Jailbreak '15



Potter Soc Best Intervarsity at BICS



GUMS production of 'Cabaret'



Bank of Ireland Bursary winners

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Introduction

Societies play a vital role in shaping our students as capable, contributing and active citizens able to play key roles in our world's future. Third level institutions are asking the questions; what types of graduates do we produce? How do our graduate attributes distinguish us from other institutions? In NUI Galway the desired graduate attributes are that they a) have understood and become competent in their chosen academic field, b) are responsible and ethical global citizens and c) are able to pursue a successful career.

Societies deliver on all three aspirations. They provide real, meaningful learning opportunities in the chosen academic fields through workshops, guest speakers and mentor support. They enable their members to fully engage with the university and thereby create an environment in which the students fully participate in campus life, avail of the academic opportunities and achieve academic excellence. Societies enhance the student experience, they aid retention, promote institute loyalty, create communities, challenge ideas, open minds, raise awareness, and foster friendships.

Societies through their partnership with external organisations and communities afford their members an opportunity to volunteer, travel, engage, experientially learn, understand the power of one, the importance of challenging negative behaviours and stereotyping and an awareness and understanding of global issues.

Regarding employability there was a clear correlation between the skills identified as 'shortfalls' by GradIreland in a survey of employers and the skills the students identified that they had learnt through societies as part of their ALIVE application last year and those who completed society the leadership survey.

As part of the new Society Leadership programme, completed by 670 committee members, we were able to more clearly identify the learning outcomes for the committee members. From this we discovered how societies build on NUI Galway's Vision 2020 by creating communities and adding to the cultural and social life of the campus. They provide real learning opportunities for students, helping them to develop valuable transferrable skills that will enhance their CVs as graduates.

Being an active member of a society creates campus loyalty and even aids retention. 58% of students who completed our end of year Leadership Programme survey agreed that societies helped them cope when they contemplated leaving college, or felt under significant pressure personally/academically. In addition to learning new skills and keeping them busy 57% felt societies would help them find a job and 11% even changed their career path due to their involvement in societies. 57% also felt that their campus loyalty and sense of belonging was supported by their involvement. 44% made their friends through societies and 16% identified themselves as part of a minority group who felt a sense of belonging through societies.

Furthermore, 31.4% of respondents to the end of year survey agreed that their knowledge of Societies in NUI Galway prior to enrolling influenced their choice of university. From these lists, it is also clear that societies empower students as partners in the strategic aims of the institution.

This year we have 114 societies with 8104 registered student members. 524 Society members completed their ALIVE Certificate, 359 of them are members of committees. There are 939 unique students in committee positions (1,035 committee positions held). 38% of committee members chose to apply for an ALIVE cert. The total number of hours volunteered by society members as identified in their ALIVE application is 80,854, the number of hours volunteered by committee members is 66,541. One could deduce from that that the total number of hours volunteered by all committee members is 175,108. This is the equivalent of 180 full time workers on a 40 hour week during term time providing a valuable service to the University community. This in monetary value, on minimum wage, would cost almost €1.5 million. The

societies' turnover this year was of €1,111,627, which includes almost €224,381 given to charity. Only 23.4% of their income comes from university grants. In financial terms the societies contribute €700,000 in income directly for their activities which added to the cost of manpower is over €2 million. However their contribution can better be measured in how vital the societies are to the fabric of the university, to our overall student experience and campus life. In our statistical analysis we have achieved significant growth in charity fundraising up by 173% to almost a quarter million euro. Our income is up over 20% and the number of events posted to our new calendar is up by 10%.

In this report you will see each societies individual report listing all their events as they appear on their calendar, their committee for this year and the elected officials for next year, their individual financial information and details of their participation in ALIVE plus the new leadership section which asked them to set goals at the start of the year and reflect on them and at the end of the period they were asked if their society had achieved these goals. 87.2% said they had either fully or to a significant degree achieved their society goals and 86.7% had either completely or to a significant degree achieved their personal goals in the society.

In the appendix you will see a list of the many themed weeks organised both by the Societies Office and in some cases by individual societies, some samples of their excellent positive press coverage, details on the many awards and society training. All in all a testament to the incredible work of our societies of which we should be justifiably very proud.

View the Societies Day Video by clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to9yWhd7gsc>



Total Income and Expenditure for Societies 2014-2015

Socs Officer Balance Sheet - 2014/2015					
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Income Category	Amount		Expenditure Category	Amount	
Balls	€74,132.75	7.98%	Affill/Mem fees	€340.00	0.04%
Classes	€209.86	0.02%	Ball	€203,961.63	24.43%
Ecommerce Sales	€5,022.00	0.54%	Bank charge	€6,830.71	0.82%
Fundraising	€236,901.51	25.51%	Costumes	€7,311.05	0.88%
Hoodies	€822.50	0.09%	Dinner	€30,910.81	3.70%
Members Contributions	€29,827.31	3.21%	Entertainment	€28,869.99	3.46%
Online Till	€27,641.01	2.98%	Entry fees	€17,443.40	2.09%
Societies day	€5,135.00	0.55%	Equipment misc	€19,826.25	2.37%
Socs box Till	€134,842.53	14.52%	Fundraising / Charity	€224,381.48	26.87%
Sponsorship	€42,917.80	4.62%	Garda Vetting	€75.00	0.01%
Ticket Sales	€153,908.37	16.57%	Gifts	€1,359.85	0.16%
USC Grant	€217,294.83	23.40%	Hall hire	€5,214.95	0.62%
			Hire Bus	€12,302.15	1.47%
			Hoodies	€10,310.29	1.23%
			Lights	€10,345.86	1.24%
			Makeup/Props	€2,721.52	0.33%
			Materials	€8,256.71	0.99%
			Non Alcoholic Refresh	€12,358.15	1.48%
			Performing rights	€5,890.73	0.71%
			Postage	€275.92	0.03%
			Printing	€4,817.60	0.58%
			Prizes	€9,382.30	1.12%
			Promotions	€1,098.59	0.13%
			Reception	€8,830.31	1.06%
			Scores	€284.84	0.03%
			Security	€3,033.76	0.36%
			Services Hired	€6,061.08	0.73%
			Set	€7,135.66	0.85%
			Society accommodation	€52,464.16	6.28%
			Society transport	€72,580.51	8.69%
			Socs day expenses	€1,848.32	0.22%
			Sound	€3,862.57	0.46%
			Speaker accommodation	€9,481.79	1.14%
			Speaker travel	€13,295.69	1.59%
			Stationary	€1,107.75	0.13%
			Teacher fees	€30,485.50	3.65%
			Video Hire	€175.00	0.02%
Income Total	€928,655.47		Expenditure Total	€834,931.88	
Opening Balance Total	€182,972.02		Closing Bank Balance Total	€276,040.13	
			Cash In Hand Total	€655.48	
Total	€1,111,627.49		Total	€1,111,627.49	

Statistics

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	Trend	% change over average of last three years
Number of societies who completed the end of year report	92	96	102	105	105	112	+6.7%	+8%
Number of individual students who are members	5,763	7,517	8,516	9,858	9,378	8,104	-13.6%	-12%
Societies' total membership	25,662	31,714	37,157	48,743	51,709	52,069	+0.7%	+14%
Number of committee members	616	737	863	988	908	939	+3.4%	+2%
Society Turnover	905,564	1,160,108	1,016,904	763,878	915,919	1,111,627	+21.4%	+24%
Society Income	738,860	995,198	873,976	552,772	752,450	928,655	+23.4%	+28%
Charity Fundraising	160,650	158,484	150,984	97,594	82,145	129,890.04	+173.2%	+28%
Socsbox Turnover	89,289	162,396	128,814	144,881	141,915	157,631.72	+11.1%	+14%
Total number of individual transactions	<i>No figures</i>	8,740	10,958	10,127	12,739	11,872.00	-6.8%	+5%
ALIVE participants	315	339	490	673	646	524	-18.9%	-13%
Leadership Programme participants	<i>No figures</i>	670						
Number of Societies events on calendar plus committee meetings	2,159	3,832	3,987	3,854	3,737	4,133	+10.6%	+7%
Total of all events booked into Aras na Mac Leinn	<i>No figures</i>	6,884	7,147	6,974	6,812	7,316	+7.4%	+5%
Number of hours of all bookings in Aras na Mac Leinn	<i>No figures</i>	26,423	33,926	34,440	29,225	29,423	+0.7%	-10%

African Caribbean Society

African Caribbean Society is a new society in NUIG, the main aim of this society is to celebrate and share the diversity of African and Caribbean cultures. This year we had events to develop a community for all nationalities to commune in whilst having tons of fun! We took part in Global week which made us stand out as a welcoming, fun and new society. We organised events in collaboration with other societies such as Disney Soc, Baking Soc, History Soc and even with college societies outside of NUIG. We were one of those who won the Bank of Ireland Awards which we are very proud of as a new society. We hope to keep this society up and running for many more years to come.

African Caribbean Society Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

Meet and Greet » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 24th September 2014

The ACS's first society meeting. Just a fun way for us to meet up together as a society. There'll be music, games and of course, free food!!! So come on down and let's have some fun.

Movie Night » *Charles McMunn Theatre* » 8th October 2014

Global Fair: ACS Stand » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn,* » 13th October 2014

As part of global week a fair will be taking place in the Bailey Allen Hall from 12pm to 4pm. The African Caribbean Society will be taking part in the fair; we'll be having a stand. There'll be food, music and games (so basically there'll be lots of fun and bants) so come visit our stand and partake in this year's Global week. Oh and we'll be dressed in some cultural attire! Are you as pumped about this as we are? Of course you are ;)

Global Week: ACS presents Quiz and Games Night » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 15th October 2014

As part of global week the ACS will be hosting a quiz and game night. There'll be prizes to be won on the night, food and fun. So come on down and get your game on!

ACS presents Drama Night » » 22nd October 2014

This time round the ACS has decided to get a bit creative! Tonight we plan to celebrate African and Caribbean culture through drama and comedy! Videos, charades and acting- oh my! Light refreshments will be provided- so join us for some fun!

Movie Night: The Lion King (Collab with Disney Soc) » *O'flaherty theatre* » 4th November 2014

We're collaborating with Disney Soc and watching the Lion King!!!! But that's not all- it's going to be a sing along. How stoked are you for this? We know we are!

Glofest » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn,* » 11th November 2014

The African Caribbean Society as well as a whole range of other societies within the college will be collaborating together to bring you Glofest!! Think of it as a global party! There be food, music, dance etc. We're pulling all the stops to make sure it'll be a night to remember. And the best part of it all is that it's free!

Sports Day and Christmas Party » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 28th November 2014

More info coming soon! Watch this space!!!

Socs Day 2 » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 14th January 2015

What's this? You haven't already joined our society? Well no bother- here's another chance for you to do so. Today the ACS will have a stand at Socs Day 2- so come on down to us to hear about our society... or just, you know, to say hi.

Valentine's Day- Take Me Out » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 10th February 2015

Love is in the air this week and with Valentine's Day just a few sleeps away ACS has decided to add to rising passion that's in the air. That's right ladies and gents- the ACS presents 'Take me out' our spin on the hit dating TV show. Feeling unlucky in love? Come on down and be a contestant in our event and you might just win yourself a date- literally! We're planning on giving away 8 tickets for a date in Jamaica Joe's to 4 couples during the event! So come on down and bring a friend :D

ACS Ball » *O'Callaghan Davenport Hotel at Merrion sq 2, Dublin.* » 7th March 2015

The Afro-Caribbean Societies and A.S.A.I will be holding a ball on the 7th of March, at the O'Callaghan Davenport Hotel at Merrion sq 2, Dublin. The ACS ball is a fun event that brings all the Afro-Caribbean socs nationwide together for some banter.

ACS Farewell Event » *Aras an Mac Leinn - The Space* » 14th April 2015

The semester is coming to an end! And we have come to the end of our first year as ACS. The journey has been amazing and we have every one of our members to thank, for standing by and supporting the society, ye are all wonderful! We are inviting all African-Caribbean Society members to our AGM (last ACS event). We are looking for a wide range of talented students to carry the society in the upcoming academic year. So anyone that wants to run for any committee position or if you want to support your friends by voting, be present at the event on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing all of you!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Sheryl King

Safety Officer: Emmanuel Sobayo

Secretary: Mary Olaloko

Event Manager: Olajumoke Okeowo

Vice PRO: Friday Osemwekhae

Vice-Auditor: Kio-harry Stanley

Public Relations Officer: Eniola Kasim

Treasurer: Rianat Sobayo

Vice Treasurer: David Madugu

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Mary Olaloko

Public Relations Officer: Yetunde Sulaiman

OCM : Emmanuel Sobayo

Safety Officer: Gerald Echefu

Vice-Auditor: Al-Amin Sanusi

Secretary: Eniola Kasim

OCM: Uwa Johnson

Treasurer: Umulkheri Salum

Vice-Treasurer: David Madugu

African Caribbean Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€7.56
Members Contributions	€25.41	Dinner	€376.7
Socs box Till	€2	Entertainment	€80
Sponsorship	€500	Materials	€79
Ticket Sales	€255	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€36.44
USC Grant	€200	Printing	€27
		Prizes	€5
		Expenditure Total	€611.7
		Cash In Hand	€21.27
		Closing Bank Balance	€349.44
Total	€982.41	Total	€982.41

Mission Statement

The aim of the Society is to represent a positive image of Africa and the Caribbean. To reveal the identity of the various cultures in both Africa and the Caribbean as well as celebrate the diversity of all our cultures. To embrace histories and be positive ambassadors of our nations. And, mostly importantly, to develop a community for all nationalities to commune in whilst having tons of fun!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

There are several Aims, Objectives and goals that African Caribbean Society has set to achieve for this Academic Session.

- To be fully recognised as an active society in National University of Ireland, Galway
- Giving an appreciation of African and the Caribbean to everybody willing to have an experience
- Ensure that we are engaged in community development through charitable events
- Creating an avenue for Students to interact through different mediums as can be expressed in our events
- Creating a sense of Unity between students from different ethnicities and Nationalities
- Enabling Members with a healthy balance of social and academic life.
- Ensure decent communication of society events and happenings between the members and Executives.

Society Performance Reflection

I believe, as a society we were quite successful considering this was our first year and we were trying to build a solid foundation. Every committee members deserves to be applauded for their steadfastness and commitment.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

I can confidently say we achieved all objectives and goals set for this year. We believe we slyly changed the perspective that Africans and the Caribbeans are typified by poverty and poverty alone.

Greatest Success

I would regard winning the €500 Bank of Ireland Award as our greatest success because we are a new and upcoming society. We also were also successful in working together to achieve a common goal and we received amazing support and response from the University at all our events.

Greatest Challenge

Our challenges were getting others from other ethnicities and different backgrounds other than Africans to be consistent at our events. We will strive towards this in the coming years. Another challenge was incorporating educational elements into our events as most of our members wanted to be involved in the fun activities.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 314 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

African Caribbean Society		
<u>Rianat Sobayo</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Eniola Kasim</u>	Public Relations Officer	45 hours
<u>Mary Olaloko</u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u>Kio-harry Stanley</u>	Vice Auditor	45 hours
<u>Shekinah Baba-Lola</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Emmanuel Sobayo</u>	safety officer	40 hours
<u>Friday Osemwekhae</u>	PRO	40 hours
<u>Al-Amin Sanusi</u>	Sport officer	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	350 hours	

Amnesty Society

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.

Amnesty Society at NUIG contributes aims to achieve this goal in two main ways:

By promoting awareness of human rights: primarily throughout the university. Through campaigning on stalls, showing ethical films, heading discussions and bringing in speakers, and hosting social events for the wider community under the Amnesty banner.

By opposing specific abuses of human rights: through Amnesty's traditional method of writing to the groups responsible for human rights abuses and occasionally combining with Amnesty Galway for public protests in order to promote aware of incidents where human rights are being jeopardised

The areas we have focused on include mental health, the death penalty, LGBTI rights, women's rights, migrants' rights, and homelessness.

Amnesty Society Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

mental health awareness » *Concourse beside Smokeys Cafe* » 10th October 2014

Mental health awareness for world mental health day

Amnesty Weekly meeting » *AM109 (Arts Millennium)* » 30th October – 27th November 2014 (5 individual events)

A weekly meeting where we discuss events and talk about issues that amnesty international is highlighting. Friendly discussion all are welcome!!

Trip to National Youth Conference » *Trinity College Dublin* » 7th November – 9th November 2014 (3 individual events)

Trip to National youth Conference

Frre Ibrahim » *Smokey Joe's, Concourse* » 20th November 2014

A petition for people to sign to free Ibrahim Halawa

Jailbreak information session » *The View* » 14th January 2015

Information session for the upcoming Jailbreak event!

Jailbreak Infomation Night » *AC202 (on Concourse)* » 20th January 2015

Looking to get involved in the craziest student adventure this year? Come along at 7pm to find out all.

#FreeIbrahim Thunderclap » *Social Media* » 8th February 2015

By using the hash tag #FreeIbrahim across a variety of social media including twitter and Facebook to gain publicity for the struggle of an Irish man imprisoned unfairly in Egypt. As his trial is coming up the Thunderclap would hopefully pressure them into allowing him to come home.

My Body, My Rights discussion » *The Space, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 11th March 2015

Gender Awareness Week: My Body, My Rights discussion with Choice Soc, Fem Soc and Amnesty Soc.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Mary Egan

PRO: Sean Daly

OCM: Victoria Olukitibi

OCM: Caroline O'Shea

Vice-Auditor: Patrick Kirrane

OCM: Daire Hickey McGovern

Treasurer: Helen Morrissey

OCM: Caoimhe McAleenan

Amnesty Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	425.67		
		Closing Bank Balance	€425.67
Total	€425.67	Total	€425.67

Mission Statement

To motivate students to get involved in human rights violations, both at home and abroad.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aims of the year are to become more well-known across campus, through collaborating with other societies, Amnesty Galway and other Amnesty societies in Ireland. We aim to campaign on issues including the death penalty, mental health, marriage equality and women's rights. We hope to broaden on our knowledge within these areas, along with the rest of the student body. Following last years limited attendance, we would love to host some light hearted events such as movie screenings to get people involved and feel more at ease than diving headfirst in facts and campaigns. Really what we would love to do is motivate students to get involved and see the value any action can have even as simple as signing a petition. We want to re-ignite the hope that a difference can be made, no matter how small the group.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 371 members.

ALIVE Participation

Amnesty Society		
<u>Sean Daly</u>	NUIG Jailbreak Rep	50 hours
<u>Patrick Kirrane</u>	Secretary	72 hours
<u>Daire Hickey McGovern</u>	OCM	10 hours
<u>Caroline O'Shea</u>	OCM	36 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	168 hours	

Anime and Manga Society

The Anime and Manga Society brings the Japanese animation culture to a Western Audience. Each week the society showcases a number of various Japanese programmes created by the various animation studios of Japan and try to get as many people interested in anime as possible. Also the society creates areas for greater advancement in learning about wider Japanese culture, language and music through a number of events throughout the year.

Anime and Manga Society Events

This year the society held a total of 60 events.

Freshers Event » *Large Accousitc Room, » 3rd September 2014*

Event for all the new and upcoming firs years

Casual get together :) » *The View (Aras na Mac Leinn) » 9th September 2014*

Similar to last Wednesday :) Sorry for the short notice! Join us in The View for fun n' games and more shenanigans :)

Pokemon vs Digimon!! The Movies! » *O Flaherty Theatre » 11th September 2014*

Come and see the greatest debate of our time spark up once more as Pokemon takes on Digimon in the greatest movie face off our generation has ever seen

Abridged Night » *Large Accousitc Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 16th September 2014*

Come join us watching all our favourite abridged animes like: Yugioh Abridged, Pokemon Abridged, Digimon Abridged, Kampfer Abridged and Naruto Abridged. Yay Card Games on motorcycles!!!

Ninja Championships/ NARUTO!!!! » *The View, Aras na Macleinn » 18th September 2014*

Think you are ninja enough to take on Anime and Manga's best ninjas and win. Come join us in the view and if you're the last ninja standing there may be a prize in your future AND we'll even watch some Naruto. Believe it ;)

EGM » *UC102, Aras Ui Chathail. » 23rd September 2014*

Free Pizza

Dragonball Fight Night » *The View » 25th September 2014*

Come see some of the best fights Dragonball has to offer. Prepare for a lot of prolonged screaming. KAMAHAMEHA!!!

Outbreak Company » *Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 30th September 2014*

Our weekly Tuesday Anime Screening

No Game No Life » *view in aras na mac lienn » 2nd October 2014*

Our weekly Thursday showing night

Anime Taster Night » *Cairnes Lecture Hall » 7th October 2014*

Karaoke » *Aras an Mac Leinn » 9th October 2014*

Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind » *Mc Munn theatre - Concourse » 13th October 2014*

We shall be watching Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind with Philosophy Soc

Akuma no Riddle » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 14th October 2014*

Japanese Language Classes and Showing » *TBC Meeting in the Hub » 16th October 2014*

EGM » *Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 21st October 2014*

There shall be refreshments provided and beverages afterwards

Deadman Wonderland » *IT250 » 23rd October 2014*

Intersoc 'Night of Horror!' » *The View » 30th October 2014*

Samurai Champloo » *Cairne's Theatre » 4th November 2014*

Join us for a night of Samurai Champloo in the Cairnes

Battle Royale » *IT206* » 6th November 2014

Come along for the Cult Phenomenon that is Battle Royale. School kids are placed on a Japanese island and made fight to the death and win

AkumaDay » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 8th November 2014

Feeling down that Halloween is over? Can't wait for that wintery time to come again to see old friends and have a good time? Well then Akumaday is the perfect day out (technically inside) for you! With tasters of Akumakon 5 going on from 12 - 6 pm you're sure to find something that will get you hyped up!... Plus it's free

Tiger and Bunny » *TBA* » 11th November 2014

This anime deals with world with superheros who's daily job is to save their city and also keep the ratings up on their TV show

Psycho-Pass » *The View* » 13th November 2014

Set in a dystopian future where sensors scan people's mental rates, the Public Safety Bureau and their hand weapons, Dominators, keep the peace. The story follows the members of Unit One of the Criminal Investigation Division and the crimes they investigate.

Gurren Lagann » *IT250* » 18th November 2014

A Mech anime where mankind have been forced to move underground by the Sun King. It focuses on a group who used their mech, lagann, to fight his forces.

Mirai Nikki (Future Diary) » *The View* » 20th November 2014

A group of 12 people are called upon by the God of Time and Space to take his place. They must fight one another with the use of their future telling phones until the last one stands to claim the throne.

Eirtakon Trip » *The Hub* » 21st November – 23rd November 2014 (3 individual events)

All those attending our Eirtakon Trip meet in the hub 5:30pm to travel to the bus station. Due back in Galway late sunday night. Details regarding our schedule ect will be discussed beforehand.

Parasyte » *IT250* » 25th November 2014

This New Season anime tells creatures called Parasites arriving on Earth and taking over peoples bodies. One person, Shinichi, prevents it from reaching his brain and it remains on his arm as a separate entity. The two start to work together against other Parasites to survive forming a string bond.

Japanese Language Class/ Christmas Party » *IT206* » 27th November – 28th November 2014

We will be having our Language Class for Japanese this Thursday. Plus going out for society Christmas Party afterwards at 9pm. Make sure you're dressed festively.

Akumakon Hype Week Pt.1 » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 13th January 2015

Showings of anime featuring the guest stars at Akumakon! :)

Socs day 2 » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 14th January 2015

Pop along down to our stand to meet and learn more about us :)

Akumakon Hype Week Pt.2 » *The View* » 15th January 2015

More showings of anime starring the guests of Akumakon! :)

Plus PIZZA!!! :)

Akumakon » *Bailey Allen* » 16th January – 18th January 2015 (3 individual events)

NUIG Anime and Manga's very own annual anime convention!

Visit www.akumakon.com for more details.

Anime and Manga Showing » *Dillion Theatre* » 20th January 2015

This Tuesday's showing will take place in the Dillion Theatre on the Concourse at 7pm.

Studio Ghibli Night » *The View* » 22nd January 2015

This week in collaboration with Disney Soc, Anime and Manga Soc will be watching one of the great works from Studio Ghibli :)

Anime Showing » *Dillion Theatre* » 27th January 2015

This week's showing will be in the Dillion Theatre at 7pm. Join the Anime and Manga society for some great animation from Japan.

Miyasaki Documentary » *The View* » 29th January 2015

This Thursday in collaboration with Film Soc we are watching a documentary about the life and achievements of the great Miyasaki, the man behind Studio Ghibli who brought up such wonderful movies as Howl's Moving Castle and Ponyo.

Tokyo Ghoul » » *3rd February 2015*

We will be watching Tokyo Ghoul, an Anime that centers around a world inhabited with Ghouls, creatures that must eat human flesh to survive.

Switch Girl!! » *The View* » *5th February 2015*

In a change from watching anime, we switch to Japanese tv drama comedy with Switch Girl. A young high-schooler tries to keep up the perfect image at school while at home her attitudes and looks are completely different.

Death Parade » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » *10th February 2015*

This Tuesday we're watching Death Parade, an anime set in a bar in which when two people emerge from the lift, they must participate in a Death Game with their lives on the line.

Card Games Night » *IT 207* » *11th February 2015*

Come along and join in to play some of your card games with Anime and Manga this Wednesday at 6.30pm.

Anime and Manga Society at the Victorian Fun Fair » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *11th February 2015*

Anime and Manga are taking part of the Victorian Society's Fun Fair along with a number of other societies and stands. Be sure to pop in and discover what our stand will be up to.

Valentine's Week Horrible Sim Games Night » *The View* » *12th February 2015*

We are joining up with our friends from Video Game Soc to bring you some really horrible yet fully sim games plus to show some relationship animes that really are funny by how terrible they are.

Terror in Resonance » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » *17th February 2015*

This week's anime will feature Terror in Resonance at 7pm on the Dillon. Japan is hit by a number of attacks and the only evidence of the culprits are a number of cryptic messages. The teenage masterminds behind it call themselves Sphinx they and have decided to wake up the world with their terror.

Japanese Language Class + Space Dandy » *IT206 (Language Class) and The View (Screening)* » *19th February 2015*

There will be another language class held which is free for all who attend starting 6:30pm in IT206. Afterwards at 8pm in the view we will be watching Space Dandy. The series follows Dandy; an alien hunter who is "a dandy guy in space," in search for aliens with his robot assistant QT and a cat-like alien named Meow.

Akumakon EGM » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » *24th February 2015*

This EGM will be to secure someone for the post of Con-Director for Akumakon 2016.

Blue Exorcist » *The View* » *26th February 2015*

This week's anime will be Blue Exorcist at 8pm in The View. story revolves around Rin Okumura, a teenager who discovers he is the son of Satan born from a human woman and is the inheritor of Satan's powers. When Satan kills Rin's guardian, Rin decides to become an exorcist in order to defeat his father.

Cultural Week: Origami and Games Night » *IT 202* » *2nd March 2015*

Come to the first event of the Anime and Manga Society's Cultural Week as we have an origami workshop and Japanese style games for your enjoyment.

Cultural Week: Lecture on Robotics » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » *3rd March 2015*

For Tuesday we are being given a lecture on robotics by Mr Oro. Plus he is bringing along a real robot. After this we are going to be watching a mech anime movie Macross Plus.

Cultural Week: Table Quiz » *The Cellar bar* » *4th March – 5th March 2015*

Cultural Week: Tasting and Karaoke Night » *The View* » *5th March 2015*

We are having a selection of Japanese foods & tasty treats for you to try out along with Karaoke for those with a flair for singing & good fun.

Cultural Week: Sushi Documentary » » *6th March 2015*

For the last night of Cultural Week we are watching a documentary on the famous Japanese food, sushi which we hope you will enjoy.

Sportsball Anime » *Dillon Lectre Theatre* » 10th March 2015

This Tuesday we are watching Kuroko no Basuke, an anime about fun, friendship and of course SPORTSBALL!!!

Card Games » *IT207* » 11th March 2015

There will be a number of card games held in IT207 including Vanguard and Yugioh.

Castle in the Sky » *The View* » 12th March 2015

Thursday we look at another of Miyazaki and Studio Ghibli's finest movies, Castle in the Sky. Two orphans, one with a levitation stone, search for lost treasure and the key to their past in a legendary floating city.

AGM!! » *The View* » 26th March 2015

Come to Anime Manga as we elect the new committee for 2015/16. All positions will be open so if you would like a job in this great society step forward and get nominated for a role. There will be free pizza on the night too. See you there :)

Anime Lock-In » *The View* » 28th March – 29th March 2015

The 24 hour Anime event is finally here. Come along to the View as we have hours on fun in store like card games, showings, video games, banter and giggles and food and fizzy drinks to keep everyone awake. Don' miss out.

Card Games » » 25th March 2015

There will be more card games held this week including ones like Yugioh and Vanguard. Tea will be available.

Committee 2014/2015

Events Officer: Niall Finn

Public Relations Officer: Calvin Neary

Librarian: Colan Kelly

OCM: Louise Walker

Public Relations Officer: Joanna Orłowska

Auditor: Rory O'Connor

Safety Officer: Luke Coughlan

Con Director: Conor Roberts

Secretary: Jonathan Harte

Treasurer: Eoghan Doyle

Vice-Auditor: Christina Hynes

OCM: Vanessa Kemmer

Assistant Events Officer: Elanor McMorrow

OCM: Brian Dillon

Co-Con Director: Dara MacEoin

OCM: Eoin O'Connor

Committee 2015/2016

PRO: Joanna Orłowska

Vice-Auditor: Christina Hynes

Secretary: Louise Walker

Librarian: Colan Kelly

Auditor: Rory O'Connor

Treasurer: Lee Murphy

Health and Safety Officer: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Card Games Officer: Eoin O'Connor

Anime and Manga Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	475.04	Bank charge	€119.88
Bank Charge	€4	Dinner	€709.18
Fundraising	€193	Entertainment	€329.99
Members Contributions	€170	Entry fees	€1354.5

Socs box Till	€1876.75	Equipment misc	€457.46
USC Grant	€5000	Hire Bus	€787.5
		Materials	€12.41
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€155.44
		Prizes	€150
		Society accomm	€1790
		Socs day expenses	€9.9
		Speaker travel	€507.96
		Teacher fees	€610
		Expenditure Total	€6994.22
		Closing Bank Balance	€724.57
Total	€7718.79	Total	€7718.79

Akumakon Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	4040.55	Bank charge	€64.93
Fundraising	€2000	Dinner	€1060
Online Till	€3114	Entertainment	€113
Ticket Sales	€10085.11	Equipment misc	€25
		Fundraising / Charity	€1150
		Gifts	€23.6
		Hoodies	€2000
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€179.35
		Postage	€170.6
		Printing	€523.6
		Prizes	€62.5
		Promotions	€289.5
		Received Money Returned	€2343.23
		Returned Socs Money	€14
		Services Hired	€531
		Speaker accomm	€1774
		Speaker travel	€3019.27
		Teacher fees	€130
		Expenditure Total	€13473.58
		Closing Bank Balance	€5766.09
Total	€19239.67	Total	€19239.67

Mission Statement

Our mission is to spread Anime, Manga and Japanese film and culture as a whole in the university. We aim to provide a friendly, fun and engaging environment in which all our members with a shared passion for Japanese culture can gather and make new friends.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to spread the Japanese culture and to increase the number of people interested in Anime and Manga, we also aim to increase the number of showings and joint events with other societies.

Society Performance Reflection

We had a very productive year in the society with a large number of events and plenty of activity. In our fun and exciting fashion, the Anime and Manga Society were able to get in a number of new members and get our message across to a wider audience in the college. We showed a wider range of new Animes and Japanese shows that many people enjoyed plus took part in a number of cultural areas such a origami, language classes and a lecture on Japanese robotics. Overall the society had a busy and excellent year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved a number of our aims and objectives over the society year. We were able to spread Japanese culture through our Japanese language classes and through Japanese culture week. In regards to members we were able to increase our numbers on both society days and at a number of events there was regular attendance. For joint events we were able to join up with a number of NUIG societies and create bigger and better nights.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success would be the efficiency and work ethic of the year's committee. Their interest and effectiveness in planning events and getting things sorted for each night of Anime and Manga allowed the society to proceed in a straight & positive way.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge would be trying to get more new season animes for the showings as we would like to show more modern shows instead of some of the old favourites that would attract a new audience. We had a number of showings for new season animes and wish to have more in the future.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 463 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Anime and Manga Society		
<u>Leah Freehill</u>	Committee at Akumakon	98 hours
<u>Blue Hanley</u>	Akumakon Committee - Special Events Officer	130 hours
<u>Jonathan Harte</u>	Secretary and Akumakon Staff	200 hours
<u>Joanna Orłowska</u>	PRO	100 hours
<u>Eoghan Doyle</u>	Treasurer for Anime and Manga and Akumakon	250 hours
<u>Niall Finn</u>	Events Officer & Akumakon Chairman	300 hours
<u>Christina Hynes</u>	Vice Auditor	250 hours
<u>Hugh Murray</u>	Akumakon Games Coordinator 2015	60 hours
<u>Calvin Neary</u>	PRO on Society committee, and Akumakon Staff	200 hours

<u>Luke Coughlan</u>	Safety Officer	180 hours
<u>Colan Kelly</u>	Librarian	220 hours
<u>Louise Walker</u>	OCM	79 hours
<u>Bram Siebert</u>	Akumakon Staff Member	30 hours
<u>Michelle Moore Temple</u>	Akumakon Staff	30 hours
<u>Julio Sanchis Arderius</u>	staffing at akumakon	25 hours
<u>Rory O'Connor</u>	Auditor	250 hours
# ALIVE Students:	16 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2402 hours	

Archaeology Soc

The NUI Galway Archaeology Society is a diverse crowd of enthusiastic & outgoing individuals. We strive to get students interested in the field of archaeology through our lecture series and field-trips throughout the year.

Arch Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

Committee Meeting » *The Hub* » 1st October 2014

Guest Speaker » *AC203 Concourse* » 8th October 2014

Prof. Muiris O'Sullivan of UCD Dublin.

Professor O'sullivan will be giving a talk titled 'Stories within stories- Knockroe Passage Tomb, Co. Kilkenny.

Refreshments will be followed in the Scholars Rest after the talk.

Guest Lecture » *AC203 Concourse* » 22nd October 2014

This week Dr. Alison Sheridan, of National Museums Scotland, will be giving a talk on Supernatural Power Dressing in Ireland & Britain 2500- 1500 BC.

Refreshments & finger food in the Scholar's Rest to follow.

Committee Meeting » *AC203* » 29th October 2014

Meeting in AC203 along the concourse.

Guest Lecture - Prehistoric Bog Bodies » *AC203 Concourse* » 5th November 2014

Come learn about prehistoric bog bodies at this fascinating lecture given by Ned Kelly! All are welcome.

Socs Day 2 » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 14th January 2015

Movie Night » *AC204* » 21st January 2015

Tonight we're watching 'National Treasure' and possibly 'National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets'! Snacks and Refreshments will be provided!

Come one, come all! EMBRACE THE CAGE!

Guest Lecture » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 28th January 2015

Gavin Duffy from Real Sim Ltd. will be giving a talk titled 'Bringing an Historical Map to Life - the Story behind 3D Medieval Galway'.

The talk starts at 7pm with refreshments to follow in the Scholar's Rest afterwards, all welcome!

Guest Lecture » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 4th February 2015

This week Dr. Terence Barry of Trinity College Dublin will be speaking to the Archaeology Society. The title of the talk will be:

'Medieval Anglo-Norman fortifications in Ireland and Gerald de Barry'

Talk starts at 7pm with Refreshments to follow in the Scholar's Rest after. All welcome!

Committee Meeting » *The Hub* » 9th February 2015

Victorian Fun Fair » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 11th February 2015

This year we are taking part in Muscaillt's Victorian Fun Fair! We will be there on the day along with DisneySoc, Baking, Potter and many more!

We will be displaying some Victorian contributions to Archaeology and some Victorian discoveries in recent years.

See you on the day!

Committee Meeting » *College Bar* » 13th March 2015

North Wales Information Evening » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 18th March 2015

Short Information evening and meet-and-greet for all those coming on the society's international trip to North Wales

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North Wales Trip 2015 » *North Wales* » 30th March – 2nd April 2015 (4 individual events)

This year for the society's annual international trip, Arch Soc are going to the mystical land of castles and valleys also known as North Wales! It will be an academic trip so we will be guided around some of the well-known castle sites such as Beaumaris, Caernarfon and many prehistoric sites such as Great Orme mines!

A trip not to be missed!

Guest Lecture » *AC203 Concourse* » 15th October 2014

Mary Cahill of National Museum Ireland. Mary is a Bronze Age expert.

AGM » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 22nd April 2015

LAST meeting of the year everybody. If you enjoyed your Archaeology Society this year then come along to our Annual General Meeting where there will be positions on next year's committee up for grabs. They include: Auditor, Vice Auditor and many more! See you all then! Pizza and refreshments will be provided!

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Sarah Malone

Auditor: Michelle Rock

Vice-Auditor: Claire O'Neill

Treasurer: Lily Hullinger

PRO: Christopher Dunne

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Claire O'Neill

Secretary: Sarah Malone

Organisation Balance Sheet

Arch Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1564.92	Bank charge	€55.51
Balls	€1530	Society accommodation	€2396.96
Bank Charge	€9.5	Society transport	€2100
Socs box Till	€530	Speaker accomm	€223.95
USC Grant	€1750	Expenditure Total	€4776.42
		Closing Bank Balance	€608
Total	€5384.42	Total	€5384.42

Mission Statement

The Archaeology Society's mission is to bring to students of archaeology (and all other students) a broader range of knowledge in the archaeological field than they could receive from lectures alone. Through various guest lectures, field trips, and special events, we hope to supply all members with an enriched view of the world around them, both past and present, and even future.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our goals for the year are to host several lectures on a wide range of subjects relating to the field of archaeology, to plan a trip abroad that will give students an up close look at archaeological monuments and provide insight into this unique department and to host various low-key events aimed at bringing the society closer as a group.

Society Performance Reflection

The number of members we had at the end of this year was 203 students. It was a bit of a dip from previous years but we feel we managed to provide a good lecture series based around the curriculum of the different years that offer archaeology as a subject. We also managed to plan and execute an international trip to Wales and brought 19 students along with us.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

- We put on a total of 6 guest lectures of various archaeological themes which were a great success. Attendance was not great at the start of the year but we notice a pickup in the middle of semester 1.
- We managed to organize our international trip to Wales which was also a success and we believe brought a lot of interest to the society.
- One of the lecturers and former PHD students also came with us on the trip which helped some of the students get to know the archaeology department that bit better.

Greatest Success

We believe that for a small committee we are very proud that we managed to organize a wonderful trip to North Wales with an even more wonderful group of people. We feel we made strong connections with the various archaeology groups within Wales such as Cadw (The Welsh Heritage Department) and the hostel in which has invited us back to stay again.

Greatest Challenge

We found that we struggled with certain tasks such as getting the word out, our time keeping and getting stuff done in general as there was so few of us on the committee but in the end we got through it.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 202 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Art Soc

Art Society focuses on making art accessible to NUIG students. This year we held weekly classes at an affordable price. To give students time to work on their own ideas, we had free time each week, allowing the room and materials to be used. We also held events such as our Halloween mask making and face painting workshop, after which we had a joint screening with FilmSoc. We ended the year with our annual exhibition, which was held in Aras na Mac Leinn and showcased the work of our members.

Art Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

ArtSoc EGM » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac L » 24th September 2014*

This Wednesday is an extra special day because we're gonna be holding our EGM! We have some extra spaces on the committee that need to be filled and this will also be our first official meeting! It'll be in the Art Room (upstairs in the Aras na Mac Leinn) at 6pm!

If you're in any way interested in the society or feel like you'd like to help out this year with the organisation of the society then please come along and make yourself known! If you're not interested that's totally fine too, we'd love to see some new faces and get to know our fellow arty students! There will be FOOOD and lots of refreshing refreshments ;)

Art Classes » » *7th October 2014*

Weekly art classes taught by local Galway based artists. Each class costs 2 euro and materials are provided.

Free time » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 9th October 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 class » » *14th October 2014*

The 2nd of our series in illustration. Tickets 2 euro from Socs Box!

Free time » *The Art Room » 16th October 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, Aras na Mac Leinn » 21st October 2014*

Weekly art classes. Tickets are 2 euro from Socs Box and materials are provided!

Free time » *The Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd October 2014*

Drop in and use our materials to work on your projects and get to know other ArtSoc members!

Art class » *The Art Room » 28th October 2014*

Weekly art classes. Tickets are 2 euro from Socs Box and materials are provided!

Free time » *Art Room » 29th October 2014*

Drop in and use our materials to work on your projects!

Day of the Dead » *The Art Room » 30th October 2014*

This Thursday we're hosting our Halloween Day Of The Dead! Come to the art room for decoration and mask making, face painting, games and more! We even have a piñata... Tickets will be available on the day for 3 euro from Socsbox! Drop in at any point during the day!

Free time » *The Art Room » 5th November 2014*

Drop into the art room to work on your projects and meet other members!

Art class » » *11th November 2014*

Art classes. Tickets can be bought from Socs Box for 2 euro and all materials are provided!

Art class » » *18th November 2014*

Art classes. Materials are provided and tickets can be bought from Socs Box for 2 euro!

Christmas card making workshop! » *Art Room » 27th November 2014*

Use all of our materials for free and make your own personalized Christmas cards and decorations for your friends and family!

Free time. » *The Art Room » 3rd February 2015*

Drop into the art room and use out materials to work on your projects!

Art classes » *The Art Room » 3rd February 2015*

We're holding art classes. Tickets cost 2 euro from SocsBox. All materials are provided and everybody is welcome!

Art classes » *The Art Room » 10th February 2015*

Art classes! Tickets are 2euro from SocsBox and all materials are provided!

Free time » *The Art Room » 10th February 2015*

The art room is open for members to drop by and use the room and materials

Art classes » *The Art Room » 24th February 2015*

Art classes. Materials are provided and tickets are 2 euro from Socs Box!

ArtSoc free time » *The Art Room » 5th March 2015*

ArtSoc free time

Art class » *The Art Room » 10th March 2015*

Art classes are from 4-6 this week only. Tickets are 2 euro from SocsBox and materials are provided.

Free time with ArtSoc » *The Art Room » 12th March 2015*

Free time! Come in and use our materials to work on your stuff! We're preparing for our exhibition for the next few weeks so come in and get involved!

ArtSoc free time » *The Art Room » 18th March 2015*

Free time! Drop in to use out materials and get to know other members!

Art classes » *The Art Room » 19th March 2015*

Art class! Tickets 2 euro from SocsBox and materials are provided.

ArtSoc Exhibition » *The Foyer, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 23rd March – 26th March 2015 (4 individual events)*

NUIG ArtSoc is proud to present our annual exhibition Hallucination: The More I See, The Less I Know For Sure.

The exhibition open in Aras Na MacLeinn on Monday the 23rd and run until Friday the 20th of March. Featuring some of the best work of our members, it's a must-see event!

Join us at our opening where we'll have live music, guest speaker and the artists on hand to discuss their art, or stop by if you have a free hour during the week for a browse.

We hope to see you there!

Lots of love,

ArtSoc

Free time with ArtSoc » *The Art Room » 2nd April 2015*

ArtSoc free time from 2-4. Exhibition pieces can be picked up too!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Sophie Fitzpatrick

OCM: Amy Abrahams

Wise Old Woman: Grace English

PRO: Rachel Calvey

Travel Officer: Mataka Flynn

OCM: Olivia Brown

Secretary: Sarah Devaney

Vice-Auditor: Eabha McKeever

Treasurer: Greta Narkeviciute

Events organiser: Paul Kearney

Master of Arms: Daragh McGee

OCM: Stephanie Durney

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Daragh McGee

OCM: Eabha McKeever

Art Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2426.2	Bank charge	€62.72
Bank Charge	€9	Equipment misc	€50
Socs box Till	€430	Materials	€35.92
USC Grant	€500	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€37.5
		Reception	€88.84
		Socs Box Till Refund	€150
		Socs day expenses	€42.47
		Teacher fees	€690
		Expenditure Total	€1157.45
		Closing Bank Balance	€2207.75
Total	€3365.2	Total	€3365.2

Mission Statement

We aim to provide classes and creative opportunities for our members.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To make art accessible to NUIG students, and to provide classes and creative opportunities.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society continued to hold classes and provide a place for people to be creative.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we held classes and events to get students interested.

Greatest Success

Our exhibition encouraged students to be proud of their work and got a lot of people involved and enthusiastic.

Greatest Challenge

Arranging committee meeting that suited everybody and some issues with our treasurer.

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 518 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Art Soc		
<u>Mataka Flynn</u>	Wise Old Man/ Travel Officer	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Ashirbad

Ashirbad is a society/start-up charity which sends 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 were circulated in October and interviews held in January. Throughout the year fundraisers, nights out and information sessions were held. We also fundraised 3,000euro for the Nepal Earthquake Disaster in 2 weeks and created a partnership with a fell Irish Charity 'Edith Wilkins Street Children Foundation, India'.

Ashirbad Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Society AGM » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 10th September 2014

First Meeting of the year

Volunteer Information Session » *Aran na Mac Leinn* » 15th September 2014

Volunteer Information Session » *Aran na Mac Leinn* » 30th September 2014

Volunteer Information Session » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 4th November 2014

Volunteer Interviews » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 24th November 2014

Volunteer and Committee Meeting » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 29th December 2014

Volunteer Pre Departure Training » *Aran na Mac Leinn* » 28th February 2015

Volunteer Pre Departure Training » *Aran na Mac Leinn* » 1st April 2015

Committee Meeting » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 27th April 2015

Volunteer Pre Departure Training » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 15th May 2015

Committee Meeting » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 24th May 2015

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Eva-marie Costello

Vice-Auditor: Elizabeth Moon

Secretary: Eamonn Doran

Ashirbad Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	585.63	Reception	€300
Fundraising	€6823.5	Bank charge	€17.81
Sponsorship	€1000	Dinner	€36
USC Grant	€500	Fundraising / Charity	€7047
		Promotions	€80
		Expenditure Total	€7480.81
		Closing Bank Balance	€1428.32
Total	€8909.13	Total	€8909.13

Mission Statement

To provide volunteer programs for students in North-Eastern India.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To send two groups of students to Kalimping, West Bengal, India for a 2 month volunteer program.
- To respond regularly to queries via Facebook and email.
- To train the volunteers and introduce them to previous year's volunteers.
- To maintain and build the society profile.

Society Performance Reflection

- We are sending a group of 5 volunteers to India this summer.
- We started to build our website (www.ashirbad.org) and hope to complete this soon.
- We have developed our training programme and invited guest speakers also.
- We are maintaining the society via India Soc and are also in the process of registering as an Irish charity.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we achieved them all.

Greatest Success

The group of brilliant volunteers we are sending!

Greatest Challenge

Maintaining a presence in NUIG.

Other Information

We held 1 committee meeting during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 253 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Ashirbad		
<u>Shane Egan</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	20 hours	

Astronomy Society

Astronomy is the oldest of the sciences dating back as far as ancient Egypt and is a subject that fascinates people of all ages, with questions about what is out there and where did we come from.

The main aim of the Astronomy Society is to promote astronomy within the university and to make it accessible for everyone. The overall objective of this society is to promote astronomy both academically and recreationally for people who are interested and curious as to why it's relevant. Many people are curious to understand what astronomy is all about and we want to provide a resource whereby people can learn astronomy without any prior knowledge.

In the past year many events were held, like some episodes of the documentary "Cosmos" by Neil deGrasse Tyson and talks by

professors in the School of Physics. Together with these events, the main highlights of the year were the Rocket Building Competition and the Science Week, held in the first semester. In the second semester the society was involved in the organisation of the NUIG Student Astronomy Nights.

Astronomy Society Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

Introduction to Astronomy » Larmor Theatre, Concourse » 15th September 2014

Astro Soc's first talk of the year will be an "Introduction to Astronomy", given by our Vice-Auditor Lisa-Marie Browne. This talk takes place at 7pm on Monday the 15th of September 2014 in the Larmor Theatre on the Concourse. All welcome! :)

EGM and Screening of Cosmos Documentary » TBC » 1st October 2014

Astro Soc is holding our EGM with a screening of Cosmos after on 1st Oct 2014 at 7pm. We have a few new positions to fill so come along if you would like to get involved this year! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Global Week, Talk: Star Formation and Destruction by Dr. Matt Redman » McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse » 15th October 2014

How do stars form? What will happen to the sun and the solar system as it reaches the end of its lit cycle? Dr Matt Redman, the director for Centre for Astronomy, NUI Galway, will give a talk on the evolution of stars beginning with the birth of a young star, what happens throughout their lifetimes and how they eventually end in catastrophic destruction. Not to be missed! Refreshments will be provided!

Global Week: Rocket Building Competition » Physics Department, Room 220, Concourse » 17th October 2014

Astronomy Soc are proud to present a Rocket Building Competition!!!

Step 1: Go to the Socs Box and pay for your Astro Soc Rocket Building Kit!

Costs 25 euro and teams can be made up of 1-4 people.

Rocket building kit consists of the parts and instructions, engine (your team will get this on launch day), an egg, and some materials to decorate your rocket/egg and protect the egg!

Step 2: Build your rocket!

On Friday the 17th of October you will be given your rocket kit to assemble and decorate.

Time/ Place: 2-5pm, Physics Room 220

Number of team members: 1-4

Global Week: Rocket Building Competition » Tuam, Co Galway » 18th October 2014

Step 3: Launch your rocket! On Saturday the 18th of October you will be will given the egg and the engine for the rockets.

Time: Launching should start at approx 12.30pm. Place: A field outside Tuam, Co. Galway

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

Prizes: Prizes will be out of this world!!! Transport: We will try to organise a car pool or a bus. Please let us know ASAP so we can organise this! :) Bus will cost extra. Sign up and pay for your rocket building kit (25euro) at the Socs Box today!

Science Week » » 10th November – 15th November 2014 (6 individual events)

NUI Galway Astronomy Society in association with NUIG Societies is hosting the Societies Science Week from Nov 10th - 15th! Keep an eye out around campus for the program of events!!

Science Week: Talk on Comets » IT250, IT Building » 12th November 2014

On Wednesday, 12 November the European Space Agency will land the Philae probe onto the surface of comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko. Philae. To mark this astronomical occasion, NUI Galway will hold a special lecture given by Professor Andy Shearer, with a live demonstration of what a comet is, as well as describing the importance of comets to us on the Earth.

Science Week Party » College Bar & Chemistry (The Quays) » 13th November – 14th November 2014

Come join us at the College Bar to wrap up Science Week before everyone departs for the weekend! We'll be having finger food & refreshments in the College Bar followed by free entry to Chemistry club upstairs @ the Quays

NUIG Student Astronomy Nights » Imbusch Observatory, NUI Galway » 4th February 2015

In association with the Centre for Astronomy and Explore-NUI Galway's Student/Staff Innovation initiative, we will be holding our first ever Student Astronomy Night. The evening will consist of a short introduction to astronomy, a 3d tour of the universe and finish with a trip to the on campus Imbusch observatory for some star gazing! We will meet at 7pm in room 220 in the physics department on the concourse. Places are limited so please book a place by sending us an email to astronomy@socs.nuigalway.ie

Student Astronomy Nights » *Physics Department Room 220* » 18th February 2015

Introductory Astronomy session, 3d tour of the universe and a trip to the on campus Imbusch observatory!

Student Astronomy Nights » *Physics Room 220 (Through the green doors on the Concourse)* » 4th March 2015

3d tour of the universe and a tour of the Imbusch observatory! Places are limited...To book a place email us at astronomy@socs.nuigalway!
Places are filling fast so book in asap!

Student Astronomy Morning-Solar Eclipse » *Quadrangle Entrance* » 20th March 2015

NUIG "EXPLORE Student Astronomy Nights" are hosting a meet up to view the almost-total solar eclipse! We have solar shades to view the event safely so come along to have a look!

Astro Soc AGM!! » *Physics Department, Room 220 (Through the green doors on the Concourse)* » 25th March 2015

Astro Soc members are welcome to come along to our AGM, where we will be electing next year's committee! If you would like to become more active in Astro Soc this is the perfect opportunity to get more involved.

Science Week: Kerbal Space Program » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 10th November 2014

Don't worry, it's just rocket science. Design and build your ideal spaceship; launch it and watch it fail miserably, in the stellar game Kerbal Space Program. Can you make it to the moon? We have a few computers with the game installed, for anyone who doesn't have it. If you have your own copy, bring your laptop along and come play

Science Week: Film: Wall-E » *O Flaherty Theatre* » 11th November 2014

Together with Disney Soc: screening of Wall-E! Doesn't need much more explaining than that! Oh, and... there will be pizza!

James Hardiman Library's Special Collections 2014/5 lecture series, "O Silver Moon!" » *G011 Seminar Room, Hardiman Building* » 1st October 2014

On Wednesday Oct. 1st, the Special Collections Lunchtime Lectures Series 2014/5 will kick off with "O Silver Moon!", a talk by Prof. Mike Redfern, Professor Emeritus of the School of Physics NUIG

Seminar: "Astromaterial Sciences" Prof. Alexander Tielens » *Siobhan MacKenna Theatre, Arts Millenium Building* » 2nd October 2014

The School of Physics invites all Astronomy Society members to this seminar, entitled "Astromaterial Sciences" given by Prof. Alexander Tielens. This talk will take place in the Siobhan McKenna Theatre (Arts Millenium Building) on Thurs 2nd Oct at 3pm.
The speaker is Professor Alexander Tielens, who is an astronomer at Leiden Observatory, Leiden University, Netherlands. His field of study is that of large and complex, often organic, molecules found in interstellar space. In 2012, Professor Tielens was awarded the Spinoza prize, the most prestigious scientific prize in the Netherlands. He is the author of numerous scientific papers, as well as the influential textbook

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: James Barrett

Secretary: Letizia Mariotti

Event Officer: Amy Joyce

Poster Crew: Seamus Duffy

Treasurer: Eoin Cullina

Vice-Auditor: Christopher Todd

OCM: Cathal Sherlock

Writer: Claire Crotty

OCM: Ciaran McDonnell

Auditor: Laura Boyle

Equipment Officer: Wayne Doherty

Poster Crew: Ruairi Munnelly

Poster Crew: Alex Collins

OCM: Deirdre Ni Chonchubhair

OCM: Diarmaid De Burca

OCM: Michael Welby

1st year Rep: Cian O'Doherty

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Christopher Todd

Treasurer: Frances Synnott

**Centre for Astronomy
undergraduate liaison:** Sam Hickey

Vice-Auditor: Cian O'Doherty

Secretary: Maria Doverman

Centre for Astronomy postgraduate liaison: James Barrett

Astronomy Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	327	Affill/Mem fees	€40
Hoodies	€27	Bank charge	€54.87
Socs box Till	€75	Dinner	€428.75
USC Grant	€1500	Equipment misc	€126.74
		Reception	€100
		Expenditure Total	€750.37
		Closing Bank Balance	€1178.63
Total	€1929	Total	€1929

Mission Statement

To provide students with an outlet in which topics relating to Astronomy can be discussed, shared and explored. Members will have access to the campus observatory on scheduled outings and will be encouraged to attend various talks by visiting speakers within the college. Create links with the “Galway Astronomy Club”.

Main goal of this society is to promote Astronomy both academically and recreationally for people who are interested and curious as to what it’s all about. The society will benefit those who are currently studying the course ‘Physics with Astrophysics’, specifically providing these members with chance to socialize and share knowledge with students from different years of the course. Moreover, the society welcomes those who are new to the field of astronomy.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Astronomy is the oldest of the sciences dating back as far as ancient Egypt and is a subject that fascinates people of all ages, with questions about what is out there and where did we come from. The main aim of the Astronomy Society is to promote astronomy within the university and to make it accessible for everyone. The overall objective of this society is to promote astronomy both academically and recreationally for people who are interested and curious as to why it’s relevant. Many people are curious to understand what astronomy is all about and we want to provide a resource whereby people can learn astronomy without any prior knowledge.

Society Performance Reflection

The society performed well, in accordance with its mission.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We believe that we achieved our objectives.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 580 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Astronomy Society		
<u>Christopher Todd</u>	Vice Auditor	20 hours
<u>Laura Boyle</u>	Auditor	150 hours
<u>James Barrett</u>	OCM	40 hours
<u>Amy Joyce</u>	Events Manager	20 hours
<u>Deirdre Ni Chonchubhair</u>	OCM	75 hours
<u>Eoin Cullina</u>	Treasurer	75 hours
<u>Letizia Mariotti</u>	Secretary	100 hours
<u>Cian O'Doherty</u>	First Year Representative	31 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	511 hours	

Atheist Humanist

After a difficult start, and a change in committee in October, Atheist Humanist society had an enjoyable year. We kicked off by being involved with Science Week and screening episodes of Cosmos hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Cosmos caused quite a stir in the US due to there being no mention of god. We had a great reaction to the screenings and plenty of chat and debate afterwards! Socs day 2 seen us almost double our membership and one of those who joined suggested we organise a trip to Dublin for the Origins Project! Trinity College Dublin hosted The Origins Project. Presented by Richard Dawkins and Lawrence Krauss "The Origins Project Facilitates the creation of new knowledge by asking fundamental questions to better grasp our greatest challenges".

15 society members made the trip to Dublin, we had a fantastic time and even got to meet Richard Dawkins and Lawrence Krauss thanks to Michael Nugent of Atheist Ireland. We also had Pizza nights in The Large Acoustic room to allow our members to get to know each other. Compared to previous years we were a far more social society, instead of focusing on speakers and debate type events we had informal get-togethers. This allowed the committee to get to know more of our members and make new friends.

Atheist Humanist Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

EGM & Welcome Back » *The Space, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 16th September 2014

EGM to elect PRO and OCM positions. This is our first event of the year. There will be plenty of tea, chats and refreshments.

Science Week!!! *Screening of an episode of Cosmos* » *The Large Acoustic Room* » 11th November 2014

To celebrate Science Week, Atheist Humanist Soc are screening an episode of Cosmos hosted by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson. Pizza and refreshments, all are welcome!

Cosmos, 2nd episode » *The Space* » 18th November 2014

Due to the success of our event last week we are screening the second episode of Cosmos hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson. All are welcome.

Meet & Greet night! PIZZA!!!! » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 3rd February 2015

Come along to our Meet and Greet night for Semester 2! We are organising a trip to Dublin to attend an event called the Origins project. Tuesday 24th 7pm at Burke theatre, Trinity College Dublin: an Origins Project Dialogue. Lawrence Krauss and Richard Dawkins on Randomness and Uncertainty. So this will be a great opportunity to meet others going on the trip to Dublin. Pizza and refreshments!!

Trip to Trinity Dublin-Origins Project » » 24th February 201, 7pm

We are organising a trip to Dublin to see Richard Dawkins and Lawrence Krauss presenting the Origins Project in Trinity college,

Pizza night (post Dawkins & Krauss meet up!) » Large Accoustic Room » 24th March 2015

After our fantastic trip to Dublin on the 24th February for the Origins Project in Trinity College Dublin, we are meeting up to catch up with everyone who went on the trip and to show our photos to people who didn't make it!!! All are welcome for some pizza and chat.

AGM » Large acoustic room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th April 2015

It's AGM time! Please come along, all committee positions open. All members welcome to attend and vote for our new committee

SOCS DAY 2!! » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, » 14th January 2015

Socs day 2 will be happening in Aras na Mac Leinn today ! Make sure to call over to the Atheist Humanist stand to say hi and see what you can get involved with this semester! Any suggestions for events, movies or trips away are welcome!

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Tessa Morgenroth

Secretary: Aidan Kiely

Treasurer: Oliver Byrne

Auditor: Lisa Lavelle

Ordinary Committee Member: Stephen Doyle

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Lisa Lavelle

Vice-Auditor: Aidan Kiely

Secretary: Theresa O'Rourke

Organisation Balance Sheet

Atheist Humanist Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	390.61	Bank charge	€39.82
Bank Charge	€22.5	Entry fees	€274.96
Socs box Till	€375	Hire Bus	€318.65
USC Grant	€1600	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€99.9
		Received Money Returned	€90
		Reception	€136.56
		Society accomm	€46.35
		Socs day expenses	€7.82
		Expenditure Total	€1014.06
		Closing Bank Balance	€1374.05
Total	€2388.11	Total	€2388.1

Mission Statement

The Atheist Humanist society aims to promote rationality, ethics and secularism over superstition and supernaturalism.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The society is still new and had a rough start to the year when the new committee resigned and an EGM was called. The society has recently elected a brand new committee. Our main aim for the year is help grow the society and ensure its long term survivability. We aim to do this by increasing the profile on and off campus by hosting events and promoting ourselves on social media. We shall also hold a number of social events to create a rapport between the committee members and the membership and amongst the membership itself. This combined with the new committee we hope to ensure the longevity of the committee. Our other goal is to promote secularism, science, and rationality by hosting media screenings, debate and talks throughout the year.

Society Performance Reflection

We hosted a number of events including movie screenings and pizza nights to allow us to get to know our members better. We also hosted a trip to Dublin which was very successful.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we developed a strong rapport between ourselves and the membership through social events like pizza night.

Greatest Success

Our Trip to Dublin! We all had a great time at the talk itself and having the opportunity to meet Richard Dawkins and Lawrence Krauss afterwards was fantastic.

Greatest Challenge

Maintaining a society when although we have over 160 members we don't get members to come to events regularly.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 164 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Atheist Humanist		
Lisa Lavelle	Auditor	300 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	300 hours	

Baking Soc

This year, the Baking Society have thoroughly impacted NUIG's campus by promoting baking in a fun, imaginative way and has successfully become established as an innovative, friendly, exciting society.

We have created numerous exclusive events inspired by baking that are aimed at bakers at all levels, which reach out to students at all corners of NUI's campus. By actively working hard as a committee, we have successfully created a sense of community between our members, promoted ourselves as an established society that has been highly popular, and shown our members that baking is about so much more than what they expected. Regular committee meetings were held to brainstorm ideas for such events, as well as appealing to the society's members to share their ideas of what they would like to see the society do for them. We have held several collaborative events with other societies to reach out to alternative groups of people by bringing them events that mixed both our societies and the liaising society's interests together effectively. We also used popular social media

sites, such as Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to inform members and non-members of what are aims and plans were in each event, resources that were updated regularly to maintain interest and demand within the society. Effective use of student emails and eye catching posters also allowed us to spread our message. Overall, we feel that we have fulfilled our aims and objectives, as we have gained the interest of many students on campus in the society and have become flatteringly popular, we have received encouraging positive feedback and support, and we successfully promoted baking as an inclusive, exciting, creative activity.

Baking Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

Charity Bake Sale with the SVDP Society! » *Smokies » 9th October 2014*

Hey Lovelies!

We're teaming up with The Saint Vincent De Paul Society this Wednesday to hold a charity bake sale! The SVDP is a wonderful non-profit organisation which has done amazing work with those in need. All proceeds will be donated to charity and will be spent on a worthy cause! There will be plenty of yummy treats on sale, and all donations are welcome!

Global Week Baking from Around The World! » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 13th October 2014*

Have a sweet tooth? As part of Global Week, Baking Society presents you with plenty of scrumptious desserts and other yummys from countries all over the world! We'll also be showing tutorial videos of how our various foods were made on the day! Come and see us, and discover more about the baking culture spread across the globe! Hope to see you all there! <3

Cake Decoration Challenge! » *Meeting Room 1 » 15th October 2014*

Collaboration with Victorian Society, for a night of fabulous cake designs. Team up in groups to try and decorate a cake with all your skills. The winners receive a wonderful prize and everyone gets to eat the cakes afterwards with some tea.

Blind Bakery! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 12th November 2014*

We are hosting an exciting new event this week - Blind Bakery! We'll be giving you guys tasters of different yummys while blind folded, and seeing how many of them you can get right! We'll have plenty of prizes for the highest scorers! So pop over to us and enjoy the madness of our Blind Bakery! Don't miss out :3 <3

Bake Sale with Neuro Soc! » *Smokies » 12th November 2014*

We're having a bake sale in collaboration with Neuro Soc on Wednesday to raise money for Ger, a 27-year old NUIG graduate, who is recovering from serious spinal cord injury after a cycling accident. We'll have plenty of yummys for sale by donation to support such a worthy cause! See you all there Bakerinos! <3

Bake Sale for Geography Week - "The Geographies of Food" » *Araa na Mac Leinn Foyer » 17th November 2014*

Collaboration with CCFAS Society! We'll be holding a charity bake sale in aid of Gorta as part of Geography Week on campus! Come see us to support an extremely worthy cause and get a taster of our featured treats! Let's work together to make a difference to the lives of those in need. <3

SU Big Fat Bake Sale! » *Aras an Mac Leinn » 2nd December 2014*

Come and join Baking Soc and the SU for a fun-filled day of Alpaca Petting Zoos and Cake! The SU will have plenty of exciting activities provided, all free of charge in the love of baking! <3

Socs Day 2!! » *Bailey Allen Hall » 14th January 2015*

Come see us at the Baking Soc table for some yummy treats and goodies. Be sure to become a member of our society to receive exclusive details of our events for the semester :)

Bridesmaids Screening! » *Joseph Larmor theatre - concourse » 22nd January 2015*

Need a Back-to-College boost? Baking Society's here to beat the blues with our exciting special screening of Bridesmaids! We can't get enough of Annie's passion for baking; We love her dream of running a successful bakery! We'll have plenty of free goodies to indulge in during the movie, including cupcakes, popcorn, and tea! So, come join us this Thursday for a cinematic experience you won't forget! :)

Alice In Wonderland: A Mad Hatter's Tea Party! » *Aras an Mac Leinn, Meeting rooms and The View » 27th January 2015*

Take a trip to Wonderland with Baking Soc this Tuesday evening! We're teaming up with Disney Soc and Victorian Soc to bring you a night you won't forget! From candy floss to cookies, cupcakes to chocolate hearts, we'll have plenty of Alice in Wonderland inspired treats to tingle your taste buds. There'll also be PIZZA, TEA, and a CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN! After enjoying a wonderful and whacky tea party in our

Wonderland, there will be a screening of Disney's original Alice in Wonderland. The marvellous event is not to be missed!
Don't be late for this very important date! (Tick tock tick tock....) ;)<3

Bake Sale with Lit and Deb! » » 29th January 2015

Bake Soc are teaming up with Lit and Deb Society to bring you a wonderful array of colourful cupcakes!
All donations welcome! Be sure to check it out! :)

Bake Sale for the Irish Cancer Society! » *Smokey's* » 10th February 2015

Join us for some morning munchies as Baking Soc teams up with Cancer Society to bring you a wonderful array of treats! All proceeds go to the Irish Cancer Society, a very worthy cause indeed! :D

Baking Soc at the Victorian Fun Fair! » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn*, » 11th February 2015

Come visit Baking Soc at the wonderous Victorian Fun Fair! We'll be handing out tips on Victorian baking, we'll have tasters of some Victorian treats, and we'll have an array of marvellous Victorian tea! See you all here Lovelies!

Speed Dating! » *AC Rooms, on the Concourse* » 12th February 2015

Love is in the air as Valentine's Day approaches! <3 We're teaming up with Potter Soc, Disney Soc, Anime and Manga. Fan Sci Soc, Time Lord Soc, and many others to bring you fun-filled night of chatter and craic! :D There will be plenty of pizza and refreshments to go around. Make sure to come along! :D

Foosball Tournament and Screening » *The Hub and the Larmor Lecture Theatre* » 17th February 2015

Ready for some bake-tastic foosball madness? Get ready for Baking Soc's collaboration with Foosball Soc and the SSDP! We're hosting a fun-filled night, kicking things off with a foosball tournament at 6pm in the Hub! There will be prizes provided for winning contestants! We'll be showing a screening of the hilarious Pineapple Express in the Larmor Theatre (on the concourse)! Pizza, tea, and other yummy goodies are a promise! :D So be sure to come along! :D <3

Pancake Tuesday Treats! » *Smokie's* » 17th February 2015

Excited for pancake Tuesday? Here at Baking Soc, we can't wait! We'll be teaming up with the lovely Disney Soc to bring you guys some amazing afternoon pancakes at our stand in Smokie's! :D Pancakes will be on sale by donation for Disney Society

Healthy and Affordable Baking! » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 18th February 2015

Come see us at NUIG's Annual Health Fair! We'll be giving out handy tips and tricks on how to be the healthiest baker ever! Pick up one of our pamphlets and get healthy baking in no time! :D What more could you want? <3

Bake Sale! » *Smokey Joe's* » 9th March 2015

Looking for some afternoon nibbles? Come to our table on the concourse for some delicious treats to revive you from the Monday Blues! See ye all there Lovelies! :D <3

Seachtain Na Gaeilge: Irish Meet n' Greet! » *The View* » 9th March 2015

Come join the fun of Seachtain na Gaeilge with Baking Soc in our Meet n' Greet event! We'll have a dazzling array of traditional Irish baked favourites as well as tea and coffee and a bitta Gaeilge too! B

Chocolatey Mud Cake Workshop! » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 12th March 2015

Drumroll BOOM! Come along to Bake Soc's brand new exclusive event of fudgy, gooey, chocolatey madness! We're hosting a tutorial workshop on all you need to know on mudcakes! Cheap, easy, and quick to make, but taste oh so good!!! :D We'll provide all cooking equipment! We'll be making the mudcakes in mugs, if you can bring your own mug that would be cool! If not, we'll have spare ones! Bring all your friends and get ready for a fun-filled night that's not to be missed! :D <3

PotterFest » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn*, » 14th March 2015

Come join Baking Soc at our Magical Bakery at PotterFest 2015! We will dazzle you with our wonderful array of mystical, fantastical goodies, including Coconut Golden Snitches, Horcrux Cookies, Magical House Cupcakes, and Chocolate Frog Brownies! :D So bring your Hogwarts Cloak and magic wand and splendor in our Harry Potter themed bakery goodness! :D

Jungle Tea Party! » *The Cube* » 18th March 2015

Jungle leaves rustle Come along to Baking Soc's exclusive collab with Disney Soc and African Caribbean Soc! We bring you a dazzling evening of Jungle themed excitement! :D We will be kicking off the fun with a Jungle Themed Tea Party in our specially decorated jungle wonderland featuring animal inspired treats and goodies! We'll also have a jungle critter exhibit, where you can see some real life animals that live in jungle environments! The music will be in full swing courtesy of African Caribbean Soc's lively jungle inspired tracks and thrilling

dancing skills! :D Afterwards, we'll settle things down with Disney Soc's screening of Disney's classic The Jungle Book with pizza and refreshments! :D Tickets cost just 2 euro on the door, and all proceeds go to the GSPCA, a very worthy cause protecting animals and preventing cruelty if animals and breach of animal rights with amazing, outstanding efforts. :) Hope to see ye all there! Save the date! :D <3

Baking Soc's AGM! » *The View* » 14th April 2015

Love baking and delicious desserts? Enjoy working part of a proactive team? Are you creative, imaginative, and ambitious and would love to turn your wildest ideas into a reality? You belong to the Baking Society Committee of 2015/16! :D

Be part of one of NUIG's biggest societies! A number of committee positions will be up for grabs, including vice-auditor, treasurer, secretary, public relations officer, and of course, some lovely baking assistants! :3

All society training will be provided, so previous society experience is not essential ^_^ As a Baking Society Committee member, you will learn plenty of useful life skills, that are greatly valued by employers, university alumni, and most importantly, benefit you during your time studying at NUIG. Our meeting will consist of a committee election, followed by some tasty nibbles and treats and tea/coffee!

Be part of the magic! See you all there! :D e Love always, Baking Society Nuig xoxo

PotterFest » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn*, » 15th March 2015

Come join Baking Soc at our Magical Bakery at PotterFest 2015! We will dazzle you with our wonderful array of mystical, fantastical goodies, including Coconut Golden Snitches, Horcrux Cookies, Magical House Cupcakes, and Chocolate Frog Brownies! :D So bring your Hogwarts Cloak and magic wand and splendor in our Harry Potter themed bakery goodness! :D

Pre-Paddy's Bake Sale! » *The Foyer, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 16th March 2015

Baking Soc is here to tingle your taste buds this Monday! We'll have plenty of gorgeous treats for sale by donation in the foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn! :3

Socs Ball! » *Salthill Hotel Galway* » 31st March – 1st April 2015

BICS National Society Awards! » *Sheraton Hotel* » 16th April 2015

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: Alina Kijewska

Treasurer: Vivienne Hovenden

Secretary: Yewande Ajala

Equipment Supervisor: Ned Walsh-Roberts

Baking Assistant: Kayleigh Murphy

Baking Assistant: Chloe Murphy

Baking Assistant: Sinead O'Brien

Baking Assistant: Molly Nee

Baking Assistant: Niamh Ganter

Auditor: Sinead Ni Bhearra

Vice-Auditor: Victoria Libucha

Public Relations Officer : Daire Hickey McGovern

Baking Assistant: Aoife O'Brien

Baking Assistant: Alison O'Gorman

Baking Assistant: Tomas Freeman

Baking Assistant: Rachel Hawkins

Baking Assistant: Valentina Venturi

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Daire Hickey McGovern

Co-Treasurer: Szymon Urbas

OCM: Sinead Ni Bhearra

OCM: Vivienne Hovenden

OCM: Rachel Kelly

OCM: Aoife O'Brien

OCM: Thomas Creamer

OCM: Claire Moran

Treasurer: Yebo Xu

E&E: Ned Walsh-Roberts

OCM: Victoria Libucha

OCM: Niamh O'Neill

OCM: Aoife O'Brien

OCM: Ciaran Guy

OCM: Leah Freehill

Baking Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€28.88
Fundraising	€1467.38	Dinner	€74.98
USC Grant	€1130	Equipment misc	€40.5
		Fundraising / Charity	€1154.38
		Hoodies	€332.1
		Materials	€313.21
		Printing	€12.5
		Expenditure Total	€1956.55
		Cash In Hand	€10.77
		Closing Bank Balance	€630.06
Total	€2597.38	Total	€2597.38

Mission Statement

In the long term, we aim to bring people together whilst revelling in the creativity that baking can bring to people's lives. Through our society, we hope to share the skills and techniques that all members have learnt so that people can grow and nurture their love of the art of baking. We want to work towards inspiring the creative aspects of baking in all of our members in a comfortable environment where all members can feel at home.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Throughout the year we aim to:

- ~ Organise a variety of events that inspire our members to become more immersed in the creative aspects of baking.
- ~ Develop our abilities to work as part of a team and integrate our members with other societies by collaborating with various societies throughout the year for different workshops and events.
- ~ Host various bake sales throughout the year in order to raise funds to contribute to organisations and charities in our community.
- ~ Share and develop various baking skills through exploring and experimenting with new techniques.
- ~ Promote baking as a practical and enjoyable pastime that enables people to fuel their creativity.
- ~ To become more involved and contribute to the featured events hosted by the University itself.

Society Performance Reflection

Baking Society has done extraordinarily well, with 1033 members, 17 core committee members, and 24 exciting events. We are proud to know that, on reflection, our events ran smoothly and successfully, we progressively developed our society acquired skills through each event, and were a popular hit for those who attended. We appealed to different groups of people and to different interests, and ultimately created a universal sense of belonging and community within the university and the community of Galway. Our committee were dedicated, cooperative, and hardworking throughout the year, and functioned beautifully as the perfect committee. We collaborated with numerous charitable organisations and societies to raise much needed funds for well-deserved causes. The society were deeply involved in the on goings of the university, by partaking in events that involved people, of different professions, ages and skills, from all over campus. We have proved that baking isn't just an old-fashioned culinary art, and that it can be modern, interesting, easy to do, affordable on a student budget, and most of all, fun!

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We have thoroughly achieved our aims, objectives, and goals to an extent that we can hardly believe! Our aims of promoting baking on campus were very successful - We aimed to appeal to students in an engaging and creative way, and with the phenomenal response that we received, we are delighted with how the year turned out. As outlined in our society's objectives when applying for new society establishment, the baking society committee have gained valuable lessons and skills by working as a cooperative team. Through this, we have inspired the student of NUI in the more creative aspects of baking, we have collaborated with other societies and thus formed some very important society partnerships, explored numerous techniques in baking and shared them with our members and interested individuals in the community, and we have impacted the University's atmosphere by bringing something new and exclusive to the table! It really warms our hearts when we see people showing interest in the society and becoming active in the society's on goings. The fact that we have become so popular in the student community is flattering, and it has given us the determination to grow even bigger as a society next year!

Greatest Success

We would consider three main aspects to be the society's greatest success: 1. The society's success in enthusing students. 2. The society's success at raising much needed funds for charity. 3. The society's success at forming important society partnerships.

1. The society has proven to be successful in its popularity among the students of NUI Galway. Recipes have been shared, official society stickers and hoodies have been on demand, students have suggested event and fundraiser ideas, and the smiles upon the student's faces who attend our events makes up for the biggest success of our society!

2. This year, the society collaborated with numerous charities in order to raise much needed funds for those in need. We are proud of our efforts to raise every penny needed for a good cause. Each charity we chose to fundraise for has an important emotional or personal significance for our society's committee, which meant a great deal more to us, and it felt fantastic to be able to give back to society. We were very in demand this year regarding charity bake sales, as many charities and organizations contacted us requesting for fundraisers.

3. This year, our society has held numerous collaborative events with other societies, and thus we have formed some key society partnerships that we are confident will last for the society's years to come. We have also formed some important partnerships with some local bakery businesses around Galway, such as Red Velvet, Decobake, and Griffin's Bakery, all as part of our Bank of Ireland Bursary Award Winning event "The Bake-Tastic Bash" due to take place in September. These partnerships will enhance our work as a society and give us the fantastic opportunity of working with new people on exciting events!

Greatest Challenge

The society's greatest challenge this year was without question the lack of culinary facilities on campus. Sinéad, the auditor of the society, did her very best to gain kitchen access on campus for the society's committee to bake together for special events and to hold bakery tutorials and demonstrations. However, all efforts were futile as there were strict regulations regarding kitchen use on campus.

However, the society worked our way around this! These unfortunate situations didn't stop Baking Society from being the best they could be! We made use of the kitchen of the society's treasurer, Vivienne, who lived very close to NUIG. From here, all baked goods were transported to the Bailey Allen either by car or by foot within air-tight containers. For members of the society who wished to contribute baked goods to events, we encouraged them to drop them off to a committee member before the event so that all food could be stored safely and correctly in a fridge until the event starts (to avoid culinary hygiene breaches).

From here, Baking Society carried on their work without hassle. Next semester, when the society are approved for full society status and funding, we plan on purchasing 2 ovens and other culinary utensils and appliances to host our own bakery demonstrations and tutorials with our members!

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1029 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Baking Soc		
<u>Martha Ni Fhlatharta</u>	Baker	2 hours
<u>Sinead Ni Bhearra</u>	Auditor	600 hours
<u>Vivienne Hovenden</u>	Treasurer	450 hours
<u>Valentina Venturi</u>	Baking assistant	200 hours
<u>Rosemary James</u>	baker	100 hours
<u>Yewande Ajala</u>	Secretary	360 hours
<u>Daire Hickey McGovern</u>	Public Relations Officer	400 hours
<u>Aoife O'Brien</u>	Baking Assistant	100 hours
<u>Victoria Libucha</u>	Vice-Auditor	200 hours
<u>Richard Heavey</u>	Bake sale volunteer	5 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2417 hours	

Best Buddies

The Best Buddies Society is a society set up to create a more inclusive world for people with mental disabilities. We're affiliated with Ability West. Our aim to end the stigma surrounding people with mental disabilities and to create more awareness was met with positivity and open mindedness. As a member of the society you have the chance to volunteer with at the Ability West centre or you can be matched up with a buddy. A buddy is an Ability West service user. Having a buddy is one of the highlights of college life for many who volunteer. This year our society was more involved with the rest of the college than it had been in previous years. We strove to be the friendliest society on campus and this goal will also be set for next year. We had a number of social events throughout both semesters with the buddies including a table quiz, a Christmas party and many meet 'n' greets.

Best Buddies Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Meet and Greet! » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn » 6th October 2014*

Meet and Greet for the Best Buddies society. The meeting will take place in the Cube at 5:30 to 7pm on Monday the 6th of October. It will provide chance to meet with other volunteers and the new committee. Also, information about the societies aims and goals for the year.

Welcome Party » *Westwood hotel » 17th November 2014*

A party for all the volunteers who have been matched or who just want to come for the fun and meet the buddies. A debut for all the recently paired students and buddies to show each other off to their friends.

Christmas Party » *The Connacht Hotel » 25th November 2014*

A Christmas party with the GMIT Best Buddies Society and all the buddies to celebrate the season.

Candy Cane Sale » *Smokey's » 28th November 2014*

Selling Candy Canes to raise funds for the society ball at the end of second semester.

Training Day » *Hardiman Library » 20th January 2015*

A training evening for all the new volunteers. Mandatory if you want to volunteer with Ability West.

Matching Party » *Westwood hotel » 27th January 2015*

A matching party; a chance to meet the buddy you've been matched with for some fun, food and games and a chance for anyone who hasn't been matched yet to meet buddies and see if they get along especially well with any of them.

The Victorian Fair » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *11th February 2015*

We have a table set up for the fair with games and a puppet show. Games like ring toss, jar toss, and a competition to guess the amount of jelly beans in the jar. Winners received prizes and entry costs went towards the society funds.

Table Quiz » *The Harbour Hotel, Galway* » *19th March 2015*

A table quiz with the buddies in the Harbour Hotel.

Best Buddies Bake Sale » *Concourse, NUIG (Table B near Smokey's)* » *4th March 2015*

We will be holding a Bake Sale to fundraise for our society. There will be a variety of delicious treats perfect for those with a sweet tooth!

Best Buddies AGM » *AC215 (at the Bank of Ireland end of the concourse)* » *14th April 2015*

Best Buddies AGM

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Shane Broderick

Vice-Auditor: Niamh Johnston

Events Committee Officer: Amy Ni Fhearail

Events Committee Officer: Jana Ward

Events Committee Officer: Micaela Depinna

Assistant Secretary: Tracy O'Driscoll

Volunteer Liaison: Julie O'Connor

Secretary: Heather Robinson

PRO: Hannah Kindregan

Treasurer: Tara McIntyre

Events Committee Officer: Hannah Ahearne

Volunteer Liaison: Neil Kernan

Assistant Treasurer: Nicola Lynch

Events Committee Officer: Ceire Burke

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Hannah Kindregan

Treasurer: Tara McIntyre

PRO/Events/Safety Officer: Micaela Depinna

Vice-Auditor: Heather Robinson

Secretary: Neil Kernan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Best Buddies Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1471.04	Bank charge	€67.34
Bank Charge	€24.6	Entertainment	€300
Socs box Till	€628	Fundraising / Charity	€646
USC Grant	€575	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€108.5
		Prizes	€100
		Expenditure Total	€1221.84
		Closing Bank Balance	€1476.8
Total	€2698.64	Total	€2698.64

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to promote inclusion and confidence in people with Intellectual Disabilities, volunteers, and the greater community, on a one-to-one friendship basis.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- -To hold at least ten group events this academic year.
- -To assist Best Buddies and Ability West throughout the campus and wider community through awareness raising, fundraising and regular activity on campus.
- -To work with other societies in inter-society events throughout the year.
- -To increase awareness of Best Buddies Society and what we do throughout campus, by increasing membership and active volunteers.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did well this year in respect to previous years. We wanted to be more active on campus and I think this was achieved. We successfully spread the word about our society and met curious minds with friendliness and warmth. We really wanted to come across as a friendly society and I believe we did. All of our social events and fundraising efforts were hugely successful and anyone from the society who took part had a great time with us this year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

- We achieved most of the aims and goals listed above.
- We would've preferred to have held more social events throughout the academic year. Our activity on campus was regular enough with an even spread of events in each semester.
- The volunteers who completed training were matched and are currently assisting Ability West.
- We collaborated with one other society this year and we intend to do more next year. Dramsoc collaborated with Ability West and our members were encouraged to join but it wasn't a Best Buddies project specifically.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the bake sale we held at Smokey's. We raised €206 and we raised awareness for our society and our goals. Our friends told us that it was the best bake sale they'd ever seen. Our committee really came together and produced some lovely treats and everyone left our stall with smiles on their faces. At the end of the day when it was finished we took the remainder of our baked goods and handed them out free of charge to the staff and students sitting in Smokey's. The excitement and gratitude was so rewarding.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge is getting enough boys to sign up and get involved with the society. A lot of girls join but the ratio is quite unbalanced. We need more boys so that the male buddies have a chance at being paired with another boy too. It's more fair if we all have that freedom to choose.

Other Information

We held 10-2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 493 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Best Buddies		
<u>Micaela Depinna</u>	Volunteer, Events Officer	40 hours
<u>Evelyn Griffin</u>	Buddy	20 hours
<u>Amy Rossiter</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Erin Fawdry</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Julie O'Connor</u>	OCM and Volunteer	80 hours
<u>Caoimhe Carolan</u>	Volunteer	50 hours

<u>Rachel Fitzpatrick</u>	Volunteer	18 hours
<u>Ceire Burke</u>	Volunteer, Events Officer	55 hours
<u>Neil Kernan</u>	Volunteer, Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Roisin Power</u>	Volunteer	40 hours
<u>Eleanor Burke</u>	Volunteer	18 hours
<u>Adie Bourke</u>	Volunteer	16 hours
<u>Ben Murphy</u>	Best Buddy	15 hours
<u>Ruairi O'Muineach</u>	Volunteer	30 hours
<u>Tara McIntyre</u>	Treasurer	15 hours
<u>Amy Mannion</u>	Volunteer	32 hours
<u>Nicola Roche</u>	Volunteer	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	17 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	519 hours	

Bike Gang Society

We are an N.U.I Galway society for all who love cycling! The aims of the Society are to encourage cycling on campus and in Galway, to utilise The Ecospace to its full potential, as a place where cyclists and bicycle lovers can meet up. Our mission is to raise awareness of the health, social and environmental benefits of cycling. We are also concerned with cycling safety and aim to provide information on this to students. We collaborate with An Mheitheal Rothar, Galway's community bike workshop on a regular basis. Through our collaboration students have the opportunity to become more involved with local community organisations and projects.

Bike Gang Society Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

The first EGM of the Bike Gang Soc » Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 5th February 2015

Welcome all to our first meeting. We will be discussing exciting events and activities for the year to come, so fellow spokespeople, come and give us your input and ideas! We currently need a secretary for our committee to finally be complete!

So come all and come merrily to meeting room 2 in aras na macleinn, on Thursday the 5th feb from 5-6pm.

We will supply tea and cookies, because we're nice like that.

The Bike Gang Weekly meeting » An Mheitheal Rothar » 20th February – 13th March 2015 (4 individual events)

Get together! Exchanging ideas and coming up with the plans!

The An Mheitheal Rothar and Bike Gang Community Outreach Problem » An Mheitheal Rothar » 2nd February – 23rd June 2015 (9 events)

During the project volunteer bicycle mechanics made 9 visits to groups in the city. This included 7 primary schools, a collaboration with the Galway Community Circus to hold a Family Fun Day and one visit to the Eglinton Hotel, Galway's direct provision centre for families. During the visits students were involved in providing educational presentations on how to check your bike and keep it safe. All of the mechanics then serviced the bicycle of the children and community members. Over the whole project from February to June, approximately 442 bicycles were checked and serviced! While some problems would have been too time consuming to attempt during the visits, the children were given "Bicycle Sick Notes" for a free service to be provided at our workshop. The use of the sick notes saw a rise in the number of families visiting the Ecospace on campus and

learning about bicycle maintenance. In the longer term the project also provided the connections and experience for An Mheitheal Rothar and the Bike Gang to continue to offer maintenance visits to schools and community groups into the future.

Bike-curious Party » The Celler Bar » 3rd March 2015

We decided that it would be a great idea for all the people to get together and have some fun. As we are a new society it's good to meet each other in relaxed environment, and who knows make new friends!

Bike Trip » Connemara » 6th April – 7th April 2015 (2 individual events)

The Bike Trip will be leaving from the Community Bike Workshop on Monday 4th April at 9.30am and will last until Tuesday nightish.

The plan is to go 50km towards Connemara (50km can be done in 3 hours) and see where we are and decide where we should settle the camp. 50km is not a lot, but with a group, breaks and detours on smaller road we can expect to settle near under the West end side of Lough Corrib. Everybody should bring the necessary for camping (which will be decided once we are around our destination goal, surely on a public space) .

The weather will be cloudy but the forecast does not announce any rain but bring some rain gear and a maybe spare underwear...

The next day it seems easier to go South towards the coral beach and to head to Galway passing by Barna which is about 65 km instead of going around Lake Corrib which would be 15 more km. We are expecting to be back on Tuesday night but the timing will depend only on the rapidity of the group which depends on the number of people and the breaks (which will be taken depending on the will of the people once we started) so we might arrive earlier. Some food will be provided by the Bike Gang for Monday night but we should get some energetic food and lots of water for the way and maybe something more for the night (we could stop in small shops on our way). There will be a first aid kit for bike (and people too) in case of issues. Bring your bike earlier at the workshop if you think it needs oil or has a small issue.

Bike Trip » Connemara » 15th May – 17th May 2015 (3 individual events)

15th leaving from An Mheitheal Rothar (near the Cathedral) to go to Clifden

First night camping in Clifden, Leaving Clifden the Finnish Island after Lettermore in the East of Galway, Camp on the island. Go back straight to Galway on the last day of the trip so be sure to bring the necessary camping gear (tent and sleeping bag - don't forget the toothbrush and the toothpaste), water is really important, some energetic food is useful and more food for the BARBECUE in the camp.

We will have to stop in towns the second and third day to buy more food. Also bring warm clothes and rain gear, because it is Ireland and we never know. We will bring the necessary material for the barbecue and the fun, of course.

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Adam Borie

Vice-Auditor: Colin Sweeney

Auditor: Laura Klige

Treasurer: Andrew Shine

Public Relations Officer: Ellen McGrory

vice-secretary : Gaston Bellamy

Safety Officer : Dara Oliver

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Laura Klige

Treasurer: Andrew Shine

Secretary: Dara Oliver

Organisation Balance Sheet

Bike Gang Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€39.4
USC Grant	€500	Dinner	€35
		Equipment misc	€52.06
		Expenditure Total	€126.46
		Closing Bank Balance	€373.54
Total	€500	Total	€500

Aims, Objectives & Goals

1. To encourage cycling on campus and in Galway.
2. To utilise 'The Ecospace' to its full potential, as a place where cyclists and bicycle lovers can meet up.
3. To raise awareness of the health, societal and environmental benefits of cycling.
4. To raise awareness of cycling safety.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society just started up this February but we are happy with our achievements. All the people involved in this society have been really dedicated in everything what we have done. By far we have organised two bike trips, and a lot of the people have been participating in them and having a great time. We all feel that in the little time we have existed we have done great job in promoting cycling in college.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We did do a lot of what we had planned for our first half a year, but didn't get into promote safe cycling in college by organising the talks about that.

Greatest Success

We had two fantastic successes this year. We went on two bike trips to Connemara. Our members really enjoyed the weekend trips where we cycled and camped. It is a lot more fun to cycle as a gang! Everyone involved really looked after each other and no man was left behind. Our other great success came through our relationship with An Mheitheal Rothar, Galway's community bike workshop. As part of a collaborative community outreach project, students went to local primary schools and community groups. Over the whole project from February to June, approximately 442 bicycles were checked and serviced!

As a result more families are now visiting the Ecospace on campus and learning about bicycle maintenance. In the longer term the project has also provided connections and experience for An Mheitheal Rothar and the Bike Gang to continue to offer maintenance visits to schools and community groups into the future.

Greatest Challenge

The start was the greatest challenge because it was kind of scary of not knowing if we will get enough people for the society and if our constitution would go through. The getting everything up and running was hard, but we all got together and come out a great team.

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 70 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Bike Gang Society		
<u>Andrew Shine</u>	Helping to start up society	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	10 hours	

Biochemistry Soc

Biochemistry Soc aims to promote Biochemistry in business to educate Biochemistry students on the diversity of opportunities in Biochemistry, to enhance the academic learning experience of biochemistry students attending university by networking with likeminded people and by attending fun society meet-ups to inspire the biochemists of my generation. The highlight of the year was our Bullseye event.

Biochemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

First Meeting » TBC » 22nd January 2015

First Meeting and seeing who wants to be on the committee and making plans.

Bubble Soccer with the NUIG Biochemistry Society » Kingfisher Club, NUIG » 19th March 2015

We are having a 5 A-Side bubble soccer tournament!

Biochemistry Business Bullseye » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 14th April 2015

Biochemistry Business Bullseye Is the Biochemistry societies event of the year! Were having Inventors, Entrepreneurs, Bio-hackers, Geneticists, and Microbial Biochemists! Everything and everyone is attending this intercollaborative TED inspired event focusing on Science in Innovative business Applications.

Committee 2014/2015

Assistant Events: Omotoyosi Yakub

Vice-Auditor: Aisling Corrigan

Auditor: Laura Cunningham

Events : Dean McCole

OCM: Edel Browne

Secretary: Tara Ward

Treasurer: Jack Linane

Public Relations Officer: Jan Lunde

Assistant Events 2: Mark Watters

Committee 2015/2016

INCOMING SOC COMMITTEE 1: Zagros Barazenda

INCOMING SOC COMMITTEE 3: Ruairi O'Loughlin

INCOMING SOC COMMITTEE 2: Hazel Doorhy

INCOMING SOC COMMITTEE 3: Reece McWalter

Organisation Balance Sheet

Biochemisty Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Openina Bank Balance	407.14	Bank charge	€39.28
Socs box Till	€325	Dinner	€100
		Hall hire	€105
		Prizes	€100
		Reception	€45
		Services Hired	€350
		Expenditure Total	€739.28
		Closing Bank Balance	€-7.14
Total	€732.14	Total	€732.14

Mission Statement

- To help foster a spirit of innovation and collaboration between all members young and old of the Biochemistry Discipline in the University.
- To promote Biochemistry in business to educate Biochemistry students on the diversity of opportunities in Biochemistry, to enhance the academic learning experience of biochemistry students attending university
- To throw fun society meet-ups to inspire the biochemists of my generation.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Ted talks and movie showings
- Soccer tournament fundraiser
- Bake sale fundraiser
- Big event: Biochemistry business Bullseye

Society Performance Reflection

Overall the society did well. We completed all of our goals laid out in our plan and constitution.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we held 4 events, a pizza and film night, a pizza and Ted Talks night, a large promotional event called Biochemistry bubble soccer tournament, and we held Biochemistry Business Bullseye and event which brought top class speakers to the students of NUIG.

Greatest Success

We have now gotten enough interest from younger years that we have a team lined up for the new society in September. That was what both myself and the USCG team wanted most for Biochem soc to survive to last another year.

Greatest Challenge

Biochemistry Bubble soccer, as we had to switch bubble soccer companies last minute when we sold 65 tickets this drove our costs up uncomfortably.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 108 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Biochemistry Soc		
<u>Omotoyosi Yakub</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Mark Watters</u>	Event Organiser	7 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	12 hours	

Biomedical Science

As a Biomedical society, this year our committee was composed of all biomedical science students who had the aim for the society of developing internal relationships between the various years and also to raise awareness and fundraiser for a variety of issues throughout the year.

Biomedical Science Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

EGM » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 1st October 2014

We are holding an EGM to elect a new committee and to make plans for the year ahead! New members welcome.

Biomed Soc Meet and Greet » *College Bar* » 12th November 2014

Raffle with proceeds going to the Geraldine Lavelle Trust and a chance to meet other members of Biomed Soc!

Run For Ger Fun Run/Walk » *On campus* » 16th November 2014

Fun run in aid of the Geraldine Lavelle Trust

Valentine's Fundraiser in aid of CRY » *Concourse Beside Smokeys Cafe* » 12th February 2015

We will be at the table beside Smokeys raising awareness and funds for the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). There will be some heart shaped sweeties etc for anyone who donates!

Biomed Soc Movie Night with FREE PIZZA » *TBC* » 10th March 2015

Biomed soc are planning on showing a movie this Tues at 7.30 pm. Come along, meet the other soc members and enjoy some free pizza!

Lollipop Day in aid of Oesophageal Cancer Fund » *Table beside smokies* » 12th March 2015

Biomed Soc are raising awareness and selling lollipops and pins in aid of the Oesophageal Cancer Fund. Come along and buy a yummy lollipop!

Biomed Soc Movie Night with FREE PIZZA » *TBC* » 26th March 2015

Rescheduled biomed soc movie night with FREE PIZZA!! Come along, watch a movie and get to know the biomed soc members! :)

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Ciara Murphy

Secretary: Cliodhna Myles

PRO: Adrian Lyons

1st Year Rep: Alice Shally

4th Year Rep: Edel Hughes

OCM: Fiona Cronin

Safety Officer: Laura McArdle

OCM: Ciara Clarke

1st Year Rep: Erica Holmes

Vice-Auditor: Ciara St Ledger

Treasurer: Clare Kennedy

PRO: Mohamed Mohamed

3rd Year Rep: Niamh Brogan

4th Year Rep: Finbarr Conroy

OCM: Meadhbh Ni Fhlatharta

OCM: Aoife Gilmartin

Speaker Covener: Sarah Shannon

OCM: Reiltin Ni Theimhneain

Committee 2015/2016

Committe member: Ciara Murphy

Committee member: Sarah Shannon

Committee member: Niamh Brogan

Committe member: Alice Shally

Committee member: Fiona Cronin

Committee member: Erica Holmes

Biomedical Science Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	294.15	Bank charge	€40.69
USC Grant	€200	Entertainment	€86
		Fundraising / Charity	€91.8
		Socs day expenses	€7.2
		Expenditure Total	€225.69
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€53.5
		Closing Bank Balance	€268.46
Total	€494.15	Total	€494.15

Mission Statement

To connect the biomedical students of the university together.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the Society shall be:

- Try to unite the classes of Biomedical Science within the 4 year groups
- Ensure the return of Organ Awareness Day

Society Performance Reflection

We raised a good bit of money for various charities. However there were more fundraising events than events to connect the various years which we will work on next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved our aim of hosting various fundraisers and awareness events.

Greatest Success

We brought lollipop day in aid of oesophageal cancer to NUIG.

Greatest Challenge

Trying to get all years to come together for an event.

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 118 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Biomedical Science		
<u>Niamh Brogan</u>	3rd year Rep	25 hours
<u>Edel Hughes</u>	4th year rep	35 hours
<u>Ciara St Ledger</u>	Vice Auditor	60 hours
<u>Ciara Murphy</u>	Auditor	65 hours

<u>Clare Kennedy</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Meadhbh Ni Fhlatharta</u>	OCM and Signator for Treasurer	8 hours
<u>Finbarr Conroy</u>	Committee member - 4th Year representative	20 hours
<u>Clíodhna Myles</u>	Secretary	55 hours
<u>Erica Holmes</u>	1st year rep	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	338 hours	

Botany Soc

Botany society this year had a fantastic committee of students from different years. We all had so much fun in making new friends through it, gaining experience in business aspects and improving our social skills by inviting speakers from different countries and partaking in advertising. This year we, as Botany society, had an aim to change the way people see botany and everything plant related. We were determined to attract a broader range of people from different areas of interest. We also hoped to spark an interest in people who may not have considered it before.

As a society we had a huge improvement from last year, by successfully planning more events, especially our range of speakers and workshops as well as a great day out with the wild mushroom hunt. As the year progressed we auspiciously noticed an increasing number of people attending our talks as we improved our skills in public relations and working together to get word out to all of our members.

We are excited about next year and the years to come as we have generated more interest in people for joining our committee. We even have some events lined up for next year already and have many ideas for the future.

Botany Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Mushroom Hunt » *Aras de Brun, 3rd floor, Mairin de Valera Seminar Room and Clonbur Woods* » 19th October 2014

Mushroom Ecology & Edibility

- a talk and walk with Cesare Morciano

Become familiar with the most important edible species, their habitat and ecology, and distinguish from closely related poisonous species. This event is suitable for all level of knowledge, or lack thereof!

Tickets 10 Euro (max. 15 people) on sale Monday 9.30am until Friday 1pm, first come first serve.

Wild Mushroom Hunt » *Clonbur, Co. Galway* » 2nd November 2014

NUIG Botany Society presents: Mushroom Ecology & Edibility - a talk and walk with Cesare Morciano.

Become familiar with the most important edible species, their habitat and ecology, and distinguish from closely related poisonous species.

Meet in the Mairin de Valera seminar room, Aras de Brun at 10.00am for the pre-talk and then a trip to Clonbur woods.

Food from the Hedges - winter time foraging. » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Rm, Aras de Brun.* » 6th November 2014

Food from the Hedges - winter time foraging.

A talk (and demonstration) about how to use common hedgerow plants in your diet.

Hippie Night » *Kelly's Bar - Galway* » 12th November 2014

BotSoc party with a hippie theme, games, and prizes for the best hippie costume!

Plants in Space: The Irish Connection » *Aras de Brun Seminar Room* » 5th February 2015

Talk by Dr. Gary Stutte, Senior Scientist and Principal investigator with Dynamac Corp. at The Kennedy Space Centre, USA. Refreshments provided.

AGPs cross - Talk on Arabidopsis Pollen-pistil Interactions » *BPS Seminar Room, Top floor of* » 23rd February 2015

Dr. Silvia Coimbra from The University of Porto, Portugal will be joining us to talk about her work on AGPs & cross-talk in Arabidopsis Pollen-pistil interactions. It really is going to be thoroughly interesting and no prior knowledge on the subject will be required to enjoy it, just a good healthy appreciation for Science, and who doesn't love science?! The talk starts at 6PM upstairs in

Growing Faster isnt Always Better » *seminar room (C315b), top floor of Aras de Brun* » 12th March 2015

Ever wondered if a tighter regulation of ribosome abundance would correlate with increased plant growth?! if yes, you're a plant biologist and should definitely attend this talk, and if you haven't, come along and find out why!

We are delighted to host Dr Hirofumi Ishihara of The Max Planck Institute, Berlin to give a talk on his work on Plant molecular physiology.

The talk promises to be light yet quite intriguing, with no prior knowledge of Plant Biology required, just a healthy appetite for science!

Refreshments @ 5:30PM, Talk @ 6:00PM followed by afters in The Scholars Rest, Galway Bay Brewery. ALL ARE WELCOME :)

Seagrasses and their Global Importance » *Top Floor* » 26th March 2015

We here at BotSoc are delighted to welcome Pedro Beca Carretero, BPS postgraduate student with Dr Dagmar Stengel, to give what promises to be a fantastic talk on the global importance of Seagrasses. You really don't need to be a plant biologist to appreciate this thoroughly interesting topic. Anyone and everyone with an interest in science should definitely come along!

Refreshments at 5.30

Talk at 6pm Followed by beverages at the Scholar's Rest - Galway Bay Brewery All very much welcome

Bryophytes Workshop » *First Year Biology Lab on the Concourse* » 28th March 2015

Introduction to mosses and liverworts with Dr Rory Hodd. Learn how to identify some of the common bryophytes on the NUI Galway campus. Tickets available in SoxBox

BotSoc AGM and free Pizza Extravaganza! » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 21st April 2015

Hey everyone! Come join BotSoc for our Annual General Meeting for some pizza, some refreshments and some other nibbles. We are going to elect a new committee for the coming year, talk of our achievements this year and see what's in the pipeline for BotSoc.

It's been one helluva year for the BotSoc Crew and we enjoyed every bit of it, so we can't wait to welcome our new committee and see what exciting things the future holds. Looking forward to seeing ye all Tuesday :)

Zinc deficiency response and heavy metal hyperaccumulation: two sides of the same coin » *BPS Seminar Room, Top floor of* » 21st April 2015

NUIG BotSoc are delighted to host Professor Mark Aarts of the Wageningen University and Research Centre, Netherlands. Professors Aarts' research aims to unravel and understand the molecular basis of plant adaptation to their abiotic environment. How plants respond to heavy metal accumulation and Zinc deficiency pose an interesting correlation and this is the basis of his seminar. It promises to be a very interesting talk to both plant scientists and everyday enthusiasts alike so please join us one last time this year!

There will be refreshments and nibbles served for 5:30PM with the talk taking place at 6:00PM followed by some further refreshments and good times in The Scholars Rest afterwards. All are welcome, can't wait to see ye guys at it. :)

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Phil O'Shaughnessy

Treasurer: Sarah O'Loughlin Irwin

PR Officer: Deirdre Lynch

Secretary: Louise Ryan

Vice-Auditor: Christy O'Toole

Safety Officer: James Owens

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Louise Ryan

Contact: James Owens

Secretary: Stephen Corrigan

Liaison officer: Peter Ryder

OCM: Conor Blunt

OCM: Sarah O'Loughlin Irwin

Vice-Auditor: Deirdre Lynch

Treasurer: Conor Mullins

PR officer: Laura O'Sullivan

OCM: Phil O'Shaughnessy

OCM: Christy O'Toole

OCM: James Friel

Botany Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	36.26	Bank charge	€37.80
Socs box Till	€148	Dinner	€394
USC Grant	€2000	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€287.74
		Reception	€45.67
		Society transport	€60
		Speaker accomm	€390
		Speaker travel	€534.2
		Teacher fees	€200
		Expenditure Total	€1949.41
		Closing Bank Balance	€234.85
Total	€2184.26	Total	€2184.26

Mission Statement

The Botany Society of NUIG was created as a hub for likeminded individuals to gather and share their interest in plant related topics.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The Society serves as a medium to host workshops, talks and other events directly related to the field of Botany for society members and the public alike. Our main aim is to promote interest and increase understanding of ongoing research and current topics. Our goals for the year are to host captivating talks, interesting workshops and exciting trips away.

Society Performance Reflection

We successfully hosted many talks and some workshops. The year was a learning experience in many ways, with none of the committee having previous societal experience; we worked hard for everything to go to plan as much as possible. Unfortunately we did not manage to organize our trip away to the botanical gardens as originally planned, but we hope the remaining and new committee will be able to do this next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Our aim from the beginning was to host as many interesting events as possible to incorporate a wide range of interests among our members. This was certainly achieved through some aspects from days out like the Mushroom hunt and the talk about plants in space to very detailed talks about research. We also attained a full committee which was one of our main goals in order to ensure the society ran smoothly by acquiring as much help and creativity as possible.

The increase in people attending the events we presented elucidates how we have managed to reach to more people and grab some more members attention. This was one of the most satisfactory achievements among the committee.

Greatest Success

The turnout for the AGM we held in April really elucidated our greatest success and confirmed that we had achieved the goal we set out from the beginning; to improve the society in a way that would encourage others to join us and gain an interest as well. We achieved a full committee for next year and we were all delighted to expand our committee. There has been an increasing interest in this society since September, not only from students and faculty but from organisations e.g. The Botanical Society of

Britain and Ireland (BSBI), Conservation Galway etc., experienced botanists and other colleges. We have also gained the interest of other societies with whom we have been speaking with about collaborations for next year. All of these successes prove that the society is growing and that we are on the right track.

Greatest Challenge

The society started off quite slow and we really would have liked to present and arrange more events, but attaining a full committee and finding times that everyone could attend meetings was difficult at the start. Even throughout the year, because we are all students from different years, it still proved to be difficult to get everyone in the same room at times! Although this was a slight problem, events were still arranged despite our busy schedules and we pulled through on many occasions.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 136 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Business Society

We here at the Business Society aim to get more students thinking about business and opening their mind to new ideas. We aim to educate students of NUI Galway that have an interest in any form of business and want to hear from people outside of the lecture hall, people that have had real life experiences in the workplace. We want to bring people of similar minds together and help our members develop academically and personally. We establish links with outside businesses in order to echo the original ethos of the society.

Business Society Events

This year the society held a total of 35 events.

Bizsoc Committee Meeting » *AC215 (at the Bank of Ireland end of the concourse) » 15th September 2014*

A big welcome to all the new members that signed up on Socs day! Come along to the Bizsoc's committee meeting on Monday where we will be discussing the events and ideas we have for the year! We are looking forward to welcoming our new members into the society and have some committee positions that need to be filled for the year.

Weekly Meeting » *AC215 (at the Bank of Ireland end of the concourse) » 22nd September 2014*

Assassins » *NUI Galway Campus » 24th September – 25th September 2014*

Assassins: Bizsoc are running a campus wide event this week and we welcome all students to participate. Call down to the Concourse at 10 o'clock on the Wednesday. There we take your photo and your student number. When you come back to us at 2 o'clock we will have an envelope with someone else's photo and student ID and you will have 24 hours to track down your target. When you track down your target you will take the photo of the person that they were looking for and any other photos of people that they had theoretically assassinated. The person with the most student photos will be the winner and Galway's most successful assassin!! Excellent prizes courtesy of Electric and 44 up for grabs.

BizSoc Amplify Live » *Electric Garden & Theatre and Halo Nightclub » 25th September – 26th September 2014*

To celebrate Guinness Amplify we are hosting a "SuperClub" event in Electric and Club44.

This is not a ticketed event.

Global Week Oisín Browne Talk » *O'Flaherty theatre JOSEPH AITKEN » 13th October 2014*

Tonight's talk is in the O'FLAHERTY Theatre.

Free admission and Free refill pads for everyone that attends

BizSoc presents: A night with Galway franchises » *Darcy Thompson Theatre on the concourse* » 20th October 2014

BizSoc brings you a night with Galways leading Franchises;
Pat Coen- Regional franchise manager of Fastway Couriers West
Kevin Nugent- Founder of Mr Waffle
Niall murphy - Founder of the The Galway Roast
And Cathal Keogh from Mocha Beans

With all leading extremely successful businesses it promises to be an interesting and insightful night.

Everyone welcome.

FREE admission and FREE refill pads for all who attend.

BizSoc; Truth or Dare » *Smokies Caf* » 29th October 2014

Are you brave enough to play BizSoc Truth or Dare?

Free to play and prizes for best truth and dare!

TINDER PARTY TICKET SALES » *Smokey's cafe, Concourse* » 10th November – 12th November 2014 (3 individual events)

BizSoc will be at Smokies selling tickets for Galways FIRST TINDER party in Club44 on Wednesday the 12th

Look out for the BLUE BizSoc Hoodies!!

Cope Sleepout » *Outside James Hardiman Library* » 12th November – 13th November 2014

Students are braving the elements this Wednesday in aid of COPE Galway. COPE Galway offers many social services including homeless services, domestic violence services and services for older people. Bizsoc committee members will be at the tables in smokies collecting money for the charity during the week.

GTI Make-Up Night » *College Bar* » 12th November 2014

We are delighted to have the GTI Make-Up Class come in and give us a crash course and let us in on all the make-up secrets.

GALWAYS FIRST EVER TINDER PARTY » *Galway* » 12th November – 13th November 2014

BizSoc and EntreSoc bring you Galways FIRST EVER TINDER PARTY! tickets on sale all week from our BizSoc reps and at the tables at Smokies! DON'T MISS OUT!

Commerce Coffee Morning in Friars » *Friars Restaurant, Cairnes Building, NUI Galway* » 12th November 2014

A great chance to sit down with your lecturers in a relaxed environment and ask any question you feel they can help you with.

Come along and bring a friend.

Wristbands for the Christmas Day After Party » *Smokey Joe's, Concourse* » 19th November 2014

Wristbands on sale for the after party of College Bar Christmas Day.

Christmas Day After Party » *Electric/Halo* » 20th November – 21st November 2014

The official after party of NUIG Christmas Day

Christmas Day » *College Bar* » 20th November 2014

NUIG Christmas Day in aid of Console and BelongTo

CHRISTMAS MORNING SWIM » *Salthill* » 20th November 2014

Leaving the Quad at 10am!

College Christmas Morning Swim in aid of Console and BelongTo

Thrift Shop » *Electric/Halo* » 26th November – 27th November 2014

Draiocht bring you a THRIFT SHOP in 44, in collaboration with BizSoc. Tickets available from Socs Box and all money goes straight to the charity if tickets bought in advance.

How To Sell » *The Ardilaun Hotel* » 2nd December 2014

Howtosell.ie Sales seminar with 3 of the Dragons from RTE's Dragon's Den

Final B.Comm Commerce Ball Ticket Sales » *Baily Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 12th January 2015

Final B.Comm advance ticket sales for the commerce Ball

Commerce Ball Ticket Sales » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 13th January 2015

Commerce Ball ticket sales. Hall opens at 6am

Commerce Ball » *Radisson Blu Hotel Galway* » 28th January 2015

Celebrating 10 years, BizSoc presents the Commerce Ball.

Line-up:

SIGMA

Smash Hits

Booka Brass Band

James Kenny

#CommBall15

BizSoc and College Bar Presents: So Sue Me » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn*, » 3rd February 2015

BizSoc and College Bar proudly present Suzanne Jackson/ So Sue Me for a special evening in the Bailey Allen Hall.

Open to everyone.

Student tickets

BizSoc's Surprise Adventure » *Destination Unknown* » 6th February – 9th February 2015 (4 individual events)

Bizsoc bring 28 lucky students on a surprise adventure.

The World's Hardest Table Quiz » *Collage Bar* » 2nd March 2015

Bizsoc are very proud to present the worlds hardest table quiz. This will probably be the most craic table quiz you will go to, ever. Yes there is a stupid amount of prize money up for grabs for answering a few questions so why wouldn't you enter? Just message the page if you would like to reserve a table. 4 to a table. Free finger food on the night.

All proceeds will be given to a charity of the winner's choice.

Monday the 2nd of March in the college bar.

With who? Special guest host(s) Ross McLoughlin

Brand Army Recruitment » *CA005* » 5th March 2015

A promotional team called Brandarmy and are looking to build a community of amazing brand ambassadors in Galway for the spring the summer months. They are holding interviews with students on campus on these dates.

Brand Army Recruitment » *CA005* » 6th March 2015

A promotional team called Brandarmy and are looking to build a community of amazing brand ambassadors in Galway for the spring the summer months. They are holding interviews with students on campus on these dates.

Microsoft Excel Course » *TO BE ANNOUNCED* » 10th March 2015

Bizsoc are running 4 Microsoft Excel workshops. The workshops will be free and will run for the next four weeks with the first session this Tuesday. Places are limited so be sure to email bizsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie to reserve a place. People signing up need to be able to commit to all four sessions.

The Furthest Fiver » *Galway (citywide)* » 11th March 2015

In teams of no more than 4 students are given 12 hours to turn €5 into something much more. Each team starts with €5 and then invest that €5 in something. For example, they could buy a loaf of bread and some ham and then sell the sandwiches at a profit. They can then use this profit to buy hats, scarves or umbrellas (if they're smart they'll take note of the weather) and sell these at a mark-up. When the day is finished and time runs out the team that made the most money will win. All receipts along with a report of how the money was spent must be submitted to be in with a chance of winning. We will offer a cash prize of €1000 to the winning team.

Business Society AGM » » 16th April 2015

Our AGM will take place this coming Thursday the 16th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in running for a position for 2015/2016 please email bizsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie for more information. Feel free to come along and bring a friend.

The positions available are:

Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Secretary

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Graeme Curtin

Treasurer: Brigitte O'Connor

Public Relations Officer: Cian McLoughlin

Auditor: Tracey Brady

Secretary: Sinead Kilgarriff

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Cian McLoughlin

Secretary: Niamh Keane

Vice-Auditor: Graeme Curtin

Treasurer: Dermot Murphy

Public Relation Officer: Jessica Daly

Strategic Director: Tracey Brady

Organisation Balance Sheet

BizSoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	-1157.77	Ball	€48201.8
Balls	€5523	Bank charge	€332.21
Fundraising	€525	Costumes	€2350.07
Members Contributions	€6710	Dinner	€431.6
Socs box Till	€9268	Entry fees	€298.15
Sponsorship	€8431	Equipment misc	€121.76
Ticket Sales	€47165.5	Fundraising / Charity	€2702
USC Grant	€5500	Gifts	€10
		Makeup/Props	€70
		Materials	€1143.81
		Prizes	€1560
		Society transport	€7603.86
		Speaker accomm	€613.6
		Stationary	€362.64
		Teacher fees	€1160
		Expenditure Total	€66961.52
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€15003.21
Total	€81964.73	Total	€81964.73

Mission Statement

To work with students, the college and the wider business community in Ireland to promote business thinking among students and to help students develop into focused business leaders with the aid of the society and our contacts.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

-Weekly meetings

-Commerce Ball in January 2015

- International Mystery Tour in February 2015
- Business driven events - Fantasy Stock Exchange
- The Apprentice
- The Furthest Fiver
- Establish links with the Cairnes Business School
- Offer grinds to students coming up to exams
- Collaborate more with other societies
- Run more charity events to raise money and awareness - Christmas day swim
- Christmas day in College Bar
- Christmas shoe boxes
- Breakfast benefit - many more to be confirmed
- Send representatives to Student Slingshot to represent the Bizsoc and to network with future contacts
- Develop contacts with outside businesses ie Business & Professional Women's Organisation
- Organise a business society conference with other business society representatives from universities around Ireland
- Develop a training scheme for incoming committee members in March
- To leave next year's committee financially sound

Society Performance Reflection

This year we were faced with some massive financial issues from the very start. After a lot of hard work, long hours and persistence we were able to pull ourselves out of debt.

One of the main objectives for the year was to make the society more approachable and be known for having a positive impact on campus with students and faculty members. We feel we achieved this and look forward to building on this more next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Our main goals were to be financially stable and to hold events/ workshops which were beneficial to the students. We believe we achieved this.

Greatest Success

Christmas Day in College Bar

Greatest Challenge

Being in such a good financial situation after starting with such debt

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1572 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Business Society		
<u>Fiona O'Connor</u>	School of Business Liaison	15 hours
<u>Barry Judge</u>	Health and Safety Officer	40 hours
<u>Tracey Brady</u>	Auditor	1100 hours
<u>Dermot Murphy</u>	Chief Sponsorship Officer	150 hours
<u>Bronagh McManus</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	40 hours
<u>Micheal Murphy</u>	Sponsorship Officer	150 hours
<u>Paul Carty</u>	Membership Officer	60 hours
<u>Aislinn Carey</u>	Active Member	20 hours

<u>Karen Burke</u>	Society Member	18 hours
<u>Brigitte O'Connor</u>	Treasurer	1000 hours
<u>Jessica Daly</u>	Ordinary Member	50 hours
<u>Maeve Leonard</u>	Society volunteer	15 hours
<u>Aine O'Dowd</u>	OCM	30 hours
<u>Niamh Gardiner</u>	Society Member	18 hours
<u>Emma Wallace</u>	Volunteer	19 hours
<u>Joanne Cregg</u>	Charity Officer	35 hours
<u>Sinead Kilgarriff</u>	Secteryary	120 hours
<u>Sinead Kilgarriff</u>	Secteryary	120 hours
<u>Sinead Kilgarriff</u>	Secteryary	120 hours
<u>Niamh McMahon</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	50 hours
<u>Niamh Keane</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Ciara Osborne</u>	Logistics Officer	60 hours
<u>Cian McLoughlin</u>	PRO	731 hours
# ALIVE Students:	23 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	3981 hours	

Cancer Society

The NUIG Cancer Society was formed in the second semester of the school year, and has already been involved or even spearheaded several events. On top of being just plain old good craic, these events were closely aligned to the Society's commitment to fundraising, education and promoting awareness for cancer and related research. Our key event, of course, is the NUIG Relay for Life. The event had not yet passed at the time of writing, but was already making headway with 18 teams already signed up with estimated 150-200 attendees.

More than just a fundraiser, the Relay for Life is essentially a celebration of those who are fighting or have fought the battle against cancer. Its extended duration (12 hours) aims to emulate how cancer survivors don't get to just check out and rest, while the emphasis on team spirit aims to foster the idea that they are not in this alone. As our flagship event, the Relay for Life encapsulates the principal aims of the NUIG Cancer Society.

Cancer Society Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

EGM Meeting » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 26th January 2015*

The first meeting of the society to discuss the societies goals, upcoming events, and elect a committee.

Talk at Special Choral Concert » *Bailey Allen Hall » 16th February 2015*

Come join us as we attend NUIG Cancer Event's Free Special Choral Choir

Public Lecture Night on Cancer » *Bailey Allen Hall » 17th February 2015*

Come join us as we attend NUIG Cancer Event's second night!

Galway's Cancer Research- a public lecture series » Siobahn McKenna Theatre » 4th March 2015

Spend the night listening to Galway's distinguished clinicians and researchers, who conduct local research in the aim of battling cancer.

Learn about cells, techniques and innovations that are on the front-line of cancer research - right on our own doorstep.

This event aims to educate and inspire not only medics, but all students and staff!

Donations will be collected for the Irish Cancer Society and Cancer Care West.

Afterwards, there will be a Q&A session and of course, FREE MR WAFFLE!

Relay for Life » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 15th April – 16th April 2015

As NUIG's Cancer Society, we are organizing an event called Relay for Life, which is a 12 hour non-competitive relay in which teams, including cancer survivors, caregivers, and supporters, that have been fundraising leading to the date get together to Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back for all those affected by cancer. Throughout the event, a series of spirit raising and health promoting activities take place. Sign up details to follow suit.

Relay for Life Registration » Concourse beside Smokeys Cafe » 18th February – 1st April 2015 (7 individual events)

Manual participant registration for upcoming Relay for Life event, as well as Cancer Soc promotion/ answering any questions related to aims of society.

Daffodil Day Galway LAUNCH » Salthill Hotel Galway » 9th March 2015

Join our committee as we attend the Galway Launch of the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day, where representatives will explain where the funds raised go and how we can help, and also where volunteers from around the community will share their experiences.

Relay for Life Team Captain's Meeting » theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 11th March 2015

Team Captains meet to discuss responsibilities leading up to Relay for Life, and possible fundraising ideas

Daffodil Day » Library Main Entrance » 26th March 2015

Buy some beautiful Daffodil silks in support of the Irish Cancer Society.

Galway Cancer Research Lecture Series » Siobhan Mackenna Theatre (AM) » 4th March 2015

Cancer researchers and oncologists give talks on current cancer research and developments.

AGM » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 21st April 2015

Interested in joining our Cancer Society executive committee, and/or joining the Relay for Life subcommittee? Join us at our AGM as we fill positions including:

-auditor

-vice-auditor

-PRO

-education officer

-secretary

-treasurer

-ordinary committee member

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Ashita Dutta

Treasurer: Caoimhe Salmon

Public Relations Officer : Katie Cummins

OCM: Uisne Feeney

OCM: Adibah Kaiyisah Shamsul Badrin

Vice-Auditor: Rosemary James

Secretary: Daniel Jia Hui Lim

OCM: Nadia van Den Berg

Ordinary Committee Member : Kimberly Ng Huai Ching

Educational Officer : Lorcan O'Maoileannaigh

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Ashita Dutta

Treasurer: Sean O'Dea

Vice-Auditor: Nadia van Den Berg

Secretary: Daniel Jia Hui Lim

Organisation Balance Sheet

Cancer Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€80.06
Fundraising	€13849	Dinner	€92.48
Online Till	€212.01	Fundraising / Charity	€4000
Socs box Till	€1270	Materials	€26.25
USC Grant	€750	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€63.86
		Prizes	€21.75
		Security	€495
		Stationary	€7.67
		Expenditure Total	€4787.07
		Closing Bank Balance	€11293.94
Total	€16081.01	Total	€16081.0

Mission Statement

Increase awareness of cancer related issues around campus, and promote cancer prevention and fundraising.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Create fundraising events to raise money and awareness for the Irish Cancer Society
- To encourage members of the society to take on advocacy initiatives for different cancer related issues, as proposed by the Irish Cancer Society
- Create a friendly environment where the local community can come together and support the fight against cancer

Society Performance Reflection

Our committee was satisfied with the amount of awareness raised for the Irish Cancer Society, as well as funds raised through our events.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Although our aims of raising funds and awareness for cancer research and the Irish Cancer Society were achieved, we could improve on advocacy campaigns that the Irish Cancer Society promotes on campus.

Greatest Success

Relay for Life, our main event this semester, yielded great participation and funds.

Greatest Challenge

Being a new society, not many people were aware of our events, and we needed to advertise to a wide range of faculties and students in order to get the attention we sought.

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 468 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE

Cancer Society		
<u>Kimberly Ng Huai Ching</u>	Committee Member (Cancer Society) + Sub-Committee (Relay For Life)- Fundraiser	30 hours
<u>Adibah Kaiyisah Shamsul Badrin</u>	Committee member + subcommittee member for	30 hours
<u>Lorcan O'Maoileannaigh</u>	Educational Officer, Fundraiser	20 hours
<u>Jamie Brislane</u>	Fundraiser	2 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	82 hours	

CCAFS - Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security

The Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Society (CCAFS) set out to engage the student body around issues with regards to climate change and social justice locally, nationally and internationally. We are a brand new society and, as such, felt it prudent to create links and partnerships with other existing societies on campus, and groups off campus (The Lit and Deb society, the Geography society, Irish Global Health Forum, Friends of the Earth, Trocaire, Concern Worldwide). We have organised large events, such as world toilet day, and the NUIG Climate Congress, and also organised other smaller events on campus, such as documentary nights and social nights.

The Society this year has been active in recruiting new members, generating interest in issues surrounding climate change, and has successfully attracted internationally recognised speakers and experts to NUIG in relation to these topics.

We have formed strong links with other student societies, notably the lit and deb society, who have been essential in helping us carry off the events this year.

We hope to be a big part of student life in NUIG next year, and for many years to come.

CCAFS - Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

AGM » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Room (Room No 2018), Dept. of Botany & Plant Science, » 2nd October 2014*

EPA Climate Change Lecture & Webcast (Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, IPCC WGIII) » *Mairin de Valera Seminar Room (room no. 2018), top floor of » 6th October 2014*

Climate Change Now - Emissions, Limits and Possibilities

Professor Ottmar Edenhofer, Co-Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group III, will present the next lecture in the EPA's climate change lecture series.

Speaker: Professor Ottmar Edenhofer

Event Time: 18:30 - 20:30

Event Date: 6 October 2014

Location: The Round Room, The Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

Professor Ottmar Edenhofer will present a lecture on solutions to the challenges of climate change on Monday 6th October in The Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

This lecture on "Climate Change Now - Emissions, Limits and Possibilities" will outline current understanding of greenhouse gas emissions trends and the drivers of these. It will also present solutions including transformation of key sectors such as energy.

This is the first of two lectures planned for this autumn and continues the popular series of climate change lectures which aims to provide

scientific insights on climate change and to outline options to respond to this challenge.
For further information please contact the CCAFS Society, Many Thanks CCAFS Society

Social meeting » Crane Bar, Sea Road Galway » 30th October 2014

It is time to do some fun stuff!

This is why we would like you to come over this Thursday 30th of October for some refreshments and a night out!

We will start off in The Crane from 20:30 (2 Sea Road), to listen to some nice music and have some good fun.

Please, if you did not come to any of our meetings yet, you're mostly welcome to join us:)

Hope to see you on Thursday! CCAFS

IFGH 2014 International Conference » Trinity College, Dublin » 5th November – 6th November 2014

IFGH 2014 International Conference, which will take place on the 5th and 6th of November.

This conference is held every two years; this year

World Toilet Day » Foyer, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th November 2014

The year is 2014, yet more people across the globe have access to a mobile phone than a toilet. #wecantwait

Drop by and add some toilet graffiti to our stand, take a selfie with Matt Damon, give us your best toilet humour and win a prize!

Social night: CCAFS » To be Confirmed » 29th January 2015

A night out for all (new) members, we hope to visit the comedy night!

Hope to see you all,

CCAFS Society

NUI Galway Climate Congress » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, » 25th March 2015

NUI Galway Climate Congress will have (i) a showcase of climate related NGOs and organizations, (ii) several guest speakers, and (iii) an inter-varsities debate on climate change and human health in collaboration with the Irish Forum for Global Health.

Dr Tara Shine - Independent Expert and Special Adviser to the Mary Robinson Foundation

AGM CCAFS Society » Mairin de Valera Seminar Room in Botany and Plant Science, Room No 2018, Top floor of Aras de Brun building » 8th April 2015

We will be briefly reviewing the year, electing a new committee, and setting a date for the CCAFS dinner evening.

If you would like to be involved next year, please attend this short meeting.

We hope to see you all there, and thanks again for all your help this year.

Best Wishes CCAFS Society.

Committee 2014/2015

IFGH representative: Adam Borie

Auditor: Colm Duffy

Secretary: Thaize Baroni

OCM: Camille Fafin

OCM: Erin Johnston

OCM: Jack O'Donovan

Vice-Auditor: Marijke Hummel

Treasurer: Brendan Hallahan

PRO: Sophie Stewart Pettus

OCM: Orla O'Halloran

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Sophie Stewart Pettus

Vice-Auditor: Paul Cassidy

OCM : Colm Duffy

Treasurer: Brendan Hallahan

Secretary: Marijke Hummel

CCAFS - Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Dinner	€197.5
Sponsorship	€1871.2	Entry fees	€45
USC Grant	€500	Printing	€382.84
		Reception	€1033.21
		Speaker accomm	€140.32
		Speaker travel	€547.61
		Expenditure Total	€2346.49
		Closing Bank Balance	€24.71
Total	€2371.2	Total	€2371.2

Mission Statement

The society aims to raise awareness with issues pertaining to climate change. The society also wishes to provide a platform for students to get involved with local, national, and global initiatives.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Raise awareness on Campus
- Take action on issues pertaining to Climate Change
- Network with appropriate organisations
- Enhance relations with CCAFS Research Platform
- Implement the first NUI Galway Climate Congress
- Increase membership

Society Performance Reflection

Our society, and members, did great job this year. We have integrated ourselves as much as possible into campus life, and we hope for further integration next year, and are currently in communication with the green campus committee with regards to enhancing our role with them. We would like to increase our reach, and our interaction with students next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved many of our goals such as: Our initial goal of creating a society; partnering with other societies and organisations; hosting the first NUIG Climate Congress; raising awareness on campus; increasing our membership; and enhancing relations with the CCAFS research platform, which will have advantages and opportunities for students in the future

Greatest Success

Partnering with the Irish Global Health forum, and the Lit and Deb Society in order to host the NUIG Climate Congress. This event attracted a large number of attendances from outside of the college, and also attracted a significant number of internationally recognised delegates who spoke at the event.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge was not attracting members, but getting them to take action and participate. We enjoy a large base of support, but this support does not necessarily translate to action in some cases. Our goal is to increase this action.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 202 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

CCAFS - Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security		
<u>Camille Fafin</u>	OCM	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	10 hours	

Cheerleading Society

This year our society succeeded in many ways. We competed in two national competitions and won in our category. We also designed our new uniforms for the future competitions to come. We cheered in the St. Patricks day parade and it helped us gain many members. We had a bake sale to fundraise for the society. We had many more events this year such as movie nights, barbeques and social nights out. The team got much closer together this year and we have created many long term strong friendships.

This year we also increased training from one session to two sessions a week. this allows more training for our members. Overall the Cheerleading society has improved this year and will see further improvements in the coming up academic year.

Cheerleading Society Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

Training » *No suggestions found » 9th September 2014*

Training every Tuesday in the cheerleading gym Doughiska, beside NCT centre. Classes

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 16th September 2014*

Training, 2 euro per class.

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 23rd September 2014*

Classes 2 euro.

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 30th September 2014*

Training classes 2 euro all welcome :)

General Meeting » *Skeff Bar, Eyre square » 1st October 2014*

Committee meeting all members welcome to come :)

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 14th October 2014*

Training classes 2.50. The 409 bus leaves Eyre sq at 6.45pm bus stop 8.

extra training free session » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 19th October 2014*

This week we have an extra training session for anyone wanting to compete this November.

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 21st October – 11th November 2014 (4 individual events)*

Training for the competition, classes 2.50 :)

Table Quiz » *THE COLLEGE BAR » 6th November 2014*

Table quiz and raffle in aid of the Cheerleading Society, lots of prizes to be won :)

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 13th January – 27th January 2015 (3 individual events)*

Training in dance, tumbling/gymnastics and stunting. Classes 2.50 :)

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 26th January – 23rd February 2015 (5 individual events)*

Training » *Cheerleading Gym, Doughiska. » 23rd February – 30th March 2015 (6 individual events)*

Training classes everyone welcome :)

AGM » *Large Accoustic Room » 21st April 2015*

End of year meeting all welcome

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Aisleen Clarke

Vice Treasurer: Jorge Mendes Ferreira

Ordinary Committee Member: Anna Meller

Vice Secretary : Laura Nelson

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhin de Burca

Treasurer: Martin Sharkey

Secretary: Claudia Speight

Public Relations: Carol Forde

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Aisleen Clarke

Secretary: Claudia Speight

Treasurer: Martin Sharkey

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Kinneen

Vice Secretary: Gemma Hickey

Public Relations: Brendan O'Donnell

Vice Treasurer: Connor Jones

International Relations: Meghan Walsh

OCM: Anna Monaghan

OCM: Caoimhin de Burca

OCM: Laura Nelson

Cheerleading Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€7.01
Classes	€179.86	Entry fees	€735
Members Contributions	€412.15	Hall hire	€950
Sponsorship	€500	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€87.86
USC Grant	€2500	Society accomm	€250
		Teacher fees	€450
		Expenditure Total	€2479.87
		Closing Bank Balance	€1112.14
Total	€3592.01	Total	€3592.01

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide high quality cheerleading training, in a safe positive environment which promotes team work and self-confidence. We hope to promote cheerleading throughout the college and wider community as cheerleading is relatively new to Ireland.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- This year the cheerleading society hopes to compete in a minimum of one national competition.
- To acquire a cheerleading uniform for use in competitions and promotional events.
- To be awarded the status of a full society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society participated in two competitions this year. We won our category on both occasions and we have also had many new members join the society. We had many events and social nights and we have made a very welcoming group of friends with our society. This year we made extra training sessions so more people can join cheerleading training. We publicised our society in the St. Patrick's Day parade around Galway.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we have provided our members with high quality training in a positive environment. Together we work as a team and participate well with each other. We have got our society well known in the university and in Galway. We have raised money for our uniforms and we have had more social nights to bring the team together. We promoted healthy living in a fun new way with our society.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was our first competition in Limerick. It was very nerve wrecking and we were only new and inexperienced in cheerleading competitions. However we won our category and it built our confidence and team moral. We were very proud and it boosted our society profile.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge is having enough members turn up to training classes. we have many social events to keep our members interested and our training varies to ensure its lively and fun. However some weeks there are few members who are able to travel to the gym for training.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 401 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Chemistry Soc

An Cumann Ceimice led a successful seminar series this year. 18 seminars were provided from September through to April. Fund-raising events took place in January with our annual table quiz and a charity bake sale at Smokies in February. Funds raised were presented to our charities of Croi and St Vincent de Paul on Monday the 23rd of February. Social events held during the year were the Halloween and Christmas parties and the Weekend away in Killarney during May.

Chemistry Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

Dr. Jennifer McManus NUIM » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 11th September 2014

Dr. Jennifer McManus from the National University of Ireland in Maynooth will visit NUIG to give a talk titled: "A chemical and biophysical approach to understanding protein condensation". All are welcome to join in and listen.

Dr. Jonathan Skelton University of Cambridge » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 18th September 2014

Dr. Jonathan Skelton from the University of Bath, United Kingdom, will visit NUIG on 18/09 to give a seminar titled:

Dr. Apryll Stalcup DCU » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 25th September 2014

A seminar given by a visiting lecturer, Dr. Apryll Stalcup from DCU, entitled: "Finding the SCIENCE in Separations". Come along, experience the real chemistry!

-CANCELLED- Dr. Elaine O'Reilly » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 16th October 2014

Dr. Elaine O'Reilly from Manchester Metropolitan University in UK will give a seminar about her research titled "Engineering the Next Generation of Biocatalysts for Industrial Application"

ChemSoc Halloween Party » *Scholars Rest Pub* » 30th October 2014

ChemSoc invites all postgrads, postdocs and 4th year Chemistry students to come along to Scholars Rest, dressed up or not, for some craic! Check out ChemSoc Facebook page for more info!

Prof. Ingo Ott » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 7th November 2014

Prof. Ingo Ott from Bioinorganic Medicinal Chemistry Group at Technische Universitaet Braunschweig in Germany will give a seminar

Science Week: Prof. Bill Baker » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 10th November 2014

Prof. Bill Baker of the University of South Florida will give a lecture titled 'Treasures under the Antarctic ice'. The event is open to all, including external persons and media. Please RSVP to this event at <http://billbakeratnuig.rsvpify.com>

Science Week: Prof. Nessian Kerrigan, Oakland University, USA » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 13th November 2014

Seminar about "New methods for the asymmetric synthesis of polyketides"

Dr. Efrosyni Themistou » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 18th November 2014

Dr. Efrosyni Themistou, School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, University College Belfast
<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofChemistryandChemicalEngineering/Staff/AcademicStaff/DrEfrosyniThemistou/>
She will deliver a lecture at 4 pm on the Tuesday, 18th November 2014 entitled Novel Polymeric Nanostructures for Biomedical Applications'

Prof. Thomas Rades & Prof. Korbinian Loebmann » *Dillion lecture theatre* » 21st November 2014

Prof. Thomas Rades & Prof. Korbinian Loebmann, both from University of Copenhagen, will give a double seminar about amorphous solutions to the problem of drug solubility nowadays. All are welcome for Tea and Coffee in the Chemistry Tearoom afterwards!

Dr. Andrew Kellett » *Dillion lecture theatre* » 5th December 2014

Dr. Andrew Kellett from Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland will give a seminar titled Metallo drugs as Inducers and Inhibitors of Chemical Nuclease Activity

Dr. Elaine O'Reilly » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 26th February 2015

Dr. David Procter » *NCBES Seminar Room* » 3rd March 2015

Dr. Andrew Kellett » *Dillion lecture theatre* » 5th March 2015

Dr. Takahiro Muraoka » *NCBES Seminar Room* » 11th March 2015

Prof. Fred Lisdat » *IT125 (Ground Floor)* » 13th April 2015

Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau, Germany. "Protein multilayer architectures on electrodes for sensorial applications"

Dr. Luca Salassa » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 15th April 2015

Centro de Investigación Cooperativa en Biomateriales, CIC biomaGUNE, Spain

"Triggering the photochemistry of anticancer metal complexes using upconversion nanoparticles"

Prof. Thorfinnur Gunnlaugsson » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 16th April 2015

TCD "Assembly of supramolecular structures and materials made from novel cyclic ligands"

Prof. Gerard Parkin 2014 Ludwig Mond Winner » *IT125 (Ground Floor)* » 17th April 2015

Columbia University, USA "Tripodal ligands in Bioinorganic and Organometallic Chemistry: carbon dioxide functionalization, mercury detoxification and new classes of atranes"

An Cumann Ceimice AGM » *Chemistry tea room* » 13th May 2015

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Karen Fox

Secretary: Martin Sweeney

Auditor: Katarzyna Gniado

Treasurer: Claudia Di Salvo

Head PRO: Yang Li

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Patrick Kielty

Tea room custodian: Ali Ekhtiari

Head PRO: Conan Mercer

Auditor: Lisa Doyle

Treasurer: Andrea Pettenuzzo

Vice-Auditor: Omolola Gbadebo

Chemistry Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	930.1	Bank charge	€52.01
Bank Charge	€3.5	Dinner	€1225.97
Fundraising	€1890	Entertainment	€278.71
Members Contributions	€1205	Fundraising / Charity	€700
Sponsorship	€12.5	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€327.91
USC Grant	€3000	Postage	€34
		Prizes	€17.65
		Society accomm	€960
		Society transport	€636
		Socs day expenses	€33.22
		Speaker accomm	€476
		Speaker travel	€917.74
		Expenditure Total	€5659.21
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€21.1
		Closing Bank Balance	€1381.89
Total	€7041.1	Total	€7041.1

Mission Statement

ChemSoc will organize seminars throughout the year to broaden the chemical knowledge of all interested. What's more, some events such as fundraising bake sale, Chemistry table quiz and some parties are to be had during the term!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

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

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.

Society Performance Reflection

The society did very well this year. Through the social events a greater community spirit was fostered, awareness to outside communities improved by fundraising and an improvement in technical chemistry knowledge through the seminar series.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we raised over 700 euro for our chosen charities Croi and St Vincent de Paul through charity table quiz and bake sale.

A successful seminar series was ran with 18 invited speakers.

Sponsorship from four pharmaceuticals was achieved allowing financing of society events

Social events for the members included Halloween & Christmas parties, table quiz and weekend away.

This improved the community spirit within the chemistry department.

Greatest Success

This has to be shared between the fundraising for Croi and St Vincent de Paul and the seminar series.

Greatest Challenge

To organise all events within the allocated budget.

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 376 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Chemistry Soc		
<u>Louise Kerins</u>	Kitchen Chemistry Coordinator	100 hours
<u>Nathalia Cerca</u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Meagan Mulcair</u>	Volunteer, Cell Explorers	6 hours
<u>Sylvia Soldatou</u>	Kitchen Chemistry coordinator	50 hours
Led exclusively by PhD students, An Cumann Ceimice represents the exciting, progressive research activity within the School of Chemistry (link to School of Chemistry web page). We aim to promote Chemistry in NUI Galway, Ireland and beyond. To this end, we invite leading national and international researchers to participate in our seminar series. This creates opportunities for interaction between students, staff and external researchers. We also organise a range of fun social events including: Halloween and Christmas parties, Chemistry Quiz and a mystery weekend away. We engage in charity work and are affiliated with Kitchen Chemistry, the outreach initiative of the School of Chemistry.		
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	168 hours	

Chess Soc

We organise chess meetings on a weekly basis on campus. We also run extra events throughout the year that are chess themed.

Chess Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 33 events.

Chess Soc EGM and Weekly Meeting » *Smokey's* » 24th September 2014

Between 8 and 9 we will be having our EGM to elect this year's committee members. From 9 onwards will be our normal weekly meeting. Food may be provided at the EGM if I get around to organising it in time, come along and find out

Chess Soc Meeting » *Smokey's* » 1st October – 31st December 2014 (14 individual events)

Come along to play chess, eat biscuits and talk rubbish.

Giant Chess » *Big Yellow Yoke outside the Library* » 22nd October 2014

Assuming that it isn't raining we'll be taking the giant chess set out and playing a few games outside the Library. Come along and play a game or two

Underwater Chess » *TBC (Galway City)* » 14th November 2014

One of our biggest events of the year it is as it sounds. We rent out a pool and play chess, underwater, usually quite badly. Come along and join us for a unique chess playing experience.

Weekly Chess Meeting » *Smokey's Cafe, Concourse* » 28th January – 29th April 2015 (14 individual events)

Chess Socs weekly meeting. Come along to play chess eat biscuits and talk rubbish.

Giant Chess » *Outside the Library* » 3rd February 2015

Fairly self-explanatory. Outside the Library call by.

Chess Soc AGM » *smokies cafe* » 22nd April 2015

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Caoimhin de Burca

Vice-Auditor: Peter Hamrock

Equipment: Sean Deery

PRO/Kookie King: John Rogers

OCM: Caolan McGlynn

OCM: Patrick Kellehan

OCM: Conor Cahill

Treasurer: Jake Falsey

Auditor: Caitlin Fahy

Grandmaster of First Year Reps: Thomas Creamer

International Person: Rosa Cano Lorente

Society Liaison Officer: Holly Casey

OCM: Ken Glennon

OCM: Ciara Molloy

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Caolan McGlynn

Treasurer: Jake Falsey

Secretary: Caitlin Fahy

Chess Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	229.27	Affill/Mem fees	€300
Bank Charge	€0.02	Bank charge	€30.81
USC Grant	€500	Equipment misc	€27
		Hall hire	€150
		Materials	€46.35
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€92.26
		Society transport	€17.5
		Socs day expenses	€34.05
		Expenditure Total	€697.97
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€556.27
		Closing Bank Balance	€31.32
Total	€729.29	Total	€729.29

Mission Statement

Chess Soc provides a friendly meeting place where all chess players from absolute beginners to advanced can meet to develop their chess calibre, and also promotes the study and knowledge of chess; not just for fun and enjoyment, but also to improve problem solving, analytical, memory and reasoning skills.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- -To promote chess actively on campus
- -To hold weekly chess meetings
- -To give beginners and advanced chess lessons
- -To promote the academic benefits of chess

Society Performance Reflection

We succeeded in organising a weekly meeting each week which is our main focus each year. We also organised several extra events which helped bring in new members.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We held weekly meetings and promoted chess actively on campus both by ourselves and in collaboration with other societies.

Greatest Success

We organised underwater chess in November. This is our biggest event of the year and is always challenging to pull off.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was organising the underwater chess event. At the last minute our usual pool told us that they would be closed that day so we had to scramble to find a new place. For a while it looked as if we might have to postpone the event but in the end we were able to find a place.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 263 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Chess Soc		
<u>Caitlin Fahy</u>	Auditor	60 hours
We play chess every Wednesday in Smokey's on the Concourse in NUIG at 8PM, and you're more than welcome to join us.		
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	60 hours	

Chinese Society

Chinese society is a large group amongst societies in NUIG with different nationalities. When it built several years ago, it has hold loads of activities, like competitions, meetings, matches and games and so forth.

With the activities, at the beginning of the semester, we held a meeting and activities with all different society members, that was the first time to meet the members. By the way, we had a lot of games to be held in order to know each other well.

Next, we opened a channel to let foreigners to learn Chinese, and called it language exchange activity, which is very successful. In the end of whole semester, parts of groups won the medal and got scholarship as well. All the feedback from the respondents was perfect.

Apart from that, we invited all NUIG students to attend the New Year gala, which was hold in Salthill Hotel in January, besides, there were Irish traditional dancing as well as Chinese percussion performance. Ruffles and awards are prepared ahead, beverages and snacks were free to offer. What's more, we invited mayor and officers of NUIG to join in. Anyway, we hold a very good gala at that time.

Chinese Society Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

Chinese orientation night » *The Space* » 26th September 2014

Celebrate Chinese national day

Language Exchange Project » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 7th November 2014

Language exchange project: learn Chinese and improve English

Chinese New Year gala » *Salthill Hotel, Salthill, Galway* » 18th February 2015

Celebration of Chinese New Year

Annual Party » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 15th May 2015

Committee 2014/2015

Treasurer: Xiaoqing Liu

Auditor: Guying Zhan

Vice-Auditor: Xingtian Du

Secretary: Lijunalbee Wang

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Xiaoxiao Wen

Chinese Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	737.71	Bank charge	€39.6
Socs box Till	€160	Dinner	€387.5
USC Grant	€1500	Entertainment	€60.5
		Gifts	€10
		Hire Bus	€14
		Prizes	€320
		Received Money Returned	€160
		Speaker accomm	€300
		Expenditure Total	€1291.6
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€626.86
		Closing Bank Balance	€1106.11
Total	€2397.71	Total	€2397.71

Mission Statement

Mission:

- *Spread Chinese cultural to Irish members
- *Provide a place for Chinese students to chat and get to know each other
- *Give out the opportunity for Irish members to learn Chinese language
- *Enable culture exchange between China and Ireland

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Goals:

- *Arrange meetings for committee members so that we can communicate our thoughts to help build a better society
- *Set out activities for members so that they can get benefit out of our society
- *Work as a team to build a better society for our members
- *Hope our member will get a better understanding in Chinese cultural throughout the events we set for them
- *Hopping to get an outstanding feedback from our members from the event that we arranged for them

Society Performance Reflection

Chinese society is a large group amongst societies i NUIG with different nationalities. When it built several years ago, it has hold loads of activities, like competitions, meetings, matches and games and so forth.

With the activities, at the beginning of the semester, we held a meeting and activities with all different society members, that was the first time to meet the members. By the way, we had a lot of games to be held in order to know each other well.

Next, we opened a channel to let foreigners to learn Chinese, and called it language exchange activity, which is very successful. In the end of whole semester, parts of groups won the medal and got scholarship as well. All the feedback from the respondents are perfect.

Apart from that, we invited all NUIG students to attend the New Year gala, which was hold in Salthill Hotel in January, besides, there were Irish traditional dancing as well as Chinese percussion performance. Ruffles and awards are prepared ahead, beverages and snacks were free to offer. What's more, we invited mayor and officers of NUIG to join in. Anyway, we hold a very good gala at that time.

In terms of the final party, we awarded the students for LE activities, and got together all members to have a big dinner party in order to thank for them to cooperate with Chinese society.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Our main aim is to get foreigners who are interested in Chinese culture to know China well, besides, we need to coherent Chinese international students to know each other and make friends. Chinese society is a stage and a platform to get students together, which is a service stage to let other students to learn Chinese if they have interests.

Greatest Success

We successfully hold parties and competitions during the whole year, we definitely finish our original objectives to organize the activities and express the cultural sense to all students.

Greatest Challenge

To arrange the time and successfully organize the activities with the support of all members, besides, sometimes, if we wanna hold big program or activities, funding would be a big problem.

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 215 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Choice Society

This year, Choice Society was very successful. We gained new committee members who are fantastic people and we have all worked together as a team on all of our events.

The highlight of the year was most definitely the film screening and the Irish premiere of the documentary "Vessel." TD Clare Daly came to speak at this event and there was a great crowd. It was very inspirational to see so many people in attendance.

We started the year off by organising a bus to the annual March for Choice in Dublin in September which was very successful. We held a banner making workshop prior to this which helped people bond. We also hosted a roundtable discussion last January as a means of discussing the global struggle for abortion rights as well as discussing the pro-choice movement here in Ireland. Choice soc also worked in conjunction with the Abortion Rights Campaign (ARC) by promoting and backing the Repeal the 8th Campaign. Choice Soc also worked with Feminist Society during Gender Awareness Week wherein various events were

organised that were supported by Choice Soc. Members of Choice Soc also helped and supported the the Gender Equality Campaign within NUIG itself.

All in all, Choice Society had a great year.

Choice Society Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Placard Making Workshop » Art Room » 16th September 2014

Come and make a placard/poster with your favourite pro-choice slogan for either your own artistic amusement or for the annual March for Choice which will be held in Dublin on the 27th of September! (We are organising a bus.) Hope to see you there!

Choice Soc AGM » The Art Room » 30th September 2014

We will be having our AGM in the Art Room in Aras na Mac L

Irish Premiere of the film 'Vessel' » Fottrell Lecture Theatre, Arts Millennium Building » 12th November 2014

NUIG will play host this November to the Irish premiere of the documentary film 'Vessel' on Wednesday 12th November. Filmed over a number of years, it documents Dr. Rebecca Gomperts leading 'Women on Waves', an organisation that sails to countries where abortion is illegal - including Ireland - with the aim of helping women access early medical abortions and sexual health services aboard their ship.

Choice Soc Roundtable Discussion! » Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th January 2015

Hello everybody! On Tuesday the 27th of January, Choice Soc NUIG will be hosting a roundtable discussion to get us all talking about abortion rights worldwide and the pro-choice movement in Ireland including the current Repeal the 8th Amendment campaign.

The event will be taking place at 6:30pm in the Space in Aras na Mac L

My Body, My Rights discussion » The Space, » 11th March 2015

Gender Awareness Week: My Body, My Rights discussion with Choice Soc, FemSoc and Amnesty Soc.

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Eadaoin Donnelly White

Secretary: Maeve White

Vice Treasurer: Mariel Whelan

Treasurer: Ciara Molloy

Auditor: Orlaith Reidy

PRO: Aoibheann Houston

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Orlaith Reidy

Vice-Auditor: Aoibheann Houston

Treasurer: Ciara Molloy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	256.51	Bank charge	€3.39
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€80
		Reception	€31.19
		Speaker travel	€50
		Expenditure Total	€164.58
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Cash In Hand	€8.81
		Closing Bank Balance	€83.12
Total	€256.51	Total	€256.51

Mission Statement

Choice Soc is part of the global struggle for reproductive rights and justice, with a particular focus on the island of Ireland due to its restrictive laws and culture of shame and stigma. We advocate that every pregnant person's should be free to choose parenthood, adoption or abortion. We therefore call for access to free, safe and legal abortion in Ireland. In addition, we stand for free and accessible contraception for all and mandatory and accurate sex education from an early age. We are a feminist group challenging the heteronormative, patriarchal, white-supremacist, imperialist, ableist capitalist system.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Raising campus awareness and consciousness of abortion and reproductive rights in Ireland
- Getting students involved in the prochoice movement
- Encouraging the SU to promote the pro-choice stance and support the Repeal the 8th campaign, as is their mandate
- Actively campaigning to change legislation in Ireland
- Hosting various events and actions

Society Performance Reflection

Choice Soc had a good year; we managed to maintain a pro-choice presence on campus.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved our aims that involved getting students involved (new committee members, those who attended events), getting the SU to promote pro-choice cause (posters and bus to the March for Choice), and hosting various events.

Greatest Success

This year, the film screening of "Vessel" was definitely our greatest success.

Greatest Challenge

Getting young Irish people involved.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 226 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Choice Society		
<u>Orlaith Reidy</u>	Auditor	45 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	45 hours	

Choral Soc

Choral Society strived this year to better itself from last year both on a social and competitive level.

Overall, Choral Soc's main ambition is to provide a welcoming space for students to be part of the rewarding experience of collaborating and thriving with other students. Community is a large part of what makes being part of a choir such a unique experience. In addition to our weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays from 6-8, we also had weekly and bi-weekly events, a favourite being karaoke but also included events such as a quiz, a scavenger hunt, several games nights, a film night, a bake sale and a few other after hours activities.

In order to improve our technical abilities to perform better in competitions, we had renowned vocal coach Michel Durham come in for a 12 week series on vocal techniques. It was a highly rewarding experience and certainly paid off in our performances. At the Sligo International Choral Festival in November, NUI Galway's undergraduate choir came in second place for the Gospel Choir section with a mash-up of 'Happy' and 'Wade in the Water' with the staff choir. We also had our first showing at the Kiltimagh Choral Festival in February where we walked away with a respectable overall score of 84 for our contemporary performances of 'Creep' and 'Big Black Horse and the Cherry Tree'. In May we will be competing in the Navan Choral Festival and hope to improve upon our scores and win another award! Finally, we will be participating in a very exciting collaboration with Universal Studios, performing a flash mob of 'Price Tag' at the Pitch Perfect 2 premier in Galway City. Despite finding it difficult to maintain a strong committee, a core group of students stepped up and made this year choir's finest in a long while.

Choral Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 50 events.

Choral Soc Irish Music Introduction » *The Chapel* » 5th September 2014

Choral Soc invite the international students to The Chapel from 2 - 3 pm to learn Irish song 'She Moves Through The Fair' and to welcome them to Ireland.

Choir Rehearsal » *CHAPEL OF ST. COLUMBANUS* » 16th September – 25th November 2014 (11 individual events)

2 hour rehearsal to practice songs and learn new repertoire for our competitions and concerts. Tea and coffee break with cookies at 7.

Choral Soc Quiz Night » *College Bar* » 7th October 2014

QUIZ!! Questions will kick off around 8.00pm in the College Bar (we promise they won't be too hard!). 2 euro entry and great prizes!

Vocal Workshops » *The View* » 9th October 2014

Canadian vocal coach teaches the technical aspects of singing. For Choral Soc Members and Staff Choir.

Karaoke!! » *Fibber Magees (Eyre Square, opposite the Skeff)* » 14th October 2014

Join us for Karaoke craic after rehearsal around 8pm in Fibbers. Free finger food for all!

Vocal Workshops » *Aula Maxima Upper, the Quadrangle* » 16th October 2014

Canadian vocal coach teaches the technical aspects of singing. For Choral Soc Members and Staff Choir.

Games Night!! » *King's Head* » 21st October 2014

Really excited about this week's event!! Heading to the College Bar after rehearsal at 8pm for NUIGs Got Talent and then The Kings Head at 9.30pm. Wii, other games and most importantly free finger food in the Kings Head!!! Everyone welcome!

Vocal Workshops » *Aula Maxima Upper, the Quadrangle* » 23rd October 2014

Canadian vocal coach teaches the technical aspects of singing. For Choral Soc Members and Staff Choir.

Halloween Bake Sale! » *Concourse* » 28th October 2014

Halloween bake sale with spooky tunes, costumes, and of course goodies!!

Vocal Workshops » *The View* » 30th October 2014

Canadian vocal coach teaches the technical aspects of singing. For Choral Soc Members and Staff Choir.

Vocal Workshops » *The View » 6th November 2014*

Canadian vocal coach teaches the technical aspects of singing. For Choral Soc Members and Staff Choir.

Vocal Workshops » *The View » 13th November 2014*

Canadian vocal coach teaches the technical aspects of singing. For Choral Soc Members and Staff Choir.

Vocal Workshops » *The View » 20th November 2014*

Canadian vocal coach teaches the technical aspects of singing. For Choral Soc Members and Staff Choir.

Meet and Greet » *College Bar » 20th January 2015*

Relaxing evening getting to know everyone in the choir. Will be pizza there! Meeting at the chapel at 8 to walk over together, or meet us in the Bar!!

Choral Soc EGM » *CHAPEL OF ST. COLUMBANUS » 20th January 2015*

We will be nominating someone for the role of Co-Treasurer and Public Relations Officer.

Choir Practice » *CHAPEL OF ST. COLUMBANUS » 20th January – 21st April 2015 (14 individual events)*

Everyone is welcome to our weekly choir rehearsal! We sing contemporary and traditional music - see our FB page for videos!

Karaoke Night! » *Fibber Magees (Eyre Square, opposite the Skeff) » 27th January 2015*

Free finger food, refreshments, and watching your friends make a fool of themselves - what could be better?! Meet at Fibbers at 8:30 or walk over with us from the chapel at 8.

FREE Choir Concert » *Bailey Allen Hall » 16th February 2015*

Monday, 16 Feb, 7pm-9.30pm

FREE Choir Concert in aid of cancer Awareness

Featuring:

the NUI Galway Choral Scholars, Choirs of the St Nicholas Schola Cantorum, Something to Sing About Choir and Uni Tunes the NUI Galway Choir and special guests.

Choral Soc Extra Rehearsal » *Large Accoustic Room » 18th March 2015*

Choral Soc Extra Rehearsal » *CHAPEL OF ST. COLUMBANUS » 19th March 2015*

Choral Soc Scavenger Hunt » *College Bar » 20th March 2015*

A scavenger hunt around town collecting both items and pictures and videos of your team completing certain tasks! A great night, heading to Fibbers afterwards.

Mental Health Week Concert » *St Nicholas Collegiate Church » 24th March 2015*

Choral Soc will be performing along with many other wonderful Galway based choirs for an evening raising awareness for mental health issues.

Choral Soc Extra Rehearsal and AGM » *CHAPEL OF ST. COLUMBANUS » 26th March 2015*

Karaoke » *Fibber Magees (Eyre Square, opposite the Skeff) » 30th September 2014*

Busking on Shop Street in Aid of Galway Cat Rescue » » 17th December 2014

Karaoke » *Fibber Magees (Eyre Square, opposite the Skeff) » 2nd March 2015*

Pitch Perfect Screening » *CHAPEL OF ST. COLUMBANUS » 3rd March 2015*

Committee 2014/2015

C0-Treasurer: John Cosnett

Treasurer: Tanya Finneran

Vice-Auditor: Patricia Merlehan

OCM: Aaron Kelly

Snack Co-Ordinator : Francis Kearney

Auditor: Madeline Adamson

Secretary: Linda Connor

Vice-Treasurer: Jaymie Kearney

PRO: Catherine Ryan

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Madeline Adamson

Secretary: Aaron Kelly

Vice-Auditor: Patricia Merlehan

Treasurer: Richard Fitzgerald

Organisation Balance Sheet

Choral Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3998.49	Bank charge	€34.62
Socs box Till	€50	Dinner	€431.3
USC Grant	€8000	Entertainment	€23.96
		Entry fees	€400
		Equipment misc	€15.34
		Hire Bus	€787
		Hoodies	€300
		Materials	€227.34
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€135.36
		Prizes	€72.35
		Returned Socs Money	€884
		Scores	€24.84
		Society accomm	€725
		Society transport	€360
		Socs day expenses	€44.37
		Teacher fees	€4250
		Expenditure Total	€8715.48
		Closing Bank Balance	€3333.01
Total	€12048.49	Total	€12048.4

Mission Statement

Choral Society aims to foster a sense of community and belonging through a communal appreciation and expression of choral music. We want to introduce students and staff to the art of singing in choir.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

For the 2014/15 college year we intend to participate in more competitive choral festivals. At these competitions we will aim to place in first or second in all the categories we participate in, specifically the sections at Ireland's next Intervarsity competition in March. We also plan to host more casual singing orientated events for our members outside our weekly rehearsals and create a stronger online presence for ourselves, both within and beyond the college community.

Society Performance Reflection

We were overall more active on campus, hosting events for our members (that were of course also open to all students) and participated in many other society events as performers. We were overall very happy with how the choir performed this year and found we had a great deal more members and that those members had a stronger sense of community than before.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We went from participating in zero festivals last year to two this year - we placed second in one and got very high marks in the other. Unfortunately we could not participate in the Intervarsity in March because it was cancelled, so although we technically did not achieve that goal it was out of our control and did our best to replace it with another competition.

Greatest Success

I think placing second in the Sligo Choral Festival with the staff choir was our greatest success - it totally unified the singers and made everyone feel incredibly confident and proud to be a member of NUIG Choral Soc. That sentiment carried into the second semester, and everyone was more committed and motivated to learning and practicing their parts as we saw in Kiltimagh where singers went on their own initiative to practice, and stayed late after some rehearsals to make sure they had it the best it could be. Becoming a competitive choir was so important to the morale of the choir and we will definitely continue to do competitions next year.

Greatest Challenge

It is incredibly tough to find committed committee members. Some have other commitments, but many are just unmotivated which places a huge burden on those of us who do want to plan and do things. Because of this pressure, I personally, and I know 2 others as well, found it hard to get things done as we had so much to do and very little support from our own committee. This is why many of our books are incomplete or unbalanced because we had 3 changes of treasurers during the year and still in the end the burden was left to myself which I felt totally unprepared to deal with, and why our events weren't promoted very well because again I was left to also act as PRO in addition to my other duties.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 370 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Choral Soc		
<u>Jaymie Kearney</u>	Treasurer	100 hours
<u>Catherine Ryan</u>	Committee Member and ordinary member	55 hours
The choral society is open to anyone and everyone regardless of singing ability or experience. We're an un-auditioned choir currently under the leadership of Peter Mannion. 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:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	155 hours	

Classics Soc

This year, the Classics Society invited a variety of guest speakers from Ireland, the UK, and North America to come and speak on their varied and diverse fields of study in an effort to engage Classics Society members and the university community as a whole in the intriguing world of Classical Studies. In March we organized a society trip where we took 15 students abroad to Rome. Here we saw incredible sites ranging from the Pantheon to the Vatican. It was an enlightening trip notable for good friends, good food, and, most importantly, incredible culture. We concluded our busy year with the revival of the Galway branch of the Classical Association of Ireland with a talk led by our very own Pádraig Moran. We also worked with the department to produce the Margaret Heavey memorial lecture; the turnout for this event was remarkable and in conjunction with the crowd brought in from the Classical Association of Ireland, our future looks brighter than ever!

Classics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Theresa Huntsman will be giving her paper "Inscribed Identities - Bilingualism in Late Etruscan Tombs". » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 6th October 2014

Theresa Huntsman, of Harvard University, will be delivering her paper "Inscribed Identities - Bilingualism in Late Etruscan Tombs", there will be a reception afterwards.

Dr Edward Herring's Talk on "Impact Kraters: The role of wine-mixing vessels in the production of Apulian red-figure pottery". » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 11th November 2014

Dr Edward Herring will be presenting his paper with a discussion and reception to follow.

Writing Workshop with Dr Mark Stansbury » » 18th November 2014

Dr Mark Stansbury will be holding a writing workshop to assist students with essay writing skills.

"Greek Sex in Six Modernist Writers including Wilde, Moore and Mann" a paper by Professor Brian Arkins » *Fotrell Theatre -Arts Millenium* » 27th January 2015

Professor Brian Arkins will deliver his paper on "Greek Sex in Six Modernist Writers including Wilde, Moore and Mann".

"Worship at a Crossroads of the Mediterranean: Recent Fieldwork at the Lago di Venere sanctuary site on Pantelleria" a paper by Dr Carrie Murray, Brock University. » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 16th February

Dr Carrie Murray of Brock University will deliver her paper on "Worship at a Crossroads of the Mediterranean: Recent Fieldwork at the Lago di Venere sanctuary site on Pantelleria". This talk will be followed by a short discussion and reception.

Dr Siobhan Hargis will deliver her paper "Remembering Republican Rome-the creation and manipulation of history in the ancient city". » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 24th February 2015

Dr Siobhan Hargis of the UCD school of Classics will be delivering her paper "Remembering Republican Rome-the creation and manipulation of history in the ancient city". There will be a reception to follow.

EGM » *AC203 Concourse* » 26th February 2015

We will be holding an EGM to fill committee positions.

Dr David Woods paper "The Christianization of the Roman Coinage". » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 3rd March

Dr David Woods will deliver his paper "The Christianization of the Roman Coinage". Woods paper will survey the influence of Christianity on the iconography and legends of the Roman coinage from the reign of Constantine the Great(306-337) until the reign of Heraclius(610-41).

Margaret Heavey Memorial Lecture » *Larmour Theatre, Concourse* » 26th March 2015

Rome Trip » *Rome* » 5th March – 10th March 2015 (6 individual events)

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Gary Haverty

Vice-Auditor: Christina Wilkie

Secretary: Heather Black

Treasurer: Christopher Collins

PRO: Lorcan Waters

Minister for Foreign affairs: Lily Hullinger

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Lily Hullinger

Secretary: Lorcan Waters

Treasurer: Christopher Collins

Vice-Auditor: Heather Black

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	565.19	Bank charge	€93.86
Bank Charge	€21.5	Dinner	€577.5
Socs box Till	€2250	Reception	€262.29
USC Grant	€5000	Society accomm	€3112
		Society transport	€1805
		Speaker accomm	€137.66
		Speaker travel	€102.56
		Expenditure Total	€6090.88
		Closing Bank Balance	€1745.81
Total	€7836.69	Total	€7836.69

Mission Statement

To educate and further inform students of classical studies about a broad range of topics.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To revive the Classical Association of Ireland.
- To bring in lecturers to speak about their interests on a wide range of classical topics.
- To have furthered the understanding of all things classical.

Society Performance Reflection

Better than we could have imagined. This year was one of our most productive in recent history.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved our goals in abundance. The Classical Association was successfully revived in Galway and we hosted a large number of guest lecturers over the course of both semesters. Through these lectures as well as the trip abroad, we have definitely made steps in furthering understanding and interest in all things classical.

Greatest Success

The society trip abroad to Rome.

Greatest Challenge

The society trip abroad to Rome.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 192 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Comedy Soc

This year, Comedy Soc went through massive upheaval, with two auditors leaving in the one year. The original committee (September-December) showed great ideas (such as the panel shows and the flash mob) but failure to advertise properly meant that turnout was low and the societies popularity floundered.

When we took over in January we tried to run some stand up classes, but as we had no audience we changed our focus to next year. We also took a vote of no confidence in our auditor and elected a new one. We have lots of exciting plans for next year and are very optimistic that it will be a successful one.

Comedy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Comedy Soc EGM 2014 » *The View*, » 15th September 2014

The 2014 EGM for Comedy Soc to elect the remaining committee positions. This will be followed by an Introduction to Improv with the folks from Staged & Confused. Come along for some laughs!!

Comedy Soc Meet 'N' Greet » *Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 29th September 2014

Come hang out with the Comedy Soc crew. We're going to be getting to know our members and letting our members get to know us. We'll be telling jokes, having fun and generally being weird! There'll also be pizza and refreshments. Come along and have fun!

Comedy Panel Shows » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 13th October – 15th October 2014 (3 individual events)

Comedy Society presents 3 nights of Panel Shows.

BoI Theatre - 7.00pm each night

Monday - "Would I NUI To You?"

Tuesday - "Never mind the Buzz-Socs"

Wednesday - "8 out of 10 Socs"

Buy your tickets from the Socs Box.

Stand Up Workshop with Steve Bennette » *The Arts Room* » 27th October 2014

A FREE workshop for all people interested in performing stand-up comedy. Tips and advice from the famous Steve Bennette who has performed at festivals such as the Vodafone Comedy Festival an Edinburgh Comedy Festival along with being the Winner of 'Show me the Funny' 2014.

Stand Up workshop » *Art Room* » 23rd February 2015

Come along to our very first stand up workshop, open to everyone experienced or not!! we will be starting from the very beginning so bring your best stories and we'll see you there.

AGM » *Meet in Aras na Mac Leinn* » 21st April 2015

Annual General Meeting for Comedy Soc.

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: James Houlihan

Auditor: Caoimhe Bheilbigh

Secretary: Roisin Collins

Head of Stand-Up: Conor Duffy

Treasurer: Megan Donnelly

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Caoimhe Bheilbigh

Treasurer: Megan Donnelly

Head of Stand-up: Conor Duffy

Vice-Auditor: James Houlihan

Secretary: Roisin Collins

Comedy Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	865.08	Bank charge	€10.49
Socs box Till	€975.5	Entertainment	€730.5
USC Grant	€500	Expenditure Total	€740.99
		Closing Bank Balance	€1599.59
Total	€2340.58	Total	€2340.58

Mission Statement

Comedy Soc exists to bring together people of all kinds through a love of comedy.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to run screenings events for comedy films, panel, sketch and stand-up shows, while also running stand-up and improv workshops for anyone who wants to get involved. We also plan to run shows where people who came to the workshops can show what they have learned, and display material to an audience. We plan on running a panel show during the year, and becoming more involved with Welfare and spread awareness about the importance of mental health.

Society Performance Reflection

Unfortunately, due to issues with leadership in the first semester and a late start in the second, Comedy Soc failed to meet many of our expectations. The previous leadership ran a somewhat successful set of panel shows, but lack of advertising meant it underperformed

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We ran panel shows, improv lessons and did a flash mob for mental health awareness

Greatest Success

The flash mob for mental health awareness was a great success.

Greatest Challenge

Trying to rebuild the society after Christmas.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 558 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Compsoc

This year Compsoc engaged in a variety of activities, experimenting with social events, and educational events. We worked together to coordinate an international trip, which has yet to take place. We held video game competitions in conjunction with Video Game Soc.

We tried our best to come up with interesting unique events. We had showings of movies; we taught game development and helped computer science students with Python tutorials. We aided people of similar interests in computers meet each other and have fun together.

We also held other friendly competitions involving computer programming and maths, this aiding team work and problem solving in our members.

We hope to provide next year's committee with information regarding the success of various events we hosted, the idea being to improve the society going forward so a higher standard of events is continued in the future.

Compsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

Compsoc Does London » *London » 16th May – 19th May 2015 (4 individual events)*

Compsoc trip to Bletchley Park and the London Science Museum

EGM » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 22nd September 2014*

EGM

Codeathon - Maths and Programming » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 6th October 2014*

A competition to test the brains of programmers and mathematicians alike. Come to the meeting rooms at 6pm for your chance to compete in our mini competition. You will be tasked with solving maths problems using any programming language you like. Please bring your laptop. Prizes will be available.

Indie Game: The Movie » *Kirwan Theatre - Concourse » 15th October 2014*

Ever wondered what it's like to make a video game? Well now you can find out, come and see the stories behind the smash hit indie game FEZ, the rage inducing Super Meat Boy and the beautiful art piece that is Braid.

Every movie experience needs snacks:

Pizza will be provided.

LAN Party » *AC204 (Concourse) » 22nd October 2014*

LAN party, with Halo CE, AOE II, Minecraft through wired routers.

Feel free to bring any other games you have in your library as well.

Snacks and beverages will be provided to keep you going.

Python Tutorial » *IT203 » 29th October 2014*

We will teach you how to get Python on your machine and set it up properly. We will also teach you some of the basics of coding in python: functions, syntax and other helpful pieces of info.

Python Tutorial » *IT203 » 5th November 2014*

Continuing on from our tutorial last week, we will be teaching some of the more difficult and advanced parts of Python to you. We will also help new people get python and some of the basics again.

Camara Collection » *The Camara Hub » 5th November 2014*

Do you have an old PC/Laptop or old peripherals (no printers/scanners)? Even if you've salvaged some parts from it or are unsure if it's working, bring it along this Wednesday. We will wipe all of your data and make sure it's used for a worthy cause = educating kids at home and abroad!

Kerbal Space Program » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 10th November 2014*

Don't worry, it's just rocket science. Design and build your ideal spaceship; launch it and watch it fail miserably, in the stellar game Kerbal Space Program. The Catherine wheel, The Brute Force, and The Tie-everything-together; none of these will work but all of them will provide an entertaining spectacle. Can you make it to the Mun?

We will provide copies of the game to anyone without it.

Bring your laptops, hangout and have fun. In association with AstroSoc and GamerSoc.

Movie Night: The Imitation Game » *IMC cinema » 18th November 2014*

The life of the Father of Modern Computing immortalised on the silver screen. Come see Benedict Cumberbatch portray the brilliant mind that cracked the German enigma code, "The Unbreakable Code" and dealt a decisive blow to the German forces.

Join us for IMC Galway Student Night.

Movie Night: Free to Play » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre, Arts Concourse » 21st January 2015*

SPORTS, E-sports. One of the fastest growing forms entertainment. These players pour their blood, sweat and tears into games, for a chance at \$1,000,000, FREE games. Come and see their struggles as they train for the championship title of the Dota 2 International.

Game Development Tutorial with Unity Engine Night 1 » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 9th February 2015*

Tutorial in Game Development using the Unity Engine. The Unity Engine has been used to create such hit games as Kerbal Space Program, Hearthstone, Temple Run, Monument Valley, and Gone Home.

Learn from a Steam Greenlit developer with several game jams experience under his belt.

Game Development Tutorial with Unity Engine Night 2 » *Finnegan Suite, Aras ui Cathaill. » 16th February 2015*

Continuing from our last tutorial advancing our game further:

Tutorial in Game Development using the Unity Engine. The Unity Engine has been used to create such hit games as Kerbal Space Program, Hearthstone, Temple Run, Monument Valley, and Gone Home.

Learn from a Steam Greenlit developer with several game jams experience under his belt.

Silicon Valley Night » *IT250 (I.T Building) » 25th February 2015*

Silicon Valley, home of the tech Gold Rush, see how modern tech moguls are made. This quirky comedy about socially inept software engineers, a satirical look at modern tech companies and the people who run them.

From the creator of Beavis and Butt-head and King of the Hill, come HBO comedy gold.

Computers 101 - What to Look for When Buying a Computer » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 2nd March*

No idea what you're looking for when buying a computer?

Come and learn, where to look. What you need and what you don't.

How to build your own PC, for what you need.

Compsoc AGM » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 13th April 2015*

Our annual AGM is here, come for a chance to be on the committee and enjoy some refreshments. There will be banter, fun and the start of a new year for Compsoc

Movie Night - Hackers » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre, Arts Concourse » 11th March 2015*

The 1995 cult thriller Hackers starring Angelina Jolie and Jonny Lee Miller. Brilliant Computer hackers must stop a catastrophic virus from being unleashed, all while being hunted by the US government who believe they plan to release it.

Games Night » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 30th March 2015*

Just hanging out playing some video games for anyone around college.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Thomas Keane

Treasurer: Michael Welby

OCM: Tadhg Kennedy

Gizmologist: Ashley Chilundo

OCM: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Webmaster: Aisling Guinan

Vice-Auditor: Gene Moynihan

Secretary: David Colson

OCM: Eleanor Leahy

OCM: Ciaran Doyle

Public Relations Officer: Aisling Ni Dhonnchadha

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Michael Welby

Treasurer: Wayne Doherty

Server Administrator: Lydia Shirley

Assistant Server Admin: Tim Murphy

Assistant Server Admin: Patrick O'Flaherty

Organisation Balance Sheet

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1368.5	Bank charge	€78.59
Socs box Till	€1350	Entry fees	€43
USC Grant	€4000	Equipment misc	€855.46
		Fundraising / Charity	€105.47
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€583.03
		Prizes	€50
		Reception	€126.48
		Society accomm	€1202.13
		Society transport	€1868.3
		Socs day expenses	€31.77
		Expenditure Total	€4944.24
		Closing Bank Balance	€1774.26
Total	€6718.5	Total	€6718.5

Mission Statement

To promote an increased interested awareness of and interest in computing and the beneficial use of computers in NUIG and to provide a social environment for its members.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To help educate others in the use of computers, including programming software use and such.
- To host more social events and encourage engagement between members

Society Performance Reflection

We did well with regards to keeping our mission statement in mind as we organised events and engaged with our members. We tried to encourage a community within our members, a community which helped each other and ensured the goals of the society were achieved.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved our two primary goals. Various events were centred on education, helping people with programming, the use of computers, even making video games. In order to help even more people we also organised an event to teach people what to look for in purchasing a computer.

Our competitions were a huge success in encouraging engagement and teamwork within our members. A little competition encouraged strong involvement within team members at each event.

As such I do believe our goals were achieved.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the competitions we held. We found the promise of prizes, and the inherent social aspect of a competition aided involvement to such a degree as to keep members coming back. The atmosphere at these events was always jovial and relaxed and so we never had to deal with conflict arising from competitions. I believe our friendly community greatly helped in creating such a pleasant atmosphere.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was trying to keep on top of society work while still attending to other life responsibilities. Several of our committee members have been exceedingly busy with projects and assignments over the year, and so it was a challenge to ensure as many people came to meetings as possible.

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 465 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Compsoc		
<u>Aisling Ni Dhonnchadha</u>	PRO	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	10 hours	

Cumann de Barra

Cumann de Barra had an active year, fielding candidates at the national youth conference and at national council meetings, with mixed success. We had guest speakers and debates on a wide variety of topics, from asylum seekers to three parent babies, and most notably the legacy of former Taoiseach Charles Haughey in the wake of the RTE drama 'Charlie'.

In march we visited the Stormont Assembly in Belfast and held meetings with members of the power sharing executive on prisoner welfare and the financial crisis the NI government is facing.

We rounded off the year with canvasses for the marriage equality referendum and for our bye election candidate Bobby Aylword

Cumann de Barra Events

This year the society held a total of 16 events.

Socs Day Recruitment » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 10th September 2014

Freshers Welcome Meeting » *AC 201 (on Concourse)* » 15th September 2014

Unionism in a United Ireland: A Divided People in a United State? » *AC 201 (on Concourse)* » 6th October 2014

Talk and discussion on Unionism and Unionist identity and loyalties within a United Ireland, and on the relationship between Unionists and such a state. Guest speakers: Councillor Alexander Redpath, Chair of the Young Unionists (youth wing of the Ulster Unionist Party); S

NYC Election Hustings » AC 201 (on Concourse) » 3rd November 2014

Hustings for positions elected at

National Youth Conference » Clane, County Kildare » 7th November – 8th November 2014

Going to NYC

Political Reform Talk with Larry Donnelly » AC201 (Concourse) » 24th November 2014

Talk and discussion on political reform with NUI Galway law lecturer and political reform campaigner Larry Donnelly.

The Charlie Debate » AC201 » 19th January 2015

Charles J Haughey was one of the most controversial figures of 20th Century Ireland; considered a leading European statesman and a modernising Taoiseach by some; while to others he represents the pinnacle of political corruption and Machiavellian style power. On one thing everyone agrees; Reeling in the Years would not be the same without him. In the wake of the RT

EGM » AC201 » 26th January 2015

Extraordinary General Meeting to elect officers

Ogra National Council » Dublin 2 » 7th February 2015

Ogra National Council Agm in the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin

Jobstown, Political Policing or Excessive Protesting? » AC201 » 9th February 2015

This week the cumann will be discussing the recent water protests, particularly in Jobstown and whether some of the protesters actions can be justified.

Three Parent Baby Debate » » 23rd February 2015

This week the UK legislated to allow for babies with three parents. We'll be discussing what three parent babies actually are and whether or not the Irish government should follow suit.

The Multinational Question » AC201 » 2nd March 2015

This week Apple announced a major investment in Athenry, Co. Galway. At the same time the EU is preparing a common corporation tax plan to restrict the Irish government's tax policies which benefit companies like Apple. We'll be discussing the pros and cons of multinationals in Ireland and the Irish corporate tax rate.

Asylum Seekers Rights » AC201 » 9th March 2015

Asylum Seekers in Ireland have very few rights. They are not allowed to work, not allowed to find their own accommodation, not even allowed to volunteer. This week we'll be discussing whether or not the rules governing asylum seekers are too restrictive and whether changes are needed.

The De Valera Cup » University College Cork » 14th March 2015

One of the premier events on the

Northern Ireland Assembly Visit » Belfast » 23rd March – 24th March 2015

Tour of the Stormont Executive in Belfast followed by meetings with SDLP UUP and Alliance Party' politicians, as well as members of various youth wings

AGM » AC201 » 13th April 2015

Annual General Meeting. Election of new committee and amendments to the constitution and standing orders of the cumann. All welcome!

Committee 2014/2015

Membership Officer: Paschal Lehany

Secretary: Darren Hughes

Co-Treasurer: Kerrie McGroarty

Vice-Auditor: Eoghan Kelly

Assistant Secretary: Amira Mahdi

Auditor: Kevin Higgins

Treasurer: Martina Mannion

Public Relations Officer (PRO): Catherine Kavanagh

First Year Rep: Niall Gaffney

Events Officer: Thomas Cahill

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Kevin Higgins

Treasurer: Niall Gaffney

Secretary: Thomas Cahill

Events Officer: Kerrie McGroarty

Vice-Auditor: Darren Hughes

Co Treasurer: Martina Mannion

Public Relations Officer: Paschal Lehany

Membership Officer: Amira Mahdi

Cumann de Barra Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1153.09	Bank charge	€72.91
Bank Charge	€12.5	Entry fees	€180
Members Contributions	€875	Equipment misc	€25
USC Grant	€4500	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€232
		Reception	€45
		Society accomm	€1081
		Society transport	€645
		Expenditure Total	€2280.91
		Closing Bank Balance	€4259.68
Total	€6540.59	Total	€6540.59

Mission Statement

The aim of the Society shall be to promote the following policy objectives among the members of the University:

1. To secure in peace and agreement the unity of Ireland and its people.
2. To develop a distinctive national life in accordance with the diverse traditions and ideals of the Irish people as part of a broader European culture, and to restore and promote the Irish language of the people.
3. To guarantee religious and civil liberty, and equal rights, equal treatment and equal opportunities for all the people of Ireland.
4. To develop the resources and wealth of Ireland to their full potential, while making them subservient to the needs and welfare of all the people of Ireland, so as to provide that maximum sustainable employment, based on fostering a spirit of enterprise and self-reliance and on social partnership.
5. To protect the natural environment and heritage of Ireland and to ensure a balance between town and country and between the regions and to maintain as many families as practical on the land.
6. To promote the family and a wider sense of social responsibility and to uphold the rule of law in the interests of the welfare and safety of the public.
7. To maintain the status of Ireland as a sovereign state as a full member of the European Union and the United Nations contributing to peace disarmament and development on the basis of Ireland's independent foreign policy tradition.
8. To reform the laws and institutions of State to make them efficient, humane and responsive to the needs of the citizens.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aims for the year are to;

- 1 Form policy proposals for the National Youth Conference, Ard Fheis and National Councils
- 2 To debate topical issues as they arise
- 3 To put candidates forward for various party positions
- 4 To canvass in the University for the upcoming referenda
- 5 To visit the Stormont Executive

Society Performance Reflection

We achieved all we set out to accomplish. We increased our membership and held regular events which our members really enjoyed.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved all our aim and objectives with varying levels of success. Most of our policies were adopted by the national organisation but our candidates were not elected.

Greatest Success

The Charlie Debate. We debated the legacy of Charlie Haughey in the wake of the RTE drama Charlie. We had 4 times the average membership turn up, many of whom remained active in the society. A good night was had by all

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge this year was recruitment. We started off the year with a low number of continuing members. However over time this gradually increased, particularly in the second semester.

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 343 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Cumann de Barra		
<u>Martina Mannion</u>	Treasurer	60 hours
<u>Eoghan Kelly</u>	Vice-Auditor	115 hours
<u>Kevin Higgins</u>	Chairman	300 hours
<u>Niall Gaffney</u>	1st year rep	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	505 hours	

Cumann Gaelach

Tá An Cumann Gaelach OÉG ann chun teanga na Gaeilge agus cultúr na Gaeilge a scaipeadh agus a spreagadh i measc pobal na hollscoile agus muintir na Gaillimhe. Baintear an cuspóir seo amach le ócáidí sóisialta éagsúla a cuirtear ar siúl i rith na bliana acadúla.

Tharla neart athraithe i mbliana. Thoghamar coiste nua agus ansin d'athraíomar ainm an chumainn ó 'An Cumann Craic' go 'An Cumann Gaelach, OÉG. Sílimid go raibh rath orainn in ár gcuid oibre an bhliain seo. Eagraíodh neart rud chun dream na Gaeilge a shásamh. Shíleamar go raibh gá ann chun rud éigin a chur ar siúl do dhaoine nach bhfuil chomh compórdach ag labhairt as Gaeilge, ach atá ag iarraidh a gcuid Gaeilge a cleachtadh agus a fheabhsú. Ansin, tháinig 'An Ciorcal Comhtra' ar an saol. Bhuail cách - le Gaeilge líofa agus lag - le chéile gach Máirt um thráthnóna chun buaileadh le daoine ár dfoirneoirí Gaeilge iad agus a gcuid Gaeilge a cleachtadh le chéile.

Rud iontach a bhí - agus tá fós! - an suimiúil agus corraitheach (agus atáimid an-bhródúil as) ná Bál na Gaeilge. I mbliana, chuireamar Bál ar siúl chun an Gaeilge a chéiliúradh. An Chéad Bál na Gaeilge riamh i stair na hollscoile seo agus táimid an-bhródúil as. Tháinig daoine ó gach cuinne den tír seo chun céiliúradh linn agus táimid fíor-bhuíoch astu go léir! Tá sé ar intinne againn ceann eile a chur ar siúl an bhliain seo chugainn fosta!

Chomh maith leis an méid atá ráite thuas, chuamar chuig neart imeachtaí ar nós, 'An Cabaret Craiceailte' amuigh i Spidéal, an tOireachtas i gCill Airne agus chuamar ag babhláil le chéile. Glacamar páirt i ranganna sean nós freisin!

Cumann Gaelach Events

This year the society held a total of 12 events.

Cabaret Craiceailte » *An Spideal* » 26th September – 27th September 2014

Cabaret Craiceailte. Bus ag Fágail ó Aras na Gael Sraid Dominic ag 9:45! 10 Euro ar bus suas agus ar ais agus ticead don oiche! Bigi Linn. Ticeid a fail ag an SocBox. Cabaret Craiceailte @ Oireachtas Chois Fharraige

Ciorcal Comhra (Learn about Irish and a Cupla focal with some tea and FREE PIZZA) » *Aras na Gaeilge Seomra 104* » 9th October 2014

Taraigi síos chuig Aras na Gaeilge , Seomra 104! Buail le cairde nua agus bigi ag cleachtadh an teanga galanta, beidh tae agus PIZZA saor in aisce agus piosa craic! Come on down whatever level of Irish you have an learn about the language and a cupla Focal! It'll be great fun and good way to meet people! Suil le sibh a fheiceail!

Ciorcal Comhra » *Aras na Gaeilge Seomra 104/ Irish speaking practice room 104* » 14th October 2014

An Dara Ciorcal Comhra le bheith againn tar eis an Ciorcal comhra ar doigh a bhi againn
Beidh pizza ann an t-am seo!! Sli maith chun Gaeilge a chleachtadh agus bualadh le cairde
Irish speaking practice, brush up on that Irish of yours and get speaking ireland native tongue in a fun friendly enviroment
Also with free pizza nom nom Tcíf ansin sibh!

Ceardlann Ceol Sean n » *Aras na Gaeilge seomra 106* » 16th October 2014

Deis iontach e seo chun eolas agus blas a fhail don ceol is sine i nEirinn AGUS amhran a fhoghlaim!!!
Is seo an cead ceardlann don 3 a mbeidh ar siul againn roimh an oireachtas!
Beidh Eoin O Murchu i mbun an ceardlann! Na cail amach ar an deis iontach seo! Yeha Gaeilge abu

Ciorcal Comhra/ Irish speaking practice and banter » *Aras na Gaeilge seomra 104/ Room 104* » 21st October 2014

Taimid ar ais arís, ta na ciorcal comhra ag dul go hiontach! tar síos chugainn agus lig do scith le cupan tae agus piosa beag comhra.
Na bi imní ort muna raibh tu síos fos bíonn daoine nua againn chuille seachtain
Dust off the rusty leaving cert Irish of yours and come for a cup of tea and some craic and make a few new friends!
Tcifigi me ansin sibh! Beir bua

Ciorcal comhra » *Aras na Gaeilge* » 28th October 2014

Ciorcal comhra a chairde

Oireachtas 2014 » *Cill Airne* » 31st October – 2nd November 2014 (3 individual events)

Haigh leaidh, Ta an Oireachtas ar ais arís agus taimid ag suil go mor leis!

Oireachtas is here, the biggest, the richest and the best cultural event of the year is back and its going to be big!!! Bigi linn!

Bolail/Bowling » *Bowling Alley Beside Tesco, Galway S.C. » 11th November 2014*

Bolail! woouoo goitse linn agus beidh piosa craic againn !xo

Damhsa Sean nos/ San nos classes » *Aras na Gaeilge » 18th February 2015*

Ranganna Damhsa Sean-nos le Micheal Seoighe, Aras na Gaeilge. 8 pm sa teatar. Failte roimh chach. 2.50 a rang. yikes-a-rooneys sin phraghas mhaith, Sean-Nos dancing classes with Micheal Seoighe, Aras na Gaeilge, 8 pm in the Teatar. Everyone is Welcome and it is ONLY 2.5- a class. WOW thats good value xx

Bal na Gaeilge » » *3rd March 2015*

Beidh Bal na Gaeilge ar siul in Ostan Chuan na Gaillimhe ar an 3u Marta. Osclaoidh doirse do siud le ticeidi iomlan ag a 7 and gach duine eile ag a 10!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Naoise O'Caireallain

OCM: Feidhlim Seoighe

OCM: Niamh Doran

OCM: Michael McElrone

Vice-Auditor: Domhnall

OCM: Brian Kenny

Treasurer: Aisling Kelly

OCM: Reiltin Ni Theimhneain

Secretary: Anita Kealy

OCM: Jillian Rooney

OCM: Ellen Kennedy

OCM: Sabrina Sheridan

OCM: Adie Bourke

Oifig Siamsaíochta: Shauna McCaffrey

OCM: Daire Ni Chanain

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Daire Ni Chanain

Treasurer: Nicole Ni Loachdha

Vice-Auditor: Oisín O'Heartain

Secretary: Anita Kealy

An Cumann Craic Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	701.28	Bank charge	€60.13
Balls	€350	Entertainment	€3138
Bank Charge	€21	Hire Bus	€50
Classes	€30	Hoodies	€560
Members Contributions	€11.98	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€248.48
Socs box Till	€3048	Security	€20
Sponsorship	€1000	Society accomm	€465
USC Grant	€2500	Society transport	€1000
		Expenditure Total	€5541.62
		Closing Bank Balance	€2120.64
Total	€7662.26	Total	€7662.26

Mission Statement

An Cumann Gaelach's main aim is to promote Gaeilge on Campus and to try and normalise the language. Gaeilge is studied in the college by over 500 people in the college and there are many more from Gaeltacht areas. We want to provide a social platform for all Gaeilgeoiri's. As a 'bilingual campus' we are filling the role of the college to promote Gaeilge and to get students confident in speaking it. Our work is vitally important as the University emulates society in the outside world. What we do here effects the Gaeilge on the outside and our main overall mission is the revival of Gaeilge in Éire.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our main aim is to promote Gaeilge on campus. To try and reverse the post-traumatic stress the students suffered when learning Gaeilge in school and to show them that Gaeilge is a beautiful language and is vitally important for the Irish people.

The main Goals we have is to create a Gaeilge community in college where people feel comfortable speaking Gaeilge with each other and that when they leave University that they bring this experience and friendship with them.

Society Performance Reflection

We feel that our society did quite well this year. Everyone involved seemed to enjoy our events and activities.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we believe that we did achieve many of our aims, objectives and goals. We promoted Gaeilge by offering a space and a comforting, welcoming and supportive environment for students to practice the Irish language (Ciorcal comhrá). We feel that after this year that there is quite a substantial amount of students who are now more comfortable than they would have been previously in engaging in conversations in Irish with their peers.

Greatest Success

Our greatest successes would be managing to organise Bál na Gaeilge and have it go so smoothly. But a major success is reflected in the growing community of students that now speak Irish every day for a substantial portion of their college day.

Greatest Challenge

It is always quite difficult to overcome the stigma surrounding the Irish language. Many people have had bad experiences with it as they may have found it difficult at school. We were also surprised at the level of students studying Gaeilge at University level that don't use any Irish at All with their fellow classmates in Scoil na Gaeilge.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 547 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Cumann Gaelach		
<u>Blue Hanley</u>	Stiurthoir	60 hours
<u>Nicole Ni Loachdha</u>	GBC	300 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	360 hours	

Cumann Sóisialta

The Cumann Sóisialta was out together to oversee events in the Acadamh. Our aim is to keep the students entertained and to give them that well-earned break from college work they deserve. Events this year included; Treasure hunt, Halloween party, Christmas Party, Sketch Competition and Trips into the city.

Cumann Soisialta Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Taighde Taisce » *An Cheathru Rua* » 9th September 2014

A Treasure Hunt so the students could get to know eachother better.

Coisir le ceol » *Tigh an Tailliura, An Cheathru Rua* » 22nd October 2014

We had a party with music in the local pub.

Coisir » *Tigh Jeaic, Beal An Daingean* » 11th December 2014

A Party to celebrate the end of term.

Comortas » *Acadamh na hOllscolaiochta Gaeilge, An Cheathru Rua* » 11th March 2015

A sketch competition held for Seachtain na Gaeilge

Coisir » *Tigh an Tailliura, An Cheathru Rua* » 11th March 2015

A party to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge and St. Patrick's Day.

Ball » *Tigh Josie, An Cheathr* » 29th April 2015

A ball to celebrate the end of exams and the Academic Year. There was a meal and a photographer present.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Sean O'Flathara

Secretary: Andrew Power

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Andrew Power

Organisation Balance Sheet

No Financial Record

Society Performance Reflection

Very good. Every event we intended on organising was organised.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes

Greatest Success

Creating a family feel in the Acadamh. From first year to Masters all the students mixed very well.

Greatest Challenge

Getting people involved. The Acadamh is small and we thought it would be difficult to get people to put their work to one side and relax with us. Fortunately, we were wrong and we had reasonable crowds for everything.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 25 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Cumann Staire (History)

An Cumann Staire is the student historical society of NUI Galway. We aim to provide an academic and social outlet for those in the the university with a love for history. We have done this through a variety of different events both on and off campus, including: guest speakers, debates, screenings, conference attending, trips etc.

Cumann Staire (History) Events

This year the society held a total of 36 events.

Storytelling Freshers Introductory Meeting » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 4th September 2014

Welcome and introductory meeting for all past, present and future Cumann Staire (History Society) members! With tales from Galway with our guest storytellers plus pizza and refreshments. Find out what our plans out this year and how you can get involved.

New Members Welcome Night » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 10th September 2014

Come join us upstairs in Aras na MacLeinn as we will have pizza and various refreshments to welcome our new members and talk to you about our plans for the year.

Heading to the Scholar's Rest afterwards to continue the merriment.

Societies Day » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 10th September 2014

Come by our table in the Bailey Allen Hall, Aras Na Mac Leinn to chat to our committee members about our plans for 2014/2015. We will be the third table on the left as you walk into the hall. We will have freebies and shenanigans that are not to be missed. Bring your friends along to sign up to one of the most active societies on campus!

Cumann Staire EGM » *AC201* » 16th September 2014

EGM to elect new members to vacant committee positions, and to deal with additional committee business.

Positions vacant: Treasurer, 1st Year Representative, 2nd Year Representative, Erasmus Representative(s), Postgraduate Representative, Safety Officer, Ordinary Committee Member(s)

Come along and get involved with one of the most active societies in NUIG! We will be moving to the College Bar afterwards for free food and refreshments. Sure why not swing by? YOU are the future of this society!

Professor Anthony Heywood: » *AM250 - Colm O H-Eocha Theatre* » 23rd September 2014

Professor Anthony Heywood, of the University of Aberdeen, is presenting a guest lecture. Food and refreshments afterwards.

Debate: Ireland & WW1. With Eamon O Cuiv and Eamonn Gardiner » *Dillion Theatre* » 25th September 2014

An Cumann Staire is please to present out first debate of the year. The topic is regarding Ireland's Involvement in WW1. Refreshments afterwards.

37 Days Screening - Parts 1 & 2 » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 1st October 2014

An Cumann Staire is pleased to present the critically-acclaimed WW1 documentary, "37 Days". Part 1 & 2 . Pizza and refreshments in between.

Guest Lecture: Patrick Geoghegan - » *Tyndall Lecture Theatre (Concourse)* » 9th October 2014

Professor Patrick Geoghegan TCD is kindly giving us a lecture.

Refreshments afterwards

EEGM » *AC215* » 15th October 2014

Extra-EGM to elect a new Treasurer, Safety Officer and OCMs.

Refreshments afterwards.

Global Week. Guest Lecture: Professor Thomas Bartlett - "Lincoln: An assessment, 150 years after his assassination" » *IT250* » 16th October 2014

Prof. Thomas Bartlett of the University of Aberdeen is giving a lecture: "Lincoln: An assessment, 150 years after his assassination".

Refreshments and food afterwards.

Crying Out of the Earth for Revenge: Extending the Spenser and Irish Studies Canon » *IT125 (Ground Floor)* » 28th October 2014

Dr. Hiram Morgan (UCC) kindly agreed to give us a lecture.

Refreshments afterwards

Reeling in the Years: 2000 - 2004 » *Tyndall Lecture Theatre (Concourse)* » 6th November 2014

Five episodes: 2000 - 2004.

Pizza and refreshments midway.

Sound? See you there!

Guest Lecture: Prof. Richard Vinen '21st Century Unfinished History?' » *IT250 (first floor)* » 13th November 2014

Prof. Richard Vinen is Cumann Staire's latest guest lecturer. Refreshments afterwards, not a lecture to be missed!

Reeling in the Years: 1999 - 1994 » *McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse* » 19th November 2014

Due to the success of our last event we are having another six episodes of Reeling in the Years: 1999 - 1994. There will be the usual pizza, refreshments and craic! Sure pop on down!

Cumann Staire Annual Christmas Party » *Oslo Bar, Salthill* » 26th November 2014

It's time! An Cumann Staire is pleased to welcome you all to our annual, legendary Christmas party! This year it will be at the Oslo Bar, Salthill. Plenty of free food and refreshments!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/639372129507189/>

Socs Day Two - Meet Cumann Staire » » 14th January 2015

In case you missed us or weren't around on Socs Day One last semester we are setting up show in the Bailey Allen Hall once again to dish out goodies and craic from 10am - 6pm. Stop by and meet our friendly committee members, kind out what we have planned for the semester and how you can get involved. Se y'all there!

New Members Welcome Night » *Larmor Theatre, Arts Concourse* » 14th January 2015

Welcome to An Cumann Staire! Come and meet new and existing members along with the organising committee to have the history bants and discover what we are up to in 2015! Pizza and refreshments also.

Arts Ball Ticket Selling » *Aras an Mac Leinn Foyer* » 27th January 2015

We will be selling tickets to the annual Arts Ball from 1 - 4pm downstairs right inside Aras an MacLeinn. Arrive early to avoid disappointment. Afters 20 euro, full 45 euro and VIP 55 euro. See <http://www.artsbball.nuig.ie/> for full details.

Debate with Lit and Deb: Irish War of Independence » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre, Arts Concourse* » 29th January 2015

Cumann Staire is joining in this week in Lit and Deb's debate. The motion is "This house regrets the Irish War of Independence". We will have the usual craic afterwards.

Dr. Finoula Doyle O'Neill 'Talking History' » *McMunn Theatre* » 5th February 2015

Dr. Finoula Doyle O'Neill (UCC) is our first guest lecture for 2015. Title of the talk is 'Talking History'. Refreshments afterwards.

Arts Ball » *Salthill Hotel* » 11th February 2015

It's here. Need we explain? VIPs and Fulls be there for 6pm. Afters at 9pm. <http://www.artsbball.nuig.ie/>

Arts Ball - Day Two » *Collage Bar, Club 44* » 12th February 2015

Still alive? Day two: College Bar. Club 44 after.

<http://www.artsbball.nuig.ie/>

Table Quiz » *College Bar* » 17th February 2015

Ready to get quizzical? Join us for our annual history table quiz with fabulous prizes, including Cex/Charlie Byrne's vouchers, bundles of sweets and much more!

Prof. Louis Cullen 'The story of a lost manuscript: autobiography of George O'Malley, 1786 - 1860, Mayo smuggler'. » *Fottrel Theatre* » 25th February 2015

Former Cumann Staire auditor and TCD professor Louis Cullen will be giving us a keenly anticipated lecture: 'The story of a lost manuscript: autobiography of George O'Malley, 1786 - 1860, Mayo smuggler'. Refreshments afterwards.

Dr. Jackie Ui Chionna 'Martin McDonough TD' » *McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse* » 26th February 2015

Dr. Ui Chionna of our very own history department at NUIG is giving a lecture: 'Martin McDonough TD'. Refreshments afterwards.

Screening: Gangs of New York » *Larmor Theatre, Arts Concourse* » 5th March 2015

Martin Scorsese's 1860s gangster epic. Pizza and craic will be provided.

Irish Confederate Wars Re-enactment » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 9th March 2015

Claíomh are giving a historical re-enactment and talk regarding the Irish Confederate Wars 1641 - 1652. We will be outside Aras na MacLeinn weather providing, if not we will be just inside the building.

Prof William Doyle: 'American and French Revolutions: A Comparison' » *McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse* » 11th March 2015

Professor William Doyle (Bristol). Refreshments afterwards.

Diarmaid O Cathain 'The Wild Geese, Irish Colleges, and Irish Language on the Continent in the Eighteenth Century' » *McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse* » 12th March 2015

Dr. Diarmaid O Cathain is giving us a lecture: 'The Wild Geese, Irish Colleges, and Irish Language on the Continent in the Eighteenth Century'. Refreshments afterwards.

IHSA Conference 2015 » *University of Limerick* » 13th March – 15th March 2015 (3 individual events)

Cumann Staire is officially attending the annual Irish History Students Association conference in UL.

Senate Night with Videogame Soc » *TBD* » 18th March 2015

Cumann Staire and Videogame Soc are teaming up to bring a night of intrigue, craic and debauchery. With Rome 2: Total War projected on the screen, the Roman senate (the audience) will make all the decisions- i.e: whoever shouts loudest!

Will be a fantastic night not to be missed.

Dr. Vincent Durac 'Making Sense of the Arab Uprisings Four Years On' » *McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse* » 19th March 2015

Dr. Vincent Durac (UCD) is another of our guests this semester. Title is: 'Making Sense of the Arab Uprisings Four Years On'. Refreshments afterwards.

Mr Cian Moran - 'Idi Amin and the Uganda Tanzania War of 1978' » *McMunn Theatre* » 26th March 2015

Our Postgrad Representative Mr. Cian Moran LL.M will be giving a talk about the infamous Idi Amin and the Uganda Tanzania War of 1978. Refreshments afterwards.

Cumann Staire Annual General Meeting (AGM) » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 15th April 2015

Our annual AGM. Positions open are: Auditor, Vice-Auditor, Secretary, Treasurer and Arts Ball Organiser.

Refreshments and a night out on the town afterwards!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Patrick Deane

Secretary: Jordan Markey

Arts Ball Organiser: Daniel Ryan

Postgraduate Representative: Cian Moran

Ordinary Committee Member: Niall McHugh

Ordinary Committee Member: Matthew Calvert

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Clarke

Public Relations Officer: John Devlin

Treasurer: Liam Coppinger

Erasmus Representative: Katya Radovanova

Ordinary Committee Member: Mary Campbell

2nd Year Representative: Conor Matthews

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Jordan Markey

Secretary: Niall McHugh

Public Relations Officer: Brendan McNelis

Safety Officer: Ciara Clarke

Vice-Auditor: Daniel Ryan

Treasurer: Liam Coppinger

Arts Ball Organiser: John Devlin

Organisation Balance Sheet

Cumann Staire (History Soc) Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1166.91	Ball	€300
Balls	€300	Bank charge	€110.42
Bank Charge	€12.5	Dinner	€1122.05
Fundraising	€60	Entertainment	€400
Members Contributions	€1421.08	Materials	€110.7
USC Grant	€4800	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€56.63
		Postage	€16
		Prizes	€80
		Reception	€621.1
		Society accomm	€823.26
		Society transport	€1075.98
		Socs day expenses	€50
		Speaker accomm	€626
		Speaker travel	€1612.08
		Stationary	€1
		Expenditure Total	€7005.22
		Closing Bank Balance	€755.27
Total	€7760.49	Total	€7760.49

Arts Ball Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	46.94	Ball	€6954.98
Balls	€265	Bank charge	€146.67000000000002
Bank Charge	€12.5	Entertainment	€5040
Socs box Till	€9090	Equipment misc	€189.09
Ticket Sales	€16965	Lights	€4805
		Printing	€432.45

		Promotions	€37.37
		Reception	€1663.36
		Security	€2518.76
		Services Hired	€300
		Expenditure Total	€22087.68
		Closing Bank Balance	€4291.76
Total	€26379.44	Total	€26379.44

Mission Statement

To proudly present an academic and social outlet for members of the student and staff bodies of NUI Galway to interact over a shared interest in historical studies, while maintaining the longstanding reputation of the society over previous generations.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- 1 The aims of CS are the promotion of historic studies as academic topics and the support of students of such disciplines in NUI Galway.
- 2 CS is also to work towards strong interaction between students of historic studies at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and between these students and their respective academic units.
- 3 In all things CS is to aim to maintain its reputation as an efficient, honest, innovative and hardworking organisation and so act as an example to all other student groups of NUI Galway.
- 4 To foster an interest in history throughout the whole student body and wider university community.

Society Performance Reflection

We have had a successful year with a great variety of events and a strong attendance. We have gotten positive feedback for our events and have greatly enjoyed carrying them out.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We have achieved all of our goals this year.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success would be either our very successful Arts Ball, with over 900 attendees, or the strong and fruitful relationship we have fostered with the history department over the year.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was to get new members involved with the society, both in just attending events consistently and becoming part of our committee.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 404 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Cumann Staire (History)		
<u>Jordan Markey</u>	Secretary	400 hours
<u>Cian Moran</u>	Postgrad Officer	75 hours
<u>Mary Campbell</u>	OCM	100 hours
<u>Niall McHugh</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	150 hours
<u>Katya Radovanova</u>	erasmus representative	200 hours
<u>Ciara Clarke</u>	Vice Auditor	150 hours
<u>John Devlin</u>	PRO & Arts Ball Organiser	700 hours
<u>Patrick Deane</u>	Reachtaire (Auditor)	160 hours
<u>Liam Coppinger</u>	Cisteoir (Treasurer)	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2135 hours	

Dansoc

NUIG DanSoc is a large performance and social Society focused on promoting and teaching various styles of dance. The aims of the Society are;

- To promote all types and genres of dance among the wider student population of NUI Galway.
- To foster a sense of community that is open and indiscriminate to all students, particularly newly registered members of the society.
- To create a friendly relationship with other societies in an attempt to further develop cohesive and progressive societal relationships.
- To compete in national collegiate competitions and to develop close, professional and cordial relationships with other collegiate dance societies in Ireland.
- To provide full members of the Society with the opportunity to further develop skills in teaching and choreography.

Dansoc Events

This year the society held a total of 350 events.

DanSoc AGM » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th April 2015*

Hi everybody, so it's at that time of year where we say good bye to this year's Committee and welcome a very new DanSoc Committee for the year 2015/16.

It's happening on Monday 13th April @ 6pm in The Cube,

Contemporary Dance Class (All Levels) » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th September – 23rd March 2015 (28 individual events)*

Irish Dancing Class (Intermediate) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

This is an Irish dancing class for advanced dancers.

Tickets are 2e and are available at Socs Box.

Irish Dancing Class (Advanced) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

Irish Dancing Class (Beginners) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

Jazz Dance Class (All Levels) » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

Ballet Class (Intermediate) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

Ballet Class (Beginners) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

Salsa Dance Class (All Levels) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

Beginners Hip-Hop Class » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd September – 26th November 2014 (10 individual events)*

Wanna know how to Pop, Lock, Roll, Tut, Twerk or Break? Do you just wanna have a good time and maybe learn some savage routines? Do you already have a little bit of experience as a dancer (don't worry dancing on tables in Electric DOES count!! :-P) Then Intermediate Hip-Hop is the just the class place for you! Hip-Hop is one of the most adaptable styles of Dance and can be adapted to suit anybody who likes to bust a few moves every now and then! Learn some killer routines choreographed by the incredible Amy Rafferty and impress friends with moves you won't even see in STEP UP!!

Intermediate Hip-Hop Class » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th September – 23rd March 2015 (27 individual events)*

Wanna know how to Pop, Lock, Roll, Tut, Twerk or Break? Do you just wanna have a good time and maybe learn some savage dance moves? Then beginner's Hip-Hop is the right place for you! Hip-Hop is one of the most adaptable styles of Dance and is therefore suited for anybody who like to bust a few moves every now and then! Learn some killer routines choreographed by the incredible Amy Rafferty and impress friends with moves you won't even see in STEP UP!!

Choreography Workshop with Amybelle Hubbard » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 25th September – 2nd October 2014 (2 individual events)*

DanSoc EGM » *The Cube » 7th October 2014*

Wanna get involved with this year's committee? Then come along to our EGM! It is open to all new members of DanSoc and of course our veteran dancers! There will be pizza and refreshments for all you guys because we're just sound like that! We will be electing five new committee positions, these are open to all members of DanSoc and anyone can put themselves forward for a position. It's a great way to get involved and make new friends in the process. The positions available are as follows: a Varsity Co-Ordinator, one First Year Ordinary Committee Member, a Safety Officer and two Public Relation Assistants! These are great positions and there are great perks to being on a committee! See you there, guys!

DanSoc Table Quiz » *Kelly's Bar - Galway » 16th October 2014*

1st Prize:

- Festival tickets (to be revealed during the week) ;)
- Electric Garden Free-in Wristband

Irish Dancing Class (Intermediate) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 4th November 2014*

Don't forget to buy your tickets! All regular classes are

DanSoc Showcase » *Baily Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th November 2014*

YOU BETTER WORK! Witness the biggest society show of the year! Jam packed with the finest talent NUIG Societies has to offer.

DanSoc NUIG proudly presents the first ever DanSoc Showcase: http://youtu.be/d_bKik40KkU

Featuring performances from your very own DanSoc, along with Juggling, Trad Soc, GUMS and many more to be announced:

<http://goo.gl/xbcs1M>

Free entry // Doors at 5pm // All welcome// Electric after-party!

ZUMBA Fitness » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th November – 23rd March 2015 (18 individual events)*

Tickets available at Socs Box for only four euro

What is your Dream?: A New Dance Project » *Small Accoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 15th December 2014*

A project by Elizabeth Strano, an international student from New York State. Here is her release:

"As a third-year Dance and English student at my home university, I am interested in playing with the relationship between words and movement. Please help me compose a sound score for a new dance work by stopping in for just a few minutes during this session and answering a question or two! The more people, the merrier, and any and all ages are welcome!"

Advanced Irish Dancing Class » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th November – 25th November 2014 (2 individual events)*

Hip-Hop Dance Class (Inters Rehearsals) » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th January – 3rd March 2015 (8 individual events)*

This is a hip-hop dance class for intermediate and advanced dancer. It strictly focuses on Intervarsity competitions.

Tickets are 2e and are available at Socs Box.

Contemporary (All Levels) » *The Cube, Aras Na MacLeinn » 22nd January – 27th February 2015 (6 individual events)*

This class is open to all levels, experience is not necessary.

Tickets are 2e and are available at Socs Box.

Jazz Dance Class (All Levels) » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th January – 31st March 2015 (10 individual events)*

Tickets are 2e in the SocsBox.

ZUMBA Fitness » *The Cube » 26th January – 30th March 2015 (10 individual events)*

Ballet Class Advanced » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 28th January – 1st April 2015 (10 individual events)*

Tickets 2e in the SocsBox

Intervarsity Rehearsals » *The Cube, » 17th February 2015*

DanSoc Road Trip to NUIM » *NUI Maynooth » 20th October 2014*

Bite Night with DanSoc » *BiteClub / Electric Garden & Theatre » 21st October – 17th February 2015 (4 individual events)*

DANCE NIGHT OUT!!!!!!!!!! » *BiteClub / Electric Garden & Theatre » 6th October – 13th April 2015 (7 individual events)*

Contemporary Dance Class (All Levels) » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 7th January – 18th March 2015 (11 individual events)*

Committee 2014/2015

Public Relations Assistant: Janet Forrest

Vice-Auditor: Claire Sheridan

Secretary: Ryan McCarthy

Events Manager: Alison Duffy

Safety Officer: Lauren Wynne

First Year O.C.M.: Eva Pannett

Auditor: Jonathan Carton

Treasurer: Emma Keane

Varsity Co-Ordinator: Rachel Corcoran

Public Relations Assistant: Shannon Keane

First Year O.C.M.: Ricky Jinks

Ordinary Committee Member: Oisín Medlar

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Ryan McCarthy

Secretary: Eva Pannett

Public Relations Officer: Jonathan Carton

Production Manager: Emer Hogan

Public Relations Assistant: Fionnuala Doyle Wade

Ordinary Committee Member: Jessica Watts

Safety Officer: Ricky Jinks

Vice-Auditor: Claire Sheridan

Treasurer: Lauren Wynne

Events Manager: Shannon Keane

Teachers Liaison: Anne Keane

Public Relations Assistant: Alison Duffy

Ordinary Committee Member: Melissa Morris

Varsity Co-Ordinator: Janet Forrest

Organisation Balance Sheet

Dansoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	117.67	Bank charge	€111.23
Bank Charge	€12.5	Costumes	€222
Fundraising	€383.76	Dinner	€257.48
Online Till	€1500	Entry fees	€795
Socs box Till	€6488	Hoodies	€989
USC Grant	€7500	Printing	€31
		Prizes	€53
		Received Money Returned	€910
		Society accomm	€3588
		Society transport	€895
		Teacher fees	€5220
		Expenditure Total	€13071.71
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€2930.22
Total	€16001.93	Total	€16001.93

Mission Statement

We at DanSoc NUIG facilitate the development of a non-academic community in an academic environment by giving our members the opportunity to practise their hobby of dance in a safe and fun environment. We strive to foster creativity and inspire personal development through easily accessible events that are available to all NUI Galway staff and students.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To encourage people to participate no matter their dancing ability or previous experience.
- To inspire our members to develop their skills as dancers and choreographers. (Dance classes & Choreographers Workshop)
- To showcase the talent amongst our members to the wider community. (DanSoc Showcase)
- To make a fun environment for members to make friends with one another at our many non-class events. (Table Quiz & Trips)
- To foster a healthy competitive relationship between DanSoc and other dance societies in Ireland.
- To improve the committees and members interpersonal skills and their ability of being a part of a team.
- To be inclusive of all styles of dancing and to incorporate each Varsity "Crew" together as part of a wider DanSoc collective.
- To encourage a good inter-society relationship on campus; especially between DanSoc and other Artistic & Performing societies.

Society Performance Reflection

Our Society has done incredibly well this year! We have seen a massive increase in the number of active members and general contribution from our society members. We have increased our online presence, shown by our online reach figures, which have reached over an incredible 12,000 people. We brought a record number of dancers to this year's Dance Intervarsity in U.L. and

held a record number of society wide events and classes. And last, but by no means least... We won Most Improved Society 2014/15 and will be taking the Society to BICS in the coming week.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

- The Society has conducted extensive work in developing and further improving the styles of dance, and the standard at which these styles are taught and made available to NUIG students. In order to do this, it was necessary to recruit teachers and choreographers with a significant amount of prior teaching / choreography experience.
- DanSoc held a number of weekly dance classes, ranging from Contemporary Dance to Hip-Hop, including Jazz, Ballet, Zumba and Irish Dancing. All classes were made publicly available to the entire student body. All dance classes were also made available to all levels of dance regardless of experience, training or level of dance ability.
- It was made very clear at public events, showcases, classes and via word-of-mouth, (e.g SocsDay, DanSoc Showcase, EGM etc.) that classes were open and indiscriminate to all students, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, level or mode of study.
- There was a noted increased footfall in all classes this year;
- Jazz dance observed an average increase of approximately 55-60%, with the average number of attendees increasing from 5 to 11 students.
- A similar increase was noted in Contemporary Dance and Irish dancing, with the average number of student's attending weekly classes increasing to 15-18 students per class compared to the previous year's 8-10 students per class.
- Hip-Hop as always was a very popular class, which was enhanced by the addition of an extra informal walk-in dance class, in addition to Beginner's, Intermediate and Intervarsity Crew rehearsals.
- We also introduced a Zumba class that was held twice weekly, as well as a weekly Ballet class, which both witnessed small but regular number of attendees.
- Irish Dancing was also an increasingly popular class, with the number of new members increasing significantly from last year. (~15% compared to last year)
- There was an increased focus on the Society's Public Relations this year, with a significant number of posters being distributed every week, throughout the NUIG campus. However, P.R. was not limited to the college campus. A huge effort was made to develop extra-collegiate relationships. This year, we were sponsored by Electric Garden & Theatre. We negotiated offers and prizes with a number of Galway based business, such as BiteClub, Red Velvet, Hillbilly's Fast Food restaurant, Elle's Cafe, Kelly's Bar, thus increasing the extra-societal profile of the Society and increasing awareness and student footfall.
- There was also an increased online presence, in order to increase our Society's online reach, which was increased to almost 4,000 people per post with an increased 397.5% in Facebook likes since the beginning of the 2nd semester. We have also established a successful and regularly updated DanSoc Twitter account and DanSoc Instagram account.
- The Society also went on a road trip to NUI Maynooth in order to brainstorm with their already successful Dance Society. We had a meeting with their societies committee, in an effort to come up with fresh, new ideas as to how we can better promote student dance societies on a regional and national level. It was very productive, educational and motivating and we made significant leaps in improving inter-collegiate relations.
- We competed in National Dance Intervarsties in February of this year, creating and developing 5 individual routines, which were entered and performed at a competitive level in U.L.'s University Concert Hall.
- We have also held a few workshops throughout the year, such as choreography workshops and in-class technical workshops. This helps our members and class attendees to develop and improve certain skills, such as choreography, teaching, technical dance-specific footwork and dance techniques as well as promoting teamwork, creativity and dance innovation.
- We have also increased communications and made a conscious effort to collaborate with a number of other NUIG based societies, such as GIGSoc, PotterSoc, Rock Soc, Film Soc, GUMS, Trad Soc, DramSoc, BizSoc, Baking Soc and Juggling Soc through events such as the DanSoc Showcase, Bake Sales and through the organisation of DanSoc performances at a number other society events.

- We also brought a record number of dancers to the Dance Intersivity this year. Last year we brought approximately 30 dancers to UCD intersivity. This year, we saw phenomenal dedication and commitment from our dancers and brought surplus of 60 dancers to Limerick to compete at the 2015 UL Dance Intersivity. This is the highest number of dancers recorded as having participated in the annual competition and we feel that this is reflective of the open minded and diverse nature of the society.

Greatest Success

Winning NUIG's Most Improved Society

Greatest Challenge

Establishing a functional, efficient and cohesive committee and society that was 100% committed to the betterment of a unified and respectable performing society.

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 832 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE

Dansoc		
<u>Ricky Jinks</u>	Committee	100 hours
<u>Ryan McCarthy</u>	Secretary	360 hours
<u>Dara O'Donnell</u>	Photographer	3 hours
<u>Levana Eckert</u>	Dance teacher (ballet)	80 hours
<u>Jonathan Carton</u>	Auditor	400 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	943 hours	

Disney Society

The Disney Society aims to keep the spirit of Disney alive in this generation of Third level students. We love to bring people together who have a common interest, so that they can mingle with other members. We pride ourselves on having a high-spirited, fun and bubbly atmosphere at all of our events. One of our interests as a society is to promote awareness and raise money for chosen charities. Disneysoc promotes a feeling of nostalgia and joy as we show many varieties of Disney movies, from classics to new age animations. This is our second year as a society and our first year as a fully recognised society, and we have developed and grown as a group and a community over the past 2 years.

Disney Society Events

This year the society held a total of 24 events.

Socs Day » *Bailey Allen Hall, Aras Na Macleinn* » 10th September 2014

Come and meet the Disney Society Committee and register yourself as a member for a year filled with magic and making dreams come true!

DisneySoc Presents: Aladdin! & EGM » *Kirwan Theatre - Concourse* » 16th September 2014

Come and remember the amazing and wonderful Robin Williams in the all-time favourite Disney classic Aladdin. There will be an EGM held afterwards for anyone who wants to get involved in DisneySoc NUIG! See you all there!

FROZEN! » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 23rd September 2014

Come and join Disneysoc for a screening of FROZEN! In association with NUIG Snowsports, there will be a Q&A held at 7.30pm regarding an amazing trip to Val Thorens if you want to get involved! Movie starts at about 8pm! FREE PIZZA! See you there!

Disney Writers' workshop » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 25th September 2014

If you love to write, and you love Disney, this workshop is for you. Come along for a bit of craic, disney games and free Tea and Biscuits!! We are heading to the Scholars Rest afterwards for fingerfood and general mingling! Come along and get to know the committee! See you there!

UP!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 30th September 2014

Come and join us for UP! The wonderful, amazing story of love and adventure!

The Hunchback of Notre Dame! » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 7th October 2014

This week we have an amazing demo by the juggling soc before the movie! Same time and place, O'flaherty, 7pm. Free pizza and general merriment. Come one, come all!!

Global week movie! » *Oflaherty theatre* JOSEPH AITKEN » 14th October 2014

For global week we are showing one of the amazing Disneynature documentaries: Cats. It follows the lives of a family of lions in Africa. See you there!

Pocahontas » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 21st October 2014

Want to learn how to paint with all the colours of the wind? Come along to Pocahontas and be inspired!

The Jungle Book in Collaboration with ZooSoc » *Oflaherty theatre* » 28th October 2014

Showing of The Jungle Book and pizza with Zoo Soc !!!

Halloween party!! » *Cellar Bar, Eglinton St* » 29th October 2014

It's that time of year again guys-get your costumes ready for the annual multi-soc Halloween party!! Great prizes, great music and food, for only a fiver!! See you there!!

Lion King Sing-A-Long!! » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 4th November 2014

An amazing collaboration between Disneysoc and the African-Caribbean society! Come along and sing your hearts out to this wonderful movie! Free food will be provided! See you all there!

Science week! WALL-E screening! » *Cairnes Theatre* » 11th November 2014

Join us for a screening of WALL-E for this year's NUIG science week! Free pizza! Moved this week to the Cairnes theatre, which is the next one over from our usual spot!

Disney Quiz!! » *College Bar* » 25th November 2014

It's time for the annual Disney quiz in aid of Make A Wish Ireland!! Get your thinking hats on and you could win some amazing prizes! First come, first served, so get there early. You must be in a team of 4 and donation is 5 euro per person. Keep dreaming and we will see you there!!

Snow White and the Seven Dwarves! » *O'Flaherty Theatre » 20th January 2015*

Come and join us for Disney's original Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. This magical classic is one not to be missed! There is also free pizza!

KiKi's Delivery Service » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd January 2015*

Anime Manga and Disney are coming together for another amazing Studio Ghibli screening! There will be free food and lots of fun! All you need to bring is a smile and a wish. XX

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party! » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn » 27th January 2015*

Disney soc, Baking soc, and Victorian soc are coming together for an amazing screening of the original Alice in Wonderland along with tea, cakes, pizza, games, craic, and so much more!! Come join us for free food and laughs! Much love xx

Tarzan!! » *Oflaherty theatre » 3rd February 2015*

Join us for a screening of Tarzan! It's gonna be great, free pizza and tissues for the sad parts!! See ya there!

Disneysoc @ the Victorian Funfair! » *Bailey Allen Hall » 11th February 2015*

Pop down to the Bailey Allen Hall on Wednesday for some fun Victorian Disney games! Including pin the tail on Nana (Peter Pan) and A Basil The Mouse Detective Treasure Hunt! Prizes for the winners and of course FREE CAKE! Lots of other socs doing lots of Victorian things! See you there xox

SPEED DATING! » *AC204 - On concourse close to Bank of Ireland » 12th February 2015*

What is your best cheesy disney pick up line? What is the worst one you got? Don't worry because there is a prize for both! Free food/refreshments and great craic! So come along and join the party! You may even find your true love! See you there xox

Lilo & Stitch! » *O'Flaherty Theatre » 24th February 2015*

It's one of our all-time favourites Lilo & Stitch this Tuesday at 7pm! Free pizza, bring your friends! See ya there! Love Disneysoc xox

Pinochio! » *Oflaherty theatre » 3rd March 2015*

When you wish upon a star your dreams really do come true! Join us for this amazing Disney classic this tuesday! Free pizza!

Basil the Mouse Detective - Sherlock month!! » *Oflaherty theatre » 11th March 2015*

We are teaming up with our good friends at Victorian soc to bring you our addition to Sherlock month! We are screening Basil the Mouse Detective! Wednesday 11th, O'Flaherty 7pm, our usual tuesday night movie will not also go ahead.

Jungle Tea Party! » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th March 2015*

Why not come along and support the GSPCA at another amazing collaboration between Disney soc and Baking soc!? This time with the addition of the ACS! Enjoy african themed music, jungle treats and a screening of Disney's The Jungle Book! You can't miss it! See you there

Disneysoc AGM » *O'Flaherty Theatre » 24th March 2015*

Would you like to be part of a society committee for the coming year? Do you love all things Disney? If you answered yes to these questions then you belong on the Disney Society! Come along to our AGM and find out what we are all about, there will be FREE PIZZA and we will be heading to the College Bar afterwards for refreshments and mingling time with the new committee! Come along and bring a friend.. Be part of one of the biggest, bubbliest societies in NUIG!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Jade McNamara

Vice-Auditor: Jessica Newport

Treasurer: Enda McDaid

Secretary: Marie Burke

PRO: Hazel Larney

OCM: Claire Dinneen

PRO Assistant: Caoimhe Cronin-O'Reilly

OCM: Kelly Moore

OCM: Reilly Candon

OCM: Siobhan O'Brien

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OCM: Kelly Moore

Organisation Balance Sheet

Disney Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	118.8	Bank charge	€37.54
Sponsorship	€80	Dinner	€834.75
USC Grant	€1500	Makeup/Props	€6.5
		Materials	€16.18
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€85.31
		Printing	€22
		Prizes	€140.94
		Socs day expenses	€69.58
		Expenditure Total	€1212.8
		Closing Bank Balancec	€486
Total	€1698.8	Total	€1698.8

Mission Statement

Disney Society strive to create a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for all our members, and to encourage communication between students with common interests, all the while raising money and awareness for a worthy cause.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To create a community within the university for students with an interest in all things Disney.

Raise money and awareness for the "Make A Wish Foundation Ireland".

To collaborate with other societies to help us to evolve and become the best new society this year.

To give members an opportunity to watch or re-watch classic Disney movies with their friends.

Society Performance Reflection

We had a very successful year with many small and some large events. We feel as though we have achieved a lot and worked very well together as a team.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We have achieved everything which we set out to do this year. Looking at the aims and goals above we can say that we certainly ticked everything off the list. The Disneysoc community is constantly growing and we managed to raise money for our desired charity also. The majority of our events were collaborations with other societies, which taught us a lot about how to make our soc the best it can be!

Greatest Success

Our most successful event this year was our Alice in Wonderland themed Tea Party. This event brought us together with the

Victorian and Baking societies, both new on campus just like us! A lot of planning went into this event and thankfully everything went to plan, teaching us that hard work and preparation really does pay off.

Greatest Challenge

The most difficult area which we had trouble with was finding and acquiring a suitable room booking, which was large enough for our screenings, and also available every week at the same time. This proved a challenge at the beginning, as we were double-booked with another society, but with some patience and time we found the right spot.

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1533 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Disney Society		
<u>Marie Burke</u>	Secretary	60 hours
<u>Jessica Newport</u>	Vice-Auditor	60 hours
<u>Siobhan O'Brien</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	40 hours
<u>Reilly Candon</u>	OCM	48 hours
<u>Kelly Moore</u>	ordinary committee member	50 hours
<u>Caoimhe Cronin-O'Reilly</u>	PRO	55 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	313 hours	

DJ Soc

We met every Thursday in the Large Acoustic Room, Áras na MacLeinn from 7 to 10pm! This we had great plans of getting hoodies and going on a trip abroad but sadly these did not come to fruition.

What we did do is have consistent weekly meetings, gigs every week in College Bar and every second week in Carbon Nightclub and our radio show was on every week on Flirt FM.

DJ Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

DJ Soc in College Bar » *College Bar, NUI Galway » 3rd September 2014*

Get your college life off to a great start in the College Bar from 8pm!

DJ Soc will be playing everything that makes you wanna dance, from smooth house to the best in hip-hop! Take this great chance to get to know the famous College Bar with music provided by some of Galway's best young DJs.

You'll like this if you enjoy...Jay-Z, Fatboy Slim, MK, Justin Timberlake, Disclosure, Daft Punk, Jackson 5, Snoop Dogg, MGMT, Flume and MANY more.....

DJ Soc Presents: Hubstep! » *The Hub, » 3rd September 2014*

Not your average gig! You can expect all the alternative hits you won't hear on a regular dancefloor! Come rock out, have a dance and get to know likeminded people with DJ Soc in The Hub from 8pm on!

Expect to hear....Arctic Monkeys, Foo Fighters, Blink 182, AC/DC, Queen, Bastille, Elbow, Led Zeppelin, Foals, Imagine Dragons, Johnny Cash, Paramore....and MANY more!

DJ Soc AGM Party » Large Acoustic » 15th September 2014

Join us as we elect a new committee....and have a big party all in one night! Free pizza and the best tunes from DJ Soc residents old and new!

DJ Soc Takeover - College Bar » Collage Bar » 17th September 2014

DJ SOC TAKEOVER

Join DJ Soc in the back room of the College Bar for the freshest tunes provided by some of Galway's up and coming DJ talent!

DJ SOC Open Decks Session » Large Acoustic » 18th September 2014

Open decks is where we show you how to DJ, and like it says on the tin, its open to anybody! Beginners welcome all year round and no previous experience necessary! Drop in whenever between 7pm and 10.30pm and stay as long as you want! It's easier to learn to mix songs you know so here's a pro-tip; stick a few tunes you like on 2 USBs and bring em with ya! See ya there!

DJ Soc Takeover: College Bar » College Bar » 24th September 2014

DJ Soc Takeover...does exactly what it says on the tin!

Join DJ Soc in the back room of the College Bar for slick house, smooth hip hop and those gems that make you want to dance! Tunes provided by some of Galway's best young DJ talent!

DJ Soc Open Decks » Large Acoustic » 25th September 2014

Want to learn how to DJ?!

Come along and use our equipment and we'll have you up and running in no time! For those who come often we'll have slots in College Bar and Carbon, so it's worth your while coming along!

You don't need to bring anything, except maybe some tunes you like on a USB stick (it's easier to learn when you know the music!)

Open to all levels, and beginners are always welcome! NO previous experience necessary!

DJ Soc @ Carbon Nightclub Galway » Carbon Nightclub, Galway » 6th October 2014

Join DJ Soc DJs as they play tunes to get your body movin' down in Carbon Nightclubs smoking area!

DJ Soc Takeover - College Bar » College Bar (back room) » 8th October 2014

DJ Soc play everything from Hip Hop to Disco, from House to cheesy tunes you know you love deep down! Kicking off at 8.30pm, why not call in and unwind?!

DJ SOC Open Decks Session » Large Acoustic Room » 9th October 2014

Aspiring DJs, now is the time to learn! Drop in session for anybody who wants to learn how to DJ! Bring some music on a USB and we'll show you all there is to know! You'll be mixing in no time!!

DJ Soc Takeover - College Bar » College Bar » 15th October 2014

Another week, another Takeover!

We're kicking things up a gear for this week's installment! Ye olde College Bar | NUI Galway will be jam packed with dapper looking folks for Suit Up Day, run by the gents over at NUIG Law Society!

Catch us down the back room playing house, hip hop, disco and some cheesy favorites!

Get down early, it's gonna be bizzeeeeeee!!

DJ SOC Open Decks Session » Large acoustic room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th October 2014

Come and learn to DJ!! Just bring a USB stick with some music you like and we'll show you everything you need to know!

DJ Soc in Carbon » Carbon Nightclub, Galway » 20th October 2014

DJ Soc play techno, house and deep tunes to get your body movin in Carbon's Kesselraum!

DJ Soc presents: Killian & Jay » Large Acoustic Room » 6th November 2014

This week we have our first guests coming in to have a chat with our members! These absolute gents are the kings of party tunes in Galway, and have entertained all over the city! They run Groove.Shake, one of Galway's best clubs nights, full of disco, house, bass and electronica.

They will be telling us about their background and giving some top tips to young DJs!

Kickin' off in the Large Acoustic Room at 6pm sharp, we'll have some free pizza and Open Decks will be on afterwards!

Make sure to call in!

DJ Soc Takeover - College Bar » College Bar (back room) » 12th November 2014

Our weekly residency continues this week; join us in the College Bar for funk, disco, house and some surprise tunes!

DJ SOC Open Decks Session » *Large Acoustic Room* » 13th November 2014

Open Deck session for people to call in and learn how to DJ! All you need is some music you like on a 2 USB or CDs! Come whenever you want and stay as long as you need! Beginners always welcome!

DJ Soc Open Decks » *large acoustic room,* » 15th January 2015

Come and learn how to DJ, all level of ability welcome!!

DJ SOC OPEN DECKS!! » *Large Acoustic Room* » 22nd January 2015

Come along and learn how to DJ! Simply bring some music you like on a USB or CDs and you're good to go! Drop in for as long as you want!

DJ Soc in Carbon » *Carbon Nightclub, Galway* » 26th January 2015

DJ Soc are taking over the smoking area in Carbon playing a variety of techno, house and minimal tunes! Sets from Laura Burke and Eoin Murrey! Not to be missed!

DJ Soc Open Decks » *Large acoustic room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 29th January 2015

Come and learn how to DJ with experienced Galway DJs! Open to all levels, come when you want and stay as long as you need!

DJ Soc Open Decks » *Large Acoustic Room* » 5th February 2015

Come down and learn how to DJ, whether it's on vinyl, CDs/USBs or using a laptop! We've got it all here ready to be used! Starts at 7pm, pizza may make an appearance!

DJ Soc presents L.A.R » *Large acoustic room, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd April 2015

DJ Soc are turning the humble Large Acoustic Room into a dark Boiler Room style gig with sets from DJ Soc committee and members side by side!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Evan Flaherty

Vice-Auditor: James Kenny

Treasurer: Eoin Reilly

Secretary: Conor Kelly

OCM: Chloe Greham

First Year Rep.: Joss Myers

OCM: Pat Walsh

P.R.O: Daniel Ffrench

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Conor Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

DJ Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	848.14	Bank charge	€41.43
USC Grant	€2,250.00	Dinner	€32.00
		Equipment misc	€800.00
		Euros	€421.18
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€50.00
		Services Hired	€300.00
		Expenditure Total	€1,644.61
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,453.53
Total	€3,098.14	Total	€3,098.14

Mission Statement

In the DJ Soc we wish to provide those who want to learn to DJ with a safe, friendly, welcoming environment within in which they can learn and practise DJing! We will teach them the skills necessary to mix their favourite music and get them mixing on various platforms. We will provide gigs for regular members in Galway City so they get a chance to play in front of a crowd.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year in DJ Soc we want to improve on the fantastic year we had in 2013/14! We're aiming to have a solid committee who spread the workload evenly amongst them and work together to make the society as good as we know it can be! We aim to have long sessions every week (that rooms are available) to ensure that we can give our members as much practice time as physically possible. We want to get all of our equipment serviced and working 100% to ensure that we are never left without a means to practice. One of our main goals is to establish ourselves with the College bar and get DJ Soc back in there! We also aim to build a working relationship with a nightclub in Galway City to allow us to showcase our members and give them an opportunity to play in a nightclub!

Society Performance Reflection

Overall our society did well this year, we built on last year's success and had consistent open deck sessions, got ourselves a residency in not only College Bar, but also in Carbon Nightclub in Galway city.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved our aims, objectives and goals by having open deck sessions nearly every week of semester 1 and 2. We could offer more equipment options for people to DJ on than ever before and people benefitted greatly from this. We set ourselves the task of securing a residency in College Bar and a nightclub in Galway City, and we managed to get both of these!

Greatest Success

Getting a residency in Carbon Nightclub was definitely our greatest achievement! It's been years since NUIG DJ Soc has been allowed in the door of any venues in town, and to overcome that was a great feeling. So many young DJs got their chance to play in front of a crowd, and a great crowd at that!

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was spreading the workload evenly amongst all the committee members, through no fault of any one person.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 508 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

DJ Soc		
Joss Myers	Ordinary Committee Member	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	10 hours	

Dóchas Society

Dóchas had a very busy year, from starting up as a new society to going on trips To Cork, Lahinch and Dublin. We had weekly meetings throughout the year. The first semester we did the alpha course which is an introductory course to the Christian faith and we found that people really engaged with this and found it beneficial.

We also collaborated with Choral Soc and attended an inter-societal games night.

The second semester we decided to take a different approach and get various people in from the community to give talks. We felt that having this sort of interaction would be more interesting and more interactive.

Dóchas also went on a variety of trips throughout the year. There was the IFES big weekend away which some of us attended in Castledaly manor with a number of other colleges from Athlone and Dublin. Also there was a surf trip to Lahinch which saw students from Trinity College Dublin, UCD, and IADT in the first semester. We topped our first semester as a society off with helping out with the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal twice in the warehouse in Ballybrit.

We began having weekly bible studies in January as well as our weekly meetings, these were a great opportunity for people to grow together and explore God's word.

We also had a breakfast morning in An Tobar Nua where John Shelton spoke briefly to us over breakfast.

There were also a number of trips in the second semester. We went down to Cork to support the UCC cancer society in their relay for life in collaboration with the Cork Christian Union. This weekend there is the IFES Christian union annual conference which some of us are attending. Also coming up there is the NUI Galway cancer society's relay for life. Dóchas have two teams in this with almost 20 members involved.

We've had a great first year as a society and we hope that the coming years will be even better.

pause for obscene amounts of applause *further pause when no one is clapping*

Dochas Society Events

This year the society held a total of 22 events.

Trip To Cork! - Relay for Life » *Cork » 27th February – 1st March 2015 (3 individual events)*

We are going to Cork to help out with UCC Christian Union as they participate in UCC Cancer soc's relay for life to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Come along its going to be a great weekend with lots of fun too!

Bible Study » *Michael's House » 7th January 2015*

Come along as we study the Bible in the comfort of Michael's house. It's a great time to ask questions, look deeper into God's word and grow together in our faith and love for Jesus. We would love to see you there! Everyone is welcome.

EGM » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 2nd October 2014*

Come along as we elect our first committee and begin our Alpha course where we investigate the claims and the person of Jesus.

Who is Jesus? » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 9th October 2014*

We'll be watching a video and discussing Who Jesus is. Everyone is welcome. Free tea, coffee and Nom-Noms :)

How can I have Faith? - Dochas Soc » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd October 2014*

Come and join us as we look at how can we have faith, discussing what it means to have faith today and hanging out afterwards with tea and cookies. Everyone is welcome and we love meeting new people :)

Hope to see you there!

Lahinch Surf Trip! » *Lahinch Co. Clare » 24th October – 27th October 2014 (4 individual events)*

Dochas are going to Lahinch for a long weekend of fun and some surfing! Its going to be a great weekend with friends from UCD, TCD, DIT and IADT joining us there!

Why and how should I pray? » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 6th November 2014*

Come join us as we ask how and why we should pray. As always we love when people bring their own thoughts to the subject so please come along :) everyone is welcome! Tea and biccies will also be had :)

Why and how should I read the Bible? - D » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th November 2014*

Come along as we ask the question "Why and how should I read the Bible"? As always we love when people bring their own views on things and we love to discuss openly and of course EVERYONE is warmly welcome :)

AND tea and biccies! What more could you want?? Hope to see ye there!

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal - D » Eyre Square » 20th November 2014

Come along to Eyre square at 6:30 where we will be getting a bus (the 403) to the ballybrit racecourse to help out with sorting the shoeboxes filled with toys! Its great craic and for a great cause free tea, coffee and Christmas feels! Hope to see ye all there!

Weekly super fun awesome meetings » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th January – 3rd February 2015 (3 individual events)

Come along to our weekly meeting where we will discuss a different topic of Christianity each week.

We are open to absolutely everyone, everyone is welcome! We aim to create an environment that is loving and safe. We love discussion, honesty and no question is off limits. We will usually have a guest speaker in each week as well as tea and cookies and loads of craic :)

We would love to see you there!

Breakfast! » An Tobar Nua, Dominick Street » 7th March 2015

We are going for breakfast in "An Tobar Nua"!

We'll enjoy lovely nom noms as well as a very casual talk from Dr. John Shelton (Bible Scholar). As with all of our events, everyone is always welcome, everyone. :) Would love to see you there, if you don't know where An Tobar Nua is... ask google! :)

Last meeting of the semester! » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 24th March 2015

This is our last meeting this semester! We will have a speaker in, free pizza, our AGM and of course tea, biscuits and the craic!

Would love to see you there! As always, we are open to everyone and anyone, would love to see you there!

CU Annual Conference » King's Hospital, Dublin » 27th March – 29th March 2015 (3 individual events)

We will be attending IFES Ireland's annual conference for the groups with which they are affiliated around all of Ireland.

This weekend is always BRILLIANT! This year the focus is on the Trinity; (if you have ever wondered why there is talk of Father, Spirit, Son this is perfect for you!) For more info check out The D

Committee 2014/2015

Treasurer: James Shovelin

Secretary: Michael Hamilton

OCM: Aoife Daly

Auditor: Brian Fitzgibbon

Vice-Auditor: Robert Whiting

PRO: Callum Butcher

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Auditor: Robert Whiting

Treasurer: James Shovelin

P.R.O.: Michael Hamilton

Vice-Auditor: Kerry McCallum

Secretary: Nadia van Den Berg

OCM: Alicia Wei Jen Goh

Dochas Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€13.17
USC Grant	€500	Dinner	€59.94
		Materials	€45.44
		Society accomm	€390
		Expenditure Total	€508.55
		Cash In Hand	€0.7
		Closing Bank Balance	€-9.25
Total	€500	Total	€500

Mission Statement

To provide students with information and a knowledge of Christianity in a safe and comfortable surrounding. Open to everyone interested in exploring all aspects of Christian faith with likeminded people.

Society Performance Reflection

Dóchas was set up as a society this year. Since this was the case our main objective was to focus on building the society up. Dóchas got far more accomplished this year than we had anticipated. We developed a core group of people dedicated to the society, both people on the committee, and also regular society members. In my opinion, our society did very well this year!

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Lots of our goals and objectives were achieved throughout this year. We had planned to have regular meetings throughout the year. We had hoped that these meetings would be reasonably well attended and that we would make anyone who came along feel comfortable, I think that we achieved this objective. Another goal we had was that people would see Dóchas as a society of Christian people who acted in a loving way. We feel like this goal was achieved and that we have been reasonably well received on campus.

Greatest Success

Dóchas' main strength is the society member's love and friendliness towards one another. I would consider our greatest success to be the way the society acted with respect and dignity and had a good relationship with the various people in and outside the society regardless of difference.

Greatest Challenge

Occasionally the members of Dóchas can be cliquish. This is something we want to work on in the coming years. We want to be even more welcoming to people coming to Dóchas for the first time.

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 212 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Dochas Society		
<u>Robert Whiting</u>	Vice-Auditor	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	50 hours	

Draíocht

This year Draíocht organised multiple fundraisers for our charities in both Nepal (Team Nepal) and Tanzania (The Olive Branch Org.). These fundraisers included a visit from a hypnotist (which was very successful in that we sold out all of our tickets and had extra people queuing at the door with the hope of gaining access to his show), a thrift shop party (this innovative event promoted local charity shops in the Galway area while at the same time raising much needed funds for Draíocht), Hell&Back in Wicklow (members and volunteers did this tortuous 12km in aid of Draíocht and fundraised at least 50euro with sponsorship cards), and a table quiz (in college bar which brought volunteers together to get to know each other before heading off for the summer).

Furthermore, we have developed a website for Draíocht that will be sustainable for the future (as it's free of charge to use). It was designed and created as a final year project by some students of NUIG. It will enable volunteers next year to apply online with the application forms and avoid the hassle of paper forms and so will be more efficient. Furthermore we have created a PayPal account on the site that will allow donations online. This will be beneficial for years to come.

We received 1000euro from Comhlamh to put towards pre departure training. We have started Nepali language classes with our summer volunteers and had a cultural talk in preparation for their trip. We have introduced change agents into the committee this year. These change agents can attend our committee meetings and get an idea what to expect/how to work with a committee next year. Because Draíocht is a charity organisation as well as a society, it is really beneficial to have someone on the committee each year from the year before that knows the necessary procedures involved in preparing volunteers for the summer.

Draíocht Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Hell & Back » *Kilruddery Estate, Bray Co. Wicklow* » *1st February 2015*

Hell & Back adventure race.

AGM » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *16th September 2014*

A new committee shall be elected and the societies plans for the next year will be outlined. If you are interested in being involved with Draíocht this year now is your chance!!

Traveller's Tales » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » *30th September 2014*

This is a night where Draíocht's Summer volunteers tell us all about their adventures to Nepal and Tanzania.

Hypnotist - Michael McCoy » *Oflaherty theatre* » *11th November 2014*

Draíocht are hosting their first big fundraiser of the year, bringing the fantastic hypnotist Michael McCoy to NUIG. All funds being raised go towards community based projects in both Tanzania and Nepal. Such a worthwhile cause so please support! You'll be in for an entertaining night so don't miss it!

Draíocht Quiz » *College Bar* » *24th March 2015*

Greetings guys and girls!! Have you been waiting your entire life for the most exciting amazing quiz night ever??.....

Committee 2014/2015

Contact : Meave Higgins

Nepal Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah O'Connell

Auditor: Peter Lee

Event coordinator: Siabhra Medley

Public Relations Officer: John O'Farrell

OCM: Aisling Hennebry

Secretary: Christine Condon

Vice-Auditor: Jack O'Meara

Treasurer: Ita McGowan

OCM: Neil Duffy

Comhlamh: Fiona Murphy

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Siabhra Medley

Secretary: Meave Higgins

Vice-Auditor: Fiona Murphy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Draiocht Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	22739.52	Bank charge	€169.81
Ecommerce Sales	€4555	Dinner	€260
Fundraising	€104082.04	Entry fees	€2450
Members Contributions	€4489.1	Fundraising / Charity	€72323.57
Socs box Till	€1715	Garda Vetting	€75
Sponsorship	€2261.94	Printing	€40
Ticket Sales	€150	Received Money Returned	€200
		Expenditure Total	€75518.38
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€64474.23
Total	€139992.61	Total	€139992.61

Mission Statement

Draíocht fundraises for community based projects, spreads awareness and facilitates volunteering abroad to work with charities such as 'Team Nepal' and 'The Olive Branch for Children' (Based in Tanzania.)

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year, Draíocht aims to send 3 groups of volunteers to each of our partner charities during the summer months. These volunteers aim to fundraise at least €200 each to contribute directly to the charity they have chosen to volunteer with.

We hope to organise numerous fundraising events throughout the year such as shows, sponsored races and bake sales. Members of Draíocht will be involved in these events, for example, through selling tickets, getting sponsorship, or giving time to help organise events. The money will be split between both charities.

We aim to raise awareness of Draíocht and more importantly, the charities we work with. Inciting interest in people is key to aid progression and improvement of both the society and the charities.

As a committee, we want to work efficiently together. Throughout the year we hope to improve as leaders, team-workers and in our specific roles within the society. Doing so should allow our society to reach its full potential.

We aim to increase the membership of Draíocht through extensive promotion of the society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society was faced with much adversity throughout the course of this year, including natural disasters. This was undoubtedly the hardest year for a Draíocht committee to date, so in that respect I think we did very well. We coordinated the fundraising of in excess of €35,000, organised some really successful events, expanded our mailing list to its highest yet and doubled the volunteering numbers heading to Tanzania.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We smashed our fundraising aims in the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal and were able to supply over 1000 families to date with life-saving supplies. We achieved our volunteer sending aim to Tanzania with the highest number travelling to date.

Greatest Success

The sheer size of the funding raised and transferred to the humanitarian relief fund in Nepal is undoubtedly our biggest achievement of the year.

Greatest Challenge

Dealing with and relaying in a professional and objective manner the constant emotive reports received from Nepal to the impending volunteers was the biggest challenge.

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 421 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Draiocht		
<u>Meadhbh Ni Fhlatharta</u>	Volunteer	700 hours
<u>Luke Murphy</u>	Event co-ordinator	60 hours
<u>Sarah O'Connell</u>	Volunteer coordinator	70 hours
<u>Orla Clissmann</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Paul Mannion</u>	Volunteer	40 hours
<u>Laura Fahey</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Catherine Thanaseelan</u>	Volunteer, Tanzania	120 hours
<u>Aoife O'Dowd</u>	Volunteer	720 hours
<u>Bria Connolly</u>	Volunteer and Fundraiser	25 hours
<u>Siobhan O'Meara</u>	Volunteering Podiatry in Tanzania	720 hours
<u>Peter Lee</u>	Auditor	300 hours
<u>Eimear Kelly</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Yvonne McHugh</u>	Volunteer	720 hours
# ALIVE Students:	13 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	3510 hours	

Dramsoc

Dramsoc's aim is to unite students of NUI Galway who share an interest in any aspect of drama and theatre including: acting, directing, stage management, costume, make-up artistry, dramaturgy, props, set building, improvisation, light and sound design/operation, front of house work or simply attending productions. Our aim is to involve each of our members to whatever degree they choose by staging full theatrical productions and holding a wide range of events throughout the year. Members of Dramsoc are given the opportunity to mix and work with like-minded people, other societies and local theatre practitioners, while gaining experience in the field of theatre and performance. Dramsoc members are also given the opportunity to interact with other dramatic societies from around the country in the annual intervarsity event, the ISDA (Irish Student Drama Association) festival. Dramsoc has worked hard for over 100 years to contribute to cultural life on campus and create an artistic outlet for our membership which currently stands at 911 members.

Dramsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 59 events.

Drama Gala! » *Bank of Ireland Theatre » 16th September – 17th September 2014*

Come along to find more information about our productions this semester, audition for one of them, express interest in workshops, or just to say hi. :-)

Staged & Confused » *The View » 3rd September – 26th November 2014 (13 individual events)*

Can't act? No excuse. Don't want to? We don't care. Staged & Confused is Dramsoc's weekly improv session which is nothing like the cringe-worthy awkwardness that you imagine when we say theatre improv. The focus of this session is primarily on getting you over the horrible self-consciousness and hesitancy that we experience when put on the spot in front of people. We do this by playing fast-paced games and engaging in group silliness that will, with a zero percent fail rate, leave you in better humour on a Wednesday evening. Stay for the craic and find that you'll actually become a funnier person, with more friends, and only slightly less sanity.

Staged & Confused! » *The View » 17th September 2014*

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Auditions for Dramsoc Freshers! » *Aras an Mac Leinn » 6th October 2014*

Dramsoc are holding auditions this coming MONDAY for anyone who has not yet gotten the chance to act in a Dramsoc production!

We have 'BOUNCERS' for the boys and 'SHAKERS' for the ladies! Auditions will be in Aras Na Mac Leinn from 12-5:30pm!

"Bouncers" by John Godbar and "Shakers" by John Godbar and Jane Thornton are two stylistically related one-act plays that concern the lives of working-class Britons who are trapped in dead-end jobs and live for the moment with little hope of bettering their future, or even understanding what the word future means. "Shakers" concerns the lives of four women who work as bartenders and waitresses at Shakers, a moderately hip though not too posh eatery. An extended series of vignettes follows the women Nikki, a would-be actress, Carol, a college graduate who can't get her life together, Adele, a quiet girl who wants children, and Mel (McLean Bradshaw), a slutty girl who doesn't seem to want anything -- as they work, play, and live their lives. "Bouncers" tells a similar story. It concerns four men who work as bouncers at a disco where "you gotta have a tie, you gotta have a suit, you gotta look cute, or you get the boot." Again, similar vignettes follow the four men as they work, fight, party, watch a great deal of porno movies, and interact with other disco habitues.

Red Roses and Petrol » *The Bank of Ireland Theatre » 7th October 2014*

Dramsoc presents Red Roses and Petrol by Joseph O'Connor. "Red Roses and Petrol" explores grief through the family of Enda Doyle, who come together for his funeral despite their unresolved issues and follows their struggle to accept the death of their father and the life he used to lead.

Red Roses and Petrol » *Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUI Galway » 8th October 2014*

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"Red Roses and Petrol" explores grief through the family of Enda Doyle, who come together for his funeral despite their unresolved issues and follows their struggle to accept the death of their father and the life he used to lead.

Musical Collaboration Auditions » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 8th October 2014

Dramsoc and GUMS are once again collaborating and this semester we bring you 'Company'. Open Auditions for the musical take place the 8th of October. Singing Auditions kick start at 3pm till 5pm in the Art room while acting auditions take place at 3pm till 7pm in the small acoustic room. Everyone is welcome, singers, dancers or Actors!.

Red Roses and Petrol » *Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUI Galway* » 9th October – 10th October 2014 (2 individual events)

Dramsoc presents Red Roses and Petrol by Joseph O'Connor.

"Red Roses and Petrol" explores grief through the family of Enda Doyle, who come together for his funeral despite their unresolved issues and follows their struggle to accept the death of their father and the life he used to lead.

Forum Theatre: Divide and conquer with AL » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 15th October 2014

As part of Global Week Dramsoc presents a forum theatre/ theatre of oppressed performance:

A community divided by corporate interests attempts to come deal with proposed fracking in their locality, you the audience as spectators can become part of the solution.

Time Stands Still » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 21st October – 24th October 2014 (4 individual events)

Dara O'Donnells production of Time stands Still with NUIG' Dramsoc

Bouncers » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 5th November – 6th November 2014 (2 individual events)

Roisin Eyres' production of Bouncers by John Godber

Shakers » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 11th November 2014

Charlotte Moore's production of Shakers, written by John Godber

Shakers » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 14th November 2014

Joe Power's production of Shakers, written by John Godber

One Act Auditions » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th November – 19th November 2014 (2 individual events)

Auditions for 8 new one acts which will be performed in Theatre week Feb 23rd, 24 actors needed.

The Seafarer » *Bank of Ireland Theatre (beside the college bar)* » 18th November – 21st November 2014 (4 individual events)

Jonathan Ryan directs Dramsoc's production of The Seafarer, by Conor McPherson.

Dramsoc EGM » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 27th November 2014

Dramsoc are looking to fill some positions on their committee and would like you to apply! Available positions include : Head Technician, First Year Rep, Events Officer and Student Development Officer. There will also be pizza and waffles from Mister waffle so come for the food, stay for the elections!

Company » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 1st December 2014

Dramsoc/GUMS collaborative musical Company. Directed by Richard Brown and Robbie Walsh. Students 8euro, non-students 10euro.

Company » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd December 2014

Dramsoc/GUMS collaborative musical Company. Directed by Richard Brown and Robbie Walsh. Students 8euro, non-students 10euro.

Company » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 3rd December 2014

Dramsoc/GUMS collaborative musical Company. Directed by Richard Brown and Robbie Walsh. Students 8euro, non-students 10euro.

Company » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 4th December 2014

Dramsoc/GUMS collaborative musical Company. Directed by Richard Brown and Robbie Walsh. Students 8euro, non-students 10euro.

Staged & Confused » *The View* » 14th January 2015

Staged & Confused is Dramsoc's weekly session of improvised fun and games. Perfect for getting over your fear of humans, working on specific performance-based skills, and also mainly for having a bit of craic. Newcomers are always welcome and previous experience is definitely not required. :-)

Cry of the Curlew » *Bank of Ireland Theatre, NUI Galway* » 28th January – 30th January 2015 (3 individual events)

Dramsoc's production Cry of the Curlew written and directed by Oisín Robbins.

Dramsoc EGM » *O' Flaherty Theatre* » 2nd February 2015

We have 3 positions up for grabs!

- Events Officer: You'll be in charge of our events such as show after parties and other social gatherings.
- Student Development officer: Organises Workshops for everyone involved in the society.
- Head of Sets: You'll oversee the production of sets during the semester and make sure each production has a one along with a set designer/builder. Feel free to ask any questions dramsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

On Raftery's hill » *The Bank of Ireland Theatre » 4th February – 6th February 2015 (3 individual events)*

Dramsoc presents on Raftery's Hill directed by Robbie Walsh

Dramsoc presents Endgame » *Bank of Ireland Theatre » 25th February 2015*

Dramsoc presents Samuel Beckett's Endgame, directed by Mark Leahy.

Dramsoc presents Endgame » *Bank of Ireland Theatre » 26th February 2015*

Dramsoc presents Samuel Beckett's Endgame, directed by Mark Leahy.

Dramsoc presents Endgame » *Bank of Ireland Theatre » 27th February 2015*

Dramsoc presents Samuel Beckett's Endgame, directed by Mark Leahy.

Dramsoc Presents Ghosts » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th March – 26th March 2015 (3 individual events)*

Dramsoc presents and Original Dance Piece directed by Martin Kenny

Ghosts » *Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th March – 26th March 2015 (3 individual events)*

"Midway upon the journey of our life, I found myself lost within a forest dark, For the straightforward pathway had been lost"

A woman, suffering and lost, stumbles into a place both familiar and alien, unsure of how she has ended up here. She is Unknown. The Guide soon follows, an aid to those who seek their way, and Unknown's anchor in a frightening world. Their ultimate destination is this place, frozen in time, where memories live behind closed doors, waiting to be remembered. In order to find her path forward, Unknown must be lead through each door in an attempt to confront her past, and exorcise her demons. Drawing inspiration from Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy, Ghosts is a devised dance piece directed by Martin Kenny and presented by NUIG Dramsoc.

Dramsoc EGM » *The meeting rooms » 20th April 2015*

DRAMSOC NEEDS YOU!!

For next year's committee we are looking for the following roles to be filled:

- Vice Auditor - Head Technician - Student Development Officer & Events - ISDA Representative - Physical PRO

We also have some topical constitutional discussions to have so come along, have some tea, elect a committee and improve Dramsoc for the future! In 2016 NUIG Dramsoc shall be hosting the ISDA Festival (which we are very excited about) and we need someone to take on the role of ISDA Festival Director! We need you to make sure the festival runs smoothly! This person must be organised, dedicated and enthusiastic!

We just got back from ISDAs hosted by DU Players in Trinity College and it was amazing so this role has some pressure to live up to the years previous! You will have a sub-committee to help you on your way and of course massive support from the general Dramsoc Committee.

If you are not interested in taking on a role please come along anyways so we can have your opinions on how Dramsoc is currently working and what we can do to improve! All support is appreciated!!

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 Student Development Officer: Martin Kenny

Non Voting Representative: Hazel Larney

OCM: Darragh Cooney

Costumes Manager: Aisling Ni Dhonnchadha

Events Officer: Meghan Mohon

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Jordan

Secretary: Orla Tubridy

Productions Officer: Peter Kenny

Virtual PRO: Rebecca Spelman

Stage Management Officer : Aisling McGing

Non Voting Representative: Harry Walker

First Year Rep: Conor Duggan

ISDA Liaison Officer: Robbie Walsh

Head Technician Elect: Michael Foley

Committee 2015/2016

Jack Scullion : Jack Scullion

Treasurer: Kevin Murphy

Student Development Officer: Richard Brown

Head Technician: Marie Hegarty

Stage Management Officer : Niamh Butler Thornton

Secretary: Aisling McGing

Public Relations Officer: Siobhan Boyle

Events manager: Shane Gaffney

Head of Sets: Anna Fanning

Head of Costumes: Doireann Nic Dhonncha

Organisation Balance Sheet

Dramsoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1864.58	Bank charge	€113.44
Bank Charge	€87.93	Costumes	€1298.02
Ecommerce Sales	€202	Dinner	€112
Members Contributions	€6.87	Entertainment	€90
Socs box Till	€5783	Entry fees	€1547
Ticket Sales	€1833	Equipment misc	€597.02
USC Grant	€12000	Euros	€112.35
		Gifts	€100
		Lights	€2190.25
		Makeup/Props	€1724.4
		Materials	€526.11
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€295.35
		Performing rights	€2284.33
		Postage	€51.5
		Reception	€209.6
		Returned Socs Money	€2191.1
		Services Hired	€1895.6
		Set	€1184.37
		Society accomm	€1558.47
		Society transport	€1466.92
		Sound	€25.17
		Teacher fees	€575
		Expenditure Total	€20148.02
		Closing Bank Balance	€1629.36
Total	€21777.38	Total	€21777.38

Mission Statement

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. There are many opportunities in this society, mainly to get experience and make likeminded 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 writers and choreographers to present their original work, two of these original productions were selected to represent NUIG at the Irish Student Drama Association Awards 2013. 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.

Society Performance Reflection

Dramsoc achieved many of our goals this year. We managed to hold a wide range of events throughout the year from productions to workshops which were generally well attended by our members. There were some challenges throughout the year, particularly finding meeting times as our committee is so large but we worked together throughout the year to overcome this.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, many of our aims were achieved this year. With 11 productions held throughout the year we managed to provide our members with a wide variety of different plays in which to get involved or see. We also held a number of workshops in a number of different areas including make-up and lighting. In running theatre week in conjunction with the socsbox we achieved one of our main goals for the year. We would hope to see this continued next year and hopefully see Dramsoc's involvement increased and the festival expanded in years to come.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success this year was definitely at the ISDA festival in Dublin. Dramsoc submitted 4 plays to the week-long festival and saw our most successful year ever. With 11 nominations and 3 wins, we were one of the most successful societies in the competition. It was also a fantastic sociable week and bonding experience for Dramsoc members who attended. Nominees and winners were as follows:

Nominations

Best Costume and Make-up: Frankie McClean, Alex Murphy, Brenda Herbert

Best Sound Design: Keegan Charlier for Cry of The Curlew

Best Supporting Actor: Joe Power and Martin Kenny

Best New Writing: Oisín Robbins

Best Actor: Dylan McCormack and Oisín Robbins

Best Production: Cry of the Curlew

Best Ensemble: Ghosts

Judges Discretionary: Best Choreography: Ghosts, Best throwing of rubbish: Cry of the Curlew

Wins

Best New Writing: Óisín Robbins (Cry of the Curlew)

Best Actor: Dylan McCormack

Best Ensemble: Ghosts

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge this year was running NUIG Theatre Week. This was mainly due to lack of early planning. It was difficult to assemble a sub-committee to take on organising the festival at such short notice. Although we did manage to put a number of events together, we relied heavily on assistance from the Socs Box and were unable to organise as many events throughout the week as we had originally hoped. We hope that our experiences this year will help the incoming committee so that next year's theatre week is a bigger and more successful event.

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 914 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Dramsoc		
<u>Michael Foley</u>	Head Technician / Actor	300 hours
<u>Aisling McGing</u>	Stage Management officer, Running Front of House, Producing three plays and stage manager	700 hours
<u>Dara O'Donnell</u>	PRO, director, stage manager, techie	1200 hours
<u>Sarah Timmins</u>	Light Technician	96 hours
<u>Julie Breen</u>	Front of house	20 hours
<u>Shane Egan</u>	Treasurer, Producer/director, actor	650 hours
<u>Diarmuid Tierney</u>	cast member	400 hours
<u>Michael Power</u>	Director/ Thespian	500 hours
<u>Alex Murphy</u>	Performer / Costumes	150 hours
<u>Sorcha O'Mahony</u>	One Acts Writer/Producer	185 hours
<u>Frank Armstrong</u>	Set Design and Construction	150 hours
<u>Niamh N</u>	acting, make-up	200 hours
<u>Meghan Mohon</u>	Actor, Stage manager, events officer, staged and confused	500 hours
<u>Tara McDermott</u>	Director of One Acts	230 hours
<u>Jack Scullion</u>	Head technician	350 hours
<u>Richard Brown</u>	Director of Musical Collaboration, Actor in Endgame.	450 hours
<u>Sara Komorowski</u>	Sound Designer	75 hours
<u>Aisling Ni Dhonnchadha</u>	Head of Costumes	600 hours
<u>Jonathan Ryan</u>	Director, Actor	1200 hours
<u>Kevin Murphy</u>	Student Development Officer	400 hours
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<u>Yvonne McHugh</u>	Stage Manager	150 hours
<u>Sarah Smith</u>	Front of house	10 hours
<u>Peter Kenny</u>	Productions Officer/Director/Actor/Producer	725 hours
<u>Kate Lalor</u>	Costume/Actor	150 hours
<u>Sinead Jordan</u>	Auditor/Vice-Auditor/Actor/Front of House	800 hours
<u>Martin Talbot</u>	Member	300 hours
<u>Rebecca Spelman</u>	Virtual PRO and front of house	200 hours
<u>Keegan Charlier</u>	Sound Design	85 hours
<u>Darragh Cooney</u>	Ordinary Committee Member, Actor, Stage technician	450 hours
# ALIVE Students:	30 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	11626 hours	

Education Society

Ed Soc is a society where anybody with an interest in Education is welcome. We are always looking for new ideas about topics that might make for an interesting event/discussion/debate. We organise events that are fun, interesting and exciting and provide a place for meeting new people with a common interest.

Education Society Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Edsoc Meet & Greet & EGM » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 7th October 2014*

First meeting of Edsoc for 2014/15 and EGM to elect remaining committee members

Edsoc Bake Sale!!!! » *Smokey Joe's, Concourse » 16th February 2015*

Edsoc are hosting a bake sale in conjunction with students of the B.A. (Maths & Ed) programme to help in raising funds for end of year Mathematics Education event

The "Very Educational" Table Quiz » *College Bar » 24th February – 25th February 2015 (2 individual events)*

Edsoc is promoting a table quiz hosted by the final year Mathematics & Education students, as part of their fundraising effort towards their final year research symposium event

B.A. (Maths & Education) Research Symposium » *NUI Galway Education Building (D-Block) » 31st March 2015*

In association with Edsoc, the final year students of the B.A. (Maths & Education) programme will host a showcase of mathematics education research, as well as keynote speakers on the day

Committee 2014/2015

School of Education Liaison: M N

Ordinary Committee Member: Sinead Black

Ordinary Committee Member: Alexander Foran

PRO: Robert Higgins

Auditor: Órlagh Nic Eoin

Vice-Auditor: David Coughlan

Treasurer: Katie Rogers

Education Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	130.87	Bank charge	€43.73
Fundraising	€5		
USC Grant	€500		
		Expenditure Total	€43.73
		Closing Bank Balance	€592.14
Total	€635.87	Total	€635.87

Mission Statement

To share ideas relating to education and technology within our group and help make us better educators.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To increase membership. To increase awareness of society on the campus.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 213 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Education Society		
<u>Robert Higgins</u>	P.R.O.	40 hours
<u>Katie Rogers</u>	Treasurer	25 hours
<u>Sinead Black</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	90 hours	

Enactus

Enactus NUI Galway is a society on campus aiming to provide a platform for students to implement projects which empower people in need socially, economically and environmentally. It is a part of a larger network here in Ireland and across the world.

Enactus gives students the chance to make a real and sustainable change by utilising their entrepreneurial spirit while gaining valuable experience of how the real world works. They are exposed to key business people within industry and proactive academics within the university.

This year has seen its most successful year to date. To name but a few achievements,

- Runner up in the National Finals competition.
- Enactus NUI Galway received full society status.
- More members were recruited than any previous year.
- 4 successful projects were run throughout the year.
- There were approximately 50 students actively involved across multiple disciplines.
- 4 of our members represented Enactus Ireland in the World Cup in Beijing.
- 20 of our members received the ALIVE certificate for volunteering.
- 2 of our committee members received bursaries to attend the World Cup in Johannesburg.

This year's projects included:

The Wallflower Initiative

This innovative project works with CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health services) Mental Hospital located in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway. With these patients we develop a vertical garden, developed from recyclable materials. Inspiration for this project came from the committee's interest to tackle food security in urban spaces while also providing an outlet for teenagers with mental health issues. This project is being presented at the Enactus Ireland National Finals.

CAP: Communication Awareness Programme

Our project is a training initiative for catering and retail staff, to enhance their ability to interact with individuals with communication difficulties. CAP strives to give a person with a communication disability their right to be listened to, to have their voice heard and their right to make choices when ordering food, beverages and interacting with staff. This project is being presented at the Enactus Ireland National Finals

BikeBack

BikeBack will reduce bicycle theft on university campuses across Ireland initially and ultimately promote cycling around the country by installing a GPS unit into bicycles allowing them to be tracked if stolen. It will also deter opportunistic thieves using a comprehensive marketing campaign. This project was a finalist in the NUI Galway Student Enterprise Awards.

TARA: Teaching Achievement by Revitalising Apparel

This project aims to teach the service users of ability west, who have intellectual disabilities how to revitalize old clothes in a warm, fun environment of learning and creativity. Each of the sessions taught the service users something different; converting old t-shirts into bags, tie dying and making galaxy shoes. This project received EXPLORE funding to be carried out.

Enactus Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Information Night » *ENG G047* » 17th September 2014

Information night to bring students up to speed on what enactus is, and what it does. We will talk about projects, and will give the chance for new members to bring ideas forward.

Open Committee Meeting » *ENG - G047 (Engineering Building, room under the stairs)* » 8th October 2014

OPEN TO ALL

We will be finalising our projects which we are running with for the year and then you will be allocated a project to work within. If you have a project you would like to run under the Enactus banner please email us at enactus@socs.nuigalway.ie.

Training Day » *Chartered accountants house Dublin* » 12th November 2014

Traveled to Dublin for a training day

Christmas party/ Brainstorming session » *College Bar* » 17th November 2014

Enactus Projects Launch & Showcase » *Aula Maxima in Quadrangle* » 24th March 2015

Enactus will officially launch their projects in the Aula Maxima.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Michael Lennon

Secretary: Billy Delaney

Team Leader : Elizabeth O'Brien

Ordinary Committee Member: Olwyn Joyce

Ordinary Committee Member: Sile Donlon

Project Leader: Aaron Molloy

Vice-Auditor: Jack McCarthy

Treasurer: Leanne Burke

Ordinary Committee Member: Caroline O'Shea

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Olwyn Joyce

Treasurer: Leanne Burke

Student Advisor: Billy Delaney

Project Leader: Aaron Molloy

Vice-Auditor: Michael Lennon

Secretary: Sile Donlon

Public Relations Officer: Caroline O'Shea

Organisation Balance Sheet

Enactus Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	94.03	Bank charge	€92.89
Sponsorship	€500	Equipment misc	€396.16
USC Grant	€4000	Materials	€349.4
		Services Hired	€1600
		Society accomm	€160
		Society transport	€1683.3
		Expenditure Total	€4281.77
		Closing Bank Balance	€312.26
Total	€4594.03	Total	€4594.03

Mission Statement

A community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world.

Society Performance Reflection

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- 4 of our members represented Enactus Ireland in the World Cup in Beijing
- 20 of our members received the ALIVE certificate for volunteering.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

For a society who did not set any real goals and objectives, we feel we have surpassed the expectations of many and are looking forward to the new academic year.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success to date was to see over 50 active members striving to see real change across our campus and Galway city.

Greatest Challenge

Collaborating and communicating across various project groups, in the future we are looking for more members to get involved and to be involved in not just one but multiple projects.

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 566 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Enactus		
<u>David Van Story</u>	Committee Member	35 hours
<u>Shane Tierney</u>	Team Member	15 hours
<u>Fiona O'Connor</u>	Team member of BikeBack	5 hours
<u>Elizabeth Oke</u>	Committee Member / Projects Member	20 hours
<u>Bronagh McManus</u>	The Wallflower Project	12 hours
<u>Alastair Baird</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Michael Lennon</u>	Auditor	650 hours
<u>Billy Delaney</u>	Secretary	100 hours
<u>Elizabeth O'Brien</u>	Team Leader	280 hours
<u>Mark Roche</u>	Team Member/Product Designer	12 hours
<u>Paul Casserly</u>	Bike Project Treasurer	68 hours
<u>Niall Minihan</u>	Marketing Team Member	30 hours
<u>Caroline O'Shea</u>	ocm	44 hours
<u>Olwyn Joyce</u>	Volunteer and Project Coordinator	30 hours
<u>Leanne Burke</u>	volunteer	62 hours
<u>Richard Johnston</u>	Bike Project Treasurer	42 hours
<u>Darragh O'Carroll</u>	Volunteer	80 hours
<u>Niall Rutherford</u>	Team Member	80 hours
<u>Jack McCarthy</u>	Vice Auditor and Corporate Liaison Officer	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	19 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1667 hours	

Energy Society

The NUI Galway Energy Society provides a platform for students with an interest to learn, discuss and collaborate on energy related topics across the globe. It's 5th year in operation the energy society has had a successful year. It run two high profile events and an international trips. There were also film screenings, informal meetups and social evenings throughout the year. Our collaboration with other organisations has strengthened our societies and look forward to developing these partnerships in the future.

The society's highlight of the year is always Energy Night. This year the theme strayed away from the conventional idea of energy and examined the bigger picture. The theme was "Smart Grid, Pushing Technology and Privacy Boundaries". Alongside an informative careers event this Energy Night provided a unique insight for engineers into energy with our panel including technology journalist Karlin Lillington, law lecturer Ráin Kennedy, ICT researcher Michael Schukat and Smart Grid lead at Accenture Michael Quigley. They provided an insightful panel discussion.

Our international trip took us to the Copenhagen. The city sets an example to all other cities in terms of green culture. 20% of their energy consumption is produced from renewable sources and the goal for Denmark is to be 100% renewable by 2050.

Copenhagen alone has around 400 km of cycle paths, and about 40 per cent of the capital's population commute to work by bicycle. For our group of 15 who travelled this trip highlighted the importance of green living.

This year saw the NUI Galway Energy Society collaborate with Student Energy, a global non-profit organisation looking to bring energy enthusiastic students together. Our society is proud to announce that through this partnership two of our committee members were given a bursary to attend the International Student Energy Summit in Bali in June. The society looks forward to developing this relationship in the future and hope to make attendance at these summits open to all members.

This year has been a successful year with it being our most diverse year for membership and engagement in terms of university course. Energy is becoming increasingly important and we look forward to promoting discussion on it in the future.

Energy Society Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Energy Movie Night » *Eng - 2001* » *14th October 2014*

Big Movie night focusing on the future of energy and where our world is going. Are we in trouble? An exciting event guaranteed to thrill. Popcorn, treats and much much more. Great deals and free food in College Bar after. And a surprise that will blow your mind. NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Career's in Engineering and Technology. » *ENG G017, Engineering building* » *11th February 2015*

A must go to event for all future engineers, computer scientist and scientist.

Want to know what companies want in Students? Want to know what companies need for the future?

Then come along to Career's in Engineering and Technology Event WED the 11th of February where some of the top Engineering and IT companies will give invaluable tips and hints for students in the hopes of setting students down the right road for their future careers.

Energy Night 2015 » *ENG G018* » *11th February 2015*

NUI Galway Energy Night 2015

Smart Grid, Pushing Technology and Privacy Boundaries! Ireland

Energy Socs Annual Dinner » *High Cafe, High street (Beside the Bunch of Grapes pub)* » *25th March 2015*

The annual dinner for energy society will take place all 2014/15 committee member will be invited.

Energy Socs AGM » *ENG - 2052* » *25th March 2015*

All positions for Energy Society 2015/16 will be up for grabs. Pizza. Looking forward to seeing you. Committee will then go out for their annual dinner.

Committee 2014/2015

Event Manager: Aoife Weeks

Vice-Auditor: Conor Egan

Secretary: Billy Delaney

Safety Officer: Niall Rutherford

Speaker Liaison: Copper Pigot

Auditor: Kate Kerrane

Treasurer: Sorcha Tarpey

PRO: Eoghan Lavin

Trip Manager: Edward Hanlon

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Sarah Callaghan

Secretary: Meadhbh Conlan

Treasurer: Aoife Ni Cheidigh

Vice-Auditor: Conor O'Flaherty

Organisation Balance Sheet

Energy Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	629.50	Bank charge	€62.46
Bank Charge	€25.00	Dinner	€100.00
Members Contributions	€665.00	Gifts	€152.00
Socs box Till	€1,050.00	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€425.00
USC Grant	€4,500.00	Prizes	€550.00
		Society transport	€3,853.00
		Video Hire	€175.00
		Expenditure Total	€5,317.46
		Closing Bank Balance	€1,552.04
Total	€6,869.50	Total	€6,869.50

Mission Statement

Energy Society is a student lead initiative which uses fact-based discussion & open collaboration to develop the understanding & awareness of energy production, consumption & its impacts as to educate but students and the public alike.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To work together as a collective unit and become as organised and communicative as possible. To increase our membership by 20% after the Christmas break. To have more events that are beneficial to students in terms of choosing a career path. To open the society to more students rather than only engineering students. To generate more sponsorship to enable us to hold more events. To have at least 2 high profile speakers for semester 2.

Society Performance Reflection

We were very happy with our progress this year. We developed stronger relationships with societies and organisations on campus as well as within industry and international networks. We look forward to developing these partnerships in the future.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we achieved the following objectives:

To work together as a collective unit and become as organised and communicative as possible.

To have more events that are beneficial to students in terms of choosing a career path.

To open the society to more students rather than only engineering students. Although we did not achieve all of our goals we believe it was a successful year.

Greatest Success

The organisation of Energy Night 2015 and overcoming the various obstacles along the way.

Greatest Challenge

We had a high profile speaker drop out the day before the event this proved to be challenging in trying to find a replacement.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 457 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Energy Society		
<u>Aoife Weeks</u>	Events Manager	50 hours
<u>Billy Delaney</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Sorcha Tarpey</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Niall Rutherford</u>	Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Kate Kerrane</u>	Auditor	300 hours
<u>Jack McCarthy</u>	Ordinary committee member	10 hours
<u>Edward Hanlon</u>	PRO	250 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	710 hours	

Engineering Soc

This was a very successful year for the Engineering Society, holding a record number of events and increasing membership to an all-time high. EngSoc members were highly active throughout the year and engaged well with the society via attending events and on social media. The annual ball, our most important event, was again a huge success - the Wolf of Wall Street theme in particular captured the imagination of attendees.

The society raised over 1000 euro for Console through various events including the 20km endurance course, Tough Mudder.

Eng Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

Tough Mudder Training Day!!! » *Engineering Building & 12 Ben's mountain range* » 17th September 2014

Tough Mudder training day for all members of the Eng soc team.

We are going on a day long hike in the 12 Ben's mountain range!

We'll aim to leave at 7:00am next (Wednesday 17th of September)

and return around 5:00pm.

Spaces are limited depending on car spaces. Training is open to all with priority to Engineering team members and people with cars.

Contact Engineering society for more details.

EEE Speakers » *Engineering Building - G017* » 10th September 2014

EEE is an evening-to-night event which consists of 3 speakers from interesting backgrounds in Energy, Engineering and Enterprise.

Refreshments will be provided in the foyer of the Engineering Building after the talk and prizes will be awarded to random attendees.

Further information on the event is yet to be announced.

Engineering First Year Class Party!! » *College Bar & Electric* » 18th September 2014

Calling all first years!!....

The Engineering Society have organised the First Year class party for Thursday 18th September in the college bar at 8pm.

There will be free finger food and a stamp for free entry to Four Four.

This will be a great way to meet your new classmates and get to know people. There will also be lots of entertainment and games provided on the night with a chance to win some prizes.

Eng Soc EGM » *ENG-2002* » *22nd September 2014*

Welcome back to another week in the grinder!

If you are looking for a break from the 1,2,3's of class life, how about coming along to our EGM tonight!

We will be having our EGM at 6pm in Eng-2002 Tonight (Monday 22nd).

Eng-2002 is on the second floor of the engineering building.

For those who attend we will be chatting about what events Eng soc will be organising this year and how you can get involved.

There may be some committee positions available if you are interested in helping run the society.

After all of that we will be chill out and getting to know each other over a few slices of FREE PIZZA!

See you tonight :) Eternally yours, Eng. Soc.

P.s. Don't forget to see what we are up to on facebook and if you like what you see give us the thumbs up!

<https://www.facebook.com/engsocnuig?fref=ts>

Tough Mudder » *Punchestown Racecourse* » *5th October 2014*

Eng Soc are entering a team to the Tough Mudder adventure race in October! We are raising money for Console. Console is a National Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Charity with a center in Galway. Console also provides the only 24 hour freephone Suicide Helpline in Ireland which is 1800 247 247.

If you'd like to join our team, just send us a message for the the details! Tough Mudder is said to be the world's toughest obstacle course, but we'll be working as a team and leave no one behind.

You don't have to be an Eng Soc member to join our team by the way!

Check out <https://toughmudder.co.uk/content/2014-dublin> for the details :)

Designing Ireland's Most Efficient Car » *ENG047* » *16th October 2014*

Engineering students from NUI Galway will talk about their roles in designing and building the Geece, a car efficient enough to drive from Galway to Dublin on less than e1 worth of electricity.

In May 2015, the NUI Galway Eco-Marathon Team will travel to Rotterdam to compete with 200 other teams from Europe in the Shell Eco-Marathon as the first team ever to represent Ireland in the event.

The team will discuss the challenges overcome in designing the vehicle from the chassis up and what challenges they face before the big race!

Planking on the Concourse » *Concourse, NUIG* » *22nd October 2014*

The Engineering Society is hosting a charity event on the concourse in aid of the Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Service, Console. Whether you've a washboard for a belly or a front porch for beer there's no need to worry, it's all a bit of whimsical banter in aid of a good cause. The challenge is to see who can plank consecutively for the longest time possible. There will be some cool prizes for the best competitors. If you want to donate but don't want to plank there will also be donation buckets floating around so drop by and show your support for suicide prevention!

How Social Entrepreneurship is changing how we do Business by Dr. Gary McDarby » *ENG G017, Engineering building* » *23rd October 2014*

Dr. Gary Mc Darby is a technology consultant and has a background in Electronic Engineering and Neuroscience. He will speak about how social entrepreneurship is changing how we do business.

Background:

Gary has a degree in Electronic Engineering from UCD, a Master

Limerick Trip » *Limerick* » *31st October – 1st November 2014 (3 individual events)*

The EngSoc bus is headed for Limerick this Friday for an epic 24 hours of hardcore craic!

We're bringing 40 unruly members to experience the world's largest indoor Karting track, a bit of skaty skate at the roller disco followed by a promising night out.....

We'll be staying in the Clarion hotel in Limerick for a nights kip and you'll be back in Galway by 1pm(ish) on Saturday.

Email us before 8pm on Wednesday 8th if interested at engsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

Ticket Sales for Photobooth party » *Beside Smokey's on Concourse* » *6th November 2014*

NUIG's largest society will be hosting a Photobooth party in 44ClubGalway on Thursday 13th of November.

Tickets for the event will be sold Thursday 6th on the concourse for a mere

An Imperative for Engineers? » ENG017 » 13th November 2014

This talk by Brendan Tuohy will focus on initiatives that helped to change and shape Ireland, the lessons learned from trying to achieve these changes and the importance of good networking and communicating. Brendan Tuohy is a former Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from 2000-2007 and prior to that worked in various Government Departments in roles such as Assistant Secretary in the Dept. and Fire Adviser to the Dept. of Environment and Local Government.

He holds a degree in civil engineering from University College Cork, post-graduate qualifications in environmental engineering and management from Trinity College Dublin, is a Chartered Engineer, Fellow of Engineers Ireland (FIEI) and Member of the Academy of Engineers.

He is now a management consultant and is a director of a number of bodies:

Photobooth party » 44ClubGalway » 13th November – 14th November 2014

Find a friend, Grab a prop and Strike a pose!!!

Introducing EngSocs Photobooth party

E&N Wolf of Wall Street Ball ~ Ticket Sales (Final Years) ~ » Engineering Building (Foyer), » 20th January 2015

Final year Engineering/Informatics, Nursing/Midwifery and Health science (OCT, SALT, Podiatry) students get first preference to tickets at the E&N Ball 2015.

The tickets will be on sale in the Engineering Building and Aras Moyola from 12 noon. For those on placement an additional space in the foyer of Aras Moyola will be setup to sell tickets from 8pm.

Full Ticket: €60

The full ticket allows you to attend the champagne reception in the lobby of the Radisson, a beautiful three course meal, a live music performance by Poroma, class awards and your official class photo.

After this you get to enjoy live performances from Delorentos, Le Galaxie & Watermat until 2am

Afters Tickets: €30

Live performances by Delorentos, Le Galaxie & Watermat from 9.15pm to 2am.

Afterparty ('The Roll over')

All ticket holders have FREE ENTRY to Electric Garden the day after the ball before 11.30pm with your wristband.

Before this however it is expected that all ball goers will appear in College Bar from 5pm for the cure :)

ENSURE THAT YOU BRING YOUR STUDENT ID ON THE DAY OF PURCHASE.

Any student can buy 2 tickets for himself/herself and a guest.

For any further detail don't hesitate to contact us by:

email: engsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

E&N Wolf of Wall Street Ball, Ticket Sales (Final Years) » Aras Moyola (Foyer), Concourse (beside Smokies Cafe) » 21st January 2015

Tickets will be on sale in Aras Moyola and the Concourse (beside Smokies Cafe) from 12 noon. The Engineering Building will not be used as a selling space this year as previously advertised due to health & safety reasons. Last year we got through over 1,100 students in less than 45 minutes and we anticipate similar flow this year!

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E&N Ball » The Radisson Blu Hotel » 4th February 2015

AGM » ENG-2001 » 5th March 2015

The EngSoc AGM takes place this Thursday evening at 6pm in ENG-2001!

We will discuss the events carried out over the year which were so successful followed by the election of the 2015/2016 committee. There will be free pizza for those who attend!

All members of EngSoc are eligible to run for a position. Available positions include:

Auditor, Vice Auditor, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Events Officers x 2, Equipment Officer, 3rd Year Rep and 2nd Year Rep

For all further information on positions, election details etc. just email us at engsoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: James Murray

Secretary: Alan Byrne

PRO: Fiachra Sherry

Events Officer: Fergal Reilly

3rd Year Rep:: Aoife Magee

Student Liaison Officer:: Ian Aherne

Speaker Convenor:: Niall McCormick

Vice-Auditor: Tíreoin Mullaney McCabe

Treasurer: Nicola O'Sullivan

Events Officer: Laura Hanlon

2nd Year Rep:: Bryan Feighney

3rd Year Rep:: Shaun Gill

Equipment Manager:: Martin Orr

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Shaun Gill

Treasurer: Claire Crotty

Event's Officer 1: Noreen Cassidy

Event's Officer 3: Martin Orr

Auditor: Bryan Feighney

Secretary: Ian Aherne

Event's Officer 2: Aoife Magee

Speaker's Convenor: Michael Lennon

Organisation Balance Sheet

Engineering Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2957.63	Ball	€2000
Bank Charge	€12.5	Bank charge	€72.99
Members Contributions	€214	Dinner	€370
Sponsorship	€2000	Entertainment	€224
Ticket Sales	€4925.8	Gifts	€150
		Hire Bus	€600
		Materials	€6
		Printing	€25
		Prizes	€40.93
		Reception	€90
		Society accomm	€2390
		Society transport	€3173.08
		Socs day expenses	€4.99
		Expenditure Total	€9146.99
		Closing Bank Balance	€962.94
Total	€10109.93	Total	€10109.93

Engineering Ball Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	10798.7	Ball	€45422.01
Balls	€44695	Bank charge	€978.790
		Expenditure Total	€46400.8
		Closing Bank Balance	€9092.9
Total	€55493.7	Total	€55493.7

Mission Statement

We aim to assist with the educational needs of society members, promote engineering as a positive career choice, provide recreational and social activities for members and undertake work for charitable causes.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To promote engineering as a positive career choice, to aid with the educational needs of students and organise social events for students.

Society Performance Reflection

We measure success based on

- The number of events held during the year
- The number of attendees at each event
- The number of registered members of the Society
- Feedback from members
- The financial health of the society

Based on these measurements, qualitative and quantitative, we believe the society did exceptionally well this year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved all of our aims. We stayed true to our mission statement and ran events in line with the society's aims, objectives and goals. This includes social outings, educational talks, career and internship seminars and charity events. We achieved our goal of doubling the number of registered members from the previous year. We gained more sponsorship and held more events. Attendance was up at the annual ball.

Greatest Success

Our continuing ability to be the best all round society on campus. The Engineering society has something for everybody. We have a great culture within the society - one of inclusiveness, openness, ambition, humility and teamwork. We discuss and share ideas, we make decisions in the best interest of the society as a whole and make great efforts to leave the society in a healthy state for the following year's committee to build on. Committee members give up their time and energy for little reward, and are happy to do so. We focus on making the society all about the members and we actively encourage their participation at meetings and events and we take on board their feedback and views. Maintaining this culture over the years is one of the society's greatest successes, apart from the obvious success of the various events held throughout the year.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge is to combine a difficult, time demanding course and the running of the society. Most of the committee members are Engineering students with timetabled hours from 9am to 6pm with only 1 hour break for lunch. That is not to

mention the extra time needed to complete assignments, projects and other learning. Running the universities largest society on top of this workload is not easy. However, we have the strongest teamwork and leadership of any society on campus, and this makes it all possible. The hard work and challenge is worth it when we see the results in the form of happy members and successful events.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1689 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Eng Soc		
<u>Tireoin Mullaney McCabe</u>	Vice-Auditor	350 hours
<u>James Murray</u>	Auditor	400 hours
<u>Bryan Feighney</u>	2nd Year Rep	215 hours
<u>Fergal Reilly</u>	Events Officer	250 hours
<u>Laura Hanlon</u>	Events Officer	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1240 hours	

Entrepreneurship Society

EntreSoc was established little over a year ago, but has proven how a society can grow in such a short space of time. After Socs Day 1 we doubled our membership to just fewer than 1000 people. This momentum was kept going with our very first event in conjunction with Engineering Soc and Energy Soc: Triple E. Followed shortly by our Female Entrepreneurship evening. We launched one of our most successful events to date, Start Up School. This saw 4 weeks of mentorship and guidance for teams to turn their ideas into real start-ups, with a prize fund of €1500. This is sure to become one of our annual events. A mystery trip to an unknown European destination (Riga, Latvia) and 'Basecamp by EntreSoc', which saw STEM leaders speak to the students of NUIG, were both organised in the second semester and further enhanced the reputation of the society on campus.

A melange of different events, from attending Student Slingshot, securing internships with our sponsors EY for our members and visiting accelerators and multinational HQ's in Dublin were all organised.

Entrepreneurship Society Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

Triple E » ENG G017, Engineering building » 10th September 2014

We hope you've all had a great summer, and we'd like to welcome you to our first event of the year, the inaugural Triple E event, co-hosted by NUI Galway Entrepreneurship Society, NUIG Energy Society and Engineering Society Nui Galway.

Kicking off the event at 6 o'clock, we have talks from two high-profile guest speakers:

Declan Ganley, CEO and chairman of Rivada Networks

Alex White TD, Labour politician and Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

The main event will be followed by "Networking and Nibbles", where you'll have to opportunity to chat with our guest speakers over light

refreshments provided by Mr Waffle.

We'd like to thank our sponsor for this event, EY Ireland. We hope to see you all on Wednesday!

Entrepreneurship Society EGM » *ENG G047, Ground Floor Engineering Building » 18th September 2014*

The Entrepreneurship Society EGM will be held in ENG G047 (ground floor of Engineering Building, room under the big stairs). It will begin at 6pm and finish at 7pm. 5+ committee positions to fill.

Female Entrepreneurship Evening » *Engineering Building - G017 » 7th October 2014*

On Tuesday the 7th of October, we're hosting our second event of this year. This is a particularly special event, as it focuses on the achievements of female entrepreneurs and their businesses.

The evening will be kicking off at 6pm in GO17, on the ground floor of the new Engineering building. We'll have speakers on until 8pm, and that will be followed by some refreshments provided by 37 west and an opportunity to meet and chat with the speakers.

Our speakers for the evening are:

Sinead Kenny of DiaNia

Jill Holtz of My Kids Time

Liz Cassidy of Irish Times Design

Tara Darlymple of Mission Possible

Evelyn O'Toole of Complete Lab Solutions

Ailish Ryan of Mocks.ie

Startup School » *ENG G018 » 11th November 2014*

EntreSoc are running Galway's first Startup School. For 5 weeks teams work on developing their idea into a fully fledged startups. Each week mentors will guide the teams in areas of Marketing, concept development and Fundraising. Teams pitch to judges on the final week and the winning team receives a

EntreSoc @ Synapse // a Tech Carnival » *Bailey Allen Hall » 26th September 2014*

EntreSoc will be exhibiting as part of the Synapse Tech Carnival. We will be there all day engaging students about opportunities relating to entrepreneurship on campus and signing up new members!

EY Table Quiz » *Dublin » 29th October 2014*

EntreSoc, in conjunction with our sponsors EY arranged for a bus to bring a number of our members to participate in the EY Table Quiz. A great night is promised, with plenty of networking opportunities.

Tinder Party » *Electric Garden » 12th November – 13th November 2014*

NUI Galway Entrepreneurship Society and BizSoc EventsNuig are happy to announce Galway's first ever TINDER Party in 44ClubGalway. Yes ladies and gentlemen, this is your opportunity to have a look at all those profiles you've been swiping right on! Keep an eye out for BizSoc and EntreSoc on Tinder on the days leading up to the event... chat us up to be in with a chance of winning free tickets!

Startup Weekend Galway » *Cairnes » 14th November – 16th November 2014 (3 individual events)*

Startup Weekend is coming to Galway, 14th-16th November! Developers, designers and business development folks will come together to pitch an idea and launch a business, all in one weekend. It is a great opportunity to test startup ideas, meet potential co-founders, build the community in Galway and launch your next startup! 54 hours of activity will culminate in a round of presentations to the assembled judges, mentors, and other teams, leaving attendees with valuable feedback on their ideas, new skills, great contacts, and hopefully, a viable startup business.

EntreSoc will be sending a delegation of our members to attend the event. This is an ideal opportunity for the participants to get a tangible sense of what it is like to run their own companies

Student Slingshot » *Dublin Castle » 18th November 2014*

Student Slingshot is an initiative where 150 of the leading third level students in Ireland will gather in Dublin Castle tonight to meet business leaders and academics. NUIG EntreSoc will organise to transport a delegation of our members to the event so they too can be inspired by industry professionals and academic leaders and be offered the best prospects and opportunities.

StartUp School: Developing Your MVP » *Aras Moyola » 19th November 2014*

The second StartUp School session, discussing 'Development of your MVP' will take place tonight at 6pm in Aras Moyola. All are welcome to listen to our fantastic line up of Speakers, Eli David, Founder of StartUp Blink, John Brosnan, CEO of NetFort Technologies and Keith Killilea, Founder of Builder Engine.

EntreSoc EGM » *ENG - G047 (Engineering Building, room under the stairs) » 13th January 2015*

NUI Galway Entrepreneurship Society EGM & info evening will take place tomorrow Tuesday 13th January at 6PM in ENG G047, ground floor engineering building. Executive committee positions to be filled. Look forward to seeing our members there.

StartUp School: Marketing Your Startup » *MY123 - Seminar Room 1 (Aras Moyola) » 20th January 2015*

EntreSoc is holding the third session of the Start-up School tonight in MY127 at 6PM. Delighted to welcome Maricka Burke Keogh from OMIG & Oisín Browne, bestselling author of "A Binmans Guide to Selling". Paul Behan is Regional Sales Manager at Nk Communications. See link to event for further details, should be a great night, everybody is welcome.

EY Business Challenge » *National University of Ireland, Galway » 26th January 2015*

EY Ireland Careers, in partnership with the NUI Galway Entrepreneurship Society, is delighted to announce NUI Galway's first ever EY Business challenge.

****PRIZE: FIVE EY SUMMER INTERNSHIPS****

25 candidates will be shortlisted and arranged into five groups of five. The winning team of five, as determined by EY, will receive a prize. The prize being a Summer Internship in EY for each member of the team.

The Business Challenge will comprise of case study and a set of questions, the teams will be asked to present on this case study. It will take place on Monday January 26th. Note: candidates must be in penultimate year.

StartUp School: Financing Your Startup » *MY123 - Seminar Room 1 (Aras Moyola) » 27th January 2015*

Delighted to welcome Paula Winters from Bank of Ireland, Fiona Lyons & Mary Cosgrove from NUI Galway and finally James Murphy from Lifes2Good, EOY Ireland Entrepreneur to our fourth and sadly final session of our Start-Up School.

We are nearing the finish line!

We are very excited to listen to what this group of speakers have to share with us with regards to Financing a Start-up. This is where the start-up ideas will be polished and ready for the judging session.

StartUp School: Final » *Engineering Building » 4th February 2015*

After four weeks' worth of mentoring, perfecting ideas, polishing pitches EntreSoc's Final Showdown is about to begin!

Each of the teams will get the opportunity to pitch their companies to our panel of esteemed judges in the hope of taking home the grand prize

EntreSoc: Mystery Tour » *Riga, Latvia » 6th February – 9th February 2015 (4 individual events)*

The Entrepreneurship Society will take 40 of its members on the trip of a lifetime. The lucky 40 will spend 3 nights that will never be forgotten in an unknown European destination! The cost will be

Basecamp by EntreSoc » *Bailey Allen Hall (citation needed) » 10th March 2015*

Welcome to NUI Galways First ever student 'Basecamp'. This event is brought to you by NUI Galway Entrepreneurship Society in association with Career Development Centre - NUI Galway. Basecamp involves a variety of speakers from diverse backgrounds, all of whom are Entrepreneurs involved in local and national startup companies. This event will comprise of keynote speeches, interviews and panel discussions. This is an open event and all are welcome to come so bring a friend. The event focuses on entrepreneurs involved in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

Trip to an Accelerator » *Dublin » 26th March 2015*

EntreSoc are delighted to be bringing a group of our members to Dublin to explore the startup landscape of the East.

- A visit to Wayra accelerator will consist of a tour and explanation of the programme, followed by a chat with some of the startup companies based there.

- We will then break for lunch.

- A secret activity will be planned for the afternoon. Could we go paintballing? Karting? Tour of Google? All will be revealed on Thursday!

Student Summit » *Mansion House, Dublin » 14th April 2015*

The USI Student Summit will take place in the Mansion House, Dublin on April 14th. This year's theme is Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Digital Technology. Speakers and Attendees range from the CEO of the Web Summit (Paddy Cosgrave), to authors and employees of Google, comedians and entrepreneurs alike. If that's not enough, companies and start up ideas will be exhibiting, who all will be looking to take students onto their teams (so have CV's and business cards at the ready!). These include Jobbio, NewsWhip, Enterprise Ireland and Microsoft.

EntreSoc AGM » *ENG - 2052 » 9th April 2015*

EntreSoc will be hosting their AGM to inform all members of the society's progress this year detailed in the Secretary's Report, the societies financials from the Treasurer's Report and the election of the committee for 2015/16. Hope to see you all there!

Committee 2014/2015

PRO: Shane Tierney

Vice-Auditor: Daniel O'Loughlin

Secretary: David Newell

Sponsorship: Elizabeth Oke

Campus Affairs: Julie O'Connor

Safety: Doireann Kavanagh

Auditor: Aaron Molloy

Treasurer: Sean Bolton

OCM: Dylan Ryan

Tech & IT: Mark Killeen

Innovation: Edel Browne

Charity & Sponsorship: Shaun Henson

Logistics: Ruth Craven

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: David Newell

Auditor: Daniel O'Loughlin

Co-Auditor: Dylan Ryan

Charity and Sponsorship: Shaun Henson

Treasurer: Sean Bolton

Vice-Auditor: Edel Browne

Tech & IT: Mark Killeen

Organisation Balance Sheet

Entrepreneurship Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	81.5	Bank charge	€36.550000000000004
Sponsorship	€5800	Dinner	€132.05
Ticket Sales	€4800	Entry fees	€98
USC Grant	€3000	Hire Bus	€1250
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€1548.09
		Printing	€171.5
		Prizes	€1050
		Services Hired	€47.69
		Society accomm	€1590
		Society transport	€5588.799999999999
		Socs day expenses	€684.01
		Stationary	€14.46
		Expenditure Total	€12211.15
		Closing Bank Balance	€1470.35
Total	€13681.5	Total	€13681.5

Mission Statement

The Entrepreneurship Society is here to help you develop the skills you need to thrive in the real world. We act as a platform for you to use in order to learn the things that cannot be learned in the classroom.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the Society shall primarily be to promote an environment that enables entrepreneurs to develop and expand their ideas into meaningful endeavours. The society will act as a platform to guide the entrepreneur and enhance his/her project. The society will offer information on existing supports within and outside the college, which will aid the student in developing his/her idea. The society will also act as a discussion group, which shall encourage entrepreneurship and collective debate, creating an atmosphere of productivity. The society also hopes to invite guest speakers to the college to address the students and impart their knowledge and entrepreneurial experience unto them. The society will also conduct competitions to arouse innovation and entrepreneurship.

Society Performance Reflection

The society did outstandingly well this academic year. We have almost doubled our members, ran 20+ events compared to our 3 last year, raised over €5000 in sponsorship, achieved all of our aims and objectives and set the society up to be sustainable by other members and committees well into the future.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved all of our aims this year. We ran a lot of innovative events this year, ranging from talks/events to competitions and 5-week long programmes, each successfully engaging our members and improving the entrepreneurial ethos and spirit on campus.

Greatest Success

I think that the growth of the society, since only being setup last year, to the third biggest society on campus is an outstanding achievement. This allowed us to achieve our goals, by engaging our members with interesting events and engaging content.

Greatest Challenge

It has been difficult to sustain the amount of events we ran this year. This required a great deal of effort and communication on behalf of our committee in ensuring that each event ran smoothly. We also had to deal with the sustainability of the society, being forced to find new members who will run the society in future years.

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 962 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Entrepreneurship Society		
<u>Shane Tierney</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Elizabeth Oke</u>	OCM and Head of Sponsorship	25 hours
<u>Julie O'Connor</u>	Campus Affairs officer	60 hours
<u>David Newell</u>	Head of Administration	60 hours
<u>Sean Bolton</u>	Head of Finance	96 hours
<u>Niall Rutherford</u>	Start-Up School	20 hours
<u>Megan Reilly</u>	OCM	4 hours
<u>Edel Browne</u>	Head of Innovation, College of Science Liaison, Director of Basecamp	80 hours
<u>Dylan Ryan</u>	Chairperson	96 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	471 hours	

ESN NUI Galway

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is a non-profit international student organisation that is highly active in NUIG. ESN is the key volunteer student organization in international higher education in Europe. Our mission is to represent international students, thus provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development under the principle of Students Helping Students. We run trips, social events and lots of other activities while providing support for international students in NUIG. ESN is a great place to make friends both international and Irish and our aim is to ensure you get as much out of your exchange experience in every way possible.

ESN NUI Galway Events

This year the society held a total of 55 events.

ESN Welcome Party » *College Bar* » 15th January – 16th January 2015

Committee Training in Dublin - National Platform » *Dublin* » 23rd January – 25th January 2015 (3 individual events)

National Platform » *UCD College, Dublin* » 23rd January – 25th January 2015 (3 individual events)

Trip to Aran Islands » *Cathedral* » 31st January – 1st February 2015

ESN Night Out » *The Skeff* » 31st January – 1st February 2015

ESN Party » *Kellys Bar* » 5th February – 6th February 2015

Party in An Pucan » *An Pucan Forster Street* » 11th February 2015

Join us in An Pucan for live music and finger food and free entry to karma nightclub.

Trip to Cork » *Cork* » 14th February – 15th March 2015 (30 individual events)

ESN committee meeting @ 4pm » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 4th March 2015

ESN trip to Belfast » *Belfast* » 6th March – 8th March 2015 (3 individual events)

ESN 80's Party » *AN PUCAN* » 11th March – 12th March 2015

Committee Training in Lithuania » *Lithuania* » 11th March – 15th March 2015 (5 individual events)

Belfast Trip » *Belfast City* » 6th March – 8th March 2015 (3 individual events)

Trip to Belfast for a new cultural experience including a tour of the Titanic museum and Giants Causeway

ESN AGM » *Art Room* » 13th April 2015

At 4.30pm we will be having a quick review of the year for our current committee members, and for those who would like to join of course!

We will be tying some loose ends such as account details, event summaries and/or outstanding payments for trips.

At 5pm we will begin our AGM. Firstly, we will outline the roles for each and every committee member as well as describe the aims and objectives of ESN both as an NUI society, but also as a national and international body.

We will then vote in committee members for the academic year 2014/15, and if not all positions are filled we will hold an EGM in September.

Committee 2014/2015

Trip Co-Ordinator: Denisa Chanathova

Social Erasmus: Miray Unal

Project Co-Ordinator: Brian O'Donnell

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Smith

Auditor: Evelyn Considine

Treasurer: Lorena Cassidy

Secretary: Maire Heffernan

Events Co-ordinator: Alastair Baird

PRO: Paulina Miskiewicz

Social Erasmus: Gerard Grogan

ocm: Alina Ostrowska

ocm: Daniel Feehan

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Denisa Chanathova

Vice-Auditor: Daniel Feehan

Organisation Balance Sheet

ESN NUI Galway Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	5284.19	Bank charge	€76.88
Members Contributions	€200	Dinner	€558.15
Socs box Till	€10407	Entertainment	€2017.62
USC Grant	€1000	Entry fees	€816
		Hire Bus	€1700
		Society accomm	€3898.44
		Society transport	€1184
		Expenditure Total	€10251.09
		Closing Bank Balance	€6640.1
Total	€16891.19	Total	€16891.19

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aim is to represent international students and provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development under the principle of Students Helping Students. We run trips, social events and lots of other activities while providing support for international students in NUIG. ESN is a great place to make friends both international and Irish and our aim is to ensure you get as much out of your exchange experience in every way possible.

Society Performance Reflection

This year our society functioned extremely well given the obstacles we had to overcome. We started our society from the beginning in January and hit the ground running with several trips around Ireland as well as events on campus and in Galway city itself. We successfully integrated Irish, ERASMUS, and International students with one another creating a more diverse NUIG Campus.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we achieved our aims, objectives and goals as were set out at the beginning of the academic term. We successfully planned and delivered on trips and events as well as providing safe environments to encourage social integrations of incoming students with current students.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success would be difficult to choose! We sent two committee members to Lithuania and two committee members to Ankara for training which we regard as highly beneficial for both them and the society.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge would have to have been finding a suitable means of communication for all committee members which was not too intrusive but effective all the same.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 129 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

ESN NUI Galway		
<u>Maire Heffernan</u>	Secretary	100 hours
<u>Denisa Chanathova</u>	Project coordinator	200 hours
<u>Alastair Baird</u>	Events Coordinator	200 hours
<u>Paulina Miskiewicz</u>	PRO	180 hours
<u>Alina Ostrowska</u>	Ist Year Rep	120 hours
<u>Miray Unal</u>	Social Erasmus	40 hours
<u>Evelyn Considine</u>	Auditor	220 hours
<u>Brian O'Donnell</u>	Project Co-ordinator	200 hours
<u>Lorena Cassidy</u>	Treasurer	200 hours
<u>Sarah Smith</u>	Vice Auditor	220 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1680 hours	

FanSci

NUIG's fantasy and science fiction society (FanSci) meet once week to play board games and card games with a fantasy or science fiction theme. This year, we have managed to hold steady with members, and gain some new ones in the second semester.

We had some difficulty with rooms at the beginning of the year due to a double-booked room, but we managed to sort it out and find a room for the remainder of the year. FanSci and NUI Galway hosted the eleventh annual science fiction/fantasy convention Itzacon. The convention was well-attended and generally successful. FanSci collaborated with several other societies to host social events like our Halloween party and our Women of Science Fiction and Fantasy evening for Women's Week.

We were able to acquire some new games and supplies this year that FanSci has been hoping to buy for several years.

FanSci Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

FanSci AGM » AC202 (on Concourse) » 1st October 2014

FanSci's EGM followed by the usual night of gaming

Donut Night » AC202 (on Concourse) » 5th November 2014

Free donuts will be provided at FanSci's weekly board game and RPG night.

Dungeons and Pizza » AC213 (Off the Concourse, turn right at BoI, AC213 is 1st room on left) » 14th January 2015

Fansci will be having or second event of the new semester. We will be meeting in AC213 for some boardgames and then at around 9.00 heading off to the College bar for Pizza and refreshments! Hope to see some old and new faces there.

Board Games and Social Night » AC215 (at the Bank of Ireland end of the concourse) - College Bar » 21st January 2015

Hey guys,

New to the society?

Having a social night out to bring in the new semester. We are starting as a normal night for Fansci in AC215. Then later heading to the college bar for some and maybe even some free pizza :). (Definitely free pizza :P)

If you're new to the society this is the perfect time to come down and meet new people and get to experience what Fansci's all about. If your regular then we will see you there like normal. Gonna be a great night that should not be missed.

FanSci Social and Pizza night » College Bar » 21st January 2015

A chance to get to know new members and discuss the upcoming Warpcon.

Donut Night » AC216 » 4th February 2015

Fansci are serving donuts at their weekly board game night

Pizza Night » AC215 » 18th February 2015

FanSci pizza night

Donut Night » AC215 » 4th March 2015

Donuts to be served during FanSci's weekly board gaming meeting

Women of Science Fiction and Fantasy » McMunn Lecture Theatre » 9th March 2015

For Gender Awareness Week, FanSci and Femsoc are teaming up to show episodes of some of the greatest tv shows featuring female leads. The shows will include Buffy, Xena and Lost Girl.

Women in Fantasy and Sci-fi » McMunn Theatre » 9th March 2015

Gender Awareness Week. A collaborative event between Fan-Sci and Anime and Manga. Women in Fantasy and Sci-fi screening episodes of Buffy, Xena, Lost Girl followed by discussion and pizza and a reading by Video Game Society.

Party » The Cellar bar » 11th March 2015

Fansci are hosting a multi-society party in the Cellar. All are welcome. Tickets are five euro with student ID and admission includes finger food.

Co-operative game play feat. Portal 2 and Octodad » IT204 » 12th March 2015

Video Game Society and FanSci Society present co-operative game play feat. Portal 2 and Octodad

Pizza Night » AC215 » 18th March 2015

Pizza night along with board games as usual.

Itzacon XI » Aras an Mac Leinn » 20th March – 22nd March 2015 (3 individual events)

Itzacon is back with a weekend full of board games, RPGs, LARPs, Wargaming, card games, Werewolves, Fireshowes and much more running all weekend. More information available here: www.itzacon.com

Itzacon 11 » Aras an Mac Leinn » 20th March – 22nd March 2015 (3 individual events)

NUI Galway's annual science fiction and fantasy convention.

FanSci AGM » AC215 » 25th March 2015

FanSci are holding our AGM. All positions are open. We will also providing pizza and refreshments.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Timmy Larkin

Treasurer: Eoin Browne

PRO: Daire Lavelle

Convention Director: Ross Lavelle

OCM: Alessio Susi

Vice-Auditor: James Shields

Events Officer: Leanne Davoren

Librarian: Niall Sweeney

Secretary: Raizel Burstein-Frame

OCM: Ross Clifford

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: James Shields

Vice-Auditor: Eoin Browne

Public Relations Officer: Ross Clifford

Con Director : Leanne Davoren

FanSci Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1694.71	Bank charge	€68.75
Bank Charge	€392.5	Entertainment	€249.95
Socs box Till	€1180	Entry fees	€655
Ticket Sales	€440	Equipment misc	€609
USC Grant	€3000	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€404.95
		Received Money Returned	€22
		Society accomm	€1462
		Society transport	€984.6
		Expenditure Total	€4456.25
		Cash In Hand	€0.05
		Closing Bank Balance	€2250.91
Total	€6707.21	Total	€6707.21

Itzacon_Fansci Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3187.56	Bank charge	€54.15
Fundraising	€388.19	Entertainment	€265
Socs box Till	€228.47	Fundraising / Charity	€650
Ticket Sales	€2355.22	Printing	€341.94
		Prizes	€712.52
		Promotions	€308.25
		Returned Socs Money	€2687.5
		Expenditure Total	€5019.36
		Cash In Hand	€597.64
		Closing Bank Balance	€542.44
Total	€6159.44	Total	€6159.44

Mission Statement

FanSci was started to create an open forum for fans of fantasy and science fiction; be it literature, film or games. The society's goal is to provide social events for its members to take part in activities that shape our common interests.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To provide a forum for people with an interest in Fantasy and Science Fiction to socialise and share their passion.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society had a very successful year

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Through our weekly meetings and our special events, we were able to achieve our goal of creating a space for fans of science fiction and fantasy.

Greatest Success

Our Halloween party, which we hosted with the help of some of our fellow societies.

Greatest Challenge

Itzacon, though ultimately very successful, was a logistical challenge.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 352 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

FanSci		
<u>Blue Hanley</u>	Itzacon Committee - Special Events Coordinator	80 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	80 hours	

Feminist Society

Feminism advances the idea that women and men should enjoy equal status in society. It is a collection of movements aimed at defining, establishing and defending equal political, economic and social rights, as well as equal opportunities for all. Though it is an oft misunderstood concept, the Feminist Society believes that feminism is more relevant than ever in contemporary Ireland.

Acknowledging and building on the longstanding history of feminist activism in NUI Galway, which has been revived in recent years by dedicated students and staff, the Feminist Society aims to provide a forum for debate and discussion on issues of equality and human rights. We are open to all female and male students, staff, alumni and anyone interested in coming together with like-minded people or to learn more about what feminism represents. The Society is anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-homophobic and pro-choice.

Feminist Society Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

Feminist Society AGM » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 29th October 2014

Campaign Launch: Gender Inequality at NUIG » *Siobhan MacKenna Theatre, Arts Millennium Building* » 20th January 2015

Come along to the Siobhan MacKenna Theatre in the Arts Millennium at lunchtime *today* to show your support for Dr Roisin Healey, Dr Elizabeth Tilley, Dr Adrienne Gorman, Dr Sylvie Lannegrand and Dr Margaret Hodgins.

All accomplished academics, all deserving of promotion, all standing alongside Micheline Sheehy Skeffington to show that a more equitable, diverse and fair university system can exist for all of us.

AGM » *Siobh* » 20th January 2015

AGM of the Feminist Society.

All committee positions are up for grabs: auditor, vice-auditor, secretary and treasurer. Once these four are covered, we would love to have a Public Relations Officer, a room booker and an inhouse communications designer. Oh yeah!

Get involved and make your student time count!

This year

- we are fighting gender discrimination within NUIG and supporting the campaign started by Dr Micheline Sheehy Skeffington.

- we continue demanding the repealing of the 8th Amendment to the Constitution of the Republic of

Ireland.<http://www.abortionrightscampaign.ie/repealthe8th/>

- we support the campaign for same sex marriage to become right in this country

- we go on promoting awareness about inequality and media misrepresentation of all genders

HASTA LA VICTORIA SIEMPRE!

Leafletting » *NUI Galway Campus* » 29th January 2015

Join us in distributing leaflets about campus for the upcoming Demonstration for Gender Equality in Aula Maxima on Friday, January 30th at 9:45am.

Feminist Meet and Greet » *The Scholar's Rest* » 29th January 2015

Join us for an evening of thought-showers!

Everyone is welcome to think creatively about the agenda of the society for the next year.

What would you like the Feminist Society to address? What events would you like to see happening?

We will be meeting from 18:30 at the Scholar's Rest near campus

So come join us for a beverage or two, some finger food will also be available.

Demonstration for Gender Equality » *Aula Maxima in Quadrangle* » 30th January 2015

Come join us on Friday morning and show support for the Gender Equality Campaign here at NUIG! Please share widely and bring your friends!

Leafletting » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn,* » 4th February 2015

Join us in leafletting for the Gender Inequality at NUIG campaign on Postgraduate Open Day on Wednesday 4th February 2015 from 12

Feminist Film Night » *AMB-G036 Seminar Room* » 26th February 2015

Join us in watching the cinema classic *Thelma and Louise* in honour of the film's 25th Anniversary. Pizza and soda will be provided.

Global Women Studies Talk » *THB1001 Hardiman Research Building* » 9th March 2015

A Collaborative, community-based study to define and measure: Empowering practice and Empowered Outcomes

Muff Monday Bake Sale » *Concourse Beside Smokeys Cafe* » 9th March 2015

Feminist Society and Choice Society will be hosting a bake sale to kickstart Gender Awareness week (Monday March 9th -Friday March 13th). Stop on by to get a Muff Cake and learn more about our upcoming events for the week.

My Body, My Rights discussion » *The Space, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 11th March 2015

Gender Awareness Week: My Body, My Rights discussion with Choice Soc, Fem Soc and Amnesty Soc.

Love the Box Social » *THB1001 Hardiman Research Building* » 13th March 2015

To wrap up the week, FemSoc and ChoiceSoc will host a "Love the Box Social" featuring music, board games (including Feminist Cards Against Humanity), banner making and general good times! Come along and celebrate all things feminism! A big thanks to all the societies

and students who supported Gender Awareness Week, and we hope you can attend on Friday.
 THB1001 in the James Hardiman Building on Friday at 7.30pm.

FemSoc Book Club » TBD » 25th March 2015

The Feminist Society's Book Club will gather for our first meeting to discuss our reading of I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou and enjoy some treats. All are welcome. Check out the event page on Facebook for more details:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1060425370638347/>

FemSoc Book Club Presents: Mrs. Dalloway » Check with Society for House » 17th June 2015

Here we go again! Book Club returns with Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf! You'll be in good company to chat (book) shop and imbibe bevies and snacks with the cool people of FemSoc. All are welcome.

Feminist Meet and Greet » TBA (see online profile for updates, or email us) » 29th January 2015

Join us for an evening of thought-showers!

Everyone is welcome to think creatively about the agenda of the society for the next year.

What would you like the Feminist Society to address? What events would you like to see happening?

Keep an eye on our FB page for the location. We are working on that.

We will be serving (brain!) food and beverages and we might play some feminist tunes, bring yours too!

<https://www.facebook.com/FeministSocietyNUIG>

FemSoc AGM » HRB Room 1001 » 22nd April 2015

Interested in joining the committee and meeting fantastic people? Have great ideas to share? Join us Wednesday April 22nd for our Annual General Meeting! Stop on by and enjoy some pizza as we talk about the available committee positions and ideas for next year's events. All are welcome!

OPEN POSITIONS: TREASURER, EQUALITY LIAISON, OCM, & MORE!

FemSoc Book Club Presents: Anna Karenina » Check with Society for House » 6th May 2015

Book Club was a success! Join us for our second meeting to discuss Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy, and enjoy some tasty cheeses and refreshments. All are welcome to attend. RSVP to our Facebook page for further details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1378920512432740/>

Committee 2014/2015

OCM : Mariel Whelan

Auditor: Amie Lajoie

Vice-Auditor: Johanna Kavanagh

Treasurer: Dientje van Dongen

OCM : Felicia Bredenberg

Secretary: Amanda Sesker

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Amie Lajoie

Treasurer: Christine Neer

OCM: Pamela Waliszewska

Public Relations Officer: Emer McHugh

Secretary: Amanda Sesker

OCM: Mariel Whela

Feminist Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	515.4	Bank charge	€33.08
		Dinner	€230.79
		Materials	€2.98
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€7.44
		Expenditure Total	€274.29

		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€241.11
Total	€515.4	Total	€515.4

Mission Statement

Feminism advances the idea that women and men should enjoy equal status in society. It is a collection of movements aimed at defining, establishing and defending equal political, economic and social rights, as well as equal opportunities for all. Though it is an oft misunderstood concept, the Feminist Society believes that feminism is more relevant than ever in contemporary Ireland.

Acknowledging and building on the longstanding history of feminist activism in NUI Galway, which has been revived in recent years by dedicated students and staff, the Feminist Society aims to provide a forum for debate and discussion on issues of equality and human rights. We are open to all female and male students, staff, alumni and anyone interested in coming together with like-minded people or to learn more about what feminism represents.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims and objectives of the Society in 2015 shall be to:

- 1) Bring feminism to all areas on campus;
- 2) Act as a platform for feminist activism;
- 3) Provide an arena for debate and discussion on feminist issues;
- 4) Organise feminist social and cultural events.
- 5) Additionally in 2015, one of our main goals is to grow and develop as a new Committee, encouraging the involvement of members and promote collaborations with other societies.

The Feminist Society is guided by the principles of anti-sexism, anti-racism, antihomophobia, anti-heteronormativity and Pro-Choice.

Society Performance Reflection

FemSoc was revived with an emergency AGM in January 2015 and has encouraged its members to be engaged with the SIN newspaper via the editorial section we revived; sharing valuable perceptions to the wider NUI Galway community. We have also started offering a variety of events throughout the semester – some fun ones (Film Night), some quite interactive (Book Club and discussion) and others informative (Gender Arc Seminar) – but overall creating an enriching, safe space at the University for feminist perspectives to be shared and encouraged. The variety and styles of events (i.e. films, discussions, bake sales, social events, and grassroots) have been disseminated via word of mouth, social media, mass texts/emails to our mailing lists, and through demonstrations, leafleting and tabling events.

We have also hosted events both on and off campus; FemSoc has branched beyond the university community to become more involved in the Galway City region as a whole; assisting in the start-up of a new, grassroots group called the Galway Feminist Collective. The collective has been such a huge success that the Irish Times and Galway Independent as written articles on our presence with the Collective in the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Society has also created publicity for itself via articles in the aforementioned papers, in addition to Galway Bay FM, in our support of the Gender Inequality Campaign.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

The Feminist Society has sought to create a safe environment inclusive of all university students, members and staff through the sponsorship of icebreaker activities, literary discussions and public awareness events both on and off campus, as outlined below:

1) Bring feminism to all areas on campus;

The Feminist Society has brought feminism to our campus by actively networking with other societies at NUI Galway of various interests and backgrounds; drawing viable connections that show shared cause and how intersectional and interrelated feminist issues can be. In the past, we have collaborated with FanSci, DramaSoc, GigSoc, AmnestySoc, ChoiceSoc, FilmSoc, Palestine Solidarity Soc, and many more to create fun social events for our members and fellow students. We seek to create inclusive and open environments in which all individuals can feel a sense of safety and community.

2) Act as a platform for feminist activism;

FemSoc has worked in conjunction with Micheline Sheehy Skeffington's Three Conditions to promote the Gender Inequality Campaign at NUIG, securing the support of over 30 clubs and societies, as well as endorsement from the NUIG Student Union. FemSoc works closely with both the student body and community to act as a platform for feminist activism.

3) Provide an arena for debate and discussion on feminist issues;

FemSoc encourages and fosters avenues for its members to discuss and debate feminist issues in daily life, campus life, and world events. Events sponsored by FemSoc, such as film viewings, panel discussions, book clubs and theatrical productions, have provided opportunity for members and students alike to discuss their questions and concerns across various topics of interest. The society takes public suggestions into account when developing such activities.

4) Organise feminist social and cultural events.

FemSoc worked with ChoiceSoc to organise Gender Awareness Week 2015 in conjunction with International Women's Day (March 8th). Representatives of FemSoc actively contacted and helped to develop collaborations with other societies, encouraging them to engage in topics and discussions highlighting specific issues related to gender, such as a Global Women's Study discussion on empowerment and grassroots approaches to dealing with domestic violence (Gender ARC), a bake sale (FemSoc, ChoiceSoc, AmnestySoc), a women in fantasy and SciFi television series viewing and discussion (FanSci, Video Game Soc), a media representation film viewing (FilmSoc), a body rights discussion panel (AmnestySoc, ChoiceSoc, FemSoc), a co-op game night (Video Game Society, FanSci Society), and a social event for all participating societies at the end of the week.

We have also hosted informal meet and greets for members and started a book discussion group, providing an array of different events based off the interests and desires of all members.

Greatest Success

By reinvigorating the Society, the current committee has stimulating a safe, open-minded space on campus for all interested students to come together and share their perspectives on feminist issues and popular culture. FemSoc has sought to become more actively involved in raising awareness of gender issues (i.e. support of Marriage Equality, sponsoring Gender Awareness Week, leafleting for the Gender Equality Campaign) in addition to providing fun events (i.e. film night, bake sale, meet and greets) which has softened the cultural perception and expectation that 'Feminist' is a scary or harsh word. Additionally, the SIN editorial articles we revived help raise awareness on issues that may not have otherwise been given a platform for discussion on campus. Our only agenda is humanism and our presence has positively altered the social atmosphere at NUIG. It is additionally helpful to have such an active and diverse committee so ready to engage with the community and try new ideas.

Had the Society not been rehabilitated (either from fresh ideas or new committee members) at this time, it surely would have disbanded or gone into default. Seeing how strong FemSoc started (they won an award for Best Civic Contribution at the 2012 BICS National Awards), it would have been sad if this much needed presence simply faded away.

Greatest Challenge

The biggest challenges we faced this year were:

Recruiting new members - Making sure we had plenty to offer potential recruits

- Misogyny - We had members in the NUIG community deface/alter our fliers and posters, in addition to writing negative comments/trolling our Facebook page.
- Reduced budget - We were limited by the materials and refreshments we could provide.
- Booking rooms - It was difficult to schedule events due to the competitiveness of space availability, so we opted to host some of our events in other venues and off campus.

Other Information

We held 9 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 276 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

FilmSoc

Serving as both NUIG's 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 NUIG students to foster greater appreciation for cinema. Alongside large-scale achievements, such as coming first and second at this year's OFFline short film competition, FilmSoc maintained a steady rota of one screening a week in semester one before expanding to two and even three screenings a week for the majority of second semester. This coupled with our weekly production workshops, demonstrates the society's ability to manage a varied event schedule with ease. NUIG FilmSoc ever endeavors 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 NUIG'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 53 events.

FilmSoc Presents: 'Frank' » *Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 18th September 2014*

Join us for our first screening of the new semester! We are screening the critically acclaimed 'Frank' starring Michael Fassbender and Domhnall Gleason.

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse » 24th September 2014*

FilmSoc will teach you the basics of camera work, editing, and other aspects of filmmaking! We provide the equipment, and we welcome everyone from beginners to those who already have experience in making films. If you've got an interest in making a short film or you just have some ideas for one, then come along and discuss them!

FilmSoc presents: Gold » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 25th September 2014*

FilmSoc has the privilege to screen the new film 'Gold' for the students of NUIG (starring Maisie Williams of Game Of Thrones and James Nesbitt). The film will be in cinemas on the 10th of October, but we're offering the chance to see the film TWO WEEKS before its release, and for FREE! Don't miss it!

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse » 1st October 2014*

FilmSoc will teach you the basics of camera work, editing, and other aspects of filmmaking! This week, we'll take a look at some upcoming filmmaking projects. Come along if you'd like to get involved; All are welcome!

FilmSoc presents: Coraline » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 2nd October 2014*

This week FilmSoc presents 'Coraline', a film by the same director that brought you 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'. If you're a fan of TNBC, you'll love 'Coraline'! Don't miss it!

FilmSoc Goes to Offline! » *Birr, County Offaly » 8th October – 12th October 2014 (5 individual events)*

Offline is a film festival that FilmSoc goes to annually; we make a film or two or three, and a few of our members can come along just to watch movies and go to the production workshops during the 4 days!

We will be bringing a team of about 8 people for film production and a few who just want to experience a Film Festival!

More information about when you can sign up coming in our emails.

Browse Offline information here:

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

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse » 8th October 2014*

FilmSoc will teach you the basics of camera work, editing, and other aspects of filmmaking! This week, we'll take a look at some upcoming filmmaking projects. Come along if you'd like to get involved; All are welcome!

FilmSoc presents: Rosemary's Baby » *Cairne's Lecture Theatre* » 9th October 2014

It's October, the month when you love to be scared; So FilmSoc's screening of *Rosemary's Baby* (1968) is just what you need! If you like horror films- come along!

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse* » 15th October 2014

FilmSoc will teach you the basics of camera work, editing, and other aspects of filmmaking! Come along if you'd like to learn how to use film equipment or have ideas for a short film. All are welcome!

FilmSoc & Philosophy Soc present: The Act of Killing » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 16th October 2014

FilmSoc and Philosophy Society are collaborating for a screening of 'The Act of Killing' (2012); A critically acclaimed and award winning documentary film about the Indonesian killings of 1965

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse* » 22nd October 2014

This week we'll have a short meeting where we discuss ongoing projects, and assign people to future film projects.

FilmSoc Presents: Screening of past OFFline short films » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 23rd October 2014

This week, FilmSoc are taking a look back at some of the short films that the society has made in the past few years at the OFFline Film Festival. Come along if you're interested in seeing the results of a 60-hour short filmmaking competition, including this year's 1st and 2nd place films.

FilmSoc Presents: Halloween Midnight Screening » *Large acoustic room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 30th October – 31st October 2014

For Halloween, FilmSoc is teaming up with Philosophy Soc to bring you a spooky MIDNIGHT screening of 'Alien', a sci-fi/horror classic from 1979, directed by Ridley Scott. Get into the Halloween spirit with PhilosoFilm Soc. (Remember: That'll be Thursday night/friday morning!) See you there :)

FilmSoc's weekly screening in collaboration with Art Soc » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 30th October 2014

The first of FilmSoc's Halloween screenings takes place in collaboration with Art Soc! The film is yet to be decided, as there are too many great Halloween-type films to choose from! But be assured that it will be a great one. Keep an eye on the FilmSoc facebook page to find out what it will be!

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse* » 5th November 2014

This week we will be having an intro to Editing workshop, and we'll discuss some ongoing projects along with future projects and film ideas!

FilmSoc & Anime & Manga Soc Presents: Battle Royale » *Cairne's Lecture Theatre* » 6th November 2014

Film Soc in collaboration with Anime and Manga Soc presents 'Battle Royale', the chilling Japanese, psychological thriller.

FilmSoc & GUMS Present: Grease sing-a-long! » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 13th November 2014

Attention Pink Ladies and T-Birds! FilmSoc and Galway University Musical Society join forces this week to bring you the sing-a-along that you've been waiting for! We'll be screening the classic musical rom-com 'Grease' (1978), as well as providing the lyrics (if you even need them)! So come along & sing your heart out.

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse* » 19th November 2014

Meeting to discuss current events and a workshop on knowing exactly how to set up the equipment without any help.

FilmSoc presents: 'Kill Bill:Vol 1' » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 20th November 2014

This week, we will be screening 'Kill Bill: Vol. 1', a classic martial arts action film from 2003, directed by Quentin Tarantino and starring Uma Thurman and Lucy Liu. If you've seen it, it's a classic. If you haven't, now is the time! Either way, see you Thursday!

FilmSoc Production Meeting » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse* » 26th November 2014

Weekly FilmSoc Production Meeting

FilmSoc presents: Elf » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 27th November 2014

"Santa! Oh, my, god! Santa, here? I know him. I know him." 'Elf' (2003) is a modern classic Christmas film starring Will Ferrell, Peter Dinklage, Zooey Deschanel, James Caan, and Santa! It's hilarious. Join us in our 'one month until Christmas' screening!

FilmSoc Presents: 'Guardians of the Galaxy' » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 22nd January 2015

FilmSoc is back for semester 2 and we are starting in style by blasting out of this Galaxy to a snazzy 80s themed soundtrack for the Guardians of the Galaxy. Join us for one of the biggest films of 2014 - its going to be marvelous.

PhilosoFilm Soc Presents: 'Snowpiercer' » Darcy Thompson lecture Theatre » 26th January 2015

The joint powers of FilmSoc and PhilosophySoc return for the year to present to you a screening of the much talked about dystopian thriller, Snowpiercer.

"Set in a future where a failed climate-change experiment kills all life on the planet except for a lucky few who boarded the Snowpiercer, a train that travels around the globe, where a class system emerges."

FilmSoc EGM » Aras an Mac Leinn - The View » 28th January 2015

FilmSoc are having our EGM this week to fill the positions vacated by our wonderful Erasmus students. Come along and get involved.

FilmSoc Presents: 'Blue Ruin' » Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 29th January 2015

We are screening the magnificent indie thriller Blue Ruin which should be an inspiration to every budding filmmaker out there showing that you don

FilmSoc Production Meeting » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 4th February 2015

Weekly FilmSoc Production meeting. We will meet to discuss the progress of current film projects.

FilmSoc Presents: Short Term 12 » Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 5th February 2015

FilmSoc presents 'Short Term 12'; the critically acclaimed indie drama which stars '21 Jump Street' and 'Scott Pilgrim vs. the World' alum Brie Larson as Grace, a supervisor of a foster care home for troubled teenagers. The film is the very definition of the phrase "rollercoaster of emotions" so join us for some film related 'fun' and discussion.

Film and India Soc Present: Housefull » Colm O'hEocha Theatre AM250 » 10th February 2015

Film and India Soc are teaming up to bring you the Bollywood film HouseFull. Definitely one not to be missed for all of you Bollywood enthusiasts.

FilmSoc Production Meeting » Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 11th February 2015

Weekly FilmSoc Production Meeting where we discuss current FilmSoc projects and get people attached to filmmaking projects across NUIG.

Film Soc Presents: 'Gone Girl' » Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 12th February 2015

Strap in for one of the most discussed films of the year, as Film Soc presents 'Gone Girl' the psychological thriller film directed by David Fincher and starring Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike. Join us for some fun film discussions and treats.

Film and Marine Soc Present: 'Jaws' » Colm O'hEocha Theatre AM250 » 17th February 2015

Join both Film and Marine Soc for the Spielbergian iconic thriller 'Jaws'. A film which was widely considered to be the father of the modern day 'blockbuster' and also made an entire generation of people terrified to go back into the water. We hope to see you there for some fun discussions and treats.

FilmSoc Presents: 'The Babadook' » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 26th February 2015

Come and join us for one of the creepiest films of 2014, 'The Babadook'. Written and directed by Jennifer Kent, this psychological horror is not to be missed! Also Free Pizza.

FilmSoc Presents 'Django Unchained' » Colm O'hEocha Theatre AM250 » 3rd March 2015

Join us for 'Django Unchained', already another Tarantino classic!

FilmSoc Presents: 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' » Colm O hEocha Theatre AM250 » 4th March 2015

Join us for the inaugural Wes Anderson Month in tribute to the wonderfully essential director. First up, fresh off 4 Oscar wins last weekend, is his latest film 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' starring the hysterical Ralph Fiennes. Hope to see you on Wednesday, hijinks and hilarity will ensue.

FilmSoc Presents: 'The Fault in Our Stars' » Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 5th March 2015

Join us for our film screening of 'The Fault in Our Stars', adapted from the equally successful novel by the same name. Nerdfighters Unite.

FilmSoc Presents: 'Miss Representation' » Colm O'hEocha Theatre AM250 » 10th March 2015

For Gender Awareness Week we will be screening the amazing documentary 'Miss Representation' which highlights the increasingly troubling way women are portrayed in film and the wider media. Join us for some fun and discussions.

Filmsoc Movie Quiz » Busker Brownes Bar, Cross Street » 10th March 2015

Join us for our film quiz in Busker Brownes! Team of 4 - 20euro (Pre sale tickets available now for 16euro from the SocsBox) Fun film facts, general tomfoolery and prizes galore!

FilmSoc Presents: 'Fantastic Mr Fox' » Colm O'hEocha Theatre AM250 » 11th March 2015

For the second week of our Wes Anderson month we shall be screening the beloved animated film 'Fantastic Mr Fox', starring George Clooney and Meryl Streep! It is certainly a must see for all Wes enthusiasts.

FilmSoc Production Meeting » Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 18th March 2015

Terrribly sorry for the long absence but we are back with our weekly FilmSoc Production Meeting where we discuss current FilmSoc projects and get people attached to film making projects across NUIG.

FilmSoc Presents: 'The Darjeeling Limited' » Colm O'hEocha Theatre AM250 » 18th March 2015

The penultimate film of our Wes Anderson Month is upon us! FilmSoc is proud to present the lesser known yet equally beloved 'The Darjeeling Limited', a must see for all Anderson enthusiasts or casual fans.

FilmSoc Presents: 'Locke' » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 19th March 2015

FilmSoc proudly presents one of the most intense and suspenseful films of 2013, 'Locke'. Starring the wonderful Tom Hardy who delivers one of his most powerful performances in this Steven Knight drama.

FilmSoc Presents: WESday Mystery Final Screening » Colm O hEocha Theatre AM250 » 25th March 2015

Come join us for the final screening of our Wes Anderson Month. It certainly has been an emotionally fulfilling and life affirming few weeks and it is not over yet! Our final film will be decided by you! Go to our Facebook page and vote for what you think our final screening should be.

FilmSoc Presents: 'The Stag' » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 26th March 2015

In collaboration with ESN, FilmSoc is proud to present the hit Irish comedy 'The Stag.' Starring the beloved Andrew Scott, this film follows a group of friends on a stag do in the Irish wilderness - hi-jinks and hilarity ensue. Free Pizza!

FilmSoc goes to The Jameson Film Festival » Dublin City » 27th March – 29th March 2015 (3 individual events)

Join FilmSoc as we travel to the Jameson Film Festival in Dublin from the 27th - 29th of March. Where a wide variety of films spanning many different countries, styles and genres. Places are limited!! Tickets 30euro on sale now at the Socsbox.

FilmSoc Presents: 'Iron Man 3' » Colm O hEocha Theatre AM250 » 14th April 2015

In anticipation of the release of Avengers: Age of Ultron next week (eek) Film Soc's final two screenings of the semester shall be Marvel related. First up is 'Iron Man 3', enough said.

FilmSoc Presents 'Captain America 2: Winter Soldier' » Cairne's Lecture Theatre » 16th April 2015

In anticipation of the release of Avengers: Age of Ultron next week (eek) Film Soc's final two screenings of the semester shall be Marvel related. That's right, our final screening is the film that changed the MCU irrevocably; 'Captain America 2: Winter Soldier'.

FilmSoc AGM » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 20th April 2015

A wide variety of positions are up for grabs for next semester's committee so come and get involved in one of NUIG's largest and most active societies. We are also super nice, just throwing that out there.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Vincent Hughes

Public Relations Officer: Sarah Fitzgerald

Production Officer: Ryan Kelly

Secretary: Martina Keane

Equipment Officer: Ross Gavin

Events Officer: Orla Connaughton

Treasurer: Aaron Storey

Co-Public Relations Officer: Hazel Naughton

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Michelle Carey

Secretary: Martina Keane

Equipment Officer: Aaron Southgate

Public Relations Officer: Sarah Fitzgerald

OCM: Patrick Fallon

OCM: Catherine Keating

Vice-Auditor: Vincent Hughes

Productions Officer: Ryan Kelly

Events Officer: Orla Connaughton

Co- Public Relations Officer: Hazel Naughton

OCM: Ross Gavin

FilmSoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	564.39	Bank charge	€35.52
Bank Charge	€12.5	Costumes	€156.29
Fundraising	€63.99	Dinner	€55.89
Members Contributions	€175	Entertainment	€1151.75
Socs box Till	€1200	Entry fees	€725
Ticket Sales	€30	Equipment misc	€938.4
USC Grant	€4435	Hire Bus	€400
		Hoodies	€462
		Makeup/Props	€567.95
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€21.42
		Prizes	€42.5
		Society accomm	€980
		Society transport	€362.02
		Expenditure Total	€5898.74
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€277.72
		Closing Bank Balance	€582.14
Total	€6480.88	Total	€6480.88

Mission Statement

The NUIG Film Society is a community of students and staff dedicated to the art of film, whether it be as an audience member or filmmaker. We provide both a free student cinema and filmmaking classes so that all aspects of film can enjoy. With trips to film festivals and film making competitions the society strives to spread the enjoyment of the art.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To provide a free Student Cinema for the students and staff of the university.

- To create welcoming atmosphere in our film making classes to encourage anyone with an interests to come and learn how to make films.
- To create throughout the year a collection of short films or videos.
- To provide a helpful service for other societies in the creation of videos, be it either making the film or advice on how to proceed.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall, I think our society did quite well. The entire committee was elected in September which meant we didn't have a lot of time to put together a plan. On top of this the vast majority of our committee were new members who, because of Erasmus, had to rise through the positions quite quickly and take on a lot of responsibility. This transition was eased by our outgoing members offering any assistance and guidance they could. Many of us feel that this year was a settling in year before we really push on next year when our Erasmus students return and we have an even larger group of dedicated members.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Overall, our society did achieve the goals, objectives and aims we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year. Our film making production meetings had a core following of people who attended the majority of the meetings and fostered a collaborative and engaging atmosphere. As a result we were able to produce a number of different projects and works. As a society we also collaborated with other societies on a variety of projects such as DramSoc, GUMS and Orchestra Soc.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success would have to be coming in first and second place at OFFline Film Festival in Birr in October. For many years our society has entered, never winning but coming extremely close and finally this year we were able to claim both 1st and 2nd spots. Another success we are equally as proud of is the running of our Wednesday's event for the month of March. It was a pet project of certain members of the committee and it was extremely satisfying to see the screenings grow in popularity and gain a dedicated following of people.

Greatest Challenge

Due to the sheer number of other societies who also now show films on a semi regular basis it can be difficult to pick films that haven't been screened by others that would also generate a good crowd. All of our more experienced committee members had to leave on Erasmus in second semester so it fell to the newer members, many of whom only joined in September, to learn the ropes as quickly as possible in order to fulfil the outgoing members' roles.

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 1370 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

FilmSoc		
<u>Vincent Hughes</u>	Vice-Auditor	100 hours
<u>Aaron Storey</u>	Treasurer	45 hours
<u>Martina Keane</u>	Secretary	158 hours
<u>Sarah Fitzgerald</u>	Joint Public Relations Officer	150 hours
<u>Orla Connaughton</u>	Events Officer	100 hours
<u>Ross Gavin</u>	Equipment Officer	100 hours
<u>Dara O'Donnell</u>	Lights Op.	5 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	658 hours	

FLAC Society

This year, it was our societies' role to provide legal advice to NUI Galway students who had a current or potential legal problem. We dealt with them in a formal manner, assistance was provided by fully qualified legal professionals who were both barristers and solicitors, along with student volunteers.

FLAC Society Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

FLAC Training » IT 202 Seminar Room » 3rd November 2014

Criminal training session with Connor Hanley from the Law department.

FLAC Clinic » T206 - SEMINAR ROOM & IT207 - SEMINAR ROOM » 3rd February – 14th April 2015 (6 individual events)

Hi everyone,

We would like to remind you all that FLAC will be hosting our first clinic on Tuesday 3rd February from 6pm until 7:30pm. It will take place in The Space upstairs in Aras Na Mac Leinn.

If you have any legal issues or queries be sure to drop in and avail of this completely free service. There will be student volunteers and a qualified solicitor at hand in order to offer you information/advice. We hope we can be of some assistance to you. Also if any of your friends who are students in the University have any legal issues be sure to tell them to avail of this completely free service.

FLAC AGM » The View » 21st April 2015

FLAC AGM

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

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Richard O'Hagan

Secretary: Andrew Barr

Student Liason Officer: Alana Whelan

Vice-Auditor: Denis Forde

Treasurer: Eoghan Flynn

PRO: Ronan Molloy

FLAC Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	417.73	Bank charge	€12.35
		Entertainment	€42.5
		Expenditure Total	€54.85
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€362.88
Total	€417.73	Total	€417.73

Mission Statement

FLAC NUIG is a human rights organisation which exists to promote and provide equal access to justice for all students of NUIG. Our aim is to provide a free service to all students and provide a platform where which they can access a fair mechanism to vindicate their rights. FLAC NUIG is committed to the free, personal and private on campus access to justice for all students. FLAC values its volunteers as they are a core component to providing equal access to justice.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aim of FLAC NUIG is to promote and provide equal access to justice for all the students of NUIG at their convenience at our on campus clinics. A key objective is to raise student awareness to the accessibility of such legal aid thus raising awareness of rights and entitlements to legal aid within an environment of which the student feels comfortable in conveying their legal problems. Our goal is to make all students aware of the simplicity of the access to justice on campus with the aid of a local solicitor and their peers in a comfortable environment and advise students in a helpful and engaging manner.

Society Performance Reflection

We successfully advised numerous students in areas of law that crossed multiple disciplines. Any feedback received was positive and with gratitude. The student volunteers in particular were very competent, knowledgeable and eager to learn.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

As a whole NUIG FLAC achieved many of its aims, objectives and goals in regards to successfully advising many students with their legal problems in a convenient, private and personal manner at our on campus clinics. The involvement of the students volunteers, of whom underwent the training and sat in at the legal aid clinics, helped us massively in providing this service to the students of which would not have been possible without them. In this manner we achieved our goal of raising student awareness of the access to this service not just with the volunteers but also with fellow students of NUIG.

Greatest Success

Advising a student on the incorporation of what is seemingly, going to be a very successful company.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge we encountered as a committee was availability of members and the willingness of some to perform the role that they volunteered for at the AGM.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 296 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

FLAC Society		
<u>Sheryl King</u>	Volunteer	15 hours
<u>Bernadette Drury</u>	Legal Volunteer for NUIG Flac & Disability Clinic	12 hours
<u>Jamie Brislane</u>	Volunteer	8 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	35 hours	

Foosball Society

We set up the society, got a new foosball table and organised weekly tournaments with prizes and friendly matches with tea and pizza. We also organized buying society beanie hats and organized events with other societies (SSDP + baking soc).

Foosball Society Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

EGM Foosball Society » *Large acoustic room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 29th January 2015*

Foosball EGM. Come along if you would like to get involved in the society...or even if you just want to play Foosball.

Foosball EGM » *Large Accousitc Room, » 29th January 2015*

Foosball Meet » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn » 3rd February 2015*

play some Foosball (might learn a thing or 2) and eat some pizza :) what more could you ask for

Foosball Games » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn » 5th February – 19th February 2015 (3 individual events)*

The weekly tournament has been moved to tuesday this week, come along for foosball tea and pizza

Foosball Tournament » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn » 17th February 2015*

Combined event with SSDP and Bake soc. tournament in the hub before a showing of pineapple express in the arts concourse

Tournament + Film » *The Hub » 17th February 2015*

Tournament and games in the hub with prizes, and a movie screening afterwards

Foosball Games » *College Bar » 20th February 2015*

Foosball Games » *The Hub » 24th February 2015*

Foosball Tournament » *The Hub » 26th February 2015*

The first round of our weekly tournament on the 26th! all welcome, anybody who would like to play should put their names on the sign up sheet stuck to the foosball table

Tournament week 2 » *The Hub » 5th March 2015*

Foosball Games » *College Bar » 6th March 2015*

Tournament » *The Hub » 12th March 2015*

Foosball Games » *College Bar » 13th March 2015*

Foosball League » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th March 2015*

Cumulative Foosball league tea and biscuits provided + prizes for winners
now with new balls

AGM & mini tournament » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn » 26th March 2015*

Hey guys, this is our first AGM to organise the society for next semester
anybody who wants to be involved should come along

we will have a mini foosball tournament after to finish our league :) tea & biscuits will be provided

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Aileen Wruck

Auditor: Stephen Clifford

Public relations officer: Yvonne Kiely

Man of the Match: Christopher Connors

Treasurer: Shane O'Loughlin

Secretary: Leo Corcoran

OCM: Samuel Benherrou Carroll

OCM: Catherine Scanlon

First Year Rep: George Waweru

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Monica Loughnane

Auditor: Samuel Benherrou Carroll

OCM: Eoin Maguire

Vice-Secretary: George Waweru

Events Manager: Catherine Scanlon

OCM: Oisín McNamara

Treasurer: Jekaterina Zenkevica

Vice-Auditor: Sean Reilly

OCM: David Byrne

Public Relations Officer: Leo Corcoran

OCM: Brian Dooley

Foosball Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€25.04
Socs box Till	€31.5	Dinner	€163.99
USC Grant	€500	Materials	€23.64
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€46.12
		Reception	€147.98
		Expenditure Total	€406.77
		Closing Bank Balance	€124.73
Total	€531.5	Total	€531.5

Mission Statement

To forge friendships over a "friendly" (or competitive) game of foosball with tea and promote the growth of the sport.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To sufficiently motivate the future 'champions' of foosball to continue this society into the future and beyond. [a large portion of our committee is in final year :(]
- To have a bit of craic introducing a diverse range of people, creating new connections and friendships.
- To train newcomers to the beautiful Sport that is foosball.
- To start up a fan base of foosball in Galway.

Society Performance Reflection

Quite well, we had strong turnout for all of our events, and people seemed to be very enthusiastic in general about the society. We ran all events that we planned to, and had excellent craic doing it. We also had quite a large number of first year students join the society, which is a positive sign for the future of foosball soc.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, all of them we hope!

Greatest Success

We ran a tournament across the semester which went very well, with a grand prize at the end. All participants were extremely enthusiastic about it throughout the event.

Greatest Challenge

We didn't have any major challenges, apart from simply organizing + managing the society members from time to time.

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 158 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Foroige

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.

Foroige Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Come See FOROIGE!! » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 10th September 2014

- Come See Foroige Soc On Socs Day!!
- Table 14(To the right as soon as you enter Aras Na Mac Leinn)!!
- Come see us if your interested in helping foroige. Everybody Welcome!!
- Lots of ideas planned and always keen so hear of new ones!!
- Hope To See Ye All Soon!!

FOROIGE MEETING!! » *AC216* » 30th September 2014

To discuss this years plans and activites.
always open for new ideas and would appreciate it.
EVERYBODY WELCOME!! and hope to see ye all there.

FOROIGE MEETING!!! » *AC216 Seminar room, Arts and Science Concourse* » 7th October 2014

Beside Bank Of Ireland!!
Due to technical difficulties and the sorting of our accounts, lasts weeks meeting was postponed to this week so now we are almost all set up for the year ahead!!
we plenty to discuss and hope to see ye all there!!
Looking forward to the year ahead and all new people welcome :D!!
Dont know what Foroige is?
Even better..come along and find out!!

FOROIGE MEETING!!! » *AC216* » 14th October 2014

Brief chat about volunteer training so far and dates for further training coming up!!
Also..Planning our first night out together to get to know everyone!!
Hope To See Ye All There!!

FOROIGE TRAINING!! » *Jigsaw Building* » 20th October 2014

Foroige,
As Promised , there will be Child Protection Training on Monday 20th October at 6pm SHARP! - 8pm in Jigsaw Building which is across from the New Coach Station.
For anyone who doesn't know where it is, I

Get To Know Foroige!! » *AC216* » 28th October 2014

A Fun And Filling Day For Everybody to get to know each other before we start with the projects!!

Everybody Welcome!!

Hope To See You All There!!

FOROIGE FUNDRAISING MEETING!! » AC216 (Beside Bank Of Ireland) » 11th November 2014

A short meeting to plan our fundraiser for semester 1!!

We have a few ideas already but always open for new ideas!!

Everybody welcome!!

See Yous All There!!

FOROIGE VOLUNTEER TRAINING!! » Jigsaw Building » 13th November 2014

Details have been given out via student email about training tomorrow!!

Need people to reply to the email so i can confirm numbers!!

Open to all members who actually want to volunteer for the organization!!

Thanks!!

FOROIGE BAKE SALE!! » Smokeys Cafe » 25th November 2014

Bake sale to fundraise for the national youth organization and to help keep the society comfortable financially!!

So Come Down if your feeling peckish and have some amazing food made from the members themselves!!

Meeting » AC216 (Beside Bank Of Ireland) » 26th February 2015

Talking about ALIVE cert, our fundraiser, St.Patricks Day and the plans for next year :)

All new members welcome!! :D

FOROIGE MEETING!! » AC216 (Beside Bank Of Ireland) » 12th March 2015

A brief meeting to help out anyone else who hasn't finished their ALIVE cert and to get a definite number and names of people wanting to participate in the St.Patricks Day Parade.

All new members welcome!! :D

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Cameron Moore

Vice Secretary: Fiona Connolly

Treasurer: Niall Kennedy

Vice-Auditor: Daniel Kreith

Vice Treasurer: Daire Ni Chanain

Secretary: Kevin O'Keeffe

Foroige Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	548.39	Bank charge	€28.27
USC Grant	€750	Dinner	€37.5
		Expenditure Total	€65.77
		Closing Bank Balance	€1232.62
Total	€1298.39	Total	€1298.39

Mission Statement

Empowering the youth of ireland and enriching communities by training our members to become as best of a volunteer as they possibly can and become the suitable role models providing oportunities and skills for young people to develop on.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Fundraise for the society, local youth cafe and the national youth organizations (Around 2 Fundraisers)
- Training our members to become volunteers.
- Complete child protection training
- Complete First Aid Training
- Complete garda reference forms
- Organize a interveristy event with other foroige societies.
- Get our members to volunteer with jigsaw and the youth cafe.
- Colloborate with other socities on organizing workshops looking at the physical and phsycological side of positive metal health with the young people in the youth cafe and jigsaw counseling services in the city.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 135 members. We have yet to complete the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Foroige		
<u>Cameron Moore</u>	Auditor	40 hours
<u>Ria Dunleavy</u>	OCM	15 hours
<u>Michaela Durkin</u>	member	5 hours
<u>Daniel Kreith</u>	Vice Auditor	30 hours
<u>Katherine Murphy</u>	Fundraiser	12 hours
<u>Fiona Connolly</u>	Member	6 hours
<u>Niall Rabbitte</u>	volunteer	35 hours
<u>Niall Kennedy</u>	treasurer	25 hours
<u>Eoin Graham</u>	Volunteer Member	13 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	181 hours	

French Soc

French Soc aims to achieve several goals throughout the year. These are the promotion of francophone culture on campus, to form a strong link with the university's French department, to welcome Erasmus students and encourage cultural exchange between French students and Irish students. This will be outlined in the following paragraphs.

Promoting Francophone Culture on Campus:

We do this by holding a variety of events throughout the year. In order to promote francophone culture on campus we hold weekly conversation workshops with a native French speaker, a lecteur from the French department. This workshop is open to people with any level of French and a mix of both students and staff from the university come regularly to improve their conversational French. Our Cineclub also promotes French culture on Campus. In semester 1 we screened a French film on campus every week and in semester 2 we had several Cineclub events, although less often, due to our commitments with the French Soc Play. These films are often screened in conjunction with the French department. In these cases we show films that are relevant to undergraduate students studying French. We also hold other once off events for promoting French culture on

campus for example, crepe-sales or pétanque (A french sport) at the Global fair. Of course, we also aim to raise awareness about French current affairs. This year we supported the 'Je suis Charlie' campaign, by meeting with a member of l'Embassade Francaise to sign a book of solidarity which was sent off the Charlie Hebdo headquarters in Paris.

Creating a strong link with the department

We have strong links to the French department. Carmen, a lectrice employed by the French department is on the French Soc committee and teaches our weekly Conversation workshops, as already mentioned. In total there are five lecteurs employed by the French department. All five are very active members of the society and come regularly to our events to encourage French conversation among our members. Our Cineclub also often works in conjunction with the French department showing films for certain French modules. In addition to this we worked alongside the French department this year to invite a guest speaker, Martine Storti, to the university to talk about her book which is on the final year French course. This was followed by a reception in the Arts Millennium and a meal in Rouge with the speaker and Silvie Lannegrand, lecturer in the French department. The French department also supported our French play. They helped with publicity and many members from the department came to see the play on the night.

Encouraging cultural exchange between Erasmus or French students and Irish students:

We hold many events to encourage mingling between French students and Irish students. These are mostly social events including conversation soirées in bars in Galway, a table quiz in both French and English, and cheese evenings in Sheridan's Cheese Mongers. One of our biggest events this year was our theatrical adaptation of the film *Paris je t'aime*. We chose this to promote cultural exchange because it is a bilingual play, with scenes both in French and English, therefore encouraging French and Irish students to get involved or simply come and watch. We have been invited to bring this play to Lorient's university theatre week in April, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Lorient-Galway twinship. This is an amazing opportunity to reestablish the cultural links between the two universities and develop a French - Irish cultural exchange which will hopefully continue into the future. The plans for this trip are still in the process of being finalised.

French Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 56 events.

French Society EGM and Soir » *AC202 (on Concourse) » 16th September 2014*

Our annual EGM will be held in AC202 near the entrance to the Concourse in order to elect the new committee for the year. Afterwards, we will be heading to the Cellar Bar for food and refreshments. Venez nombreux!

Cheese Cultural Soiree » *Sheridan's Cheesemongers and Wine Bar, opposite St. Nicholas' Church » 23rd September 2014*

On Tuesday night, the French Society will be hosting our first Cheese cultural soiree in Sheridan's Cheesemongers and Wine Bar. Everybody present will have the opportunity to sample some cheese and Sheridan's resident sommelier will be on hand to advise us on what cheese best compliments your refreshment.

Screening of Amelie » *Fottrell Theater (AM200) Arts Millennium » 25th September 2014*

This Thursday, the French Society will be hosting our first Film night of the year in the Fottrell Theater. To start off the year, we will be screening the popular classic film *Amelie* (*Le Fabuleux Destin D'Amelie Poulain*). The film will be subtitled in English so no matter what level of French you have, you will be able to enjoy the film!

First tandem Night of the Year » *The King's Head Bar » 30th September 2014*

First tandem night of the year giving both French and Irish students an opportunity to speak both French and English with native speakers. It will be a fantastic opportunity for everyone who comes to meet other students in a casual, relaxed environment. Venez nombreux !

Traditional Music and Dances from Central France » » *7th October 2014*

French Soc has been invited to an evening of Traditional French Music and Dancing which takes place at 9/9.30 on the first Tuesday of every month in Aras na NGael on Dominick Street.

French Cineclub » *Fottrell Lecture Theatre, Arts Millennium » 9th October 2014*

Every Thursday in the Fottrell Theatre from 8 to 10, French Soc holds its Cineclub! A different French film will be shown each week. The chosen films will be announced in our weekly emails. Subtitles will be provided so the films can be understood by all!

French Conversation Workshop » *AM217 » 9th October – 27th November 2014 (8 individual events)*

Come to AM217 for a themed conversation night which will help you build up your vocabulary. Taught by one of NUIG's native French lecturers. Every Thursday at 7! All levels welcome.

Table Quiz » THE COLLEGE BAR » 13th October 2014

French Soc will be holding their annual French Soc Table Quiz this Monday at 8:30 in the College Bar. Come with a team or find team members on the night. Questions will be asked in both English and French. There will be prizes!!

Global Fair Petanque (Boules) » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, » 13th October 2014

Come along to the Global fair in the Bailey Allen Hall on Monday and join French soc in playing the French sport P

French Cineclub » Fottrell Theatre (AM Building) » 16th October – 20th November 2014 (6 individual events)

Every Thursday in the Fottrell Theatre from 8 to 10, French Soc holds its Cineclub! A different French film will be shown each week. The chosen films will be announced in our weekly emails. Subtitles will be provided so the films can be understood by all!

Tandem Conversation Night » The Cellar Bar, Eglinton Street » 21st October 2014

For our next Conversation night we have sought out a larger space and a quieter venue. This week we will be in the Cellar Bar from 9 p.m. The perfect opportunity to practice your French or your English. Everybody at all levels welcome! See you there.

Cultural Pot-luck Dinner » The Stage » 4th November 2014

Bring a dish/snack/beverage from your country to contribute to a multi-cultural dinner in the Stage (Aras na Mac Leinn). Starts at 8, Tuesday the 4th! There's mention of a prize for the best dish!

Guest Speaker: Martine Storti » Siobahn McKenna Theatre » 17th November 2014

French Soc, in conjunction with the French Department, is inviting Martine Storti, author of 'L'arrivee de mon pere en France' to NUIG. Martine Storti will be travelling from France to talk to us in French about her book which deals with issues concerning French society, racism and identity.

Auditions for the French Soc Play, Paris je t'aime » Fottrell Theatre -Arts Millenium » 24th November 2014

Bonjour tout le monde! The French Society here in NUIG are holding auditions for this year's French Play; 'Paris, Je t'aime' adapted from the 2006 movie. There are parts available in both French and English so don't worry if you're french isn't too strong - it'll be a bit of craic! The play will be composed of several 5 minute pieces so there won't be too much pressure for people who have never acted before. The auditions are from 5-8pm in the Fottrell Theatre, Arts Millenium Building the Monday 24th Novemeber! Do come along! Venez-vous nombreux!!

More Auditions for Paris Je T'aime! » Large Accoustic Room, » 2nd December 2014

On Tuesday from 15:00 to 16:00 we will be holding Auditions for Paris Je T'aime again. This is for ANYBODY who didn't manage to make it last week. We will be in the Large Acoustic Room for an hour, so if you're interested in being involved come and say hi! Parts in both French and English are still up for grabs. No experience required! Email if this still doesn't suit. A bientot!

Rebienvenue/ Welcome Back party » Cellar Bar » 20th January 2015

All members from last semester as well as new faces, both irish and visiting students arriving this semester, are invited to join us in the Cellar Bar (on Eglinton Street) at 9:00 on Tuesday evening. Looking forward to seeing you all there. A tres bientot!

Pancake and Waffle Welcome Party for Freshers » The Hub » 3rd September 2014

Welcome party for Freshers!!

Socs Day » Bailey Allen Hall » 10th September 2014

Come and say hi and join up to French Soc at Socs day!

Socs day 2 » Bailey Allen Hall » 14th January 2015

New members welcome to come chat to us at our stand and sign up for French Soc for semester 2!

Cheese and Refreshment evening at Sheridans Cheesmongers and Wine Bar » Sheridan's Cheesemongers and Wine Bar, opposite St. Nicholas' Church » 27th January 2015

Refreshment and Cheese tasting at Sheridans Cheesmongers and Wine Bar. Limited spaces, pick up your FREE ticket in the Socs Box.

French Conversation Workshop » AM215 » 27th January 2015

French Conversation workshop with native Lectrice, Carmen, all levels welcome!

Paris Je T'aime Cast meet and greet » Stage » 28th January 2015

Meet and greet for members of the cast of Paris Je T'aime. Meeting in the Stage, followed by finger food in the college bar.

Conversation Workshop » AM215 » 3rd February 2015

Conversation workshop with lecturer Carmen

Charlie Hebdo book signing » Aras an Mac Leinn » 3rd February 2015

All of our members are invited to sign a book that will be coming to NUIG on Tuesday before being sent off to the Charlie Hebdo headquarters. Come along to sign it, give your condolences, or do a sketch.

English-French Conversation Night Speed-Dating style! » College Bar » 10th February 2015

Want to brush up your French or practice your English? This French Soc Conversation Night is the perfect opportunity for Erasmus students to meet Irish students and vice versa. Starts at 19:30 in the College Bar, and there may even be finger food! People of all levels of both languages welcome!

French Conversation Workshop » AM215 » 10th February 2015

French Conversation workshop with Native speaker. All levels welcome!

French Conversation Workshop » AM215 » 17th February 2015

French Conversation workshop with native French speaker. All levels welcome!

Paris Je t'Aime » BOI Theatre » 18th February – 19th February 2015 (2 individual events)

This year French Soc's play will be a stage adaptation of the movie Paris Je t'Aime, running from the 18th to the 20th of February in the BOI Theatre, at the following times:

Wednesday 18th: 8pm

Thursday 19th: 8pm

Friday 20th: 5pm

Venez nombreux!

Paris Je t'Aime » BOI Theatre » 20th February 2015

This year French Soc's play will be a stage adaptation of the movie Paris Je t'Aime, running from the 18th to the 20th of February in the BOI Theatre, at the following times:

Wednesday 18th: 8pm

Thursday 19th: 8pm

Friday 20th: 5pm

Venez nombreux!

French Conversation Workshop » AM215 » 24th February – 24th March 2015 (5 individual events)

French Conversation Workshop with native speaker, Carmen. All levels welcome.

Crepes and Bake Sale » Smokey Joe's, Concourse » 16th March 2015

Crepes and Cakes for sale to help reestablish the cultural exchange between Lorient University and NUIG! Crepes only 1:50 and cakes going for whatever you fancy donating!

Lorient- Galway Theatre Exchange Trip » Lorient, Brittany » 7th April – 11th April 2015 (5 individual events)

Paris Je T'aime travels to Lorient for a cultural/theatrical exchange to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Galway-Lorient twinship.

International Day of Francophonie » Trinity College, Alliance Francaise, and The Grand Social, Dublin » 20th March 2015

A series of events will be taking place in Dublin to mark the annual celebration of the French language on Friday 20 March 2015. Admission is FREE to all events. 13 countries will be represented at the event: Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Egypt, France, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Morocco, Poland, Romania and Switzerland. The timetable includes conferences, round-tables, debating contest, Francophone Buffet, and a Francophonie DJ Night at The Grand Central. NUIG French Soc will be participating in the Debating Contest on the day. For full details of the timetable of events, check out the link provided.

Refreshment and Cheese End of Semester Party » Sheridan's Cheesemongers and Wine Bar, opposite St. Nicholas' Church » 24th March 2015

We are holding our end of semester party this year in Sheridan's, where there will be refreshment and cheese for everybody! There are a limited amount of tickets, available to purchase at the Socs Box for

AGM » Cube » 14th April 2015

AGM to elect next year's committee

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: Ryan Field

Secretary: Rhian Wolstenholme

OCM: Ivy Dawkins Lloyd

First Year Rep: Aisling Hand

Events Officer: Sarah Gilchrist

Travel Officer: Frances Roche

French Rep: Carmen Bernard

Auditor: Shane O'Neill

Vice-Auditor: John Gibbons

OCM: Ruth Cormican

PRO: Luke Taylor

OCM: Lydia Foley

Treasurer: Declan MacSheoin

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Alex Murphy

OCM: Michael Peyton

Vice-Auditor: Caitriona Brennan

Organisation Balance Sheet

French Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	71.71	Bank charge	€42.61
Members Contributions	€2351.39	Costumes	€59.5
Socs box Till	€307	Dinner	€195.6
USC Grant	€4500	Euros	€1945.73
		Materials	€74.45
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€125.99
		Printing	€38
		Prizes	€99.57
		Reception	€456.37
		Set	€444
		Society transport	€1800
		Speaker travel	€184.73
		Teacher fees	€669
		Expenditure Total	€6135.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€1094.56
Total	€7230.11	Total	€7230.11

Mission Statement

To promote awareness of French culture and language throughout the university in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To promote the French language and culture. To help Irish and French students (as well as all other international students) integrate fully into the university. To create enduring links between the society and the French Department. To perform our duties as a departmental society and give the department full support when they require our help (inviting guest speakers, showing relevant films, etc.).

Society Performance Reflection

French Soc did very well this year, winning 'Most successful Society' at society awards. We successfully reached our goals by carrying out a large number of events throughout the year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we successfully managed to promote French culture on campus; we strengthened our links with the French department and integrated French and Irish students through conversation evenings, social evenings and the French Soc play.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the French Soc play, and the fact that we were invited to perform it in Lorient, France, and managed to successfully organise and realise the trip with very short notice.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge was probably organising the French Soc trip with such short notice, when we didn't know if we would have sufficient funding. We encountered problems with flights and trains bookings, we had to re-cast certain roles because certain actors could not come on the trip. We had to do all this at the most busy time of the academic year, and juggling the play, the trip and our studies was a great challenge for everybody.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 738 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

French Soc		
<u>Paul Carty</u>	Member	10 hours
<u>Ivy Dawkins Lloyd</u>	OCM	150 hours
<u>Alex Murphy</u>	Performer	70 hours
<u>Nicole Ni Loachdha</u>	Actress	70 hours
<u>John Gibbons</u>	Vice-Auditor	150 hours
<u>Rhian Wolstenholme</u>	Secretary, Director and Producer of the French Soc Play	300 hours
<u>Sarah Smith</u>	Front of House	2 hours
<u>Shane O'Neill</u>	Auditor	350 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1102 hours	

Friends of MSF

Friends of MSF (FoMSF) are student societies in universities and colleges around Ireland and the UK. We are the official student support organisation for Médecins Sans Frontières across both nations and are run on a voluntary basis.

Our aims are to:

- Raise Awareness of MSF's work and humanitarian issues
- Raise funds for MSF
- Encourage students to consider working for organisations such as MSF

MSF exists to save lives by providing medical aid where it is needed most: in armed conflicts, epidemics, famines and natural disasters. All these situations call for a rapid response with specialised medical and logistical help. But, we also run longer-term projects, tackling health crises and supporting people where the need is greatest. We currently have projects running in over 60 countries.

Friends of MSF Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Ebola: The Story from the Frontline by MedSoc and Friends of MSF (Doctors Without Borders) » AM250

- Colm O H-Eocha Theatre » 21st October 2014

NUIG's own Dr. Diarmuid O'Donovan is guest speaker on the current Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone, having worked at the nerve centre of the crisis last summer. The event is a joint venture between MedSoc and Friends of MSF (Doctors Without Borders), to be held in the O'hEocha Theatre of Arts Millennium on the 21st of October.

Dr. O'Donovan is Senior Lecturer in Social and Preventive Medicine at the NUIG and Director of Public Health Director of Public Health in the Health Service Executive (West).

Not to be missed!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Niall Scanlon

Public Relations Officer: Eoin Mangan

Secretary: Sinead Carlson

Co-Secretary: Patrick Varley

Treasurer: Muhammad Haziq Hasnol

Vice-Auditor: Adam Mollen

Treasurer (2nd Semester): Isabella Gresswell

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Isabella Gresswell

Vice-Auditor: Lisa Kelly

Friends of MSF Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2413.75	Bank charge	€27.81
		Expenditure Total	€27.81
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€16.8
		Closing Bank Balance	€2385.94
Total	€2413.75	Total	€2413.75

Mission Statement

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Our aims are to:

- Raise Awareness of MSF's work and humanitarian issues
- Raise funds for MSF
- Encourage students to consider working for organisations such as MSF

Our goal this year is to recruit a committee that is enthusiastic and motivated and who will bring in original ideas for spreading the word about MSF's work, in other words an original way to keep ourselves informed!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To get more people involved in the committee.
- To raise awareness about MSF and what they do.
- To raise funds for MSF.
- To make the name MSF/ Friends of MSF more familiar around campus.
- To host one large event per semester.
- To encourage students to consider working for organisations such as MSF.

Society Performance Reflection

Not as well as we hoped. 1st semester was great. We got more sign ups at Socs Day than we expected and a really great turn out at the AGM in September. A lot of people were eager to get involved. 2nd semester was not so great. We managed to plan the Ebola talk, and that was successful. However, after that, we were having trouble getting the committee members to stay active. I think they were getting bogged down with final year work.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

I would say a big aim was to get more people on the committee, and that was a success. Another goal was to raise awareness, tell more people about MSF and what they do, and make the name MSF/ Friends of MSF more familiar around campus. I think we achieved that to a small degree on Socs day and with the Ebola Talk.

Greatest Success

The Ebola Talk. We had a great turn out.

Greatest Challenge

Getting the committee members to stay active.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 586 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 586 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Friends of MSF		
Eoin Mangan	Public Relations Officer	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	25 hours	

G-eos

Galway Earth and Ocean Society is primarily interested in promoting and supporting the Earth & Ocean sciences ie. Oceanography, Geology, Sedimentology, Palaeontology, Climatology, Petrology 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. The aim of the society this year was to organise trips, talks and social events. We also aimed to get more members involved in the society; especially first and second year EOS students GEOS aka.

G-eos Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

EGM » *A206 - Geology Dept., Quadrangle* » 24th September 2014

Everyone is welcome. There will be free pizza in the college bar afterwards.

EGM » *Upstairs in the Quad* » 24th September 2014

We are meeting up for our EGM in the quad then to the college bar afterwards!

Guest Speaker Prof Pete Coxon TCD » *Room A206 the Quadrangle* » 30th September 2014

We are happy to announce that GEOS are going to be co-hosting a guest speaker with the GGA. Professor Pete Coxon TCD will be giving a talk on "Annually resolved climate variability during a 400,000 year old interglacial" OR "Where the wild fires are... and Homo heidelbergensis". It's going to be a great talk so hope to see you all there!

Global Week, Guest Speaker, "A role for Volcanism during the Great Oxidation Event." » *MR 201 (Martin Ryan Annex)* » 15th October 2014

NUIG's newest lecturer to the Earth and Ocean Sciences department will be giving a talk based on his research titled "A role for volcanism during the Great Oxidation Event". For those who don't know, MR201 is the lecture hall upstairs in the Martin Ryan Annex (box shaped building passed the marine building). This is going to be a really great talk with free pizza in the college bar afterwards, hope to see you all there!

Guest Speaker - Ian Sanders » *A206 in the Quad* » 4th November 2014

Meteorites and an emerging new view of the early solar system

4th Year Presentations » *The Quadrangle, Room A206* » 13th November 2014

The 4th years will be presenting their projects to staff and students. Tea and Sandwiches will be served at breaks though out the day.

Movie Night » *Oflaherty theatre* » 5th January 2015

Watching some David Attenbrogh movies, all are welcome to join!

Movie Night » *Tyndall Theater* » 21st January 2015

We'll be watching Jurassic Park on Wednesday! We'll have pizza too!

Movie Night and College Bar » *Tyndal Theatre- off the concourse* » 9th February 2015

We'll be watching a documentary in and then we will be going to the college bar afterwards. All are welcome, hope to see you there

IGRM - Trip to Belfast » *Belfast City* » 20th February – 22nd February 2015 (3 individual events)

The annual IGRM will be held in Queen's University in Belfast this year. We will be leaving the Quad at 11:00am on Sunday and getting the bus up to Belfast.

Movie Night and College Bar » *Ac206* » 4th March 2015

We will be watching a documentary and then plan our future trips and other activities. Everyone is welcome.

Guest Speaker » *A206 - Geology Dept., Quadrangle* » 19th March 2015

Brain O'Driscoll will be giving a talk in A206, all are welcome, refreshments will be served before the talk.

GEOS AGM » *A206 - Geology Dept., Quadrangle* » 15th April 2015 Open to anyone who would like to take up a position in GEOS for the coming year, there are many spaces open for everyone! We will be going to the college bar afterwards, all are welcome!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Muireann MacCarthy

Treasurer: Cara Brady

2nd Year Rep: Monika Meszaros

OCM: Fiona Ni Raghail

PRO: Ciara Gilligan

OCM: Monica Mullins

1st Year Rep.: Benjamin Dannhoff

OCM: Claire Dinneen

OCM: Eoin Reddin

Vice-Auditor: Amy McCormack

Secretary: Clodagh Gillen

Health and Safety Officer: Rebecca Furlong

3rd Year Rep.: Eoghan Daly

OCM: Sarah Bergin

OCM: Barry Walsh

OCM: Brigitte Walsh

OCM: Adam Keegan

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Sean Daly

Treasurer: Thomas Fegan

OCM: James O'Driscoll

Auditor: Monika Meszaros

Secretary: Emmett Hart

Health and Safety Officer: Daniel Eikrem

PRO: Jonah Faulkner

Organisation Balance Sheet

G - eos Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1708.68	Bank charge	€63.37
Bank Charge	€7.5	Dinner	€547.75
Socs box Till	€1140	Entry fees	€420
USC Grant	€3000	Equipment misc	€6.99
		Hire Bus	€920
		Hoodies	€376.18
		Materials	€20.8
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€101.77
		Reception	€101.80
		Society accomm	€602
		Socs day expenses	€22.72
		Speaker accomm	€122.2
		Speaker travel	€138.97
		Expenditure Total	€3444.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€2411.63
Total	€5856.18	Total	€5856.18

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our society wants to promote Earth and Ocean Sciences in the college and try get more people studying the subject involved in our society. Our main aim this year is to try gain members in younger years as now we are predominantly a society of third and fourth years. We would also like to get more people attending guest speaker lectures which we feel would help promote interest in the subject. We would also like to become more involved with other academic societies as we often have guest speakers we feel would benefit other societies too.

Society Performance Reflection We had 5 speakers in over the year. They covered different aspects of earth and ocean science. We had five social events which we had pizza or food in the college bar. Lots of people turned up. We had one trip, 20 people attended this trip to Belfast. We had one other event - 4th year presentations. Besides all the events for the members, we also had 12 committee meetings to sort out things for the society.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

The aim of getting younger years involved was achieved, at the talk by Brian O Driscoll over half of the people who attended the reception and talk were 2nd years. For the aim of joining with other societies: We had a talk by Ian Sanders which would have been of interest to AstroSoc too, we got in contact with them to co-host but we heard nothing back from them. We also had oceanography talks which would have been of interest to marine soc. We teamed up with the GGA to co-host quite a few talks.

Greatest Success

By the end of the year a lot more people were attending the events.

Greatest Challenge

Getting everything sorted for the trip.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 394 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

G-eos		
<u>Cara Brady</u>	Treasurer	72 hours
<u>Clodagh Gillen</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Eoin Reddin</u>	Committee Member	15 hours
<u>Brigitte Walsh</u>	OCM	36 hours
<u>Ciara Gilligan</u>	PRO	40 hours
<u>Muireann MacCarthy</u>	Auditor	90 hours
<u>Adam Keegan</u>	OCM, volunteer and fundraiser	20 hours
<u>Amy McCormack</u>	Vice Auditor	84 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	387 hours	

Geography Soc

This year we re-established the Geography Society @NUIGeography on campus. We were the only society to facilitate NGO Clean Coasts who represent over 450 volunteer groups in Ireland who clean beaches from plastic and marine litter. We also held an event on Hemp, challenging climate change with drug policy and networked with the CCAFS society and participated in their Climate Congress. Our society will continue next year with a new committee and strengthen itself over time to become a full society.

Geography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

1st Meeting (preliminary EGM) » *No suggestions found » 19th January 2015*

We are having our first preliminary meeting on Monday the 19th of Jan. in the Resource Room, ground floor of Geography Department (Room 103). We will run through an overview of what we hope to achieve this year, agree on a constitution, draft a budget and prepare ourselves for the AGM which will happen sometime this month. Interactive webmap showing Room 103

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zpUDQJq0qMkc.kEuwbcXM5WGE>

Building with #IrishHemp #VoteHemp » *Tyndall Lecture Theatre » 19th February 2015*

Industrial hemp has the potential to create 1,000s - 10,000s of long-term jobs in Ireland by facilitating green economic stimulus to agriculture, processing, manufacturing and consumption. 100,000s of different products can be made from hemp including foods, oils, construction materials, cars and car parts, planes, buildings and more. Did you know that hemp seed is the only source of food in the world to contain all Essential Fatty Acids? Or did you know that homes built with 'hempcrete' require little to no heating?

The job-creating, environmental & rural sustainability potential of industrial hemp will be discussed in NUIG on Thurs. Feb 19th. Speakers confirmed include

Mr. Barry Caslin, a semi-state bioenergy research specialist from Teagasc

http://www.teagasc.ie/publications/2010/862/862_Hemp.pdf

Mr. Steve Allin, hemp builder, entrepreneur and author of 'Building with Hemp' who has been giving talks to farmers and industry leaders in Colorado, Washington, Uruguay and Spain in the last 12 months

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

Mr. Thomas o Connor from the Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association.

Tickets will be 2euro each and sold on the door or from the socsbox 1 week before (Thurs 12th Feb from 2pm)

The Clean Coasts Roadshow visits NUIGeography » *RICHARD KIRWAN LECTURE THEATRE » 4th March 2015*

The Geog. Soc. @NUIGeography is hosting NGO @CleanCoasts for their traveling roadshow to share some of the work their groups are doing around the country to tackle the rising tide of #marinelitter

Recent scientists have conservatively estimated that at least 5.25 trillion (5,250,000,000,000 or 5^{12}) pieces of plastic are floating around in the ocean. We have yet to even begin to slow the amount of plastic waste entering the ocean. It is speeding up every day. Clean Coasts have over 400 volunteer groups around the country who are working hard to keep our beaches clean.

Speakers include

Annabel Fitzgerald from Clean Coasts

Sean Lynch from The Geog. Soc. @NUIGeography

x2 PhD Researchers from GMIT who are analysing micro-plastics in dead seabirds and in the ocean

Dan Clabby, "Volunteer of the Year" (CleanCoasts) from Galway Action Volunteers

Sinead Johnstone from Galway City Council

Rep. from Meanscoil Mhuire who are doing work on related waste

Noirin Burke from the Atlantaaquarium

And more!

We hope this event will motivate students and citizens to participate in a "Citizen Science" mapping effort of litter across Galway City and County to crowd-source the spatial distribution of litter across Galway as organized by our Society. Those who participate will gain employable GIS (mapping) skills and learn how to make maps with your phone and analyze them spatially and statistically afterwards. The most dedicated volunteers will come out of this project knowing how to organize and run a Citizen Science project of your own in the future. All welcome. Free entry.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Sean Lynch

Secretary: John Shannon

Vice-Auditor: Thomas Creamer

Safety Officer: Frances Carter

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Frances Carter

OCM: Sean Lynch

Vice-Auditor: Sarah Moore

Geography Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	458.75		
USC Grant	€1500		
		Expenditure Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€1958.75
Total	€1958.75	Total	€1958.75

Mission Statement

To train NUIGeography students in GIS, mapping, Citizen Science and host a variety of interesting talks and seminars on all things physical, socio-economic and geography related!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- 1.0 To raise the profile of the discipline of Geography within NUI Galway.
- 1.1 Take advantage of popular social media platforms to generate publicity and interest in Geography.
- 1.2 Host informal interactive workshops for dissertation support for Geography students
- 1.3 Engage with other stakeholders and societies whose interests are broadly aligned with the Society.
- 1.4 To engage with incoming students about taking up Geography as a discipline.
- 2.0 Advance Geographic Information skills for all willing students in NUIG (eg. GIS, mapping, spatial analysis, using Open Source GIS, etc.)
- 2.1 Enhance basic mapping skills of students who do not typically engage in mapping, enhancing their pre-requisites for employment.
- 2.2 Organize Citizen Science Initiatives.
- 3.0 Produce something at the end of the year eg. Newsletter.

Society Performance Reflection

Objective 1.1: This continues to be met daily. We have a daily presence on Twitter and regularly get retweets from the EPA, Clean Coasts, Marine Institute and various other state, semi-state and NGO bodies as well as our own SU.

Objective 1.2: Unfortunately did not take place. However, rather than dissertation support we suggest this should be changed to Word & Excel support for Geography students at the start of next year. It is not yet known if this will take place however outgoing Auditor Seán is keen on some free online training for interested students.

Objective 1.3 We did engage with two or three other societies and made some ground but a lot of work remains to be done here. Over the summer once our citizen science project develops this should become better achieved as our visibility grows.

Objective 1.4 Some of our members did partake in the MSc open day but not officially as part of the society.

Aim 2.0: This is still being achieved over the summer.

Aim 3.0: This will be ready for socs day.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes. See above.

Greatest Success

We were the only society in the country to facilitate NGO Clean Coasts. They are happy to work with us again and improve our stall for socs day. We also had several leading academics in Geography attend our event on Hemp who were quite interested in its potential to reverse climate change.

Greatest Challenge

Trying to motivate students.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 68 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

German Soc

The German Society aims to organise events to promote the German language and the cultures of German-speaking countries, be it Austria, Switzerland or Germany. Its main aim is to bring all members of the German Society together and to make everyone's experience of German a memorable one so get involved!

The society aims to organise events to coincide with popular German festivals, such as Oktoberfest, Karneval and our annual Christmas Party is guaranteed to be a great night. We've also got the famous and hugely popular German Society Boat-Trip with a cruise on the Corrib Princess. We are always open to hearing your ideas and suggestions for new events - just contact us!

We planned a trip to Hamburg which was a fantastic experience for all involved! We will be hosting German Filmabends. 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. Get in contact if you are interested!

We are also determined to raise money within the society for charity this year! We will be holding charity events and getting involved in charitable activities so it would be great if all our members get involved!

German Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

German Boat trip » *Corrib Princess* » 24th September 2014

Meeting at College Bar and going for a trip on the Corrib Princess

EGM Election of Ordinary Committee Members » *AM108* » 7th October 2014

Come along if you're interested in getting more involved in the society or just want to vote for people! It's an extraordinary opportunity to expand the society and meet new people.

Germany v Ireland » *College Bar* » 14th October 2014

Come and watch Germany play Ireland in Gelsenkirchen live in the college bar this Tuesday night! Free pizza and other special offers to be decided.

Oktoberfest » *DeBurgo's, Augustine St.* » 16th October – 17th October 2014

Filmabend- Die Welle » » 21st October 2014

A free showing of Die Welle and free pizza and popcorn and refreshments. Starts 7pm sharp.

Film Abend » *AC 201* » 19th November 2014

We are showing "Good Bye Lenin!" in celebration of the recent 25 year anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall. This movie is about a dedicated young German boy who pulls off an elaborate scheme to keep his mother in good health. It is a comedy drama from director Wolfgang Becker.

Trip To Hamburg!!!! » *Hamburg, Germany* » 31st January – 3rd February 2015 (4 individual events)

Come join us for our annual trip to Hamburg in north Germany.

We will be sightseeing, places such as the Hamburg Harbour, The Dungeons, Miniatur World, The Reeperbahn, The huge shopping malls and more :) Flying from Dublin to Bremen and then onto Hamburg city.

Meeting at the Cathedral at 8am sharp Saturday morning 31st of January and returning 3rd of February at 9pm at the Cathedral.

Stammtisch- Tandem night » *Scholar's Rest* » 5th February 2015

We are delighted to announce we will be hosting a tandem night in the Scholars Rest, 37 Newcastle Road on Thursday the 5th of February at 8pm. We would love to encourage as many students of German and native speakers to attend for what's guaranteed to be a fun evening.

Tandem Speed Dating » *The Scholar's Rest, 37 Newcastle Road* » 5th February 2015

A mixer between German language students of NUIG and German native speakers to meet, socialise and have some fun.

FilmAbend The Grand Budapest Hotel » *AC201* » 12th February 2015

Come Join us for a fun-filled evening with FREE PIZZA!!! We will be watching the award- winning Film "The Grand Budapest Hotel". Und Nat

Geram Soc christmas party » *Bier Tent Christmas market* » 4th December 2014

GermanSoc Christmas Party is taking place next Thursday in the Christmas market beer tent at 7.30pm! Hope to see ye all there!

German department Play Nathan der Weise » *Bank of Ireland Theatre* » 24th March – 26th March 2015 (3 individual events)

The German Drama Group presents Nathan der Weise 24th March -26 March at 8 p.m. in Bank of Ireland Theatre!

Hope to see you all there!

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Joseph Mannion

Auditor: Gwen Redmond

Secretary: Orla Clissmann

Treasurer: Kelly Lewis

Safety Officer: Hanna O'Kane

PRO: Oisín McManamon

Committee 2015/2016

contact: Oisín McManamon

Organisation Balance Sheet

German Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	779.97	Bank charge	€78.69
Members Contributions	€1810	Dinner	€81.39
Socs box Till	€2270	Entertainment	€20
Sponsorship	€200	Entry fees	€100
USC Grant	€1750	Equipment misc	€400
		Euros	€590.16
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€130.65
		Society accomm	€1400
		Society transport	€2848.26
		Expenditure Total	€5649.15
		Cash In Hand	€9.54
		Closing Bank Balance	€1151.28
Total	€6809.97	Total	€6809.97

Mission Statement

The mission of the German Society is simple: We want to promote the German language and culture in Ireland in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to promote the language and culture of Germany through various events such as our annual Boat trip, Oktoberfest, Tandem events, Filmabends, meetings, trips, Charity events such fund raising and going on an adventure trip.

We aim to establish a link between the society and the German faculty in the university by having a coffee/tea afternoon.

We want to get people networking and coming together through the German language. We are hoping to get native German Erasmus speakers to meet with Irish students and practise each other's language as a tandem programme for one hour a week.

We aim to raise money for charity by organising a trip and fundraising for it.

We aim to have a Christmas party and Karneval organised along with the college bar celebrating all things German.

We aim to run a culture night combining all societies together to provide an interesting and informative night spreading awareness. We aim to provide a guest speaker (a survivor from the Holocaust) to spread awareness and inform the members.

Society Performance Reflection

This year we accomplished many of our aims however due to demands of course work could not complete them all. We did however lay down a strong foundation for next year's committee and realise the level of commitment organising events takes.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We did further promoted the German culture through a mix of traditional German celebrations and meet ups to celebrate current German society through films and football matches. We cultivated our community by adding even more members! We established and strengthened our ties with the German faculty

Greatest Success

We planned and went on a trip abroad to Hamburg with 38 students. This took an exceptional amount of coordination and communication throughout the society and was the highlight of the year.

Greatest Challenge

Time management between planning events in the society and each committee member's individual study was a recurring challenge for each member.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 483 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

German Soc		
<u>Gwen Redmond</u>	The Auditor	60 hours
<u>Fiona O'Connor</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	2 hours
<u>Hanna O'Kane</u>	Health & Safety Officer	50 hours
<u>Joseph Mannion</u>	Vice-Auditor	55 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	167 hours	

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)

GiGSoc is the LGBTQA society in NUI Galway. We aim to bring together all members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans*, queer/questioning and ally community that are interested in getting involved in the university, together with anyone interested in LGBTQ issues, rights and social events.

The aim of the society is to promote a forum where Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans*, Queer/Questioning 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 the LGBTQ community.

This year GiGSoc has been extremely successful. The society accumulated over 400 members throughout the year, which has never been achieved by the society before. We have run 46 events and counting.

One of our stand-out events was the Mass Marriage where we changed the Bailey Allen Hall into a mock wedding venue, people could come by and 'marry' whomever they liked. The purpose of this was to get as many students and staff registered to vote in the upcoming Marriage Equality Referendum. In total we got over 800 people registered on that day alone.

GiGSoc had the privilege of winning Best Society (in a Cultural, Academic or Social Field) two years in row and winning best photo in the NUIG Societies Awards 2015. As a society, we strive to do the best for our members, and to make the NUIG campus a more vibrant and inclusive place for its LGBTQA citizens.

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Events

This year the society held a total of 46 events.

Fresher Fun » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 3rd September 2014

GiG Soc is the LGBTQA Society in NUI Galway. As part of Orientation week, we will be hosting this event for incoming first years. Come along to meet the Committee and hear about our exciting plans for the year. There will be tea, treats, ice breakers and plenty of fun activities, so drop in to see us!

Socs day 1 » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 10th September 2014

Come see us at our stand on Socs Day in the Bailey Allen Hall. Come sign up, get plenty of treats, and find out what exciting plans we have in store for the coming year!

EGM » *Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 10th September 2014

EGM to elect vacant positions on the GiG Soc team. If you're interested in getting involved with one of NUIG's most vibrant societies, then come along and run for a position. Chats and refreshments afterwards.

Freshers Meet up » *Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 10th September 2014

Meet up for first years and new members. Ice breaker and getting to know the committee.

Gaymes Night » *IT202 - IT Building* » 17th September 2014

Come along for a night of fun and entertainment. There will be boardgames, a Wii, not to mention an abundance of tea and biscuits!

Onesie Night » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse)* » 24th September 2014

Ever wanted to wear a onesie to college? Well, now is your chance!! Join us in your finest onesie and enjoy tunes and chats with us! Nightgowns, night-suits or any loose-fitting after-hours wear is also acceptable ;)

Equality and Citizenship Fair » *Foyer, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 1st October 2014

Join us for our stand at the Equality and Citizenship Fair. There will be plenty of tea and coffee, plus you can find out about our activities as a society and our upcoming plans :)

The Big Fat Gay Quiz Of The Year :-) » *IT204* » 1st October 2014

Table quiz with some prizes to be given out. Revise everything, All are welcome :-).

Movie Night » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse)* » 8th October 2014

Having a hectic week and need to chill out for a while? We at GiG Soc are hosting a Movie Night, where we lounge around in comfy clothes, stuff ourselves with snacks and forget about life for the duration of a most fascinating movie!

Spirit Day Balloon Release » *Aras na Mac L* » 15th October 2014

Spirit Day Balloon Release to commemorate Spirit Day, an international observance event to show support for LGBTQ Youth who are victims of bullying.

EGM / Global Week Event (LGBTQA across the globe) » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse)* » 15th October 2014

EGM to update our Society's Constitution. We will also be electing a new Treasurer. There will be food and refreshments!

GLOBAL WEEK-- Other societies talk to us about LGBTQA communities in their countries.

"How to Get Ahead in Bed" - Sexual Competence Workshop » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse)* » 22nd October 2014

Join us for a highly insightful and interactive workshop on sexual competence, hosted by distinguished sexologist Dr. Siobhan O'Higgins. Siobhan is a HRB Fellow affiliated with the School of Psychology in NUIG. She has given this workshop in previous years, and it always proves to be one of the highlight events of the year. Tea provided.

Rocky Horror Halloween Party » *IT202* » 29th October 2014

Join us for our Rocky Horror Picture Show Themed Party. Dress up is highly encouraged, games and other fun things to do on the night. Sadly we won't be watching this amazing movie as time does not permit. All are welcome, the more the merrier.

Ally Talk with Tara Flynn » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse)* » 5th November 2014

Renowned comedian and LGBTQ activist Tara Flynn will be coming down to speak to the society on being an Ally in Ireland. Tara Flynn is an Irish actress & writer. She's Ireland's leading female voice artiste, an improviser, columnist, and you may have seen her on Irish & UK TV in the likes of Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle, The Omid Djalili Show, Thank God You're Here, The Impressions Show, or more recently in The Mario Rosenstock Show and Irish Pictorial Weekly.

MASS MARRIAGE » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn,* » 12th November 2014

GiG Soc (Gay In Galway Society) will host their debut Mass Marriage 2014 this Wednesday from 10-3pm. The event will take place in the Bailey Allen Hall, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway. The main aim of the Mass Marriage is to get students on the Register of Electors in time for the Referendum in Spring 2015. There will be music, cake and an abundance of balloons! Not to be missed!

GiG Soc Meet-up » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse) » 19th November 2014*

Weekly meet up for GiG Soc. Drop in to have tea, chats, and GiG bants!

Pink Training 2014 » *UCC, Cork » 21st November – 23rd November 2014 (3 individual events)*

Pink Training consists 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 events 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

MSM Blood Ban Discussion » *Siobhan MacKenna Theatre, Arts Millenium Building » 25th November 2014*

Students for Health Equality in collaboration with GiG Soc present a discussion on the issue of blood donation bans. Currently in Ireland, a man who has had sex with another man is permanently banned from donating blood. Is this unfair discrimination? The UK recently altered their policy to allow gay men to donate after a 12 month referral - should Ireland follow?

We will be joined on the evening by Tiernan Brady, Director of HIV Strategies with GLEN (Gay and Lesbian Equality Network). The event will begin at 7pm on Tuesday, November 25th in the Siobhan Mckenna Theatre, in Arts Millennium (AM214). Refreshments will be served.

GiGSoc Xmas Party » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse) » 26th November 2014*

Relaxed event where we dance to xmas music and have the bants :)

GIG Soc members Tea and Chat » *IT202 » 3rd December 2014*

End of term tea and chat, all welcome.

GiG Soc Socs Day 2 Signup/Rainbow Ball Tickets on Sale » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, » 14th January 2015*

Sign up to the society if you have not joined before. Plus this will be your first opportunity of the year to avail of a coveted RAINBOW BALL TICKET!!!! Tickets cost 32 euro for full (very reasonable for such a fabulous Ball). More details at our stand. Come down and catch up with the Committee :-D

Newbies Meetup » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse) » 14th January 2015*

Icebreaker meeting for new members to come along to. We'll be playing games and chatting, plus outlining some of our exciting plans for the semester.

Refresher Meeting » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse) » 14th January 2015*

Meeting of new and old members to start off the new semester in style. Tea and refreshments provided, plus an abundance of fun and equally-awkward ice-breakers.

Q and Gay night » *IT202 » 21st January 2015*

A chilled night where we open the floor for whatever to be discussed in a safe space. Come along for at least the tea.

Games Night » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse) » 28th January 2015*

Do you like Twister? Do you like Cards Against Humanity? Do you like the Wii (the games console, not the bodily function!)? If so, then join us for these and more in our ritual Games Night, which is sure to have something for everyone. Tea and treats provided as per usual :-)

Canvassing Training (hosted by USI) » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn » 8th April 2015*

We are hosting Canvassing Training for the upcoming Marriage Equality Referendum on Wednesday 8th April in the View. We will have a number of representatives from the Union of Students in Ireland coming down to facilitate the training, including USI Equality & Citizenship Officer Annie MakeGratheLaw Hoey. If you're interested in playing your part in this historic Referendum, then this event is not to be missed.

Marriage Equality Taskforce Launch » *Smokey's cafe, Concourse » 4th February 2015*

GiG Soc have joined forces with the NUIG Student Union to launch the Marriage Equality Taskforce, the purpose of which is to drive the Marriage Equality Campaign on and off campus in the lead-up to the Referendum. As such, we are launching the Taskforce at Smokeys to assemble a team of volunteers to help with the campaign. We will also be shooting a video entitled "I'm voting Yes to Marriage Equality because..." so as to generate social media interest in the campaign.

Movie Night » *IT202 » 4th February 2015*

Come along to a screening of a LGBT themed movie. Refreshments and nice foods will be provided :-)

Rainbow Week 2015 Official Launch » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse)* » 9th February 2015

Rainbow Week 2015 is here! To kickstart the week, we're having an Official Launch Party to get the buzz going! There will be food and reception on the night, plus this will be the last formal opportunity to avail of a coveted Rainbow Ball ticket, so don't miss it!

Rainbow Week: Marriage Equality Taskforce Information Session » *AC202 (On Concourse)* » 10th February 2015

GiG Soc have joined forces with the NUI Galway Student Union to launch the Marriage Equality Taskforce, the purpose of which is to drive the Marriage Equality Campaign on and off campus in the lead-up to the Referendum. As such, we are hosting an Information Session for people who wish to volunteer and take part in the Campaign. There will be info on some of our plans, as well as brainstorming to generate fresh ideas for the movement.

Rainbow Week: Workshop Wednesday » *IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse)* » 11th February 2015

As part of our Rainbow Week, GiG Soc will host numerous workshops relevant to our LGBTQA members. These workshops are intended to educate on some of the contemporary issues faced by LGBTQ people, and to empower individuals against such challenges. Each workshop will be facilitated by committee members who have attended Pink Training, so as to give them peer-based element and promote interactive sessions. The workshops include Women Sexual Health, Men Sexual Health, Trans 101, Gender Recognition, Supporting Someone Coming Out, and LGBTQ and the Law.

Rainbow Ball 2015 » *Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit* » 12th February 2015

GiG Soc (Gay in Galway Society, NUI Galway) cordially invite you to Rainbow Ball 2015! Tickets are 35 euro each, for which you receive a 4-course gourmet meal plus reception on arrival. This also gets you a night packed full of entertainment, with music from some of Galway's prominent up-and-coming bands, as well as DJ by the fabulous Kiki St. Clair. Tickets are limited, so get yours asap to avoid disappointment.

Civil Partnership and Beyond... - A Talk by Eamon Ryan » *McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse* » 18th February 2015

Leader of the Green Party and former Minister for Communications Eamon Ryan will be giving a talk to the theme of Civil Partnership and Beyond this coming Wednesday evening in the McMunn Theatre on the Concourse (beside Smokies). Having been instrumental in bringing the Civil Partnership Bill into law, Eamon will reflect on its impact on society, and where we go next in terms of extending LGBTQ rights in Ireland. This is sure to be a highly engaging event, plus there will be refreshments afterwards. Eamon will commence his address at 7.30pm approx.

AMACH Meeting » *VEC, Seville House, New Dock Street, Galway* » 19th February 2015

AMACH! (Galway's LGBTQ umbrella-group) are holding an open community meeting to discuss the LGBT resource centre for Galway. They are looking for:

- volunteers to join a sub group that will help set up and run the centre
- ideas for what people would like to see in the centre
- suggestions for a name for the centre

At the meeting AMACH! will also present its 2013 report and audited accounts.

They will also be introducing our new board members that they have on board.

InterSoc Variety Show » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 23rd February 2015

Along with DramSoc and GUMS, GiG Soc will be hosting an InterSoc Variety Show this Monday evening at 7pm in the Cube as part of Theatre Week. There will be performances from Trad Soc, GUMS, Juggling and DramSoc (not to mention a few numbers by GiG Soc members). Places are still open for performers, so if you have a talent to showcase, please turn up at 6pm and we can include you in the line-up! Winners will get wonderful prize on the night, plus there will be donations in aid of Ability West.

People before Profit Marriage Equality Launch » *Imperial Hotel, Eyre Square* » 25th February 2015

PBP are launching their campaign for a Yes vote in the Same-Sex Marriage Referendum this Wednesday Evening. Ailbhe Smyth, a well known LGBT activist and board member of Marriage Equality will be speaking along with Tomas Heneghan a local LGBT activist and student journalist. Co-Auditor Sean will be speaking about GiG Soc and the NUI Galway Marriage Equality Taskforce's efforts in the upcoming Referendum, and would appreciate a few familiar faces in the audience :-)

Marriage Equality Taskforce Bake Sale » *Smokey's, Concourse* » 26th February 2015

The Marriage Equality Taskforce are holding a Bake Sale this Thursday in Smokeys. Proceeds will go to MarriageEquality (organisation).

Marriage Equality Taskforce Info Session » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 26th February 2015

An info session on the Marriage Equality Taskforce, plus updates on our plans for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Drag Workshop » IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse) » 4th March 2015

Come join GiG Soc for its annual Drag Workshop! Up-and-coming drag performer Kris Cannon will be joining us to help drag up anyone who wants to get made-up and fabulous!

Charity Quiz » IT202 » 11th March 2015

One of our committee members Shandy is going to Uganda to work with children with HIV. He needs to raise a bit of money first so come along to our table quiz and help him out. Prizes to be won :-)

Movie Night » IT202 (IT Building behind the Concourse) » 18th March 2015

We will be screening Pride, a film about the struggle for LGBT rights. Treats and popcorn will be in abundance!

AGM » IT202 » 23rd March 2015

Constitution changes shall be voted on and all committee positions are up for grabs. Treats shall be provided. It is always a fun event so come on down.

End of Semester Party » IT202 - IT Building » 15th April 2015

A fun event to finish out the Semester. We will be outlining our details about Yes Equality Galway, as well as doing our End of Year Member Awards! Promises to be hilarious, plus there will be refreshments provided.

Voter Registration Drive » Smokey's Cafe » 15th April 2015

Voter Registration Drive to get students who have not already registered onto the Supplementary Register in time for the Marriage Equality Referendum!

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Keighron

Secretary: Nathan Lewis

Ordinary Committee Member: Ryan McCarthy

PRO: Jonathan Carton

Ordinary Committee Member: Sean Devaney

Auditor: Sean Reilly

Events Officer: Jessica Watts

Ordinary Committee Member: Martin Durcan

NMLO(New Members Liaison Officer): Clare O'Brien

Treasurer: Gillian Keating

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Nathan Lewis

Secretary: Sean Devaney

PRO: Jonathan Carton

Events Officer: Ricky Jinks

OCM: Rosa Shine

Vice-Auditor: Jessica Watts

Treasurer: Cathal Sherlock

NMLO: Martin Durcan

OCM: Aisling Hannon

Trans Co-ordinator: Ciara Keighron

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	525.13	Ball	€1770
Balls	€1816.02	Bank charge	€51.92
Socs box Till	€64	Costumes	€23.5
Sponsorship	€500	Dinner	€304.34
USC Grant	€3500	Entertainment	€200
		Entry fees	€700
		Equipment misc	€420.22

		Hoodies	€240
		Makeup/Props	€40.16
		Materials	€297.37
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€73.31
		Printing	€35
		Prizes	€83.5
		Reception	€353.04
		Society transport	€262.24
		Socs day expenses	€96.53
		Speaker accomm	€176.56
		Speaker travel	€48.5
		Teacher fees	€140
		Expenditure Total	€5316.19
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€46.82
		Closing Bank Balance	€1088.96
Total	€6405.15	Total	€6405.15

Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote a forum where Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans*, Queer/Questioning 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 the LGBTQ community. We aim to provide an environment where NUIG students and staff can grow and develop as people.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To ensure a supportive network for LGBTQ on campus. To educate the wider campus on contemporary issues relevant to the LGBTQ community. To increase the profile and reach of the society on campus and beyond. To organise highly engaging events for our members on campus.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society fared very well this year. We recognised that from last year, we gained considerable profile on campus. This year, we strove to build on that profile and grow it beyond the campus boundaries. Not only did we engage more consistently and effectively with the university population - we developed connections with the wider Galway community through work with local LGBTQ support groups and political movements.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We ensured a supportive network for LGBTQ students by running weekly social events on campus, and through hosting workshops on LGBTQ-specific issues.

- We educated the LGBTQ campus on contemporary LGBTQ issues through voter registration drives, talks on LGBTQ issues and through major campaigns, such as Rainbow Week.
- We increased the profile and reach of our society by increasing the variety of events we ran, greater PR focus and more meaningful engagement with external organisations such as Yes Equality and Amach.
- We ran highly engaging events that resulted in increased active membership in our society, as well as reaching the wider campus and beyond.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was our contribution to the Marriage Equality Campaign. This has been a major focus of the society since the beginning of the academic year, as we had always believed the Referendum would fall during our tenure (even though it was only confirmed in February of this year). To this end, we organised our Mass Marriage event in November to get students on the Register of Electors. This was hugely successful, during which we got over 800 students to register on that day alone. In the second semester, our focus has been twofold - to ensure students got out to vote, and to engage the wider Galway community into voting Yes. This we have done through the establishment of NUIG's Marriage Equality Taskforce and through consistent engagement with local groups in the Galway community. While the Referendum has not yet been voted on, we regard our efforts to mobilise students on this issue to be our greatest success, as it delivers our society's objectives on a grander scale.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge is to motivate a team to maintain the same momentum consistently throughout the year. It's very easy at the start of the year when everyone is excited to be back in Galway. However, that momentum slides as the academic work piles on, and the sense of commitment can start to wane (particularly around midterm of 2nd semester).

Other Information

We held 24 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 411 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

GiGSoc (Gay In Galway)		
<u>Gillian Keating</u>	Treasurer	300 hours
<u>Sean Devaney</u>	1st year OCM	55 hours
<u>Ricky Jinks</u>	Member	25 hours
<u>Ryan McCarthy</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	52 hours
<u>Martin Durcan</u>	OCM	120 hours
<u>Sean Reilly</u>	Auditor	900 hours
<u>Nathan Lewis</u>	Secretary	350 hours
<u>Ciara Keighron</u>	Co-Auditor	900 hours
<u>Jonathan Carton</u>	Public Relations Officer	250 hours
<u>Clare O'Brien</u>	NMLO	100 hours
<u>Jessica Watts</u>	Events Officer	300 hours
# ALIVE Students:	11 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	3352 hours	

Goal Soc

GOAL Global has been established since 1977. The GOAL society has been reborn this year after a three year break. The Vision is to have a world where poverty and hunger no longer exist; where communities are prepared for seasonal shocks; where structural and cultural barriers to growth are removed; and where every man, woman and child has equal rights and access to resources and opportunities. Our main aim is to promote GOAL within NUIG campus and the wider community. We hope to raise as much awareness and as much funds as possible by planned goal events and collaborative events.

Goal Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 1 event.

Holi- collaboration with Indian society » *Green opposite the Kingfisher Gym* » 10th March 2015

Holi is when people gather together and throw gulal (water colour) at one another. It is time to bring out the old clothes (preferably white). A warning though that the powder may stain your clothes and may cause Allergic reactions. Take a well deserved break from college and have fun with friends. GOAL soc will have friendship bracelets which will be distributed that were made by Indian street children through GOALS programme in Calcutta. Any donation will be much appreciated

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Martina Moloney

Secretary: Aoife Mulligan

PRO: Murella de Burca

Safety Officer: Michelle Moran

Vice-Auditor: Dara Lavelle

Treasurer: Ryan McGuinness

Events Officer: Jean McGuinness

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Aoife Mulligan

Treasurer: Ryan McGuinness

Vice-Auditor: Martina Moloney

Auditor: Dara Lavelle

Events Officer: Jean McGuinness

Public Relations Officer: Murella de Burca

OCM: Michelle Moran

Goal Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	184.16	Bank charge	€20
Fundraising	€60		
		Expenditure Total	€20
		Closing Bank Balance	€224.16
Total	€244.16	Total	€244.16

Mission Statement

GOAL Soc is present to raise awareness and much needed funds for people in third world countries who are affected by great hardship for example Ebola.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the GOAL society are broadly outlined as follows (aims below are not given in any particular order or are not exhaustive):

- (1) To raise awareness about the work of GOAL overseas and thus raise the profile of the work of GOAL within NUIG and beyond;
- (2) To raise funds for the work of GOAL overseas by linking into pre-existing GOAL national and local fundraising events and by establishing new GOAL events where appropriate;
- (3) To encourage students to voluntarily participate in the work of GOAL both at home and potentially overseas where applicable.

The above aims do not preclude the GOAL society from amending / adding to these aims as the society develops and progresses over time.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall, the society did extremely well this year. After only re-founding the society in semester 2, from a 3 year spell of inactivity, we hit the ground running. We did a collaborative event with the Indian Soc which worked out fantastically. This event was a fantastic starting point for the society and we raised money too which was excellent.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Our main objective for this year was to get the society back up and running, and to recruit some new members and volunteers--as all the old members have left NUIG at this stage. We got a few members together and elected a committee. The team of committee members have had a great time as well as raising money, and we all wish to stay on the committee next year.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the collaboration with Indian Soc. While the money we raised wasn't a huge amount, we raised so much awareness of GOAL and its work all over the world. We believe that this event greatly enhanced our public image--and also spread the word that GOAL Soc was back up and running.

Greatest Challenge

As a new society only started in semester 2, our greatest challenge has been getting volunteers. Since socs day 2 is so much smaller than the one in September, we didn't get a huge amount of members. We expect our membership to grow next year.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 29 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Goal Soc		
<u>Martina Moloney</u>	Auditor	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	50 hours	

Hispano Soc

We are a society for students who study Spanish; speak Spanish or students that are just interested in the Spanish language, food and culture. We hold intercambios regularly, which are language exchange nights where Spanish speakers can practice their English and English speakers can practice their Spanish. We do conversation mornings as well as "tapas nights" where the students in the society get to enjoy traditional Spanish tapas while practising their Spanish.

Hispano Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 7 events.

EGM » *The Cube* » 29th September 2014

Hey Guys,

so we would like to invite you all to the EGM where we will elect the missing positions for the committee and let you know about things planned by us and ye all can make suggestions of what you'd like to do. Also we'd all like to get to know you AND there's a good chance to get FREE PIZZA !!!

AGM » Art Room » 26th January 2015

Re-election of committee members. We will be holding an AGM to re-elect a new members for positions such as treasurer, vice-auditor and secretary.

Those interested, please come along!

Intercambio/Language Exchange » College Bar » 4th February 2015

Hola Chic@s!

We will be having a language exchange in the College Bar @5pm on Wed with some free nibbles, so come along and get involved!

Language Exchange Evening » Collage Bar » 4th February 2015

We will be holding an intercambio/language exchange evening in the College Bar @ 5PM in the back room so COME ALONG, and ENJOY some FREE Nibbles!

Intercambio/Language Exchange » College Bar » 11th February 2015

Come along to our language exchange/intercambio in the College Bar this Wednesday, where we will be practising our Spanish and having some free nibbles and pizza!!!

Hispano Soc Committee Meeting » Art Room » 12th February 2015

Intercambio/Language Exchange » Deli La Tasca Tapas Bar 1 Upper Dominick Street » 13th February 2015

Come along to our language exchange in Deli La Tasca tapas bar, which is located on 1 Upper Dominick Street! We will have some traditional Spanish tapas while we practise our language skills.

Committee 2014/2015

Events Co-ordinator: Shane Maughan

Treasurer: Shannon O'Neill

Auditor: Maire Heffernan

Vice-Auditor: Ciara Deane

Secretary: Uwa Johnson

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Uwa Johnson

Vice-Auditor: Shane Maughan

Hispanosoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	734.36	Bank charge	€33.63
Bank Charge	€25	Dinner	€80
USC Grant	€1000		
		Expenditure Total	€113.63
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€1645.73
Total	€1759.36	Total	€1759.36

Mission Statement

Our mission statement for Hispano Soc is to promote speaking Spanish on campus here at NUIG. As Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world and the Department of Spanish at the University boasts many students, we are hoping to make speaking the language as easy as possible on campus. Through weekly language exchange nights and coffee mornings, we are hoping to facilitate the process for all students interested in learning/speaking/improving their Spanish and also involve the

many Erasmus students from Spain and exchange students from Latin America, who can improve their language skills in English.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Hispano Soc aims to promote and encourage all students who either study Spanish, have an interest in Spanish culture or are native Spanish speakers to become involved in the society. We aim to promote both the language and the culture through coffee mornings, language exchange nights, and film nights amongst other events.

Society Performance Reflection

The society went very well this year as there was a lot of interest in our events and we got lots of new members.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes as people who had no Spanish, native Spanish speakers and people that were studying Spanish all came together in the society and helped each other out which the language as well as sharing their travel experiences and sharing the things that made them interested in Latin American and Spanish culture.

Greatest Success

The tapas nights were the biggest success as the students really enjoyed trying out the Spanish food.

Greatest Challenge

Our biggest challenge was advertising events and our society. In the first semester a lot of people did not know about the society but this was changed by the second semester.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 209 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Hispano Soc		
<u>Maire Heffernan</u>	Auditor	60 hours
<u>Shannon O'Neill</u>	Treasurer	20 hours
<u>Ciara Deane</u>	Vice President	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	120 hours	

India Soc

IndiaSoc has been actively participating to represent the unity in diversity culture of India. The society is involved in celebrating various Indian festivals on campus such as Holi and Diwali, which are organised to bring all Indians on campus under one roof and to celebrate this with fellow international students. The events usually cover the Bollywood dance, music, with Indian cuisines and games. In addition to this we are active to raise organise fundraising events in collaboration with other societies through various program such as movie screen etc.

India Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 9 events.

Meet and Greet » *view in aras na mac lienn* » 25th September 2014

A meet and greet for all the new Indian students who have joined NUIG

Diwali 2014 » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 25th October 2014

The festival of lights is back on campus. An evening full of events to give a glimpse of the Indian culture. Some Bollywood dance workshop and Indian food. The evening will end with a Bollywood dance party. So get ready to enjoy the biggest Indian festival in NUIG campus.

AGM 2014 » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 27th November 2014

We are now in the second year of the India society and its time to have an annual meeting and elections for new committee members. Make sure you attend the AGM/ EGM on Thursday the 27th of November at 06:30 pm in Siobhan McKenna Theatre in the Arts Millennium building next to the James Hardiman Library. We will be having elections for committee positions at the meeting. Elections will be held for Auditor, Vice Auditor, Secretary, PRO and few other positions. Anyone interested in holding committee positions please come forward. After the elections we will be heading over to the college bar for some pizzas.

India Soc Committee meeting » *Smookies on the concourse* » 30th January 2015

To discuss on upcoming movie screening on Feb 10th with Film soc and future events planning (Bollywood night in College bar and further movie screenings). Also, to discuss on proposal for budget to socs box.

India Soc & Film Soc Presents: 'Housefull' » *colm hEocha theatre arts millenium (AM250)* » 10th February 2015

Housefull is a romantic comedy entertainer which narrates the story of Aarush - the world's unluckiest man. Being jinxed, he believes his bad luck can vanish if he finds true love. In this quest for true love how one lie leads to another and how different people from different walks of life come together adding even more confusion to this hilarious comedy of errors resulting in total chaos and mayhem forms the crux of the story.

India Soc Committee meeting » *Smokey Joe's, Concourse* » 12th February 2015

Discussion on Holi celebration.

Holi Celebration » *Green opposite the Kingfisher Gym* » 10th March 2015

Holi - The festival of colors – Celebration. https://www.facebook.com/NUIGIndiaSoc/photos_stream?tab=photos_stream

'The Darjeeling Limited' movie screening » » 18th March 2015

Have you ever missed a train in India!!! Film soc along with India soc are screening "The Darjeeling Limited!" This movie follows three estranged brothers on a life changing train journey across India. Starring Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman and Adrien Brody, all familiar faces within the world of Wes Anderson's films. Looking forward to seeing all our regular WESday attendees and if you haven't attended a WESday be sure to come along for what WILL be a soul enriching experience. Much of the film was shot in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The Himalaya scenes were shot in Udaipur, and the opening scene of the film was also shot on the streets of Jodhpur. The International Airport shown near the end is the old terminal building of Udaipur Airport.

Fundraising for Nepal Earthquake!! » *AM250 - Colm O H-Eocha Theatre* » 9th May 2015

In aid of the Nepal Earthquake, India Soc along with ICSC Galway and Draiocht Society, invite you for a fundraising event. Event will screen bollywood movie named "PK" along with high tea.

Committee 2014/2015

PRO: Rinku Phulphagar

Secretary: Himasagar Tamatam

Treasurer: Arvind Negi

Vice-Auditor: Srinivasan Arumugam

Auditor: Nipun Mahajan

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Nipun Mahajan

Treasurer: Arvind Negi

Organisation Balance Sheet

India Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	211	Bank charge	€49.87
Socs box Till	€160	Dinner	€54.97
Sponsorship	€75	Materials	€300
USC Grant	€390	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€284.71
		Promotions	€21
		Expenditure Total	€710.56
		Closing Bank Balance	€125.44
Total	€836	Total	€836

Mission Statement

From one India to one World

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the Society are:

1. To Showcase Indian culture and traditions
2. To organize Indian festivals
3. To provide a home away from home for Indian students

This will be done through the objectives of organising more festivals like Diwali and Holi and events like screening of Bollywood movies and cricket matches.

Society Performance Reflection

Society had wonderful year which can easily be understood by winning BEST INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY award within its second year. The society organised the HOLI festival which marked the presence of 300+ students celebrating colour festival. Our society in collaboration with Indian Cultural and Sports community organised the fundraising event where by 800+ euros were raised in aid of Nepal earthquake.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Society has been very successful to achieve its aim of bringing high number of international students on one platform, sharing our Indian food, celebrating our festivals and helping others whenever in need.

Greatest Success

Though all events were high success one after other, however gaining more popularity of our festivals among non-Indian students were one of the major achievement.

Greatest Challenge

The publicity of the event has always remained the challenge

Other Information

We held 5 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 211 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

India Soc		
<u>Himasagar Tamatam</u>	Secretary	12 hours
<u>Srinivasan Arumugam</u>	Vice-Auditor	60 hours
<u>Arvind Negi</u>	Management	45 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	117 hours	

Irish Studies Soc

This year our society underwent a number of changes. We took on new committee members who had never been involved before. Unfortunately the numbers were limited. This meant that rather than having a full committee to help progress over the year and develop the society's reputation, there was the same core group of 3 to 4 people that made themselves available at all times. In spite of this, we worked hard to organise events. We held a movie night, which had a successful turn out. We also organised our annual fake wake, which was also a success: with a number of first year Irish Studies students attending and later getting involved in the committee. This was a great help to the committee and the society as a whole.

Irish Studies Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

EGM » *The Hub* » 17th September 2014

We're back to our old tricks, and we want as many of ye as possible to join our family in the Irish Studies committee! If you think you've got the inside track on the Irish music scene, whether contemporary or traditional, or you have a 'thing' for Irish drama then we want your input! Any aspect of Irish culture is welcome. Even an obsession about Ireland and Eurovision. Come down to our EGM to hash out your ideas and get to know us all!

"What Happened to Bridgie Cleary" by Tom MacIntyre - Bottom Dog » *Black Box Theatre* » 23rd September 2014

In 1895, Tipperary woman Bridget Cleary was burnt to death by her husband. His defence? She was a fairy, replaced by a changeling.

Global Week Screening of 'The Field' » *TBC* » 15th October 2014

Screening of the Field from the Irish Studies Society. Venue to be confirmed. Pizza and soft drinks supplied.

Annual Fake Wake » *Meeting Place at The Spanish Arch* » 4th November 2014

It's back and better than ever! Exploring cultural traditions surrounding death in Ireland, the Irish Studies Fake Wake explains conventions of older times. There will be sandwiches and tea as usual but you can bring your own beverage if you so wish!

Irish Studies Society 'A Night Of Culture and Craic' » *TBC* » 12th March 2015

A collection of Galway and Ireland's finest talent together on one night. Open to all members of the public. Refreshments provided. Acts to be confirmed closer to the time.

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Aoife Sheehan

PRO: Jenna Hodgins

Treasurer: Claire Long

Auditor: Craig Shalvey

PRO: Tim Murphy

Irish Studies Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	573.97	Bank charge	€8.43
Bank Charge	€25	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€20
		Expenditure Total	€28.43
		Closing Bank Balance	€570.54
Total	€598.97	Total	€598.97

Mission Statement

Our mission is to host events that reflect Irish culture, music and traditions. We aim to celebrate older aspects of Irish culture through these events and revive older traditions. The mission for our society is to introduce members to aspects of Irish culture that they may be unfamiliar with. It is our hope that we do this in a fun and friendly way that encourages everyone to enjoy the events while learning something new.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our main goal for the society this year is to increase membership. We also aim to involve more students from within the Irish studies department especially those enrolled in first year undergraduate level. We aim to have more events than last year. We are also working hard to develop a magazine for the society that will be published in conjunction with the department. We want to show where the society came from and show some of the academic and creative achieves from within the society and the department.

Society Performance Reflection

We were successful in the events we held. However, due to lack of committee members a number of our plans had to be put on the back burner until next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved most of our aims for the year, but as mentioned lack of numbers was a an issue and made it difficult to achieve everything we had hoped.

Greatest Success

Our annual fake wake was the most successful event, as it resulted in more interest and had a great turn out.

Greatest Challenge

Delegation of such large amounts of work among such a limited committee.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 141 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

Islamic Society

Islamic Society at NUI Galway aims to serve the needs of the Muslim students on campus and to represent Islam in the university. We are a diverse society made up of people from multiple nationalities bonded by a unified relation of "Islam"; our activities centre around meeting the educational, cultural and social needs of Muslims along with serving as ambassadors of Islam on campus.

Islamic Society Events

This year the society held a total of 91 events.

Jumma Salat - Friday Congregational Prayers. » *aras moyola prayer room » 7th February – 6th March 2015 (57 individual events)*

Weekly Sermon and Congregational Prayer. All Welcome.

Islamic Halaqah » *AMB-G065 Training Room 1, adjacent to Arts Millenium Building, NUIG » 18th September – 27th November 2014 (11 individual events)* A weekly study circle where Islamic issues will be discussed. A speaker will present the talk on a topic of the week which is latter followed by interaction through questions and answers.

Eid Party » *Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 4th October 2014*

A party to enjoy the Eid-ul-Adha festival of Muslims with speeches on significance of Eid-ul-Adha along with dinner.

Trip to Revival of Quran Conference 2014 (Dublin) » *Dublin City » 11th October 2014*

Trip organization to "Revival of Quran Conference" in Dublin City under Federation of Islamic Societies, Ireland.

ISOC Dawah Table » *Concourse Beside Smokeys Cafe » 15th October 2014*

We will host free literature on Islam such as Quran and we will welcome a small talk about Islam and a Muslim lifestyle. Main purpose is to interact with students on campus and to encourage healthy communication among us all.

Islamic Cultural Festival 2014 Documentary » *IT125 (Ground Floor) » 18th November 2014*

The screening of short documentary as part of the 'Islamic Culture Festival' organized by Islamic Society, NUIG on 18th November 2014 to showcase Islam's contribution to the world and the relationship of Islamic state at the time of Ottomans with the Irish people.

Islamic Cultural Festival 2014 by Islamic Society, NUIG » *foyer Aras na mac Leinn » 18th November 2014*

As part of 'Islamic Culture Festival' ISOC NUIG is planning to hold an exhibition depicting various cultures from the Muslim world and the diverse countries that constitute the Muslim world. Furthermore, ISOC will host stalls for various foods/clothes from Muslim countries such as Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt etc. Alongside that there will be a Dawah stall to hand out Islamic literature.

Islamic Halaqah » *AMB-G065 Training Room 1, adjacent to Arts Millenium Building, NUIG » 15th January – 16th April 2015 (14 individual events)*

A weekly study circle where Islamic issues will be discussed. A speaker will present the talk on a topic of the week which is later followed by interaction through questions and answers. Following are the Halaqah topics along with speaker names: Weekly Halaqahs

Topic 1: Why are we Muslim? (Reasoning the belief)

Topic 2: Islam in North West Africa

Topic 3: Story of Prophet Nuh AS

Topic 4: Islam in Egypt

Topic 5: Ribaa (Interest) and its Consequences

Topic 6: Alcohol and its Harmful Effects

Topic 7: Don't Be Sad

Topic 8: The Prophet (SAW) of Mercy

Topic 9: Concept of Family in Islam

Topic 10: Lessons from Surah Hujaraat

Workshop on Islam: A Rational Belief » *AMB-G065 Training Room 1, Arts Millenium Building, NUIG » 19th February 2015*

A 3-hour workshop that takes a rational and logical approach to Islamic belief system covering various proofs such as proof of concept of God, proof for Messengers, and proof of Quran as Book of Allah. Refreshments will also be provided for the attendees.

Get to Know Muhammad Day » Larmor Theatre, Arts Concourse » 3rd March 2015

Screening of a documentary which will highlight the life and contributions of Prophet (PBUH) towards Mankind. Muslims learned Islam through the example of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) while he remains a mystery to non-Muslims. So this documentary is about "Who is Prophet Muhammad?"

Get to Know Muhammad Day » Smokey's Cafe, Concourse, NUI Galway » 4th March 2015

A table welcoming discussion and free literature nearby Smokey's Cafe on the Concourse

Islamic Society AGM » AM150 - MAIRTIN O TNUTHAIL THEATRE » 26th March 2015

Islamic Society AGM will be on Thursday 26th March at 18:00. Every Muslim student that will be in college again next year (incl. postgrad/masters) is eligible to run for a position. If you want to be involved next year, please come along and bring a friend; new people and new ideas are always welcome. All positions including Auditor/Vice are open to members of Islamic Society, NUIG.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Muhammad Atif Qureshi

Vice-Auditor (Female): Arjumand Younus

Secretary: Emilia Shireen Hamdan

Public Relation: Fauzah Mohamad

Muslim Welfare Officer: Abobaker Zarinni

Secretary 2: Ahmed Wanas

Treasurer: Nur Farhana Ahmad Hourmain

Muslim Affairs Officer (Female): Uswah Hasanah Mazlan

Media Officer: Syazwani Dan Adnan

Vice-Auditor: Salar Daud

Muslim Welfare Officer (Female): Nisa Liyana Abdul Latib

Muslim Welfare Officer 3: Aboubakar Assidik Youssouf

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Aboubakar Assidik Youssouf

Treasurer: Nur Farhana Ahmad Hourmain

Public Relations Officer 1: Fauzah Mohamad

Event Co-ordinator 1: Syazwani Dan Adnan

Muslim Affairs Officer: Mohammad Abbas Reza

Muslim Welfare Officer 1: Nisa Liyana Abdul Latib

Education/Tarbiyaah Officer 1: Uswah Hasanah Mazlan

Vice-Auditor (Females): Anis Atika Abidin

Auditor: Ahmed Wanas

Secretary: Yamin Elhadi

Public Relations Officer 2: Salar Daud

Media Officer: Nur Khairah Besar

Safety Officer: Riad Cheikh

Muslim Welfare Officer 2: Mohamed Elhadi

Education/Tarbiyaah Officer 2: Hazrati Ab Rahman

Event Co-ordinator 2: Amelia Yasmin Zulkifli

Islamic Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2047.2	Bank charge	€48.9
USC Grant	€1200	Dinner	€96.22
		Fundraising / Charity	€2030
		Hire Bus	€250
		Materials	€173.62
		Expenditure Total	€2598.74
		Closing Bank Balance	€648.46
Total	€3247.2	Total	€3247.2

Mission Statement

Establish a society of Muslims in National University of Ireland, Galway, living and promoting the Islamic way of life as thought by the Quran, and the Sunnah of the final prophet, Muhammad (Peace be upon him), as understood and practiced by his companions. Sharing the purity and goodness of Islam with all mankind and be a welcoming, responsive and supportive organization committed to virtuous living, justice, compassion and peace, so confidence may be renewed, faith established and communities transformed. Serve the religious, educational, cultural and social needs of the Muslims.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The goals of the Society shall be

- Cater for the needs of the Muslims on campus.
- Provide a representation of Muslims on campus.
- Increase awareness of Islam among Muslims and non-Muslims on the campus.
- Promote friendly relations between the Muslims and non-Muslims students at the university.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society started off with some hiccups as the entire committee was new and inexperienced. However, as time passed each committee member grew in confidence and all of us learnt from each other. Overall, we did quite well gathering a lot of attention from various sections within the university and a big proof of this is the coverage we got in the university's newspaper called SIN <http://www.sin.ie/2014/11/27/the-islamic-cultural-festival-at-nui-galway/>

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

More or less all aims, objectives and goals were achieved through the various activities that were planned by Islamic Society. The weekly Islamic Halaqahs were a great step in catering the needs of Muslims on campus. Muslims were represented in a wonderful manner through the Islamic Culture Festival 2014 and further through Get to Know Muhammad Event in March 2015. Moreover, the regular Dawah tables we used to set up in Smokeys Café helped increase awareness about Islam among Muslims and non-Muslims on campus.

Greatest Success

Islamic Culture Festival 2014 was the greatest success as it was a colourful festival with lots of delights from Muslim world and people got to see a picture of the Muslim world that is normally hidden.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge was to work out the underpinnings and nitty-gritty details of various administrative tasks or managing a society. We were absolutely clueless and were relatively inexperienced as compared to previous committees. However, the team work spirit in the members of this year's committee was immaculate and this was one factor that helped us overcome the challenge in a wonderful manner.

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 184 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Islamic Society		
<u>Arjumand Younus</u>	Vice Auditor	50 hours
<u>Muhammad Atif Sadiqqi Nor Azlan</u>	Volunteer	8 hours
<u>Sanna Javed</u>	Volunteer	4 hours
<u>Huthaifa Kazim</u>	Society Member	2 hours

<u>Fauzah Mohamad</u>	Public Relation	45 hours
<u>Muhammad Atif Qureshi</u>	Auditor	70 hours
<u>Sumaira Majeed</u>	Member	2 hours
<u>Syazwani Dan Adnan</u>	Islamic Cultural Week	10 hours
<u>Nur Farhana Ahmad Hourmain</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Fatini Mat Hussin</u>	volunteer	2 hours
<u>Nisa Liyana Abdul Latib</u>	Committee member	15 hours
<u>Anis Atika Abidin</u>	volunteer	10 hours
<u>Siti Nurhayati Mohd Akhir</u>	member	5 hours
<u>Ahmed Wanas</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Muhammad Amir Nadzif Noor Azman</u>	volunteer	3 hours
<u>Maryam Jamilah Mohamad Shahrman</u>	Volunteer	4 hours
# ALIVE Students:	16 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	270 hours	

ISS International Students Society

A society that brings all international and Irish students together to exchange their knowledge about their different cultures, helping each other at personal levels as well as otherwise. It's a way to provide the best possible experience to all the students studying in Galway. The events are organized to introduce them all to the Irish living, thus developing a social framework and making it a memorable year for them to cherish lifelong. This year was a fun-filled one with a few exciting events that were enjoyed by all. During the year we also set up the ESN Society.

ISS International Students Society Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Welcome Party » *Kelly's Bar - Galway » 4th September 2014*

Welcome all international students! ESN Galway would like to cordially invite all international students for the long awaited ESN welcome party!

The festivities will begin at 21:00 at Kelly's bar on Bridge Street. There will be complimentary food available, as well as a chance to meet fellow international students and your friendly ESN members! Just to note, there will be security at the entrance, so remember to bring your student card, or any type of photo id!

Afterwards, we will head to Four Four nightclub for a Galway club experience! There will be Four Four promoters to issue stamps for reduced entry.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Also, if you don't know where Kelly's bar is, just meet us at the Quadrangle at 9!

ESN Galway AGM » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn » 18th September 2014*

ESN are delighted to invite you to participate in this year's committee!

On Thursday 18th we shall be providing an information session to introduce you to what we do followed by a vote to elect new members.

As part of the Committee you will:

- Get to meet all the international students
- Organise and go on trips throughout Ireland

- Be involved with other ESN sections
- Organise and attend cultural events, parties and tours

If you think you could handle that, then make sure to attend this AGM and take part in what's going to be a fun year full of multicultural friends and experiences!

Meet and Greet » *College Bar* » *1st October 2014*

Welcome all international students! ESN Galway would like to invite all international students for a welcome night in the College Bar on Wednesday 1st of October.

The festivities will begin at 19:00 at the College Bar, Nuig. There will be complimentary food available, as well as a chance to meet fellow international students and your friendly ESN members! Afterwards, there will be the possibility to head to Electric Garden & Theatre for a Galway club experience! There will be free entry to the club on the night. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

EGM to elect new committee » *Theatre Aras Ui Cathail* » *28th January 2015*

An EGM will be held to elect the new committee members for the coming semester. Come along and vote or go for a position yourself. This is a great way to meet some new people and get a taste for the society. There will be pizza after.

First Night Out!! » *Fibber Magees (Eyre Square, opposite the Skeff)* » *10th March – 11th March 2015*

Night out at the Fibber for some craic time, free finger food and beverages!!!

Karaoke Night!! » *Fibber Magees (Eyre Square, opposite the Skeff)* » *7th April – 8th April 2015*

Karaoke Night at the Fibber for some craic time, free finger food and loads of beverages!!!

Brazilian Carnival! » *College Bar* » *16th February 2015*

Hello ISS!

Want a fun way to get out and interact with fellow international students? The Brazilian Carnival is happening next Monday February 16th starting at 5pm in the College Bar! Here is the link to their event on Facebook with more details!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/589581431143730/>

It's a great way to get out and have fun and partake in perhaps the largest Brazilian event!

Have a great week, and stay tuned for more e-mails about upcoming events!

Ring-of-Kerry/Dingle Trip » *Ring of Kerry and Dingle Peninsula* » *20th March – 22nd March 2015 (3 individual events)*

Well, you voted and here are some details to the first ISS trip!! We will be doing a 3 day, 2 night excursion to the Ring of Kerry and Dingle Peninsula. The trip will most likely run from Friday March 20 to Sunday March 22. We are still setting dates, times and prices so more info to come! We are anticipating a cost of around 50-60 euro per person. That price will include all transportation, hostel stay, breakfast each morning, our tour guide/bus driver, as well as admission to any sites we choose to see! It is a great deal that we get here!

Hello ISS!

Here is some more information about the excursion next weekend!

1. Anyone who has not paid in full must do so by Wednesday March 18th! If you have not by that date, you will be getting either a phone call or e-mail reminding you to do so. You must have paid the SocBox in full in order to go on the trip!
2. We needed to have an official headcount submitted yesterday for the reason of booking hostels and other accommodations. With that being said we are only taking 40 people on bus 2. The price will still be the same, but there are less spots open. As of last night, there were 7 available spaces, so if you are still interested, snag them up quickly!
3. There have been some questions about timetable for the trip. Although we do not have a set itinerary, here is some more information about times we will be leaving and arriving to campus on the 20th and 22nd.

The trip will begin Friday, March 20 at 9:00 AM, and we should be arriving back on campus Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 PM.

The trip includes all transportation, hostel accommodation, breakfast each morning, admission to the Kerry Cliffs, and a young and fun tour guide.

Also, for more information just check out our facebook page (NUIG International Student Society) for the trip event!

As always, if any more questions arise, do not hesitate to email the society and we will get back to you!

Happy Friday!!

There will be a cap of around 52 people allowed on the trip, and sign up will be at the SocBox. There is NO sign up sheet yet. This is purely an informational e-mail. Once we get the dates and prices finalized, another e-mail will be sent out giving all the new information as well as the date to start signing up at the SocBox.

If you have any questions about this trip, do not hesitate to ask! We are very excited to have our first trip with ISS later this month!

ISS AGM » SC003- Thomas Dillon Theatre. » 25th March 2015

Hello ISS!

As per society rules, we must hold our annual general meeting. This is scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday March 25 at 7pm in SC003-Thomas Dillon Theatre. At this meeting we will discuss the possibility of another trip before semester ends, as well as talk about committee members for next semester, if there are any available. Finally, we will also be talking about the Relay for Life. If anyone is interested in joining the ISS team, please bring 10 euro to the meeting to sign up for the team! We will be collecting money then. The Relay is Wednesday April 15 from 6pm-6am! Also, if you are interested in purchasing a paper lantern for a donation of at least 2 euro, we will be selling them at the meeting as well! Please, please, please attend the meeting! I am also trying to get pizza provided at the meeting as well.

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Kanika Wadhwa

Treasurer: Fernando Trejo Solther

Vice-Auditor: Alexandra Figueroa

Auditor: Kathryn Vetter

PRO: Charles Murphy Jr

Ents Officer: Emily Raboy

OCM: Murphy Quill

OCM: Denisa Chanathova

OCM: Laura Dand

OCM: Maria Ta

Organisation Balance Sheet

ISS International Students Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2185.05	Bank charge	€96.75
Fundraising	€201	Dinner	€514.86
Online Till	€640	Entertainment	€1207.9
Socs box Till	€12610	Euros	€5284.19
Ticket Sales	€137	Hire Bus	€5070
USC Grant	€5125	Materials	€44
		Society accomm	€2872.6
		Society transport	€3091.35
		Expenditure Total	€18181.65
		Closing Bank Balance	€2716.4
Total	€20898.05	Total	€20898.05

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the society are:

- To promote international friendship and appreciation of the different cultures within the greater University community.
- To become more assimilated with the Irish culture.
- To create events to show appreciation of other cultures.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did fairly well this year. We hosted a few events. We got good feedback from all the students. Everyone was happy and enjoyed their year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes indeed. To an extent we were successful in achieving our goals.

Greatest Success

We had above 850 members this year. Around 60 people went to the trips and attended other events. As a society, one of our goals is to bring all students together and let them have their time in Galway, and we believe that we were a success at it.

Greatest Challenge

To manage society with so many members is a challenge in itself. The other challenge was to manage finances but that too handled. All thanks to our committee members who are very helpful and the backbone of the society.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 861 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

ISS International Students Society		
Barry Judge	Social Erasmus Co-Ordinator	15 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	15 hours	

Italian Soc

Italian Society's main objective is to promote Italian culture on campus, and this year we organized several cultural events, including pizza nights, Italian film nights, and also providing opportunities for students to practise their Italian language skills. We organized two society trips during this scholastic year, one to Belfast and one to Rome. Both of these trips proved very educational, and we feel they served to facilitate better cultural understanding and intercultural communication between Irish, Italian and students of other nationalities who are members of our society.

Italian Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 13 events.

Italian Soc EGM » *The Meeting Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd September 2014*

We will be electing a new committee, and making plans for the year and did we mention the free pizza.

Meet & Greet Pizza Night » *College Bar » 1st October 2014*

The Italian Society are holding our Annual Meet & Greet Pizza Night in the college bar this Wednesday evening (1st of October) at 8pm. There will be lots of free pizza, and we hope to meet loads of new people. Please don't be shy, we have a lovely committee who are really excited to meet you all.

Italian Soc Pizza & Bowling Evening » *Planet Entertainment, Galway Shopping Centre, Headford Rd, Galway. » 7th October 2014*

The Italian Soc are going Bowling on Tuesday 7th October at 7pm (Please don't be late as we need everyone to get lanes)
The cost will be 5 euro per person including pizza after. We hope you can come, any issues please contact us at italiansoc@socs.nuigalway.ie and one of us will get back to you asap.

Meeting RE: Trip to Belfast » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn. » 29th October 2014*

Meeting for anyone interested in our trip to Belfast on December 1st & 2nd. Deposits required

Italian Soc @ GloFest » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 11th November 2014*

Free entry with tickets from the socs box. If possible, please bring along something from your home country or your favourite country! - open to both Irish and International students! Free entry to Carbon Nightclub afterwards!

Movie Night with Italian Department + EGM » *AM250 - COLM O H-EOCHA THEATRE Arts Millennium building » 12th November 2014*

Movie night, in collaboration with the Italian Department, for a movie currently being studied in class!

THERE WILL BE PIZZA :)

There will also be a small EGM before the movie starts, to fill a few positions on the committee and to discuss and further questions from members & committee members!

Belfast Trip Greeting/Pizza Night » *College Bar » 25th November 2014*

BELFAST TRIP GREETING from 7pm in the college bar, meet and greet for everyone travelling with us and details about the trip will be provided.

PIZZA NIGHT from 8pm for all society members.

Belfast Trip Greeting » *College Bar » 25th November 2014*

Meet & greet for everyone going on Belfast trip

Masquerade Ball Ticket Sales » *Smokies on the Concourse » 20th January 2015*

Tickets for the fabulous Masquerade ball which takes place on Feb 2nd in the Westwood Hotel. Full tickets 40 euro, 20 euro for afters and a 5 euro discount for the first 20 of each sold.

NUIG Masquerade Ball » *Westwood Hotel, Dangan » 2nd February – 3rd February 2015*

NUIG Masquerade Ball - 2nd February

Mulled Wine Reception from 6pm

4 course meal

and afters from 9.30pm

DJ Lisa Brady,

Hyper Violet

DJ Soc

Pizza » *College Bar » 3rd February 2015*

Tuesday Night is Pizza Night! Come along to College Bar at 8pm for the craic, ceol and pizza! All members welcome and it's a great chance to meet people who may be interested in going on the Italian trip. See you there :)

Pizza Night » *College Bar » 2nd March 2015*

Join us for Pizza Night in the College Bar

Bake Sale for Draiocht » *Smokeys, The Concourse » 3rd March 2015*

come to our bake sale where we will have lots and lots of baked goodies in aid of Draiocht Society for their work in Tanzania and nepal. Buon appetito

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Erika Herrero

Vice-Auditor: Emily Hallissey

Vice-Secretary: Nora Baker

Treasurer: Leeann Richardson

1st Year Represent: Caroline Allen

Vice-Treasurer: John Harty

Auditor: Kamila Polchowska

Event Co-Ordinator: Simon O'Mara

Public Relations Officer (PRO): Katie Brennan

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Kamila Polchowska

Vice-Auditor: Simon O'Mara

Treasurer: Leeann Richardson

Secretary: Katie Brennan

OCM: Erika Herrero

OCM: Caroline Allen

Organisation Balance Sheet

Italian Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	835.41	Ball	€1017.75
Fundraising	€211.3	Bank charge	€76.17
Socs box Till	€4670	Dinner	€49.5
USC Grant	€3000	Entertainment	€170
		Materials	€70
		Printing	€215
		Society accomm	€1581.77
		Society transport	€4773
		Teacher fees	€150
		Expenditure Total	€8103.19
		Closing Bank Balance	€613.52
Total	€8716.71	Total	€8716.71

Mission Statement

The Italian Society's main goal is to promote the Italian language and culture throughout NUI Galway and all its members (Including both staff & students)

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year we are trying to improve our Society. Last year we were all over the place, and this year we will do our best to get back on the track and apply for the most improved Society. We are hoping to spread our love towards the Italian language and show people what an amazing country Italy is and how important it is to have a foreign language. We are aiming to have an amazing Italian Ball and donate money to a chosen charity, like every year.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did very well; it organised meet ups, trips and events.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Most of them but we could do better. We are looking forward to next year to apply what we have learnt this term.

Greatest Success

Working as a team. It is always hard to work as a team and we did it.

Greatest Challenge

Reaching a shared viewpoint. It was hard because many of us had different points of view but we are glad that everything worked well.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 313 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Italian Soc		
Leeann Richardson	Treasurer	140 hours
Erika Herrero	Secretary	125 hours
Emily Hallissey	Vice-Auditor	200 hours
Nora Baker	2nd Year Representative and Vice-Secretary	125 hours
Katie Brennan	Public Relations Officer	125 hours
Kamila Polchowska	Auditor	100 hours
Simon O'Mara	Events Officer	150 hours
# ALIVE Students:	7 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	965 hours	

Journalism Society

This year the society made its debut into Nui Galway after its initial set up previously. We published an online platform for student journalists of the college. It was a collaborative blog called Uni-Verse. We had some great contributions. We gave monthly spot prizes to our favourite pieces. We also ran two workshops: a grammar lesson and a workshop in how to write for the European Union.

Journalism Society Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

How To Write Well - A workshop with Dermot Burns » *TBC (Concourse Classrooms likely)* » 15th October 2014

Dermot Burns will be hosting a workshop session designed to help students write well. The session should cover some grammar lessons, include some useful writing tips and plenty of jokes.

European Student Think Tank - A talk with Jason Deegan » *TBC (Concourse Classrooms likely)* » 21st October 2014

Jason Deegan is the European Student Think Tank representative and he is going to share upcoming opportunities available to budding Journalists interested in his field of work. Opportunities to write for EU publications, and chances for fieldtrips away will all be discussed. Travelling a long distance to see us - so come along :)

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Claire Stone

Treasurer: Anthony Lawless

Vice-Auditor: Odhran Donovan

Public Relations officer: Samantha Kelly

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Claire Stone

Treasurer: Anthony Lawless

Public Relations Officer: Cathy Lee

Vice-Auditor: Thomas Creamer

Secretary and Blog Editor: Heather Robinson

Video Secretary: Mark Laherty

Journalism Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	275	Bank charge	€9.01
		Dinner	€20
		Gifts	€20
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€75
		Printing	€50
		Promotions	€100
		Expenditure Total	€274.01
		Closing Bank Balance	€0.99
Total	€275	Total	€275

Mission Statement

The NUIG Journalism Society is dedicated to providing an environment where aspiring journalists, writers and broadcasters, can nurture their abilities.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

This year's main focus is on building our student blog Uni-Verse. We hope to keep it regularly updated. Keep it looking good. And to continue to promote it among the student body. We want it to become an established name on campus.

In between work on Uni-Verse we would like to hold two workshops each semester. The content of these workshops should focus on skills needed for a journalist.

Society Performance Reflection

Still room to improve but a small start is better than no progress

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we did. However more work needs to be done promoting the blog in order to help it become an established name on campus.

Greatest Success

Setting up Uni-Verse.

Greatest Challenge

We lost our PRO and could not find a replacement. Without her, we found it hard to promotions and this was vital to achieving many of our goals.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 220 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Journalism Society		
<u>Samantha Kelly</u>	Public Relations Officer	8 hours
<u>Claire Stone</u>	Auditor	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	48 hours	

Juggling Soc

Juggling Soc is there to gather all those who share a common interest in Juggling and Circus together, to learn from each other, to inspire new members and to make new friends. We have bi-weekly juggling sessions where we provide a space for training, as well as to having teachers who lead workshops in various circus skills including juggling, hooping and even clowning! We take trips throughout the semester to Juggling Conventions around Ireland including the National Circus Festival of Ireland, and also host our own convention at the beginning of the summer.

Juggling Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 43 events.

Open Practice Space and Pizza » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn » 5th February 2015*

Open practice space with a few sneaky pizzas! Absolutely anybody can come along, use any of the equipment, and feel free to ask anybody any questions about anything!! (especially even a little crash course in how to juggle, hoop or diabolo...*hint*hint*) We're here to help!!! There no excuse not to come with free pizza here!

Open Practice Space » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 2nd February 2015*

Open practice space for absolutely anybody to come along, use any of the equipment, and feel free to ask anybody any questions about anything!! (especially even a little crash course in how to juggle, hoop or diabolo...*hint*hint*) We're here to help!!!

Skill Share, Practice Space and Pizza!! » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd January 2015*

An open space to come along and use the equipment! A few pizzas might also be making an appearance...hint hint. Bring your friends!

Juggling Soc Goes to Berlin! » *Berlin, Germany. » 23rd January – 26th January 2015 (4 individual events)*

Our annual trip abroad. This year we're off to Berlin, home to some of the biggest scenes in Europe for circus and the performing arts! As well as seeing the city we'll also be taking part in workshops in the Katakomben Berlin, a open practice space which has seen some international performers pass through!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th January 2015*

An open space to come along and on your mad skillz! The equipment will be out and all available for use. Chuuunes will be blaring!

Mulled Wine and Open Practice Space » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 27th November 2014

As our last official sessions of the semester (tears), we thought we'd get festive and warm up some mulled wine to comfort ye lovely jugglers! As always, all equipment available and free to use for the evening! If you haven't been, it's never to late so start!!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 24th November 2014

Free for anyone to come along, use the equipment, ask about specific tricks and skills, and have da craic! All welcome and there's NEver any previous experience required!

Hula Hooping Workshop with Shir! » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 10th November 2014

Shir is back with an absolute whopper of a workshop, 'Chest, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.'

All levels welcome, see you there!! :))

Double Hoop Workshop with Shir! » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 20th November 2014

Come and learn some uber impressive hula hoop tricks, using not one but two hoops!

No experience required, this workshop will even suit complete beginners!!

Beginners Workshops and a chance to win a ticket to the National Circus Convention! » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 6th November 2014

Along with our usual beginners workshops, we'll be playing a competition where one of ye lucky kidz will be taking home a ticket to the National Circus Convention of Ireland which takes place from the 14th to the 16th of November in Tralee. This competition will not require any circus skill so it's anybodies to win! All welcome to come along!

Beginners 3-Balls and Tricks » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 3rd November 2014

Everybodies welcome to come along for a beginner friendly 3-ball workshop; it's never too late to start!! And for the ones who are comfortable with 3 balls we will show ye some new tricks you can learn by yourself or in pairs!! And remember, NO EXPERIENCE EVER REQUIRED!

Passing Workshop with David and Dara » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 30th October 2014

Ball and Club passing workshop for all levels with two great jugglers who used to be part of the society years back! Bring friends and get passing between each other!

Global Week. Beginner Juggling Workshops! » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 16th October 2014

Beginner workshops in a variety of circus skills, such as juggling, diabolo, hula hooping and poi spinning. Absolutely no experience required at all a tall! *Guaranteed to leave with some mad skillz*

Global Week. Beginner Juggling Workshops! » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn*, » 13th October 2014

Beginner workshops in a variety of circus skills, such as juggling, diabolo, hula hooping and poi spinning. Absolutely no experience required at all a tall! *Guaranteed to leave with some mad skillz*

Tralee Info Night » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 9th October 2014

We'll be answering any questions you have about Tralee and giving ye the low down on one of the most memorable weekends of your life!! Maybe a few pizzas too, ya never know!

Skill Share and Pizza!!! » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd October 2014

An evening to build on whichever skill you're working on these days, followed by a few shnakey pizza's because yer all class! Bring a friend and at the very least raid the pizza!

Balloons, Plate Spinning and Flower Sticks with Stephen! » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 6th October 2014

A bit of a variety of circus skills with the wonderfully talented Stephen McGinley. Teaching lots of different bits and pieces so its gonna be an exciting one!! Remember, NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!! See y'all there!

Beginners Poi with Eri » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 29th September 2014

Our first Poi workshop aimed at our beginners or any skill level...Eri

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Diabolo Workshop » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 25th September 2014

Diabolo Workshop for all levels of skill. Taught by members of the society, it'll be a casual workshop so do stop by! A diabolo is that spinny yoke with the sticks and string, simple to pick up from the start so come along and give it a whirl!

Ring Workshop » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd September 2014

We'll have the man himself, Stephen McGinley, in to give a great workshop in RING JUGGLING and MANIPULATION! Stephen is a well know juggler and teacher and has taught many great workshops for the society over the years. Its not one to miss now so see y'all there!

Beginners Hula Hooping workshop » *Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 18th September 2014

A relaxed workshop for all you hooping hopefuls! If hooping ain't your thing, don't fret pet, all other equipment will be available to use. See you there!

3 Ball Workshop » *Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 15th September 2014

We will continue to focus on 3 ball patterns and start getting some tricks going! If you missed last week's workshop, come along anyway and we'll sort you out with some juggling balls and some skills. Hope to see you all there!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 9th February 2015

Open practice space for absolutely anybody to come along, use any of the equipment, and feel free to ask anybody any questions about anything!! (especially even a little crash course in how to juggle, hoop or diabolo...*hint*hint*) We're here to help!!!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 12th February 2015

Open practice space for absolutely anybody to come along, use any of the equipment, and feel free to ask anybody any questions about anything!! (especially even a little crash course in how to juggle, hoop or diabolo...*hint*hint*) We're here to help!!!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *The Foyer, Aras na Mac Lein.* » 16th February 2015

Pop in at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty, as well the blaring disco chuunes.

Skill Share and Practice Space » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 19th February 2015

Pop in at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz yo! There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty, as well the blaring disco chuunes!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *Aras an Mac Leinn Foyer* » 23rd February 2015

Pop down at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty!

Open Practice Space and Pizza » *Aras an Mac Leinn Foyer* » 26th February 2015

Pop in at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty, as well as a few sneaky free pizzas making an appearance!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 2nd March 2015

Pop down at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty!

Open Practice Space and Pizza » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn* » 5th March 2015

Pop in at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty, as well as a few sneaky free pizzas making an appearance!

Juggling Soc in the St Patricks Day Parade » *Fr. Griffin rd, towards Supervalu* » 17th March 2015

Fancy joining in the parade with us this year?? Absolutely anybody can join in with us this Tuesday for the parade no matter what the prop or skill level - the more the merrier and all that! Our starting position is along Fr. Griffin rd towards Supervalu - you'll surely see us!! Come along to the Monday evening juggling session at 7pm if you'd like to bring any specific prop for the parade! After the parade is finished, we will all go for burritos for lunch!

Skill Share and Practice Space » *foyer Aras na mac Leinn* » 23rd March 2015

Pop down at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty!

Open Practice Space and Pizza » *foyer Aras na mac Leinn* » 26th March 2015

Pop in at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty! To keep ye all well fed and full of energy we'll be getting a free pizzas for the sessions! All welcome and bring a friend!

Juggling Soc AGM » The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th April 2015

After a fan-tabular year, its time to elect our new committee who will lead us next year! Absolutely everybody is welcome to come, go for a place on the committee, or just have a say on who is elected for next year. Will have a few pizzas for the event aswell, just cause you're awesome!

Open Practice Space and Pizza » theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 16th April 2015

Pop in at any stage and feel free to use the equipment, ask anybody any questions, and learn some mad cool skillz. yo There'll be clubs, hoops, balls, diabolos, poi and devil sticks a' plenty, as well as a few sneaky free pizzas making an appearance!

Galway juggling Convention » Aras an Mac Leinn » 29th May – 1st June 2015 (4 individual events)

The annual Galway Juggling Convention, organised by NUIG's Juggling Society, will be taking place in Aras na Macleinn over FOUR WHOLE DAYS. There'll be shows (many shows), workshops (even more workshops) and games and some other fun events!

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Fiona Ni Raghail

Treasurer: Cian O'Brien

P.R.O.: Cara Brady

OCM: Eriu Morton

The Blue: Blue Hanley

Auditor: Frank Armstrong

Secretary: Peter Kenny

Safety Officer: Sorcha Dowd

OCM: Ciara Keighron

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Blake Bowers

Vice-Auditor: Eriu Morton

Juggling Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1148.74	Bank charge	€45.91
Bank Charge	€13	Dinner	€961.7
Members Contributions	€538.07	Entry fees	€800
Socs box Till	€2210	Equipment misc	€848.52
USC Grant	€6400	Hire Bus	€1080
		Lights	€300
		Materials	€1024.68
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€38.12
		Prizes	€102
		Society accomm	€1705.63
		Society transport	€1367.78
		Speaker accomm	€855
		Speaker travel	€524.78
		Stationary	€36.95
		Teacher fees	€450
		Expenditure Total	€10141.07
		Closing Bank Balance	€168.74
Total	€10309.81	Total	€10309.81

Mission Statement

To bring all of those interested in juggling, circus and performing arts together in one place to learn new skills from one another and to make new friends from all over the country!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aims are to provide a place for everybody to come together who share an interest in juggling, hooping, poi, circus, and the performing arts. We aim to hold bi-weekly juggling sessions during the semester where there'll always be practise space and equipment for our members to use. We also aim to hold workshops during some of these sessions where we'll get a teacher in to teach a particular skill to those interested.

We plan to attend various juggling conventions and festivals around the country to meet new people, develop new interests and skills, and to watch professional shows.

To finish off our year, we organise and host the Galway Juggling Convention where we invite other societies and individuals who are part of the circus community around Ireland to join us for a weekend of workshops, games, and shows!

Society Performance Reflection

This year, I felt that we succeeded by adhering to our constitution and to our aims and objectives this year. We gained many new members and brought many people together on our various trips we had such as the National Circus Festival of Ireland and to Berlin in January, creating many new friendships along the way and exercising our common passion for juggling and the performing arts.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved almost all our aims, objectives and goals this year. We held our bi-weekly juggling sessions each week since the start of semester 1, provided there was a suitable venue available, and we got in many teachers who led workshops during some of these sessions featuring various circus skills.

We attended the national circus festival of Ireland and along took a trip to Berlin with 12 members from the society where we had workshops taught by professional performers and attended the local juggling sessions with the people of Berlin.

Our final objective is now to host the Galway Juggling Convention set to take place from the 29th of May until the 1st of June in the Bailey Allen Hall. All preparation for the festival has been made and performers from Ireland and abroad are coming to perform during the convention

Greatest Success

I feel that the greatest success of the society this year was taking a trip to Berlin where we got to meet local performers from Germany and get taught by professional performers. I found that this was very beneficial for the society as it gave us a better insight into the extended European juggling community.

Greatest Challenge

I found that the greatest challenge of the society this year was encouraging members to come to our juggling sessions as it got later into each semester. I feel that this may be due to an increase in college work as it got closer to exams where our members just didn't have enough time to attend our biweekly juggling sessions.

Other Information

We held 2 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 371 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Juggling Soc		
<u>Blue Hanley</u>	Convention Director	160 hours
<u>Frank Armstrong</u>	Auditor	300 hours
<u>Cara Brady</u>	PRO	48 hours
<u>Eibhlin Gaughan</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Fiona Ni Raghail</u>	Vice-Auditor	120 hours
<u>Peter Kenny</u>	Secretary	150 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	798 hours	

Law Soc

The Society enjoyed a good year. Official Business began on 6th September 2014, where the Society was present for annual Societies Day in the Bailey Allen Hall. The society had a significant presence at the Law Firms day on the 29th of September, where a number of our committee members assisted the contingent of visiting professionals.

The society then organised a General Meeting to engage with the new members followed by a Pizza/Movie night, taking place on Tuesday, 7th October, in Aras Ui Chathail. This was quickly followed the charity Suit Up Day, organised by the society on the 15th October, in aid of Cancer Care West, which raised €1000.

The society then organised an information evening on Practising Law Outside of Dublin, taken place on the 25th of November, whereby speakers were invited in from RDJ Solicitors and Geraghty & Co Solicitors to speak on a range of topics.

The focus of the society then shifted to the organisation of the annual Law Ball. Taking place on the 11th of February 2015, the ball proved a resounding success, selling out in under a day and receiving unanimously positive reviews.

Finally the Law Society AGM took place on the 24th March 2015, where the the new committee was voted in and the outgoing Auditor, Ross Doyle, was made an honorary life member.

Law Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Careers Day » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *1st September 2014*

Mock group interview workshop, Law firms fair, talk on qualifying as a barrister in Ireland

Law Society Meeting & Movie/Pizza Night » *Aras Ui Cathail* » *7th October 2014*

This is our first meeting of the year and a perfect opportunity for all those wanting to get involved in the society.

We will have a quick meeting and discuss position openings on the society followed by a showing of "The Lincoln Lawyer" and have FREE PIZZA on offer too. All are welcome :)

Law Soc Presents : Suit Up Day in Aid of Cancer Care West » Carbon Nightclub, Galway » 15th October – 16th October 2014

Law Soc Presents: Suit Up Day in Aid of Cancer Care West. Our annual Suit Up day is taking place this Wednesday.

Law Ball 2015 » » 11th February 2015

NUIG Law Ball 2015 - 11th of February 2015 Meyrick Hotel

Law Society AGM » Oflaherty theatre » 24th March 2015

It's that time of year again.

This year's Law Soc AGM will take place in the O'Flaherty theatre at 6pm on Tuesday 24th of March.

We will be recapping on the year gone by and also electing the new executive committee.

Committee 2014/2015

Contact : Conor Nolan

Vice-Auditor: Amy Grant

Secretary: Sean Creed

Marshall of the house : Catherine Ryan

Auditor: Ross Doyle

Treasurer: Ciaran Ferry

Moot Court Convener: Liam O'Flaherty

OCM : Bernadette Drury

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Darren Reilly

Vice-Auditor: Jessica Richter

Secretary: Andrew Barr

Strategic Director: Amy Grant

Organisation Balance Sheet

Law Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	6248.61	Ball	€19307.760000000002
Balls	€10673	Bank charge	€67.69
Bank Charge	€12.5	Dinner	€94
Socs box Till	€36	Socs day expenses	€118
Sponsorship	€3000		
		Expenditure Total	€19587.45
		Closing Bank Balance	€382.66
Total	€19970.11	Total	€19970.11

Law Ball Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3753.7	Ball	€3000
Socs box Till	€900	Bank charge	€12.46
		Expenditure Total	€3012.46
		Closing Bank Balance	€1641.24
Total	€4653.7	Total	€4653.7

Mission Statement

Representing our members to the very best of our ability working in tandem with the Law School and the University to enhance the experience of every student in our shared academic pursuit of the Law.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To interact with our members to the best of our abilities primarily providing them with speakers and talks that are of interest to them
- To arrange charity events to promote voluntary work within the college whilst helping a good cause.
- To arrange a successful and enjoyable ball for the student body.

Society Performance Reflection

The Society enjoyed a good year maintaining a healthy membership of 958 members, and organising a number of very successful events.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

The Society achieved a great deal of our aims, objectives and goals for the year. The Law Ball and Charity events organised proved a great success, and although we did not have as many speakers as we would have liked, we did take the requests of our members on board, an example being the Practising Law Outside of Dublin event which was arranged as the result of a request by some of the student body.

Greatest Success

We would regard the organisation of the annual Law Ball as the greatest success of the year. The preparation and marketing of the event proved a marked success as all of the tickets sold out within a few hours of going on sale, and the event itself went off without a hitch receiving very positive reviews.

Greatest Challenge

I feel the greatest challenge that faced the society this year was the difficulty in attracting speakers. We encountered a reluctance of both legal and mainstream personalities, who were mostly based in Dublin or further afield, to travel to Galway to speak on the societies behalf. It is imperative that the next committee spend more time on attracting speakers.

Other Information

We held 19 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 958 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Law Soc		
<u>Liam O'Flaherty</u>	Moot Court Convener	80 hours
<u>Bernadette Drury</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	4 hours
<u>Ciaran Ferry</u>	Treasurer	150 hours
<u>Catherine Ryan</u>	Marshal of the House	72 hours
<u>Cian McLoughlin</u>	OCM	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	336 hours	

Life Society

Life Society this year focused on protecting the right to life of persons with disabilities. We started the year with a talk on Down syndrome and the unique contributions that people with Down Syndrome make to their families and society. This was in response to the appalling suggestion by Dawkins that it was immoral to let a child with DS live. Our 99 balloons event focused on protecting children with life limiting conditions such as Trisomy 18 and anencephaly. Our 'Hands Off the 8th Amendment' Campaign stressed the importance of preserving the equality enshrined in the constitution for mothers and unborn babies. We also participated in an educational campaign to challenge media bias on abortion.

Life Society Events

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

Societies Day » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 10th September 2014

Welcome back to all our old members and sign-up day for all new members! Come and see our table in the Bailey Allen Hall.

Life Society Meet 'n' Greet » *Small Accoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 18th September 2014

A wonderful opportunity to meet other fellow students concerned about protecting the right to life. Find out more about who we are and what we do and get involved! Free pizza.

"Abort it and try again": Down Syndrome and Abortion Event » *IT125 (Ground Floor)* » 15th October 2014

"Abort it and try again. It would be immoral to bring it into the world if you had the choice."

The above statement was tweeted by Richard Dawkins on the 20 August last, in response to a question from a woman who was unsure what she would do if she was carrying an unborn baby with Down Syndrome. Dawkin's statement engendered a slew of protest from a huge spectrum of sources. He later tried to row back with a statement on his website, and a comment that he hadn't intended many people to see the response. The Life Society advocates and campaigns for the right to life of every human being, firmly believing that those with Down Syndrome have a very valuable contribution to make to the community, and deserve a life of dignity and worth. The purpose of the event is to create awareness of the fact that babies with Down Syndrome are becoming more and more common because of selective abortion and to re-affirm that this is wrong. The event will include an address by Mr Benen Fahy (Galway) as well as an opportunity for discussion and a short presentation on statistics which show that some European countries are aborting over 90% of children with Down Syndrome. The event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Why Should We Care About Baby Y? » *small acoustic room Aras na Mac Leinn* » 26th November 2014

Last year Enda Kenny rammed through the controversial Abortion Bill despite warnings from anti-suicide campaigners, psychiatrists, and disability rights activists. Now, one year on, the law has failed the mother and baby at the centre of the the Y case. Life Society will have a short discussion on what happened and what we can do to raise public awareness about Miss Y and her baby. Everyone welcome!

Pro Life Street Session » *Shop Street, Galway* » 29th November 2014

NUIG Life Society will take the message of life to the streets.

Surrogacy and Abortion: What's the Link? » Meeting Room 2, Aras Na MacLeinn » 3rd December 2014

As the government prepares to put forward a surrogacy bill, the world has been shocked to discover that surrogates are routinely asked to abort babies deemed less than perfect, or to abort one or more unborn babies if the surrogate is carrying twins, triplets or quadruplets. Online surrogacy agencies warn parents to interrogate surrogates about their views on abortion before entering into contracts. Life Society will host a talk by Charlotte McQuaid examining the connection between the practice of surrogacy and abortion, whether for eugenic reasons or for selective reduction.

Christmas Party and Table Quiz » Large acoustic room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th December 2014

Our end of the year Christmas party and table quiz for members, alumni, friends, and supporters will take place this Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate the birth of a Child and the end of a busy year. Food, music, prizes, and craic! Bring your friends and your thinking cap

Meet and Greet Semester 2 » Meeting Room 2 upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn » 14th January 2015

Welcome to our new members and plan for the new year and new semester! Refreshments and craic... Bring a friend

Societies' Day 2 » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, » 14th January 2015

Join us at the Life Society table and help spread the message of life on campus

Committee Meeting » Meeting Room 2 upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn » 21st January 2015

Poster for Life » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 28th January 2015

Join us as we cover the campus with life-promoting posters. Starting in Meeting Room 2 upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn at 6, we will then divide and spread out to the different areas of campus

Street Session » Shop Street Galway » 31st January 2015

Take the message of life to the streets of Galway. Life Society will be hosting an information table and distributing leaflets on current life issues.

Pro Life Chalk Day » Area in front of library and concourse » 11th February 2015

Write a message promoting life the morning of Wednesday 11 February on campus. We will be providing the chalk: you provide the pro life message. When one human life is disregarded and demeaned, every one of us is diminished. Help stop the campaign for death.

EGM » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 13th February 2015

We will hold elections to fill three temporary committee positions.

Film Screening of Crescendo » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th February 2015

Join us as we watch the short film Crescendo about the infinite value of every human life

'99 Balloons' Information Evening on Clare Daly's Abortion Bill » Meeting Room 2, Aras na Mac Leinn » 25th February 2015

A bill to allow the abortion of unborn children with terminal conditions was recently introduced in the Dail. At the same time, a bill is being prepared to ban the callous phrase 'incompatible with life' when medical staff are referring to these children. The Every Life Counts campaign has argued that even children who will only live a short time have value and dignity and that aborting them does nothing to ease the suffering of their parents. The powerful YouTube video 99 Balloons celebrates the life of little Eliot who only lived for 99 days and yet made a powerful impact on the world. Come along to find out more about this issue.

Balloon Release » Shop Street, Galway City Centre » 28th February 2015

We will release 99 balloons to celebrate the value and dignity of every person, even those who will only live a short time after birth. We will be advertising the powerful YouTube video '99 Balloons' about Baby Eliot and the joy he brought to his family and the world.

33 to 1 Event Challenging Media Bias » Dail Eireann (Dublin) » 11th March 2015

If anything has become clear over the last couple of years, it is that the media is the main driver for abortion. But in the past few months it has reached a point where we simply cannot afford to ignore it any longer. In the space of a fortnight recently, 33 articles appeared in national newspapers pushing hard for more abortion. In the same period, only 1 pro-life article was published. We are now expected to take this level of bias as normal. Life Society will attend the launch of the campaign to end this bias. A bus will leave the Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Wednesday 11 March and return the same evening. Text 0876217702 to reserve a place

EGM » Large Acoustic Room Aras na Mac Leinn » 19th March 2015

EGM to fill some committee positions, all members welcome.

Save the 8th Campaign » NUIG Campus » 25th March – 28th March 2015 (4 individual events)

The 8th amendment is all about equality: the equal right to life of mothers and unborn babies. This amendment is under increasing attack recently by the media and international pressure groups. This week NUIG Life Society will celebrate Ireland's pro-life constitution that cherishes the right to life of everyone equally. Look out for us around campus with the message 'Hands off our 8th amendment'

Hands Off the 8th Amendment » Around Campus » 15th April – 17th April 2015 (3 individual events)

The eighth amendment of the Irish constitution gives the right to life to the youngest members of our human family. It protects the most helpless among us and secures equality for pregnant mothers and unborn babies. Join our campaign to tell powerful national and international interest groups 'Hands Off Our 8th Amendment'

AGM » Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 23rd April 2015

We will elect next year's committee and vote on the new constitution. Come along to be a part of building a culture of life on campus

Street Session » Shop Street, Galway City Centre » 25th April 2015

Join us to distribute pro-life information and take a stand for life in Galway

All Ireland Rally for Life » Dublin » 4th July 2015

Meet us at Parnell Square, Dublin @ 2 p.m. on Saturday, 4th July 2015 for the most important pro-life event of the year. We will organise a bus to leave Galway in the morning and return in the evening. Our unborn children are under threat. Powerful pro-abortion campaigners in Ireland, the UK, European Union and United Nations are attacking our pro-life laws. Take a stand for life. Take a stand for equality for mothers and unborn babies.

Committee 2014/2015

Alumni Liaison (Interim Auditor): Sarah Standen

Postgraduate Representative: Oisín Molloy

Treasurer: Maria Mahoney

Staff Representative: Brendan Togher

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Sarah Standen

Staff Rep: Brendan Togher

Secretary: Kevin O'Sullivan

Treasurer: Maria Mahoney

Vice-Auditor: Oisín Molloy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Life Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	365.15	Bank charge	€93.62
Bank Charge	€10.14	Dinner	€60
USC Grant	€1000	Materials	€39.8
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€340.79
		Printing	€36.9
		Prizes	€60
		Society transport	€250
		Socs day expenses	€21.44
		Speaker accomm	€80
		Speaker travel	€50
		Expenditure Total	€1032.55
		Closing Bank Balance	€342.74
Total	€1375.29	Total	€1375.29

Mission Statement

NUI Galway Life Society is here to affirm the one primary, universal and fundamental right: the right to life. We exist to promote and defend the right to life of all human beings, from conception to natural death. We believe that to be human is a sufficient reason to be ascribed a right to life; which truth is borne out in the absolute uniqueness of every individual, from invisible DNA to the everyday print of a finger. As the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child affirms: "the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth"

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to oppose any threat to the right to life of any human being. Such threats include, but are not limited to, abortion, euthanasia and embryonic stem cell research. We propose to engage and work with other groups which share our aims. Our events will include speakers, campaigns, information evenings, film viewings and more. We will make the right to life the focus of the campaign for human rights on campus and throughout Ireland

Society Performance Reflection

Life Soc had a great year. We were very visible on campus and reached out to members of the public in Galway and beyond.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved all our goals and were effective on a national level as well as on campus.

Greatest Success

Our pro-life chalk day started a lively conversation on campus and we helped launch the national Hands Off the 8th Amendment campaign

Greatest Challenge

Holding the numerous AGMs/EGMs to elect the committee would have been the most difficult part of the year.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 126 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Lit & Deb

This year, Lit & Deb have much to celebrate and look back over. We had a number of well-attended passionate debates on issues tuned into the national pulse, such as alcohol culture, water charges and the government coalition, as well as other topics woefully absent from public discourse, such as prostitution and the place of Islam in our society. We cultivated a bountiful crop of hard-working and enthusiastic first years who integrated seamlessly into the society, creating a committee eager both to learn and support each other. We had many guests of a high calibre such as activist Suey Park.

Lit & Deb Events

This year the society held a total of 65 events.

EGM » *Large Acoustic Room* » 8th September 2014

EGM to elect an auditor and vice auditor.

GIBS NIGHT » *The Kirwan* » 11th September 2014

GIBS night is LitnDebs freshers night. It's a free for all, with an emphasis on the "free". Anyone who's never made a speech at a LitnDeb event can get up and talk about anything they like, and get a free thing! Everyone loves free things. Afterwards we'll be heading to The Hub for a reception, with lots of nice refreshments! Do come.

Workshop » *The Kirwan* » 16th September 2014

Internal Convenor Maria Ni Fhlatharta spreads the love and learning! Come down to the Kirwan to learn how to speak good, and in front of people.

Hangout » *Meeting Room 1* » 17th September 2014

Come down to Meeting Room 1 for free tea, free coffee, free biscuits and free company!

Scottish Independence Debate » *The Kirwan* » 18th September 2014

As the date for the Scottish Independence referendum looms closer, the margins between the Yes and No vote grows similarly closer. The economic viability of a small European state, the relationship with the rest of the UK, the currency, and natural resources have been debated. The parallels between an Independent Scotland and the Republic of Ireland cannot be avoided. As Ireland slowly emerges from crippling economic recession, should we support Scotland in going it alone?

The Prostitution Debate » *Kirwan* » 25th September 2014

Is prostitution simply another service to be bought and sold, or is it a gross misuse of a person

Workshop » *The Kirwan* » 30th September 2014

Internal Convenor Maria Ni Fhlatharta spreads the love and learning! Come down to the Kirwan to learn how to speak good, and in front of people.

Hangout » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 1st October 2014

Come down to Meeting Room 1 for free tea, free coffee, free biscuits and free company!

Bring Your Own Motion debate » *Kirwan* » 2nd October 2014

In an extended version of our usual private member's time, anyone can propose a motion to debate throughout the night.

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 7th October 2014

Internal convener Maria N

Hangout » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 8th October 2014

Free tea, free biscuits, board games and banter.

The Islam Debate » *Kirwan* » 9th October 2014

Motion: that this house believes Islam is a religion of peace. In recent times, Islam has come to occupy a central place in discussion about law, policy and the future of Western culture. Detractors say Islam is a religion of violence and oppression, while supporters call it peaceful and liberatory. The answer to the question of Islam will change lives and the shape of our society, and the Lit & Deb invites both sides of this contentious issue to present their viewpoints in a free, open discussion. Speakers include: Sheykh Dr Umar al-Qadri, Prof Oliver Scharbrodt, and Abdullah al-Andalusi in proposition and Michael Nugent, Ian O'Doherty, and Dr Mark Humphrys in opposition.

Workshop » Kirwan » 14th October 2014

Internal Convenor Maria Ni Fhlatharta spreads the love and learning! Come down to the Kirwan to learn how to speak good, and in front of people.

Hangout » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 15th October 2014

Free tea, free biscuits, board games and banter.

The Alcohol Debate » Kirwan » 16th October 2014

The House debates whether alcohol culture in Ireland has gone too far. Alcohol has been a prominent part of traditional Irish social life. The effects of alcohol use and abuse on the health system, policing and social interactions has long been criticised. On the other hand, it can be said that Ireland's warm, welcoming international image has benefited from the country's relationship with the alcohol industry. Speakers to include Shane Commins and Conor Kelly in proposition and Padraic Cribben, chief executive of Vintners in opposition.

Workshop » Kirwan » 21st October 2014

Internal Convenor Maria Ni Fhlatharta spreads the love and learning! Come down to the Kirwan to learn how to speak good, and in front of people.

The Water Charges Debate » Kirwan » 23rd October 2014

The introduction of water charges has been met with significant controversy, Water is a basic necessity and can be classed as a human right, so is charging for it inherently wrong? Does the overwhelming need to protect the environment and combat global warming trump individual comforts? Do these strident economic times require contributions from all in proportion to their usage, or do they require us to protect the most economically vulnerable from additional taxes? Is the method of implementation, including the setting up of Irish Water and the requirement to submit personal information, justified? We plan to discuss all these questions.

Workshop » Kirwan » 28th October 2014

Come on down and learn how to speak real good.

Hangout » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 29th October 2014

Free tea, free biscuits, board games and banter.

Haloween Party » Massimo » 30th October 2014

We forgo the joys of debating this Thursday to instead delight in the joys of the spookiest scariest funnest holiday of them all. There will be costumes, there will be refreshments, there will be fun had by all.

Workshop » Kirwan » 4th November 2014

Shane Commins teaches you how to speak good.

Hangout » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 5th November 2014

Tea, biscuits, board games, banter.

The Irish Politics Debate » Kirwan » 6th November 2014

The political landscape of Ireland is changing. Confidence in Fine Gael and Fianna Fail.

Workshop » Kirwan » 11th November 2014

Shane Commins spreads the love and learning! Come down to the Kirwan to learn how to speak good, and in front of people.

Hangout » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 12th November 2014

Tea, biscuits, board games, banter.

Poetry Slam » Kirwan » 13th November 2014

Hip young poetry slammers gather in the Kirwan to slam some original poetry. Come on and slam, and welcome to the jam.

Workshop » Kirwan » 18th November 2014

Come down to the Kirwan to learn how to speak good, and in front of people.

Hangout » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 19th November 2014

Tea, biscuits, board games, banter.

The Inter-Faculty Debate » Kirwan » 20th November 2014

In a world where the apocalypse has come and gone, we must choose one faculty to rebuild society. Of course, taking people from each faculty would be ideal, but administration blah blah blah. This Thursday, Lit&Deb chooses between the different disciplines at NUI Galway and decides once and for all who gets to survive.

Internal Mace Final » *Kirwan* » 27th November 2014

The final of the Internal Mace competition. Two teams of two from each semi-final are given a motion, a side and fifteen minutes to prepare. The winning team used to get an actual mace, but we lost it.

Lit&Deb Christmas Party » *The Cellar bar* » 19th December 2014

Lit&Deb has traditions as old as Christmas itself [citation needed] and to celebrate the most holy of holidays - the end of the Christmas exams - and we are going to party like its 1864.

Get your fancy pants on and come to The Cellar at 9pm on Friday 19th of December. There'll be food, live music and Lit&Debbers. What more could you want?

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 13th January 2015

Come on down to the Kirwan and learn how to speak good in front of people.

Hangout » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 14th January 2015

Come hang out with us! Or, at least, near us.

Marijuana Debate » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 15th January 2015

The house will debate the benefits and lack thereof of legalising marijuana. Is taking it off the streets and placing it into the hands of consumers the best idea?

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 20th January 2015

Spend your tuesday night in the Kirwan theatre learning how to speak about things you feel passionate about. This week we have the infamous Hat Night, which will undoubtedly be an experience. What could possibly happen? Moreover, what else would you be doing? Honestly. I mean, honestly.

Hangout » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn.* » 21st January 2015

Come and hang out with us! We're interesting, I swear.

TP O'Connor » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 22nd January 2015

T.P O'Connor is a traditional LitnDeb evening where anyone can make any speech they wish, to compete for a super special secret prize! Tonight promises to be a thought provoking night of hilarity, or something like that. Either way, pop into the Kirwan at 7 for fun times. As usual, the meeting will be preceded by PMT, and afterwards we'll be heading to Murty's, for refreshments!

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 27th January 2015

This tuesday night, join us Lit&Deb-ers in the Kirwan Theatre, and help US improve OUR public speaking. That's right guys. It's for real this time (I can neither confirm nor deny that this is true).

Hangouts » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 28th January 2015

Hangout with us. Please. We're begging you. We have intellectual conversations (albeit often about nonsensical things), but I can promise that we're great fun. Free tea and coffee for all those daring enough!

Irish Independence Debate » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 29th January 2015

The conflict between Irish and British forces reached a tipping point in 1919, when the Sinn Fein lead government declared independence from Great Britain, while on the same day two members of the RIC were shot dead. The following warfare resulted in death, turmoil and the separation of a nation. With this debate we seek to examine whether this destruction was justified in the quest for autonomy in terms of both political power and identity.

The motion for the debate reads that "This House Regrets The Irish War of Independence"

Speaking in proposition of the motion are Professor Eunan O'Halpin of Trinity college Dublin and Dr Tomas Finn of NUIG.

Speaking in opposition of the motion are Eamon O'Cuiv, T.D and grandson of Eamon de Valera, joining him in opposition is Jack Lane, a historian with the Aubane historical society.

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 3rd February 2015

Tuesday nights spent improving public speaking and articulation can lead to more public speaking and better articulation. So, why not abandon all plans and come to the Kirwan at 7pm? Learn how to voice those annoying thoughts you have about important things.

Hangout » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 4th February 2015

Come hang with us in Meeting Room 1, at 3pm.

Seriously! There's tea and coffee and some good talks.

The Israel Debate » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 5th February 2015

The on-going struggle between the diaspora of Palestinians, who have been shunted from their ancestral homeland and the Israeli people who believe they have a right to the land as well as claiming a need for a safe haven from Anti-Semites. The question of whether either group deserves sole power of the land, or if it is possible to find a solution that accommodates both relevant parties is one that requires an open and honest discussion. We will, as usual, hold a PMT before the main debate, from 7 to 8, and of course a social in Murty Rabbits pub afterwards, all are welcome.

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 10th February 2015

If you have an interest in judging debates, it would be of interest to you to come down to the Kirwan at 7pm tomorrow night - we have some great speakers and judges among us, and they'll be giving tips to anyone with ears, further aiding you in your attempts to become a master-debater... ..

Hangouts » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 11th February 2015

This week our hangouts are at 3pm, until 6pm on Wednesdays, in Meeting Room 1. This is a necessary break in the week. You're gonna need it.

Hacks and Heroes » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 12th February 2015

Hacks and Heroes is a very special night in Lit&Deb. It's like that bit in that one movie where the main character fights his older (or younger) self. Except replace the fighting with debating.

We have many of our former members coming back to the Kirwan to debate with our current members. It should be a hoot. A hoot-and-a-half, you might say. Alternatively, you might not. Our hacks and heroes will be debating under the motion that This House Believes That the human race should self-exterminate. I know, guys. Hoot hoot.

The Irish National Law Debates » *Arts & Science Building, TBA* » 13th February – 14th February 2015 (2 individual events)

The Law Society and Literary and Debating Society of NUI, Galway are delighted to invite you once again to the Irish National Law Debates! The competition will be run this year on the 13th and 14th of February.

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 17th February 2015

In this week's workshop, we focus mainly on the Maidens style of debating, preemptively prepping our first year debaters and freshers for the Maidens workshop in a few weeks' time. We have our own internal maiden's competition coming up in the following weeks.

Hangouts » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 18th February 2015

Our hangouts this week will be in Meeting Room 1 in Aras Na MacLeinn from 3 to 6. Drop in at any time except before and after these hours.

Bring Your Own Motion Night » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 19th February 2015

This Thursday we're having ourselves another Bring Your Own Motion, and in case you couldn't deduce this from the name, anyone can bring a motion before the house, be it light-hearted, heavy set, or just all 'round ridiculous. This is an age-old tradition in Lit&Deb, and by this I of course mean it's at least 2 years old. If I were to judge solely on the last time we held this in semester 1, it should be a great night for all. We're having our normal PMT before, and this will lead directly into our main motions. Afterwards, there will be the usual social in Murty Rabbits, for chilled beverages and dainty finger food.

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 24th February 2015

This Tuesday Lit & Deb will hold the preliminary round of our own Internal Maidens, a competition in which novice speakers debate one on one, instead of debating with a partner, as is usually the case. If you're a novice, and a speaker, you should try it out.

Hangouts » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 25th February 2015

Do you like coffee? Tea? Chats? Board Games? Custard Creams? It's true that we have all three colours. It's also true that there is indeed three colours. Do you trust us?

Lit&Deb's Maidens » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 26th February 2015

This Thursday Lit&Deb replace our usual event with the final round of our own internal Maidens Competition! The preliminary round is being held on Tuesday, and this will decide who moves on to the National Maidens competition, also held in NUIG.

Workshop » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 3rd March 2015

We're back to our same ol', same ol', this week. Come to our Tuesday workshops if you're still struggling to grasp the methodology behind public speaking. Bring your friends. Bring your dog. Bring your great aunt Tessie. We're not particular. Dean Buckley will show you all the ropes.

Hangouts » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 4th March 2015

We have our Wednesday hangouts in the Meeting Rooms in Aras na MacLeinn this week, stocked full of some interesting topical conversations. When I say "interesting topical conversations", I am, of course, referring to the phenomenon of a baby monkey, riding on a pig backwards.

Social Media Panel Discussion » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 5th March 2015

This Thursday, we in Lit&Deb are bringing you an extra special, long-awaited panel discussion on social media. This is a big thing for us, and hopefully for you too, as we have some truly brilliant speakers lined up for you guys. They will analyse four different aspects of the intricacies of social media, giving an all rounded ideology to the topic, before we move to questions for the speakers, and then to the floor, for the audience to pitch in.

First off, we've got Suey Park, travelling all the way from America. Suey is the writer and activist responsible for #CancelColbert and #NotYourAsianSidekick, and co-founder of Killjoy Prophets, a collective organising campaigns for racial and gender justice, who will be speaking on her experiences using social media as a platform for activism and social change.

We also have Dr. Mike Cosgrave, a liberal historian and lecturer in digital humanities in UCC who will be discussing the history of social media, and its impact on our culture.

Professor Stefan Decker, Director of the Insight Centre for Data Analysis NUIG, will be discussing social media in relation to business, and last but certainly not least,

Fiona Kennedy, a journalist who blogs at Sunny Spells and Scattered Showers. Fiona is an Ambassador for See Change

Workshop » *Kirwan Theatre* » 10th March 2015

This Tuesday's workshop will, beyond any notion of a doubt, probably be just as incredible as all of the other ones, thanks to our incredible Dean Buckley. That being said, building up to the National Maidens competition this weekend, it's getting incredibl-er. We're excited. Are you excited? Don't let our enthusiasm put you off showing up. Come help us be shiny happy people. We're still learning. Eight of our best speakers will be going into the competition, held in NUIG this Friday and Saturday.

Hangouts » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 11th March 2015

This weeks hangouts will be on Wednesday in Meeting Room 1 from 3 to 6. Plot Twist. See you there.

Obama Debate » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre* » 12th March 2015

The motion before the house this Thursday is "This House Considers the Presidency of Barack Obama a Failure". I know, right? Can open, worms everywhere. All jokes aside, Obama's presidency has been one that people have questioned since its inception in 2008. People looked for a strong leader to carry them out of a recession (and then some), but instead many found themselves taking one step forward and two steps back. The questions stand; is this a president one can believe in? Is biding one's time the only way to see the fruition of a greater nation? Have the past eight years been a waste of time? Come find out. The main event will be preceded by our Private Members Time, and after the night we will go to Murty Rabbits for refreshments.

National Maidens » *NUI Galway* » 13th March – 14th March 2015 (2 individual events)

The Literary and Debating Society of NUI Galway are Hosting the National Maidens on the 13th and 14th of March.

National Maidens is an individual-style debating competition for speakers in their first year of competitive debating, from any Irish institution. Institutions will be allowed to register 6 students, any un allocated spots, after a period of Reg being open for two weeks, can be reallocated. Reg will be open in the next few days, any Query should be sent to nationalmaidens2015@gmail.com.

We are proud to announce the CA's for our competition are as follows:

David Jones: Irish Mace Finalist, Winner Cork Invitational, Breaking Judge at over 20 competitions including Oxford and Cambridge IVs

Dee Courtney: WUDC quarter-finalist 2015, UCD winner and best speaker 2014, Trinity invitational finalist and best speaker in the final 2014, Earlsfort open finalist 2013, Cork IV and Trinity open semi-finalist 2014

With our DCA being : Ruth Cormican : VPC winner, UL finalist, DCU finalist. Times semi-final

We will have socials on both the Friday and Saturday nights, meals throughout the competition, and the final will be held in the Galway Bay Hotel. Any questions or concerns should be emailed to: nationalmaidens2015@gmail.com

Hangouts » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 18th March 2015

Considering this is our second last event it is nearly almost vital that you come catch glimpses of our fleeting beauty in our Wednesday hangouts in Meeting Rooms 1 from 3 until 6. There'll be some good chats, and even better, a free biscuit or two if you're good. Which I know you will be. So that's almost a guarantee of a free biscuit. Unless you're having an off day.

Lit&Deb's Speaker of The Year » Kirwan Theater » 19th March 2015

Speaker Of The Year is a huge event for Lit&Deb - This is our biggest, most exciting internal competition of the year, featuring all our best speakers. This includes winners of our previous internal competitions and anyone who broke at an IV this year.

AGM » Kirwan Theater » 26th March 2015

This is the night upon which we will elect the committee of the 169th session (which is kind of a big deal, right?) - there will also be Honorary Life Memberships and constitutional changes. It'll be a huge deal for people joining the committee of next year, and also for people who will be saying goodbye to the Kirwan and Lit&Deb.

Committee 2014/2015

Clerk: Michael Flattery

OCM: Matthew O'Driscoll

Secretary: Conor Murphy

OCM: Pearce Clancy

Schools Convenor: Andrew Forde

Deputy Schools Convenor: Zachary Frenett

Clerk of the House: Joshua Byrne

OCM: Grainne Nielsen

OCM: Senan Maher

Auditor: Sarah Kennedy

Treasurer: Ruth Cormican

Debates Secretary: Brian Farragher

External Convenor: Leah Heffernan

OCM: Siobhan Burke

Vice-Auditor: Dean Buckley

Public Relations Officer: Ciara Moloney

OCM: Eanna McGovern

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: David Molloy

Treasurer: Michael Flattery

Debates Secretary: Matthew O'Driscoll

External Convenor: Siobhan Burke

Literary Convenor: Jack Malone

Public Relations Officer: Daire Hickey McGovern

Clerk of the House: Eanna McGovern

OCM: Christopher Collins

Vice-Auditor: Brian Farragher

Secretary: Ciara Moloney

Internal Convenor: Dean Buckley

Schools Convenor: Pearce Clancy

Deputy Schools Convenor: Emily Elizabeth Gleeson

Social Secretary: Caroline O'Shea

OCM: Thomas Creamer

Organisation Balance Sheet

Lit & Deb Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	4709.74	Bank charge	€151.3
Bank Charge	€25	Dinner	€3790.35
Fundraising	€425	Entry fees	€3600.78
Hoodies	€630	Equipment misc	€738.23
Members Contributions	€140	Fundraising / Charity	€87.77
Sponsorship	€940	Gifts	€282.11
Ticket Sales	€4473.7	Hall hire	€3459.95
USC Grant	€18500	Hoodies	€1080.2
		Materials	€223.15
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€1394.63
		Printing	€168.87
		Prizes	€190
		Reception	€2310.58
		Society accomm	€1872.13
		Society transport	€2046.09
		Socs day expenses	€75.04
		Speaker accomm	€2864
		Speaker travel	€3530.02
		Expenditure Total	€27865.2
		Closing Bank Balance	€1978.24
Total	€29843.44	Total	€29843.44

Mission Statement

The Literary and Debating Society aims to create a platform for free speech for the staff and students of NUI Galway by fostering a spirit of discussion, discovery, and debating.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to encourage debate and discussion in Galway through the hosting of public debates on campus.

- We aim to support a culture of enquiry and public discourse by promoting and teaching public speaking and debating to university and secondary school students in the west of Ireland.
- We aim to represent NUI Galway nationally and internationally at university debating championships.
- We aim to maintain and build on the success of previous sessions of the society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society flourished this year, taking in our largest group of fresher's in years, running several very well-attended events, attracting guests of a very high calibre and further developing the community of the society outside of the debating chambers, through our weekly hangouts.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we did. Many of our public debates were enormously well-attended, with topics becoming a subject of discussion around campus before and after the event itself. We maintained a strong reliable cohort at our public speaking and debating workshops within the college, and had great success in our external workshops with secondary school students. We had several successes in competitive debating, reaching multiple finals and semi-finals, and we believe we have certainly both maintained and built upon the success of previous sessions.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was probably hosting two national intervarsity debating competitions, the Irish National Law Debates and the National Maidens, within a month of each other, and with a level of punctuality, hospitality and general competence almost unknown on the Irish debating circuit for any university debating society, let alone one hosting two competitions almost immediately one after the other. Both competitions ran on time, were well-received by our guests from other universities and produced high-quality, entertaining finals.

Greatest Challenge

We unfortunately experienced some committee instability due to unavoidable external and personal pressures on our members. However, while challenging, the instability also provided important opportunities for team cohesion and first-year integration, as existing committee members shared the burdens (the treasurer and vice-auditor shouldered the internal convenor's obligations, for example) and first-years took on core positions (including public relations officers).

Other Information

We held 23 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 712 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Lotus Society

The Lotus Society provides students and staff on campus a chance to engage in different forms of easily accessible yoga, including Hatha, Vinyasa, and Ashtanga. These classes are led by professional yoga instructors at very cheap prices.

Lotus Society Events

This year the society held a total of 194 events.

Hatha Yoga with Katrina » *The View* » 15th September – 20th October 2014 (6 individual events)

Intermediate Ashtanga with Eilis » *The Space* » 15th September – 13th October 2014 (5 individual events)

Beginners Ashtanga with Cristina » *The View* » 15th September – 13th October 2014 (5 individual events)

Dynamic Hatha with Cristina » *The View* » 16th September – 21st October 2014 (6 individual events)

Mixed Level Vinyasa Flow with Paul » *The View* » 16th September – 21st October 2014 (6 individual events)

Lotus Soc EGM » *The Space, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 17th September 2014

Join us to elect and confirm our new committee, share your ideas and get involved! Free pizza after!

Hatha Yoga with Lisa » *The View* » 18th September – 23rd October 2014 (6 individual events)

Vinyasa Flow with Paul » *The View* » 18th September – 23rd October 2014 (6 individual events)

Ashtanga with Marese » *The View* » 18th September – 23rd October 2014 (6 individual events)

Committee Meeting » *Secret Garden* » 19th November 2014

Yoga with Katrina » *The View* » 19th January – 6th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Cristina » *The View* » 19th January – 6th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Eilis » *The Space* » 19th January – 6th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Laughter Yoga » *The Cube* » 20th January – 7th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Paul » *The View* » 20th January – 7th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Cristina » *The View* » 20th January – 31st March 2015 (11 individual events)

Acroyoga Practice » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 21st January – 8th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Lisa » *The View* » 22nd January – 9th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Paul » *The View* » 22nd January – 9th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Marese » *The View* » 22nd January – 9th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Staff Yoga » *The View* » 22nd January 2015

SU Yoga With Marese » *The Space* » 22nd January – 9th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Acroyoga Jam » *The View* » 23rd January 2015

Rowing Club Yoga » *The View* » 23rd January – 10th April 2015 (12 individual events)

Yoga with Sonja Radvila » *The View* » 26th January 2015

Committee 2014/2015

Contact : Lisa Hynes

Temp Room Booker: Ruth Pinson

Assistant PRO: Raissa Hogan

Treasurer: Rita Grant

Auditor: Eamonn Doran
Vice-Auditor: Brian McGinley

Secretary: Ashita Dutta
PRO: Aoife Clancy

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Brian McGinley
Vice-Auditor: Raissa Hogan

Secretary: Ashita Dutta
Treasurer: Rita Grant

Organisation Balance Sheet

Lotus Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2141.42	Bank charge	€120.99
Bank Charge	€50	Dinner	€190
Socs box Till	€14305	Fundraising / Charity	€30
USC Grant	€2000	Hire Bus	€410
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€199.94
		Society accomm	€1710
		Socs day expenses	€22.16
		Teacher fees	€12215
		Expenditure Total	€14898.09
		Closing Bank Balance	€3598.33
Total	€18496.42	Total	€18496.42

Mission Statement

Offering students a variety of affordable yoga classes and connecting students with the yoga community in Galway.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To continue to regularly respond to stream of questions and queries on Facebook.
- To build and maintain a good relationship between the committee members and our teachers.
- To bring guest speakers in for special classes when they are visiting Galway to teach.
- To organise two retreats; one each semester.
- To ensure there is a strong committee to run the society in the following academic year.

Society Performance Reflection

We succeeded in reaching our goals, and continued to provide our services in an efficient manner.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Our PRO was up to date on all the Facebook queries, and responded accordingly. We developed a FAQ sheet to post onto the Facebook page, as well as a summary of the different types of yoga, in order to decrease the total number of questions asked. Our treasurer continued to maintain cordial relationships with the yoga instructors by ensuring their messages were delivered to the rest of the committee via email, and thus to all the society members through Facebook. She also ensured all cheques were handed to the instructors in a timely manner. We organised several special workshop sessions with teachers that did not regularly teach (i.e. Sonja). We successfully organised two yoga retreats.

Greatest Success

We coordinated very successful and popular yoga sessions these two semesters, and increased the number of members within the society. We also recruited novice members to the committee, promoting the success of the society in the future.

Greatest Challenge

We received numerous emails regarding questions about the yoga sessions, which were very tedious to answer. In response to this challenge, we updated our Facebook page with a FAQ page, and created an automated reply to online queries.

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 978 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Malaysian Society

Malaysian Society is the first society of Malaysia 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 2014/2015

- (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 3 events.

Eid Mubarak Celebration » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *14th September 2014*

We the Malaysian celebrate the Eidulfitri celebration together.

Malaysian Cultural Day » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *19th January 2015*

The event is called the Malaysian Cultural Day, held yearly by the Malaysian Society. It aims to educate and expose Malaysian cultures and traditions to the public, as well as the students of NUIG. There will be exhibitions, free food, performances etc.

Annual Grand Meeting » Aras Moyola » 26th March 2015

Be there to elect your candidate. Few changes is going to be made in this meeting! All members are welcome to join us.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Ahmad Haziq Bin Khairudin

Secretary: Izaqirah Ramli

OCM: Amirul Amzar Haidei

Public Relation Officer: Muhammad Amir Nadzif Noor Azman

Treasurer: Nurul Amalina Mohd Shukri

OCM: Muhammad Luqman Hakim Mohamad

Vice-Auditor: Khairun Sofea Binti Kula

Event Coordinator: Maryam Jamilah Mohamad Shahrman

OCM: Khirul Anuar Marzuki

OCM: Hanis Hafizah Ismail

Event Coordinator: Mohamad Syafiq Mohamad Sallehin

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Mohd Firdaus Abd Rashid

Treasurer: Siti Mardhiah Muhamad Fauzi

Event Coordinator: Amirul Amzar Haidei

Vice-Auditor: Nurul Amalina Mohd Shukri

Secretary: Fatini Mat Hussin

Public Relation: Peter Vinod Pereira

Organisation Balance Sheet

Malaysian Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	498.45	Bank charge	€19.13
Members Contributions	€77.25	Dinner	€830.43
USC Grant	€1500	Gifts	€213.39
		Makeup/Props	€83.51
		Materials	€183.15
		Society transport	€331.9
		Expenditure Total	€1661.51
		Cash In Hand	€0.68
		Closing Bank Balance	€413.51
Total	€2075.7	Total	€2075.7

Mission Statement

People will know how good the Malaysians are and Malaysia itself.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Encourage the involvement of the non-Malaysians including the other nationalities students.
- To promote Malaysia to the local people in Galway.
- Try to increase more non-Malaysian members in the society.

Society Performance Reflection

The society did really well as we have increased our numbers of members this year. The members not only include the Malaysians, but the natives and all other international students as well.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We did really well in promoting Malaysia especially during the Malaysian Cultural Day. There's food, customs and all sorts of information being laid down during the day. And again, the society had increase in the numbers of society this year, including the non-Malaysian members.

Greatest Success

The Eid Celebration was a great success. The total numbers of show up was massive. Most of the members made it to the celebration and everyone is always looking forward to this every year. This year we bring on new games and food to the table that seems to capture peoples' attention.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge is to promote Malaysian Cultural Day as it is usually being held on weekdays and most of the students are busy with their classes especially the medical students. Even the committee members are occupied as well. It's quite a challenge to promote them but we had quite a great turn up. It would be great to consider doing it for 2 days or on Friday next time.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 217 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Malaysian Society		
<u>Fauzah Mohamad</u>	Captain	5 hours
<u>Siti Nurhayati Mohd Akhir</u>	member	5 hours
<u>Muhammad Lugman Hakim Mohamad</u>	Volunteer	12 hours
<u>Muhammad Amir Nadzif Noor Azman</u>	VOLUNTEER	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	32 hours	

Marine Soc

This year was a very successful year for the Marine Society as we took part in many great trips, gained lots of new members and achieved our goals set out from the beginning. We learnt a great deal about the Marine environment as a group and gained valuable time exploring them. We had plenty of good times out as a committee and as a society on a whole. Overall it was a very successful year.

Marine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Bowling » *The Planet, Headford road » 16th September 2014*

We'll meet outside the college bar at 6.15pm and head down to The Planet on Headford road for some deadly bowling craic.

Movie Night » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 23rd September 2014*

Finding Nemo, free pizza and craic in Cairnes Lecture Theatre on the Concourse(next to Bank of Ireland).

Movie Night » *AC202 (On the Concourse, along the corridor between Larmor and O'Flaherty » 7th October 2014*

"The Cove" is being screened.

Aran Islands trip » *Aran Islands » 11th October – 12th October 2014*

We will be departing for the Aran Islands on a bus from Aran Island ferries at 9.30am and returning the next day at 1pm on the ferry back. We will be sightseeing and touring the Island and having the craic. Tickets on sale from socs box next Wednesday at 9am, first come, first served.

Movie Night » *AM150 (Arts Millenium Building) » 21st October 2014*

We're showing Mission Blue

Aquarium trip » *Aquarium Salt Hill » 28th October 2014*

Getting a tour of the Aquarium and a look around the beach.

Movie night- "The Life Aquatic" » *AM150 (Arts Millenium Building) » 4th November 2014*

"The Life Aquatic" will be screened with free pizza for all.

Science Week seminar: Charles Carr » *IT125G » 11th November 2014*

Charles Carr is giving a talk on "Coral farming and the Save Our Seahorses foundation"

Science Week seminar: Louise Allcock » *IT125 » 13th November 2014*

Dr. Louise Allcock is giving a talk titled: "Exploring the deep sea of the Whittard Canyon".

Blackfish Screening » *UC102, Aras Ui Chathail. » 18th November 2014*

Screening the legendary documentary "Blackfish"

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

Marine Soc and ZooSoc will be holding a charitable quiz in aid of G.S.P.C.A and Console at 8pm in the college bar Thursday night.

Bowling » *The Planet » 20th January 2015*

Bowling antics

Movie night » *Colm OhEocha Theatre AM250 » 17th February 2015*

Marine Soc in conjunction with Film Soc will be hosting the timeless classic "JAWS" IN AM250- Colm O' hEocha theatre at 6pm!! Reel your friends in for an action packed night!!

Cork Trip » *Cork City » 28th February – 1st March 2015*

Meet outside Quad at 8.30 am for a trip to Cork to meet the Corcas!!

AGM » *AC202 (on Concourse) » 10th March 2015*

AGM for electing a new committee followed by some bowling action!

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Ciara O'Halloran

OCM: Caoimhe Cronin-O'Reilly

Health and safety officer: Cathal Sherlock

OCM: Declan Morrissey

Events manager: Liam Barber

PRO: Gillian Allen

OCM: Niamh Lynch

OCM: Shannon Copland

Auditor: Clara Stanschewski

OCM: Alan Finn

Treasurer: Brian Grealley

OCM: Sean Daly

OCM: Christopher Pingree

Secretary: Cian Kelly

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Declan Morrissey

Treasurer: Alan Finn

OCM: Clara Stanschewski

OCM: Caoimhe Cronin-O'Reilly

Vice-Auditor: Sean Daly

Secretary: Shannon Copland

PRO: Grainne Cronin O'Reilly

OCM: Cian Kelly

Organisation Balance Sheet

Marine Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	380	Bank charge	€39.85
Socs box Till	€1652	Costumes	€54.98
USC Grant	€2500	Entertainment	€450.88
		Entry fees	€210
		Equipment misc	€40.54
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€287.5
		Services Hired	€135
		Society accomm	€323.7
		Society transport	€1589.9
		Socs Box Till Refund	€100
		Expenditure Total	€3232.35
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€1299.65
Total	€4532	Total	€4532

Mission Statement

To further education of Marine related topics in a fun and sociable way.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Aims: Unite people with similar interests and ambitions, and further our collective knowledge and appreciation of the Marine environment. **Objectives:** To promote local, national and international marine life and its place in today's world.

Goals: We hope to be proactive and engaging with the local community.

Society Performance Reflection

We achieved all our goals we set out to achieve.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we did.

Greatest Success

Our trip to the Aran Islands in the first semester.

Greatest Challenge

Engaging new members in our society.

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 755 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Marine Soc		
<u>Clara Stanschewski</u>	Auditor	120 hours
<u>Ciara O'Halloran</u>	Vice Auditor	100 hours
<u>Niamh Lynch</u>	Other Committee Member	25 hours
<u>Declan Morrissey</u>	Other Committee Member	50 hours
<u>Brian Greally</u>	Treasurer	150 hours
<u>Shannon Copland</u>	other committee member	50 hours
<u>Cian Kelly</u>	Secretary	100 hours
<u>Sean Daly</u>	OCM	50 hours
<u>Gillian Allen</u>	Public Relations Officer	115 hours
<u>Liam Barber</u>	Event Manager	90 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	850 hours	

Maths Soc

Maths Soc aims to promote mathematics research and education in the university. The society brings both undergraduate and postgraduate students together to discuss all areas of maths and their applications.

Throughout the year we held a series of interesting talks covering a wide range of topics including biology, computing and physics. In these talks researchers from both within NUIG and outside the university came to tell us about their work and the latest breakthroughs in their fields as well as share their experiences in research.

We also held a number of social events where members came to play games, solve puzzles and just have a chat.

Maths Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 17 events.

End of year coffee morning » *ADBG021A* » *17th April 2015*

Ending the year with a cup of coffee and a chat.

The event will take place in the postgraduate coffee room on the ground floor of Aras De Brun.

All welcome.

Meet and Greet » *Aras De Brun Room 1020 (ADB-1020)* » *18th September 2014*

We will be kicking off this semester with a meet and greet this Thursday (18th) at 6pm in ADB1020 (Aras de Brun). Come along and meet the others in the society and enjoy some refreshments! We will also have a few games set up and we will be planning more events for the coming year.

Meeting » *College Bar* » *25th September 2014*

Meeting with pizza in the college bar

Bowling » *Planet Entertainment, Galway Shopping Centre, Headford Rd, Galway.* » *30th September 2014*

Impact with friction - Talk by Shane Burns » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *2nd October 2014*

Starting off this year's Maths Soc talks will be Shane Burns with a talk entitled "impact with friction".

Refreshments will be provided!

Let the quantum games begin - Talk by Dr. Michael McGettrick » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *9th October 2014*

This week Dr. Michael McGettrick from the school of maths will be giving a talk entitled "Let the Quantum games begin"

Graph-based statistical approaches - Talk by Dr. Haixuan Yang » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *16th October 2014*

This week Dr. Haixuan Yang will be giving a talk on graph-based statistical approaches.

Refreshments to follow

Is 24 the answer to the universe? - Talk by Dr. Michael Tuite » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *23rd October 2014*

Dr. Michael Tuite will be giving a talk on the number 24 and some interesting properties of 24 in mathematics and physics.

DNA and RNA changes associated with low and high levels of drug resistance in MRSA - Talk by Simone Coughlan » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *30th October 2014*

This week Simone Coughlan will be giving a bioinformatics talk on DNA and RNA changes associated with low and high levels of drug resistance in MRSA.

Mathematical models of seasonally migrating populations - Talk by John Donohue » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *13th November 2014*

This week John Donohue will be giving a talk on some of his research. Title: Mathematical models of seasonally migrating populations

Stationary vectors of stochastic matrices subject to combinatorial constraints - Talk by Jane Breen » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *18th December 2014*

This week Jane Breen from the University of Manitoba, Canada will be giving a talk on Stationary vectors of stochastic matrices subject to combinatorial constraints.

Electroactive polymers - Talk by Dr. Giuseppe Zurlo » *ADB1020 (Aras de Brun)* » *5th February 2015*

This week we will have a talk by Dr. Giuseppe Zurlo from the School of Maths.

Board Games Evening » ADB-1020 » 19th February 2015

We will be having a board games evening from 6pm this Thursday in ADB-1020. Food and refreshments as always. Please come along and bring a favorite board game if you have any in mind! See you then!! New members welcome as always!

A brief introduction to molecular evolution - Talk by Peter Keane » ADB1020 (Aras de Brun) » 5th March 2015

This week Peter Keane from the bioinformatics group will be giving a talk introducing some concepts in molecular evolutionary biology (evolution of DNA, RNA and protein molecules).

Refreshments to follow.

Coxeter Diagrams and the wonderful things you can do with them - Talk by Prof. Goetz Pfeiffer

» ADB1020 (Aras de Brun) » 19th March 2015

Talk by Anh Tuan Bui » ADB1020 (Aras de Brun) » 26th March 2015

This week we will have a talk by Anh Tuan Bui on "Discrete Vector Fields and the Cohomology of Certain Arithmetic and Crystolographic Group".

Refreshments to follow.

AGM » ADB1020 (Aras de Brun) » 16th April 2015

AGM to elect the new committee

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: David Barry

Vice-Auditor: Peter Keane

Treasurer: Simone Coughlan

Secretary: Yaxuan Yu

O.C.M: Richard Burke

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Bram Siebert

Vice-Auditor: Yaxuan Yu

Treasurer: Simone Coughlan

Secretary: Ngoc Nguyen

Maths Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	114.07	Bank charge	€18.06
USC Grant	€1000	Dinner	€27
		Reception	€314.92
		Socs day expenses	€14.82
		Speaker accomm	€79
		Speaker travel	€45
		Expenditure Total	€498.8
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€615.27
Total	€1114.07	Total	€1114.07

Mission Statement

To provide a forum to discuss mathematical concepts and ideas and encourage interaction of students in different mathematical areas.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

1. Give students an understanding of the application of maths in research through talks from research students and lecturers
2. Provide networking opportunities for mathematics students and faculty through outreach events such as talks
3. Provide a social outlet for mathematics students through regular social events

Society Performance Reflection

This year was a great one for the society. We increased our membership and improved undergraduate involvement in the society. We held a series of talks throughout the year which were a great success and exposed members to new areas and ideas they had not come across before. Our social events were also a great success and we plan to continue these next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved all the goals we set in the beginning of the semester.

Our seminar series helped facilitate networking opportunities for our members and members of the school of mathematics. These talks also gave members an opportunity to learn more about the application of maths.

Our social events gave members an outlet and chance to unwind with fellow maths students.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was ensuring that we had a range of interesting topics and speakers lined up. This year our list of speakers included a researcher from the University of Manitoba, Canada. This is the first time the society has had a speaker from Canada and this was a great success.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was making sure we had interesting speakers lined up every week.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 348 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Maths Soc		
<u>Peter Keane</u>	Vice-Auditor	60 hours
<u>Simone Coughlan</u>	Treasurer	35 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	95 hours	

Mature Students

The mature student society is a society for mature students in the university (i.e. students over 23 years of age)

Mature Students Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Stars in Their Eyes- 60s 70s 80s Event » Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit » 9th October – 10th October 2014

Step back in time and dance the night away to the hits of the 60s 70s & 80s. Doors open at 9pm :)

Cake and Clothing Sale » Smokey's cafe, Concourse » 19th November 2014

Cake sale and Clothing sale, in aid of the children of Tarlungeni (North Romania). If you have any clothes you would like to donate to this really worthwhile cause bring them along on the day!

presentation skills workshop » Meeting Room 2 Aras Na Macleinn » 4th February 2015

Presentation skills workshop for mature students, places limited, 085 7146854 text to reserve place

presentation skills workshop » Art Room » 6th February 2015

Presentation skills workshop

presentation skills workshop » Meeting Room 2 » 11th February 2015

Presentation skills workshop part two

digital photography the basics and composing photographs » The Space, Aras Na MacLeinn » 12th February 2015

Mature soc are pleased to announce a training session on digital photography and composing photographs in conjunction with the photographic society. course given by gavin donohue, pizza after!! for bookings text 085 7146854, places limited.bring your camera and amaze yourself!

Members general meeting » The Space » 5th March 2015

The members in attendance will have a short brief of the suggested venue and time table of the proposed holiday trip. suggestion on how it will be looked after will be put to the members and all decisions will be formed by the members at time of meeting

CV Workshop for Mature Students » Careers Seminar Room » 9th March 2015

All are welcome to this CV Workshop for Mature Students.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: John Cunningham

Treasurer: Mahmoud Elbattah

Vice-Auditor: Mary Teresa Spellman

Alumini & Child Safety Officer: Caroline Gormley

OCM: Bridget McDonagh O'Toole

Secretary: Stephen Doyle

OCM: Patricia O'Mahony

Mature Soc Public relations officer: Patrick Murphy

Organisation Balance Sheet

Mature Students Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	581.18	Bank charge	€36.37
Bank Charge	€8.5	Dinner	€482.51
Socs box Till	€62	Entertainment	€41.97
USC Grant	€2500	Fundraising / Charity	€888.09

		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€20.1
		Printing	€246
		Society transport	€324.6
		Socs Box Till Refund	€36
		Expenditure Total	€2075.64
		Closing Bank Balance	€1076.04
Total	€3151.68	Total	€3151.68

Mission Statement

The mature society, hopes to serve as a focal point for all students of all diversity's and interest's. Not only to have a place in which to relax from the everyday learning, but also to help in active small study groups for those who may need that extra helping hand. The NUI Galway Mature Student Society profile page is currently being updated, with more information on activities and workshops added as they have been set up.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The mature society, will try over the semester to run a number of helpful sessions on what is perceived as been most helpful to those in need, we also hope to have one day trip away for students to simple relax from the everyday college routine. We also hope to have an evening event to give support to a charity of our choosing, (possible table quiz). The annual mature holiday will be planned for the end of May to give students a chill out from exams. This three day away trip will be to Edinburgh (Scotland). To finish of the year with an AGN for our members and talk about coals for 2015/2016

Society Performance Reflection

Due to a number of factors beyond our control the society had a slow start, and did not get our bank account operational until late November, did not get the key for socs locker for mature students until the end of December. We planned a day trip to Glasnevin cemetery that had to be cancelled due to only 5 members signing up and paying for the trip. The society did run some workshops that were successful in semester two. The society arranged a trip to Edinburgh that did take place in May 2015. We also had a photography workshop with the Gavin from photosoc.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved some of our aims and goals this year, but not as many as we wanted to achieve.

Greatest Challenge

Apathy and a lack of interest, difficult to strike a balance -find an identity and purpose for the society.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 186 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Mature Students		
<u>Patrick Murphy</u>	PRO mature soc committe	300 hours
<u>Michelle Mitchell</u>	Volunteer to Brasov Orphanages	50 hours
<u>John Cunningham</u>	auditor	300 hours
<u>Patricia O'Mahony</u>	Ordinary committee member	120 hours

<u>Mary Butler-Walsh</u>	Galway Brasov Group Vice Auditor and Treasurer	300 hours
<u>Bridget McDonagh O'Toole</u>	Volunteer and fundraising	200 hours
<u>Mary Teresa Spellman</u>	Vice Auditor	209 hours
<u>Catherine Griffith</u>	Volunteer	140 hours
<u>Helen Galvin</u>	Member of the Galway Brasov Group	200 hours
# ALIVE Students:	9 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1819 hours	

Medicine Soc

Our MedSoc team this year carried out a fundamental goal to improve the student experience. Every year there are a number of events for students to interact. This year we had a number of events which included, but are not limited to: a meet-and-greet in September, several USMLE talks, several sporting tournaments including the 5-a-side held in November and Intervarsities in March, Masquerade Ball, and of course, the amazing MedBall held in December. As a society we aim to: advocate for medical students, ensure representation of NUIG at intervarsity competitions, support students academically and promote high educational standards, and further promote healthy social interaction between its members.

This year, the medical society has a total of 621 memberships, mainly comprising medical students of NUIG. This is an increase from last year's 515 students.

Medicine Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 28 events.

Medical Society Surf Trip » *Lahinch Surf School Lahinch, Ireland » 10th October – 12th October 2014 (3 individual events)*

Ebola: The story untold » *AM250 » 21st October 2014*

Medsoc and Friends of MSF will co-host a talk on the 21st of October on the Ebola outbreak. Dr. Diarmuid O'Donovan has recently returned from the frontlines of the Ebola outbreak and will be talking about his experiences of the disease, the damage it has caused and how it is being managed. All welcome :)

USMLE Talk - Meducation » *AM250 - COLM O H-EOCHA THEATRE Arts Millennium building » 3rd November 2014*

Medball Ticket sales - FINAL MED » *CSI Building » 17th November 2014*

Medball Ticket sales - 4th Med » *CSI Building » 18th November 2014*

Tickets cost

MedSoc + MSF bakesale for Childline » *CSI Building » 19th November 2014*

USMLE talk » *CSI Building » 20th November 2014*

The School of Medicine and Cillian McNamara will be giving a talk to students who are interested in sitting the USMLE this coming summer. The SoM will highlight their requirements to ensure a student's eligibility to sit the exam and Cillian share his perspective on the exam and some helpful tips and tricks to ensure success!

Medball Christmas shoebox competition » *CSI Building » 24th November 2014*

Seasons' greetings, Medsoc!

Have we got a festive competition for you!

How would YOU like a FREE full ticket to MEDBALL,

A 25 euro voucher to spend in the Radisson hotel on the night

AND a delicious breakfast/brunch/lunch/dinner (depending on what time you wake up at!) for yourself and one of your mates in Mr Waffle the

next day?! All while contributing to the most worthy of causes!
So get packing those shoeboxes and help us spread some festive cheer!
Best of luck!

MedBall Ticket Sales (Pre Med - Third med) » Aras an Mac Leinn » 27th November 2014

medball ticket sales -- 65 euro per person.

MedBall » Radisson blu Hotel » 19th December – 20th December 2014

It's beginning to feel a lot like christmas... which means MedBall Time!

Dec 19th: Enjoy a champagne reception surrounded by all the best features of Las Vegas from 6 pm. Whether you want to spin the wheel of fortune, or try your hand at the roulette table, there are some great prizes to be had. At 7 pm, you will be invited to a luxurious 4 course meal in the beautiful ballroom of Galway's Premier venue.

Saturday 20th of December

There's no better way to nurse the hangover than heading to College bar at 2pm sharp! Buck Taylor will once again grace our beloved ball. DJ Byrno will be back at work in the afternoon getting you in the mood for what's to come!

Welcome back » Skeff Bar » 15th January 2015

Happy New Year all!

Without further ado...lets get this party started!!

You know the drill; free finger food in the Skeff from 8 onwards with free entry to Karma for all!

See you there!

MedSoc xoxo

Premed Movie Night » Larmor Theater » 20th January 2015

USMLE Talk - DIT » CSI Large lecture theatre » 28th January 2015

DIT are hosting this talk in which they will go through the USMLE process in detail and also outline the preparation USMLE course that they have on offer. Should be an informative evening for those of you who are interested in a future career in America! Also for every person who attends, DIT will make a 5euro donation to VSA!! And there will be food provided after!

NUIG Medfest 2015 » LLT Clinical Skills Institute (CSI) » 3rd February 2015

Psychiatry Soc and NUIG Medical Society are proud to host MedFest for it's second year running at NUIG. MedFest is a medically themed film festival organised by a group of UK psychiatry trainees and runs in medical schools across the UK and Ireland.

This year's theme is 'Global Medicine & Civilizations'. A selection of short film clips and animations are shown and then discussed by a group of 4 of our most distinguished and witty panelists.

There will of course be FREE WAFFLE FOOD, PIZZA and REFRESHMENTS. And if that wasn't enough there'll be FREE goodie bags from Gourmet Tart too.

Dont know where the Clinical Sciences Institute is? There will be directions from the entrance of the hospital to bring you directly to the Large Lecture Theatre!

See you there for a wonderful night of film, fun and food.

<http://www.medfest.co.uk/>

MedSoc Shave or Dye in aid of Irish Cancer Society » Quays Bar » 5th March 2015

Shave or Dye is back and this year it will be bigger and better than last year!

Last year at the inaugural event we raised over 2,500 euro in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and we hope to surpass that this year.

This year we will be having a joint event with Slainte Soc's annual fundraiser in Electric Nightclub. Tickets will be on sale soon for 8 euro which gets you entry into the Quay's and free into Electric afterwards. You'll be supporting both societies on the night! You'll be able to buy tickets from the volunteers and your class reps.

Online donations will also be possible. You can donate here:

<http://www.mycharity.ie/fundPageTemplateX.php?urlRef=nuigmedsocsod>

Medicine Intervarsities » NUI Galway » 20th March – 22nd March 2015 (3 individual events)

The medical intervarsities are back for another year, this time to be held in NUI Galway. This weekend event invites students from all the medical schools in Ireland to compete in both sporting and academic events to win the Intervarsity trophy.

Celebrations to be held in Galway's infamous nightclub, Karma, on Saturday night, for a chance to better get to know other medical students from all over Ireland!

Friday 20th March: Welcome beverages & food 9pm (NUIG College Bar)

Saturday 21st March: Tag Rugby, 5-a-side football, tug of war, GAA, university challenge, battle of the bands, night out in Karma

Sunday 22nd March a.m.: Breakfast @ Mr. Waffle

TEDMED Live! » *CSI small lecture theatre » 12th September 2014*

TEDMED Live is coming back to Galway! Don't miss out on a great chance to see some fascinating talks, streamed in from TEDMED in Washington DC and San Francisco

Refreshment and Cheese Night! » *CSI Building » 25th September 2014*

Join us in the CSI on Thursday 25th of September for some refreshments, cheese and tips for the upcoming year! Each year will be given a talk by a member of the class above them to let you know what to expect this time around.

4th and 5th Meds; Large Lecture Theatre

2nd and 3rd Meds; Small Lecture Theatre

Premeds and 1st years; Pathology Lab

After that, head to the Skeff for the after party and free finger food at 10 and everyone gets free into Karma with special guest DJ Mike Mago!

A evening not to be missed!

Ancora: "I am still learning" » *CSI Large lecture theatre » 1st October 2014*

A Q&A session with Dr. Gerard Flaherty on how to study effectively, and to excel at both written exams and OSCEs!

An invaluable evening of advice!

Masquerade Ball » *Markree Castle, Sligo » 18th October – 19th October 2014*

VSA and MedSoc present "The Masquerade Ball"!!!

This spectacular night begins with a champagne reception, followed by a four-course meal and then we will dance the night away with a live band and DJ!

MPS Case Conference Competition » *RCSI, Dublin » 19th February 2015*

This is the second year of the Medical Protection Society's national Medical Case Conference!

It's always an interesting night and well worth both attending and taking part in! Contact MedSoc if you are interested; the deadline for submissions is Monday the 9th of February.

MedSoc AGM » *CSI Building » 16th April 2015*

MedSoc AGM will be held on April 16th in the CSI

Positions to be filled:

Positions to be filled include the following:

Auditor - head honcho.

Vice-Auditor - head honcho if the Auditor is away.

Secretary - writes emails and letters, keeps minutes at meetings.

Treasurer - fundraises, looks after all the money and writes the cheques. Must be present during Semester 1 of 4th med.

Co-treasurer - Same roles as the treasurer, but must be present in Galway during semester 2 of 4th med.

Public Relations Officer - manages the Facebook account, takes care of posterings and newspapers.

Education Officer - organises conferences, research day, and debates; sends interesting articles and papers to members.

Entertainments Officer - responsible for Med Ball, Swing Ball, club nights and other social activities.

Sports Officer - organises the sports and memorial tournaments, makes sure we have teams for intervarsities.

Newsletter Editor - puts together the newsletter.

Outreach Officer - coordinates charity work.

Ordinary Committee Members - help out with any projects as needed.

NUIG MedSoc 5-A side Football Tournament » *Corrib village cages » 5th November 2014*

It's that time of year once again...the annual 5-a-side Med Tournament!!!

The night kicks off at 5pm in the Corrib Village Cages and the tournament itself ends around 10pm, butttt never fear the rest of the night is only getting started!

There will be free finger food in the Skeff from 10.30pm and then complimentary entry into Karma!

Five players per team (just in case you hadn't already guessed) and entry is 25 euro per team.

Could one player from each team please email k.mcmahon7@nuigalway.ie with the names of your team.

Special rule; Every goal scored by a girl will count as two!!

Kindly supported by The Skeff/Karma, Mr Waffles, Newcastle Road and NUIG Ladies Soccer Team.

Cash prizes for finalists, a Mr. Waffle voucher for the player ("waffler") of the tournament, some beautiful medals and a cup are all there for the taking, sure come along and make Mammy proud!

See you all Wednesday folks!

MedSoc Specialties Night! » CSI Building » 8th April 2015

Join us in the CSI for a chance to hear speakers from the various specialties talk about their chosen careers and the paths to get there! On the night there will be great opportunity to ask questions and get feedback! There will be speakers from Psychiatry, Paediatrics, General Medicine, GP, Plastics, Anaesthetics and Interventional Radiology. Hope to see you all there at 7 and we'll finish the night off in the Skeff!

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-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

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

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Harry Economos

Co-Treasurer Semester 1: Mel Corbett

Secretary: Christine Condon

Education Officer: Katie St John

Outreach Officer: Lorcan O'Maoileannaigh

Newsletter Editor: Conor Murphy

Ordinary Committee Member: Diarmaid Joyce

Alternate Officer #2: Sonja Moore

Vice-Auditor: Alison Duffy

Co-Treasurer Semester 2: Ciara Tarpey

PRO: Caolan Coleman

Entertainment Officer: Amy Rolston

Sports Officer: Dara Jones

Ordinary Committee Member: Jenny Fitzgibbon

Alternate Officer #1: Conor Costigan

Organisation Balance Sheet

Medicine Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	7470.62	Ball	€42073.259999999995
Fundraising	€6691	Bank charge	€166.31
Online Till	€22175	Dinner	€2966.25
Societies day	€5135	Entertainment	€8701.25
Socs box Till	€1530	Equipment misc	€324
Sponsorship	€172.5	Fundraising / Charity	€6785.41
Ticket Sales	€30794	Gifts	€300
USC Grant	€2000	Hall hire	€50
		Hire Bus	€840
		Materials	€544.01

		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€1549.3
		Society accomm	€2411
		Society transport	€1573.69
		Speaker travel	€200
		Expenditure Total	€68484.48
		Closing Bank Balance	€7483.64
Total	€75968.12	Total	€75968.12

Mission Statement

To support, advocate, entertain, educate and encourage all medical students at NUIG and the wider community

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The aims of the Society shall be

- To represent students of the School 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 students of NUI, Galway, to benefit the wider community.
- To ensure representation of NUI, Galway at intervarsity 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.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall Medsoc aims to improve every year. This year was no different. We had the opportunity to continue the success of past committees by running The Masquerade Ball in aid of VSA and the annual Med Ball at Christmas. This year's Masquerade ball surpassed last year's event by raising over €5000 for VSA.

Another aim of Medsoc is to represent the medical students and school. This was achieved through various means this year. Not only are the committee now considered part of the School Board, and an important voice in school decisions, but we have also achieved our aim in communicating with the students themselves.

The annual Medball gives students a chance to let their hair down and relax following the stressful Christmas exam period. This year was no different! Students and staff alike gathered in the Radisson to celebrate the fruits of our labour throughout the year. For the first time, Med Soc, were able to supply an international act at the event. This was seen as a great achievement for the committee.

The medical students also received the opportunity to learn about their future college years and also their potential future careers through both our Refreshment and Cheese evening and Specialities evenings. Overall Medsoc has had a great year of success.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

NUIG MedSoc represents the students of NUIGalway's School of Medicine. As a society we aim to both support our members academically and provide organisation for them socially. As a committee we sat down and agreed upon areas we felt that we could improve upon as a society during this academic year, an idea passed on from the previous committee.

We were given great opportunities to advocate for the best interest of the student body when the auditor of our society was invited to sit it at the monthly school board meetings held by the School of Medicine. This gave us a real opportunity to communicate with those responsible for our member's education, and advocate at the highest possible level for our member's needs.

This year we had the pleasure of hosting the Medical Intervarsity - giving us the perfect opportunity to encourage as many of our members as possible to join in the sporting events and get to know students from various colleges. It was very well attended.

We organised the wonderful Masquerade Ball in October - all profits from which went to Voluntary Services Abroad, a philanthropic organization responsible for sending medical students to resource poor countries for a number of weeks of the summer. We contributed over five thousand euro to their fund.

We held a number of academic events throughout the year - beginning with our welcome night, where each year was given a guest speaker from the year above explaining what was really expected of them for the upcoming academic year. We also held several topical educational events discussing issues relevant to our members - issues as diverse as Ebola and the USMLE exams (exams necessary to practice as a doctor in America)

We also held a number of more social events including our inaugural surf trip for first years (which sold out in a little over an hour!), movie nights and of course MedBall to encourage as much interaction between our members as possible - hopefully forming lifelong friendships in the process!

Greatest Success

Shave or dye held for the second year in the Quays bar. There was a fantastic turnout again this year. The Facebook campaign prior to the event was exceptional! Online polls and daily nominations were had with colour and hairstyle suggestions being submitted from students across the board.

Working as a team to overcome some of the important issues that go along with being part of a society has to be one of the greatest successes of MedSoc. Given the nature of the medical course in NUIG the 3rd, 4th and final year students spend a calendar year outside of Galway. The committee is made primarily of 3rd and 4th year students thus this split in the year has major implications.

Communication is the key to success for Medsoc! With numbers scattered all over hospitals in the west the society would not achieve anything with a strong communication foundation.

Whilst some may have felt the burden of a long distance committee relationship, most of us were happy to put in the time and effort this relationship deserves.

Greatest Challenge

A continuing major challenge for the society was the introduction of two compulsory semesters at a peripheral academy (Sligo, Castlebar, Ballinasloe or Donegal). This has left some students feeling isolated and made it more difficult for us to cater for their needs, both social and educational. We overcame this obstacle by using existing infrastructure to live-link educational events to the academies as they happened, allowing students in these three centres to interact with the speakers. On a social level, we organised a charity ball in Sligo, which enjoyed significant popularity among students from all three academies.

This system also meant that at any one point only half of our committee was present in Galway (the rest being on placement). Although we tried to ensure the meetings catered to all members' schedules, we found that members having to Skype into meetings was not easy! In January, several members of the committee returned from peripheral academies and three others left Galway for peripheral hospital. Thankfully through communication, team work and obsessive use of social media we were able to overcome this challenge.

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 621 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Medicine Soc		
<u>Kate McCarthy</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Gerard Browne</u>	Auditor of Surgical Society, subdivision of MedSoc	50 hours
<u>Amy Rossiter</u>	helped with medfest	10 hours
<u>Pishoy Gouda</u>	Immediate Past Auditor	20 hours
<u>Samuel Fanous</u>	Secretary	95 hours
<u>Lisa Flynn</u>	Co-Auditor	180 hours
<u>Paul Whooley</u>	Emergency Medicine Student Society of Ireland, NUI Galway	30 hours
<u>Joseph Conway</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	15 hours
<u>Mary Byrne</u>	Medical orchestra member	10 hours
<u>Carl Byrne</u>	Education Officer	80 hours
<u>Lorcan O'Maoileannaigh</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Caoimhe O'Sullivan</u>	committee member and newsletter editor	80 hours
<u>David Gorey</u>	EMSSI Vice Auditor	20 hours
<u>Elizabeth MacKen</u>	OCM - EMSSI	10 hours
<u>Matthew Sheridan</u>	Outreach Officer	40 hours
<u>Eileen Shannon</u>	EMSSI Committee Member	8 hours
<u>Alison Fahey</u>	Class Rep	8 hours
<u>Alison Fahey</u>	Class Rep	8 hours
<u>Marize Bakhet</u>	2nd Medicine Class Representative	10 hours
<u>Kevin McMahon</u>	Sports Officer	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	20 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	944 hours	

Microsoc

Microsoc is a society in the department of Microbiology, NUI Galway, which is set up and ran by postgraduate students. The society aims to bring everyone within the department and university together through the organisation of social events and guest speakers. Microsoc has organised great events this year, which had great attendance. Included in these events were the 4th year Christmas fancy dress party, charity mulled wine and coffee morning, the postgraduate ball, the big Micro bake-off, monthly Microsoc meetings, tag rugby and the end of year BBQ held for the department. Overall, Microsoc have organised entertaining and interesting events which have hopefully brought people from the microbiology department closer together.

Microsoc Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

Cheese and Chats... » *Micro Common Room » 5th September 2014*

Cheese, beverages, elderflower cordial. One last hurrah before the end of the year. A pleasant relaxed evening was had. Attendance of 13 people.

Socs Day » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 10th September 2014*

Table manned by MicroSoc members
Good sign up numbers on the day.

Micro Postgraduate Seminar » *Dunican Lecture Hall » 12th September 2014*

4th in series.
Speaker: Sarah O'Sullivan

Micro Common Room New Art » *Micro Common Room » 12th September 2014*

Prints of winning entries from photo competition now hanging in common room to replace old motivational posters that nobody liked...!

MicroSoc AGM » *Small Seminar Room, Dept of Microbiology » 19th September 2014*

All are welcome to this year's AGM.

MicroSoc 4th Year Party » *Monroe's Tavern (Dominick St) » 23rd October 2014*

Party to welcome all 4th year students and all new members. Music and free finger food. Everyone Welcome!!!

MicroSoc November Meeting » *Dunican Lecture Hall » 10th November 2014*

MicroSoc Meeting.
Some items on the agenda will include
Vote on Christmas party theme
Vote on Coffee morning charity
Finalising Christmas party
Postgraduate ball
Everyone welcome!!!

Postgraduate seminar series » *Dunican Lecture Hall » 14th November 2014*

Microbiology Seminar with Maire Connolly » *McMunn Lecture Theatre » 21st November 2014*

Come join us for a lunchtime seminar with Professor Maire Connolly who is now based in the Discipline of Bacteriology at the School of Medicine working on international health. She is involved in a number of research projects including surveillance in emergencies and pandemic response.

Monthly Meeting » *Dunican lecture theatre » 1st December 2014*

Postgraduate seminar series » *Dunican Lecture Hall » 12th December 2014*

MicroSoc's Annual Mulled Wine and Coffee morning » *Environmental seminar room. » 12th December 2014*

MicroSoc's annual mulled wine and coffee morning will be held in the environmental seminar room from 10am - 12pm. This year all proceeds from the event shall be donated to Pieta House, a charity which helps those affected by suicide, suicidal thoughts and self-harm, so please give generously and let

MicroSoc's Annual Bake Off » *Environmental seminar room. » 12th December 2014*

Following on from the success of last year

MicroSoc Christmas party » *Busker Brownes Bar, Cross Street » 17th December 2014*

MicroSoc's annual fancy dress Christmas party will take place on Wednesday, December 17th in Busker Brownes at 8.30pm. The theme for this years party is Song titles. Tickets are 5 euro each and can be purchased from the microbiology department.

Postgrad Ball Ticket Sales » *Foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn » 2nd February – 3rd February 2015 (2 individual events)*

Early Bird tickets for the postgrad ball are on sale on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd February from 12pm-4pm in the foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn. It promises to be a great night in the Salthill hotel with music from The Converse Allstars followed by DJ

Postgrad Ball » Salthill Hotel » 5th March 2015

The annual Postgrad Ball will be held on Thursday March 5th in the Salthill Hotel. A reception will be held from 6.30pm with dinner being served at 8pm. Music by the Converse Allstars with DJ after.

MicroSoc 4th year BBQ » College Bar NUIG » 18th May 2015

MicroSoc are holding a BBQ for all 4th year microbiology students and postgrads to celebrate the end of the exams.

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: Beth O'Donoghue

Auditor: Colm Lowry

Secretary: Justine Rudkin

Treasurer: Kerrie Nicaogain

OCM: Nikki Black

Vice-Treasurer: Andrea Flannery

OCM: Laura Gallagher

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Kerrie Nicaogain

Vice-Auditor: Andrea Flannery

Microsoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3920.97	Ball	€9630.86
Balls	€10210.73	Bank charge	€52.13
Fundraising	€170	Entertainment	€654.35
Socs box Till	€3695	Equipment misc	€69.99
Ticket Sales	€135	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€85.22
USC Grant	€1600	Printing	€203.16
		Prizes	€115.91
		Received Money Returned	€910
		Reception	€126.34
		Expenditure Total	€11847.96
		Closing Bank Balance	€7883.74
Total	€19731.7	Total	€19731.7

Mission Statement

The Society acts as an informative and supportive body for students and employees of Microbiology in NUI Galway. It functions to provide information of upcoming workshops, seminars and Microbiology related events, as well as being the main governing body for these events in the University. It also acts as to provide social and educational outlet for its members, and has the responsibility of organising Microbiology related events which are both beneficial and enjoyable to its members.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The Societies aims are as follows:

1) To offer a link between students and administrative staff in the department of Microbiology and ensure good lines of communication and transparency.

- 2) To foster progressive attitudes towards the field of Microbiology and promote its role in the Scientific community whenever possible.
- 3) To provide a forum in which students and researchers of Microbiology can discuss and communicate their results, via the organisation of a seminar series.
- 4) To act as a organising body for Microbiology related events and to provide a social and educational outlet for members.

Objectives and Goals:

- 1) To organise events throughout the year for its members which will be both educational and enjoyable.
- 2) To provide Seminar series of both postgraduate and post-doctoral researchers, and maintain its monthly running and attendance.
- 3) To try and increase the members of the Microbiology Society whenever possible, and to encourage participation and organisation of events.
- 4) To act as the governing body for the the Post Graduate Ball in the University.

Society Performance Reflection

Overall the society did well this year through the organisation of events (the biggest being the postgraduate ball) and seminar series which had attendance from students and staff of the microbiology department.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Microsoc achieved many of our main aims and objectives. Microsoc organised a fancy dress party and summer BBQ which encouraged undergraduate, postgraduate and staff to meet and form good lines of communication between all. Seminar series were also held throughout the year for anyone in the department to attend. This provided an educational and enjoyable experience for members and non-members within the college. The postgraduate ball was a great success this year with committee members meeting regularly to organise this enjoyable event. Further encouragement is needed to increase members of Microsoc.

Greatest Success

The postgraduate ball - A massive event, but very successful.

Greatest Challenge

The postgraduate ball - although very successful, there was a high amount of organisation involved which required many members doing several tasks.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 248 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Misneach

Cumann ata i Misneach ata ag iarraidh smaointi reabhloideacha a chur chun cinn frid mhean na Gaeilge agus chomh maith leis sin ta muid ag iarraidh na Gaeil a thabhairt le cheile le seasamh ar son ar gcuid ceart. D'eirigh linn cuid mhaith de sin a dheanamh i mbliana agus bhi cuid mhor ocaidi ar siul againn chuige sin.

Misneach Events

This year the society held a total of 105 events.

Ranganna Gaeilge » AC202 » 1st September – 20th January 2015 (21 individual events)

Ranganna gaeilge le seanab mac aoidh. irish classes

Ranganna Gaeilge » AC202 » 3rd September – 15th April 2015 (33 individual events)

ranganna gaeilge le seanan mac aoidh. irish classes

Ranganna Gaeilge » AC202 » 4th September – 28th May 2015 (39 individual events)

ranganna gaeilge le seanan mac aoidh. irish classes

scannan » Teatar Aras na Gaeilge » 18th December 2014

Ag breathnu ar an scannan poitin. watching the film poitin

oicheantai san aras » aras na gael sraid dominic » 21st January – 26th March 2015 (10 individual events)

oicheantai san aras

cracic agus comhra. nights in aras na gael

Caint Phoibl » Seomra 106, » 23rd February 2015

Caint Phoibl

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Eadaoin Donnelly White

Vice-Auditor: Naoise O'Caireallain

Auditor: Páraic O'Finneadhá

Treasurer: Paul Cassidy

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Naoise O'Caireallain

Vice-Auditor: Daire Ni Chanain

Treasurer: Domhnall

Secretary: Paul Cassidy

Misneach Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	200		
		Expenditure Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€200
Total	€200	Total	€200

Mission Statement

Réabhlóid shóisialach trí mheán na Gaeilge

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Athghabháil na Gaeilge. An Sóisialachas.

Society Performance Reflection

Go measartha maith fá choinne cumann nua

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

D'eirigh linn seasamh a dheanamh ar son ar gcuid ceart agus deirigh linn oideachas a chur orainn fhein agus ar ghaeil eile

Greatest Success

Iris s'againn 'Mionlach'

Greatest Challenge

Iris s'againn 'Mionlach'

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 156 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Musical Society (GUMS)

This was an extremely successful year for Galway University Musical Society in many ways. From the second the AGM was finished last year, we knew we had put together a team that was ready to strive towards an even higher standard for our growing society.

The team met together to select the show and after debating for hours, we decided on Cabaret to contrast our successful run of last year's light hearted production of The Drowsy Chaperone.

Our first meeting as a committee during the new college year was to address the outlining of roles, auditions for Cabaret, a variety show, and Socs Day. Socs Day and the variety show were a huge success due to the team efforts and enthusiasm brought forth by the committee. The society now has 655 members!

After an EGM where we elected Musical Director, Fionnola, and Sets Assistant, Dylan, we held auditions, where the numbers were staggering. We were extremely pleased to see the interest in the show.

Next on our agenda (other than a committee karaoke night) was to plan for NUIG's Got Talent. As "Ents Officer" Diarmuid stepped up and planned what was to become our most successful year yet. After three heats of extremely talented performers, we had a SOLD OUT Final in the Bailey Allen, where we utilized the amazing talents of our newly cast Emcee, Martin Kenny, to host the show. This was the first time that we had a host in character to promote our big show. The energy of the audience in the packed Bailey Allen Hall will not be soon forgotten by the committee.

With a Meet & Greet of the cast having taken place and rehearsals underway, it was also time to start planning for the Musical Collaboration with Dramsoc. Due to the great times had in Summer Nights the previous year, we decided that we wanted something of the sort to take place again, however we wanted to give the production more time and organization. Company was

chosen as the musical and another production team was put in place. Countless hours of rehearsals went into this Stephen Sondheim show. Richard, Robbie, and Jack put the cast through the ringer with tough love and devotion. The show was an extreme success, earning sold out shows and a standing ovation every night. This event is hopefully something that will be maintained by next year's committee.

Throughout the first semester there was an active effort to get the entire society to bond. We had lovely cast parties and even took a trip to see *Shrek: The Musical* in Dublin.

There was also an active effort to try and find a place to build the set for the show. We went through several different locations, but ended up getting to use the soils lab.

After the wrap up of our weekly semester one committee and production meetings (equipped with wonderfully informative minutes and hilarious memes), it was time for Christmas holidays where we would be bracing ourselves for the crazy month about to come.

January was the start of weekend rehearsals for *Cabaret* and we were happy to see that we had a faithful cast who were great with attendance.

The Muscailt Press Launch was our big chance to show the community what we had been working on. We performed two numbers from *Cabaret*, one of them in full costume so that pictures could be taken for the local newspapers. The launch was a huge success with an abundance of praise coming in for the costumes.

After all the hours put in by our cast and amazing production team, it was finally time for our big show to kick off. *Cabaret* premiered in The Black Box Theatre on February 10th to a very excited audience. A past auditor came and said it was the best GUMS production she had ever seen. We were ecstatic about the success of the first night and each show continued to get better and better each night. I invited the president of AIMS to come and see the show as our special guest. She came backstage and gushed over the performance, which was certainly one of the highlights of our run. She wasn't shy about how much she loved our Roisin and Martin.

It was a bit quiet after our extremely successful run of *Cabaret*, which sold out on the last night and received a standing ovation. The year is ending with a Musical Medley in which condensed versions of 4 different musicals will be put on.

This was an exciting year to be in GUMS. We have had three very different productions take place along with countless other events for fundraising or just for fun. The committee and society members worked so well together and it was a year of respect and appreciation for everyone's individual talents. I truly believed that we created a space where people felt welcome and able to express their creativity with people who were looking for the same sort of outlet. And none of the successes this year would have been possible without the unending devotion of Freya and Alida, our auditor and vice-auditor. What a wonderful example of leadership and love of a society.

We will celebrate this year with the GUMS Ball in the Galway Bay Hotel and by going on our annual trip to London! With that, bring on the new committee and let the AGM commence!

Musical Society (GUMS) Events

This year the society held a total of 78 events.

GUMS and Dramsoc Variety Show » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 3rd September 2014*

GUMS and Dramsoc have joined together to bring you a Variety show of Epic proportions!

It's all kicking off on the 3rd of September in the cube at 6pm. Whether you can sing, dance, act, play instruments, do magic tricks, recite poetry, whatever it may be, we want to see you!

Societies Day » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 10th September 2014*

Societies Day is taking place today from 10-6 in Bailey Allen Hall. Make sure to pop over to the GUMS stand to say hi , check out what events are happening this semester and to find out audition details for our production of 'CABARET' happening in February 2015 !!!! :D Don't forget to renew your memberships with us for this academic year aswell. Looking forward to seeing ye all!

GUMS EGM! » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 12th September 2014*

GUMS needs you ! We are having an EGM tonight to elect vacant positions on the GUMS committee and production team . We are looking for a musical Director for our main production of 'CABARET' happening in February 2015 and a Sets Assistant ! If you could see yourself doing either of these positions or know of someone who would be interested please come along to the meeting. We would love to hear from you!

Open Auditions for Cabaret! » *Aras an Mac Leinn » 15th September 2014*

Come and audition for our main musical--Cabaret! You will be asked to sing, act, and dance. The only thing you need to have prepared is a song to sing. Scripts and a dance routine will be provided for you. Don't worry about being the best, just come and have fun! Wear comfortable clothes for dancing. Pop into us at your convenience :)

Callbacks for Cabaret! » *Aras an Mac Leinn » 17th September 2014*

Callbacks will take place in The Space. You will be contacted in regards to your callback and what to have prepared.

GUMS meet and greet ! » *The "cube", Aras na Mac Leinn » 24th September 2014*

GUMS meet and greet taking place at 6 pm in the Cube ! We'll be announcing the cast, giving you the details on rehearsals, having some lols and then heading to the college bar where DJ soc will be playing some tunes ! Then we'll be heading onwards for a night with our friends in Carbon! So make sure you're there if you've auditioned for the show this year and want to be part of the chorus! It'll be fab :)

GUMS Singing Rehearsals! » *aras ui chathail » 29th September 2014*

GUMS Acting Rehearsals-Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 30th September 2014*

Only leads needed for acting rehearsals this week.

GUMS Dancing Rehearsals! » *The Cube » 1st October 2014*

Singing Rehearsals for Cabaret » *aras ui chathail » 6th October 2014*

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret - Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 7th October 2014*

Company AUDITIONS! » *Aran na Mac Leinn » 8th October 2014*

Our Musical Collaboration with Dramsoc this year is going to be Company! It's a great show with an abundance of parts so come on down to the auditions!! Singing Auditions will be held from 3-5 in the Art Room. Acting Auditions will be held from 4-7 in the Small Acoustic Room

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *The Cube » 8th October 2014*

Bake Sale! » *Smokey's » 8th October 2014*

Singing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *aras ui chathail » 13th October 2014*

NUIG's Got Talent- Heat 1! » *College Bar » 14th October 2014*

Come on down and check out the talent our college has to offer! We have a full set up with contestants, judges, and a 1000 euro grand prize! If you are interested in entering as a contestant, the sign up is in the Socsbox. There will be three heats and then a final to decide the winner! If you just want to watch, entrance is free! Just meet us in the back of the college bar this Tuesday :)

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret - Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 14th October 2014*

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *Aula Maxima » 15th October 2014*

Singing Rehearsals for Cabaret » *aras ui chathail » 20th October 2014*

NUIG's Got Talent- Heat 2!!! » *College Bar » 21st October 2014*

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret - Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 21st October 2014*

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *Aula Maxima » 22nd October 2014*

The Drowsy Chaperone Viewing! » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall » 25th October 2014*

Come along and see our amazing production from last year--The Drowsy Chaperone!

NUIG's Got Talent- Heat 3!!! » *College Bar* » 28th October 2014

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret - Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 28th October 2014

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *The Cube* » 29th October 2014

Sweeney Todd Screening! » *Colm O' hEocha Theatre* » 30th October 2014

Come one, come all! GUMS are holding a screening of the Halloween musical Sweeney Todd! There will be blood, there will also be singing.

GUMS & Dramsoc Halloween Party! » *Monroe's Tavern (Dominick St)* » 30th October – 31st October 2014

Get your costumes on and get down to Monroe's for the joined GUMS & Dramsoc Halloween Extravaganza! Free entry before 11.30pm!

Singing Rehearsals for Cabaret » *aras ui chathail* » 3rd November 2014

Shrek the Musical Trip! » *Bord Gais Energy Theatre* » 4th November 2014

We leave from outside the quad at 3 PM and return around midnight!! Make sure you have your full payments in!

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret - Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 4th November 2014

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *The Cube* » 5th November 2014

Singing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *aras ui chathail* » 10th November 2014

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret--ALL CHORUS MEMBERS! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 11th November.

NUIG's Got Talent--THE FINAL! » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 12th November 2014

Come and support all the acts that made it to the final round!!! The tickets can be purchased for

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *Aula Maxima* » 13th November 2014

GUMS and Filmsoc movie screening! » *TBD* » 13th November 2014

Details to be finalised later!

Singing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *aras ui chathail* » 17th November 2014

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret- Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 18th November 2014

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *The Cube* » 19th November 2014

Cabaret Piano Accompaniment Audition » *Large Acoustic Room* » 19th November 2014

We are looking for a talented piano player to take part in our orchestra for Cabaret and to also be present t rehearsals as an accompanist.

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret - Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 25th November 2014

Orchestra AUDITIONS for Cabaret! » *Small Accoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 26th November 2014

Main band:

Piano, Drums/percussion and Double Bass

Strings: Violin 1 and 2, Viola and Cello

Brass/woodwind: Trumpet, Alto Sax/Clarinet, Flute, Trombone

Additional: Accordion/Piano accordion, and banjo or Guitar or ukulele

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *The Cube* » 27th November 2014

Musical Collaboration-COMPANY! » *Cube Theatre, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 1st December – 4th December 2014 (4 individual events)

This year's Collaboration between GUMS and Dramsoc 'Company', co-directed by Richard Brown and Robbie Walsh, is fast approaching. The amazing and mysterious show is running from the 1st to the 4th of December at 8pm in the cube, Aras na Mac L

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'Cabaret' refresher rehearsal » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 11th January 2015

Welcome back everyone :D

Our first weekend rehearsal starts today from 1pm in the cube.

Rory will be refreshing Willkommen and Don't tell Mama dances from 1-3pm in the Cube.

Finnoula will be taking chorus from 3.30-5pm for singing whilst leads will be rehearsing with our piano accompanist at the same time in the Space.

Cabaret singing Rehearsals - chorus & leads » *The Cube and Large Acoustic Room* » 12th January 2015

Singing rehearsals for Cabaret are taking place in The Cube for chorus from 6pm.

Leads singing rehearsals will be taking place in the large acoustic room with the piano accompanist from 6pm also.

Acting rehearsals- Leads » *Meeting Rooms One and Two, Aras na MacLeinn* » 13th January 2015

Acting rehearsals with Kori for 'Cabaret' in the meeting rooms for leads.

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Socs Day 2 » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 14th January 2015

Socs day 2 will be happening all over aras na mac leinn today ! Make sure to call over to the GUMS stand to say hi and see what you can get involved with this semester :)

Cabaret dance rehearsals » *Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 14th January 2015

Dance rehearsals for the cast will be happening in the Cube from 6pm.

'Cabaret' - Weekend rehearsals » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 17th January 2015

Weekend rehearsals will be in full swing starting from today. Singing, acting and dancing will be covered for leads and chorus so everyone needs to be in attendance. Exact times and venues have to be confirmed so keep an eye on your emails :)

'Cabaret' weekend rehearsals » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 18th January 2015

Singing, acting and dancing will be covered for leads and chorus so everyone needs to be in attendance. Exact times and venues have to be confirmed so keep an eye on your email to see when exactly you are needed :) A full run of the show will be done every Sunday afternoon also.

Singing Rehearsals for Cabaret » *aras ui chathail* » 19th January 2015

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret - Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 20th January 2015

Dancing Rehearsals for Cabaret! » *The Cube* » 21st January 2015

Cabaret Performance at the M » *The Cube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 26th January 2015

Come and support GUMS in the M

Acting Rehearsals for Cabaret- Leads only! » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 27th January 2015

Dance Rehearsals for Cabaret » *TBA* » 29th January 2015

Watch for an email about location due to the date change!

Cabaret Rehearsals » *The Cube* » 31st January 2015

Cabaret Rehearsals » *The Cube* » 1st February 2015

CABARET!!! » *The Black Box Theatre* » 10th February – 14th February 2015 (5 individual events)

Come and see what we have been working on all year! This show is not to be missed!!! It starts at 8 pm, Feb. 10th-14th. Tickets available at the Town Hall Theatre and at the SocsBox.

CABARET!!! » » 10th February 2015

Come see what we have been working on all year! This is NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

GUMS Ball!!!! » *Galway Bay Hotel* » 23rd March 2015

Getting dressed up in our finest clothes to celebrate a successful year!

Musical Medley!!!! » *The Cube, Aras na Macleinn* » 25th March – 26th March 2015

There will be Four groups performing condensed versions of Four different musicals: High School Musical, Legally Blonde, The Book of Mormon, and Wicked! You will have 12 hours on Wednesday the 25th and 12 hours on Thursday the 26th to prepare for your groups performance on Thursday at 8pm!

GUMS AGM!!! » *O'Flaherty Lecture Theatre* » 25th March 2015

If you are a member of the society, please come and help us elect our new committee!

GUMS Schools Awards » *Oflaherty theatre* » 14th May 2015

The annual GUMS Schools Awards will take place in the O' Flaherty Theatre. There will be a sandwich reception and awards ceremony celebrating the outstanding work Galway Schools have put into their musical productions in 2014/2015. The ceremony will be interspersed with performances from GUMS own members and from some of the participating schools.

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

Musical Director: Fionnuala Hannigan-Dunkley

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

Sets Assistant: Dylan McCormack

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Deirdre Ni Chloscai

Treasurer: Jack Fitzgerald

Director: Julie Breen

Choreographer: Charlotte Moore

Public Relations Officer: Aisling Bonner

Societies Liaison Officer: Kevin Murphy

Head of Costumes: Laura Staunton

Schools Liaison Officer: Claire O'Brien

Vice-Auditor: Neil Delaney

Secretary: Sive Neary

Musical Director: Dean Reidy

Assistant Choreographer: Lorna Butler O'Connor

PR Assistant: Doireann Nic Dhonncha

ENTs Officer: Diarmuid Tierney

Schools Liaison Officer: Cathal Ryan

Musical Society (GUMS) Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1387.47	Ball	€2512
Fundraising	€1134	Bank charge	€138.48
Members Contributions	€105	Costumes	€3096.69
Socs box Till	€10792.5	Dinner	€960
Sponsorship	€1150	Entertainment	€700
Ticket Sales	€3382	Entry fees	€330
USC Grant	€12481.66	Fundraising / Charity	€350
		Hoodies	€2096.66

		Lights	€1755
		Performing rights	€3606.39
		Printing	€1133
		Prizes	€1000
		Services Hired	€850
		Set	€4290.12
		Society accomm	€1473.09
		Society transport	€810
		Sound	€3025.6
		Expenditure Total	€28127.03
		Closing Bank Balance	€2305.6
Total	€30432.63	Total	€30432.63

Mission Statement

Galway University Musical Society strives to provide an open, fun environment for members to express themselves creatively whilst building up their performance confidence and a skill set that will benefit them in their future endeavours all while keeping inclusivity as its central idea.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Committee Goals:

- a. Produce an entertaining and high quality show for the student body and the community.
- b. Keep the society active throughout the year as opposed to focusing solely on one main event.
- c. Provide a comfortable place for college students to make friends.
- d. Enable freedom of expression.
- e. Constantly try to improve the society.
- f. Develop the strengths of our members.
- g. Work well as a team on the committee

Society Performance Reflection

This was an extremely successful year for the Musical Society. As stated in the full secretary's report, we put on numerous events that reached the student body and the Galway community. Our committee worked well together to produce an extremely successful run of Cabaret. We did run into problems with budgeting and PR punctuality, but these are things that the committee for next year have been made aware of. Overall the year was fruitful and we feel that we have achieved many of the goals we set for ourselves.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We absolutely achieved our AIMS, especially by winning the most ALIVE society at the Socs Awards. We also won several individual awards for the society. Our main aim as a society is to always encourage a safe and healthy place for people to express their creative energy. We pride ourselves on letting everyone into the cast of the main show so that they can develop

relationships with people who share similar interests. We produced an amazing show and gave numerous people with vast and various talents to exercise their abilities. The show was completely student run and received numerous standing ovations and a sold out final night.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success would be the end product of Cabaret. The president of the Association of Irish Musical Societies came to view the show as a special guest and spoke to the entire cast and crew afterwards. She absolutely adored the show and could not stop singing praises for our cast. She followed up with a hand written letter to me, thanking me for inviting her to the show, and again, gushing over the talent that our society possessed. Another huge achievement would be the success of this year's NUIG'S Got Talent. We had extremely talented performers and an extremely talented host. This year we did something different and had a cast member (Emcee) from Cabaret be the host as a PR plug for our show. He was very well received by the audience. The biggest thrill of the night was the energy of the crowd, as the final heat was completely sold out. This had never been done before.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge this year was the choice of the musical and its lack of chorus stage time. We did not look enough into the choice of the musical in the beginning before committing to it and we paid for that later. The chorus members had to be split up between dances in the cabaret club and the stage was still quite crowded. It was a very difficult issue to deal with because one of our biggest rules that we uphold is that everyone who auditions will make the chorus. It would have been much easier this year with this specific show to audition people and make cuts, but that would go against our principle of inclusivity. It was a challenge that was addressed all year and caused a lot of stress. We did, however, learn from our mistake and the new committee is holding two meetings to pick the main show so that more time and thought can be given to every aspect of the production.

Other Information

We held 17 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 652 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Musical Society (GUMS)		
<u>Aisling McGing</u>	Faux Chestra and Generally helping out	15 hours
<u>Siobhan Boyle</u>	Performer	200 hours
<u>Christina O'Reilly</u>	cast member	200 hours
<u>Freya Carroll</u>	Auditor	1000 hours
<u>Ryan Hehir</u>	Head Of Sets	400 hours
<u>Niamh N</u>	chorus member	220 hours
<u>Claire Donnelly</u>	Chorus member	200 hours
<u>Chloe Byrne</u>	Society member	200 hours
<u>Sive Neary</u>	Cast member	200 hours
<u>Alison Greene</u>	P.R. assistant	210 hours
<u>Gillian Lynch</u>	Chorus member	200 hours
<u>Keegan Charlier</u>	Secretary and chorus member	500 hours
<u>Dylan McCormack</u>	Set's Assistant	400 hours
<u>Jemma Gunning</u>	Chorus Member	200 hours

<u>Laura Staunton</u>	Volunteer	250 hours
<u>Dara O'Donnell</u>	Photographer, Stage Hand	30 hours
<u>Julie Breen</u>	Actor	300 hours
<u>Lara O'Donnell</u>	Chorus Member	200 hours
<u>Shane Gaffney</u>	Volunteer: Chorus Member in Cabaret/ Lead role in	280 hours
<u>Shane Egan</u>	Chorus	200 hours
<u>Aisling Bonner</u>	Chorus Member	200 hours
<u>Diarmuid Tierney</u>	Events Officer, Cast memeber	550 hours
<u>Catherine Ryan</u>	Chorus Member	200 hours
<u>Alex Murphy</u>	Performer	80 hours
<u>Jarlath Owens</u>	Chorus member	206 hours
<u>Katie Kerrigan</u>	volunteer	200 hours
<u>Hannah Loughnane</u>	Front of House	4 hours
<u>Ciara Finan</u>	Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Deirdre Ni Chloscai</u>	Head of Costumes	500 hours
<u>Roisin Nic Aodhgain</u>	Member	250 hours
<u>Ella Heatley-Mulhall</u>	Volunteer	200 hours
<u>Richard Brown</u>	Front of House, Director of Musical Collaboration.	100 hours
<u>Sara Komorowski</u>	Spotlight Operator	20 hours
<u>Aisling Ni Dhonnchadha</u>	Chorus Member	300 hours
<u>Clodhna Hallissey</u>	Costumes Assistant	500 hours
<u>Alida Zauers</u>	Vice Auditor	1000 hours
<u>Sarah O'Rourke</u>	Chorus member	200 hours
<u>Doireann Nic Dhonncha</u>	Chorus member	160 hours
<u>Kevin Murphy</u>	Schools Officer	250 hours
<u>Kevin Murphy</u>	Schools Officer	250 hours
<u>Yvonne McHugh</u>	Helping hand	110 hours
<u>Sarah Smith</u>	Chorus member	200 hours
<u>Peter Kenny</u>	Actor	225 hours
<u>Rory McNamara</u>	Choreographer	350 hours
<u>Blathnaid McKevitt</u>	Cast member	260 hours
<u>Darragh Cooney</u>	Treasurer	750 hours
# ALIVE Students:	46 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	12520 hours	

MusicSoc

This year NUIG Music Society organised and catered for various weekly musical activities. Included amongst such were beginner guitar lessons, busking sessions and open mic nights in the college bar, the latter of which were most popular. Additionally, the committee members of the Music Society oversaw 'singer-songwriter classes'. Music Society also helped to organise the college battle of the bands, Witless; more specifically, Music Society aided with the organisation of the acoustic round of the competition. The Society also partook in a busking session in order to raise money for charity. Finally, Music Society recently organised a film night for students.

MusicSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 41 events.

Music Soc EGM » *Large Accoustic Room, » 30th September 2014*

Music Soc EGM. Wanna be on the committee? Wanna be the next David Geffen? Come along and check it out!

Singer-Songwriter Classes » *Small Accoustic Room » 6th October 2014*

Attention all Singer-Songwriters!! Come and take part in our weekly meetings where you can write, develop and improve your own original material! Collaborate with other musicians and develop your own unique sound and style. This is focusing on anyone's original material, lyricists and musicians, and all instruments, genres and people are welcome!

Open Mic Night » *College Bar » 13th October 2014*

Open Mic Night returns in the College Bar!! Every Monday at 9:30! Perform in front of a crowd of people, all singers, musicians and performers welcome! Free refreshments for performers and some spot prizes as well!

Busking Rehearsal » *Large Accoustic Room, » 28th October 2014*

Rehearsals for busking groups to raise money for charity. Come down, bring your instrument and have the craic!!

Busking Rehearsal! » *Small acoustic room » 30th October 2014*

Rehearsals for busking groups to raise money for charity. Come down, bring your instrument and have the craic!!

Songwriter Classes » *Small acoustic room, Aras na Mac L » 10th November 2014*

Come along and develop your own unique sound and receive feedback from other original musicians. Perform your original material and write with other musicians! All instruments and levels welcome and we give hugs :)

Music Soc Open Mic. » *College Bar » 10th November 2014*

Open Mic nights start in the College Bar at 9:30. This'll be a great way to get used to performing in front of a crowd and we'll have promotions on refreshments for performers!

Busking Session! » *Campus » 13th November 2014*

Busking for Musical Youth Foundation! We will be playing around campus and spreading cheer and joy, so if you see us give us a few cent. It's for a great cause and it'll be great fun!

Songwriter Classes » *Small acoustic room, Aras na Mac L » 17th November 2014*

Come along and develop your own unique sound and receive feedback from other original musicians. Perform your original material and write with other musicians! All instruments and levels welcome and we give hugs :)

Open Mic Night » *College Bar » 17th November 2014*

Come play a few tunes and have a few beverages every Monday at 9:30! Sign up on the night, free refreshments and tshirts/hoodies for every performer. So come down and belt out a few tunes!!

Meet and Greet » *College Bar » 19th November 2014*

We are hosting a meet and greet this Wednesday in the college bar for everybody to get to know eachother! So come along and relax, enjoy some free finger food and get to know some musicians and people around Galway.

Busking Rehearsal » *Small Acoustic Room » 20th November 2014*

Rehearsal for busking sessions around Galway in the next few weeks! Come and play with other musicians and raise money for charity

B. Dolan Talk » *Mairtin O Tnuithail Theatre, Arts Millennium Building » 22nd November 2014*

Acclaimed rapper and Spoken Word artist, B. Dolan will be discussing the Music industry, songwriting, his performing style and doing a Q & A. He'll be coming to us at the end of his UK and Irish tour alongside fellow rapper Scroobius Pip, which ends in the Roisin Dubh that night. He was recently interviewed by Russell Brand on his Facebook page and has been one of the most acclaimed underground hip hop acts in America in the last ten years.

Open Mic Night » *College Bar » 19th January – 20th April 2015 (14 individual events)*

Open Mic Night in College Bar. Sign up on the night, play a few tunes and have the craic! Free refreshments and t shirts for performers!

Beginner Guitar Lessons » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na Mac Leinn » 22nd January – 16th April 2015 (13 individual events)*

FREE!! Guitar lessons for beginners, upstairs in Aras na Mac Leinn. Learn the basics in a fun, friendly atmosphere!

AGM » *Large Accousitc Room » 14th April 2015*

Anyone interested in becoming part of the committee next year, make sure you attend this meeting. Thanks

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: David Ryan

Auditor: Michael Leahy

Vice-Auditor: Luke Casburn

Treasurer: Sam Hickey

Press Release Officer: Paul O'Malley

OCM: Joss Myers

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Michael Leahy

Vice-Auditor: Sam Hickey

Treasurer: Joss Myers

Secretary: Paul O'Malley

Press Release Officer: Hannah Preston

Equipment Manager: Darragh Connolly

OCM: John Delany

OCM: Adam Nihill

OCM: Oisín O'Heartain

OCM: Mark Healy

MusicSoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	452.32	Bank charge	€31.92
USC Grant	€1000	Entertainment	€180.8
		Equipment misc	€230.24
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€7
		Speaker travel	€200
		Expenditure Total	€649.96
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€802.36
Total	€1452.32	Total	€1452.32

Mission Statement

The Music Soc shall aim to develop and encourage musicians and other like-minded individuals. To offer a platform for individuals to experience a variety of different music and develop their musical talents in a friendly, open environment.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our aim is to promote and develop music in the university, to allow musicians to perform for and in front of the public. Our goal is to expand the music scene in the university.

Society Performance Reflection

Music Society was highly successful in organising weekly activities for the students of the university, as previously stated.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

For the most part Music Society was successful in achieving most of its pursuits and goals.

Greatest Success

Weekly open mic nights were undoubtedly Music Society's greatest success.

Greatest Challenge

Trying to think of event ideas that would have universal appeal.

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 366 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

MusicSoc		
<u>Joss Myers</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	35 hours
<u>Sam Hickey</u>	Treasurer	60 hours
<u>Luke Casburn</u>	Vice Auditor	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	145 hours	

Neuro Society

Neuro Soc is a brand new society to serve all fans of neuroscience in NUIG. We have succeeded in this goal through the organization of information/movie nights throughout the year on Neuroscience topics and TED talks to encourage conversation on the new breakthroughs in the field. NUI Galway Neuroscience research showcases display the research from NUI Galway experts from various disciplines and taking advantage of the NUI Galway Neuroscience research centre, genetics expertise in Neuroscience and the philosophy department. The society has the equipment to generate interest in Neuroscience following a grant allowing us to purchase 3 EEG machines for use in Outreach programs. One such program reached over 150 Primary school students in Galway over a week of school visits. NUI Galway Neuro Soc has also been awarded the 2014/2015 Societies Award for Best Themed Week for Brain Awareness Week, and much more is to come.

Neuro Society Events

This year the society held a total of 29 events.

My Amazing Brain Exhibition (Brain Awareness Week Event) » Aula Maxima » 11th March 2015

On Wednesday and Thursday (11th and 12th March), an exhibition by the NUI Galway Neuroscience Centre will be held in the Aula Maxima to teach school students about the brain and disorders of the nervous system. Neuro Soc will be playing brain-based games in which students can smash asteroids on screen wirelessly through an EEG headset.

EGM » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 25th September 2014

Come and be a part of Neuro Soc! We are a brand new society to serve all fans of neuroscience in NUIG whatever their background. With plenty of ideas for the year, from talks and lab visits, to trips and table quizzes, we are looking for enthusiastic people to help make it come about. Come be a part of the committee or just call down to meet the crew and find out what we have planned for the year.

Awakenings Film & Ted Talk » *IT250 (I.T Building)* » 8th October 2014

Come and join NeuroSoc for a screening of Awakenings and a neuroscience-themed Ted Talk in IT250 lecture hall on Wednesday evening. Free pizza! Based on a true story as related by neurologist Oliver Sacks in his memoir, also titled Awakenings, this film stars Robin Williams as Dr. Malcolm Sayer (fictionalized Sacks character). Dr. Sayer discovers beneficial effects of the drug L-Dopa and administers it to catatonic patients in a psychiatric hospital. Leonard Lowe (played by Robert De Niro) and the rest of the patients awaken after decades of catatonia and have to deal with a new life in a new time.

Neurosoc Halloween Movie Night/Party- Shawn of the Dead » *Orbsen Building Seminar Room* » 29th October 2014

Come along to Neurosoc's Halloween event celebrating zombies and the brain by watching Shawn of the Dead and refreshments afterwards in the College Bar.

Sexuality Today (PsychSoc and NeuroSoc Collobartion) » *Dillion Leacture Theatre* » 10th November 2014

Join PsychSoc and NeuroSoc for a lively discussion on everyones favourite topic: sex. Staff and students from the School of Psychology will be talking with YOU about the spectrum of sexuality (Siobhan O Higgins), whether porn rewires the brain (Mark Glennon), and predictors and prevalence of hooking up (Elaine Byrnes). Refreshments will be provided.

Bake Sale in aid of The Geraldine Lavelle Trust (NeuroSoc and Baking Soc Collab) » *Smokey Joe's, Concourse* » 12th November 2014

Bake sale in aid of the Geraldine Lavelle Trust (in collaboration with the wonderful Baking Soc) on Wednesday from 9-2pm in Smokeys. Stop by and pick up some delicious baked goods for a great cause!

Run for Ger » *NUI Galway Campus* » 16th November 2014

NeuroSoc was invited to support the Run for Ger fundraising event by the organizers. It's a great cause so join us in the fun run on Saturday 16th (and also our bake sale on Wednesday 12).

Further information here: http://www.socs.nuigalway.ie/calendar/create_event/411/ & www.thegeraldinelavelletrust.com

My Amazing Brain Exhibition » *Aula Maxima in Quadrangle* » 23rd November 2014

We have been invited to participate in the Galway Neuroscience Festival by the Galway Neuroscience Centre. There are three 2 hour shifts that need volunteers (plus up to a half hour for set-up/clean-up and volunteer transition). Last year the Galway Neuroscience Festival was great craic with visitors of all ages! Everyone is welcome and training will be provided on the cool neuroscience activities and puzzles so get involved!

Careers in Neuroscience Symposium (CNS) » *Siobahnn McKenna Theatre* » 26th November 2014

CNS Galway 2014 is a one-day event for anyone interested in potential careers in neuroscience. There will be different career talks, research talks and posters and a meeting the experts sessions (with lots of free food and refreshments!). Everyone welcome! However, places are limited so register soon to secure a place. Further information on www.cnsgalway2014.com

This event is sponsored by Neuroscience Ireland and organised by PhD students in the Galway Neuroscience Centre (with support from NeuroSoc). We will also be looking for volunteers to help out, who will get free entry, further details sooner to the event.

Inaugural Professor Turlough Fitzgerald Memorial Lecture » *Hardiman Research Building, Room G010* » 22nd January 2015

A lecture on - Knowledge, gifting and passion: a recipe for success in Neuroscience - will be given by Professor Richard Reynolds, Imperial College London. Organised by the Discipline of Anatomy, School of Medicine and the Galway Neuroscience Centre, in remembrance of the outstanding contributions that the late Professor Turlough Fitzgerald made to Neuroscience and Anatomy research and teaching at NUIG.

EGM and general meeting » *Large Accousitc Room,* » 2nd February 2015

EGM tonight so let us know if you are interested in joining the committee! Also discussing our upcoming games night, Brain Awareness Week and hoodies. All welcome :)

NeuroSoc General Meeting » *Large Accoustic Room* » 23rd February 2015

General meeting to plan Games Night, Research Night and Brain Awareness Week. All welcome!

EEG Games Night (collab with Video Games Soc) » *Room G067 Arts Millenium Building Extension* » 26th February 2015

Did you join on socs day and never bother coming to a meeting? Did you think we sounded interesting but never quite made it to our events ? IT'S TIME TO CHANGE!!! Come along to our games night, meet other members, have some fun and see what you've been missing out on! We'll have our EEG headsets set up so you can use them to play interactive games like asteroid blast and have a go controlling a mobile helicopter with your thoughts!

We'll be in room g067 in the arts Millennium building extension until nine so pop in before then and have some fun!

Brains Behind the Breakthroughs Research Showcase (Brain Awareness Week Event) » Westwood Hotel,

Dangan » 9th March 2015

A research showcase,

My Amazing Brain Exhibition (Brain Awareness Week Event) » Aula Maxima » 12th March 2015

On Wednesday and Thursday (11th and 12th March), an exhibition by the NUI Galway Neuroscience Centre will be held in the Aula Maxima to teach school students about the brain and disorders of the nervous system. Neuro Soc will be playing brain-based games in which students can smash asteroids on screen wirelessly through an EEG headset.

Reading Group: "How to Build a Brain" by Chris Eliasmith. » Tom Duddy Seminar Room, ground floor of the Philosophy Department, 19 Distillery Road. » 13th March 2015

All are welcome to join a new reading group to discuss "How to Build a Brain" by Chris Eliasmith. Take a look at the TED talk and a taster of the book at the links below. The reading group will meet at 12pm Friday 13th in the Tom Duddy Seminar Room, ground floor of the Philosophy Department, 19 Distillery Road.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2HHJfovb5E>

http://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/academic/pdf/13/9780199794546_prelim.pdf

NeuroSoc AGM & Social » Large Accoustic Room » 30th March 2015

AGM to elect committee for next year followed by refreshments in college bar. All welcome!

Ideas Meeting » Meeting Room 1 » 18th September 2014

Come and be a part of Neuro Soc! We are a brand new society to serve all fans of neuroscience in NUIG whatever their background. With plenty of ideas for the year, from talks and lab visits, to trips and table quizzes, we are looking for enthusiastic people to help make it come about. Come be a part of the committee or just call down to meet the crew and find out what we have planned for the year.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large Accoustic Room » 6th October 2014

General meeting to discuss upcoming plans and events.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » The Space » 13th October 2014

General meeting to discuss and plan Halloween event.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large Accoustic Room » 3rd November 2014

General Meeting to plan and design EEG workshop for school visits.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large acoustic room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 10th November 2014

General NeuroSoc meeting where we will be discussing and planning our bake sale, EEG workshop, neuroscience symposium, Sci & Tech Festival and logo contest winner. Please come along if you want to help out in putting together these events.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Art Room » 17th November 2014

General meeting to finalise preparations for EEG workshop and train volunteers.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large Accoustic Room » 24th November 2014

General meeting. All welcome.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large Accoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn » 19th January 2015

General meeting to discuss ideas and and plan events for this semester. All welcome!

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large Accoustic Room » 16th February 2015

General meeting to plan Games Night, Research Night and & hoodies

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large Accoustic Room » 2nd March 2015

General meeting to discuss research night, hoodies and brain awareness week.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 18th March 2015

General meeting to discuss AGM and social party and hoodies.

NeuroSoc General Meeting » Large Accoustic Room » 23rd March 2015

General meeting to discuss and prepare award applications.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Michelle Naughton

Vice-Auditor: Darren Kelly

PRO: Sean Mooney

Social Officer: Raymond Moylan

Social Officer: Eoin Dervan

OCM: Katherine Obudzinski

OCM: Ciara Matthews

Co-Treasurer: Donna Cosgrove

PR Officer: Orlaith Mannion

Secretary: Sinead Healy

Science Officer: Mark Glennon

PRO: Joanne Kenney

Treasurer: Marie Fitzgibbon

OCM: Alicia Tan

OCM: Noreen Tangney

Outreach Officer: Laura Olsen

Health and Safety Officer: Casey Donaghey

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Darren Kelly

Secretary: Joanne Kenney

Outreach Officer: Laura Olsen

OCM: Donna Kennedy

Vice-Auditor: Sinead Healy

Treasurer: Donna Cosgrove

OCM: Eoin Dervan

PRO: Orlaith Mannion

Organisation Balance Sheet

Neuro Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€31.94
Ecommerce Sales	€125	Dinner	€55
Sponsorship	€500	Equipment misc	€521.13
USC Grant	€500	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€217
		Prizes	€48.49
		Society transport	€23.3
		Expenditure Total	€896.86
		Closing Bank Balance	€228.14
Total	€1125	Total	€1125

Mission Statement

NUI Galway Neurosoc's principal aim is the promotion of Neuroscience both within the University and in the general public. We aim to make it accessible to novices and all interested parties but also, due to its specialised nature, to serve those with a great career interest in the area.

We hope to achieve recognition and accreditation for our efforts by taking part in Science and Technology Festivals and organising events both alone and inter-society. Personal recognition is important for those involved also, we encourage committee members to be active and take part in ALIVE and Gaisce to achieve this and to have a pool of transferable skills after their action within Neurosoc.

These skills include the ability to work within a group of varying ages, knowledge levels and schedules of their own, specialised scientific knowledge in the area of Neuroscience, experience with outreach and public speaking and organisational skills.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Neuro-soc aims to integrate itself into the University in its first year through the accumulation of members, inter-societal events and outreach activities to promote Neuroscience to the general public.

Objectives include the organisation and completion of a symposium with Neuroscience experts within the college explaining their personal areas of research and providing advice on how to succeed in the career. Inter-society events include a possible collaboration with societies such as video game and comp socs on the future use of neural commands in technology. Movie nights with associated Neuroscience TED talks will continue to cement the society's presence on campus and educate and create interest in Neuroscience.

We are supporting other related societies such as Psych soc in their effort throughout the year such as an inter-society event titled "Sexuality Today" and support of the "Run for Ger" with man power and funding raised from a bake sale.

Outreach is the most exciting aim for the year as the society has been awarded a bursary from the science and technology festival to allow for an involved workshop with kids allowing them to get hands on with EEG technology to see their own brainwaves and to play games using neural control. This outreach opportunity will allow us to raise awareness and interest in Neuroscience in a very involved and interesting way.

Society Performance Reflection

Neuro Soc was very successful this year, becoming a well-known society on campus by both the academic and general population through events focusing on inclusion of the whole community such as the movie/TED talk nights and advertising through our PRO's working on posters and the creation of an active Facebook page and committee group. We have reached the outside community through various school visits, reaching over 150 students in 4 Galway Primary Schools following a grant to purchase 3 EEG machines for Neuroscience Workshops. Various fundraising and showcase events as seen in the event calendar also led to Neuroscience promotion for the academics also. The success of our NUIG Neuroscience research showcase in the Westwood Hotel is of particular note.

The greatest success was the achievement of Best Themed Week for Brain Awareness Week which included the showcase and participation in Brain Awareness Week booths in association with the Neuroscience Research Centre.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Our overall aim was to promote Neuroscience in NUIG and the greater community, which we have surely achieved.

Objectives which helped us achieve this include numerous small events as mentioned to increase visibility on campus eg. TED talks/movies, and larger events focused on various groups eg. School visits with Neuroscience EEG workshops for 150+ students and the Neuroscience Symposium/showcase to display the Neuroscience expertise on campus to the academics.

Relationships with other societies have been formed to help growth to both societies such as co-operation with Baking Soc for our successful Bake Sale in aid of the Geraldine Lavelle trust (Raising 250+ euro) and events with Video Game Soc and collaboration with Comp Soc to determine the possibilities for the EEGs/ A particular event of note was the Psych Soc/Neurosoc Sexuality talk which was a perfect blend of academic and general interest.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the award of Best Themed Week at the society awards this year which was a result of an intensive week of events over Brain Awareness Week that increased our visibility manifold and allowed us to contribute to the scientific knowledge of the community and interest in science with the EEG's being indispensable for a symposium with the Neuroscience Research Centre and the Research Showcase in the Westwood Hotel adding prestige to this large event including numerous NUIG researchers such as Professor David Finn.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was expanding from nothing to becoming a society with 330+ members with a budget of only 500 euro. We achieved this through dedication of the society and through the acquisition of funding from outside agencies (Galway Science Festival) to purchase the 3 EEGs which truly helped us to stand out as a society worth people's time to involve them with and too help grow. Another issues making the time of very busy PhD and Med students which made up the majority of the society and required us to update the society in the second semester to accommodate semesters away and allowing the final year PhDs to focus on their theses.

Overall, the greatest challenge was managing the vastly different schedules and personalities of the large society to allow them to work at their best.

Other Information

We held 15 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 358 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Neuro Society		
<u>Darren Kelly</u>	Vice-Auditor	200 hours
<u>Ciara St Ledger</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Donna Cosgrove</u>	Treasurer	60 hours
<u>Michelle Naughton</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Edel Hughes</u>	Volunteer at Brain Awareness Week	2 hours
<u>Vanessa Ferreira Costa</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Rachel Ronan</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
<u>Orlaith Mannion</u>	PR officer	30 hours
<u>Sinead Healy</u>	Secretary	150 hours
<u>Aoife Gilmartin</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
# ALIVE Students:	10 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	684 hours	

Occupational Therapy

This year the Occupational Therapy Society held two very successful events. Our first event was a Pizza and Pool meet and greet night for all Occupational Therapy students and the main purpose was to welcome the new first year occupational therapy students to the course and to give them the opportunity to meet the other years above them. This took place in the college bar where we got a deal for pizza and free finger food. We had great attendance at the event. We did not hold any other formal events but we often had meetings with the different years and participated in helping other societies in their events which were relevant to Occupational Therapy, including the NUIG Psychiatry society. We also acted as an informal mentor support to the first years as many would see us regularly and be comfortable approaching the committee if they required any help or advice regarding their studies.

In March, we organised a mystery tour for all society members which was held in Sligo and we organised that we would go for Sligo rag week, as we knew that there would be a great atmosphere during this time. There were some final year Occupational Therapy students and most of the third year students attended. However, unfortunately, no first year students attended as they had already organised their own mystery tour earlier on in the year.

We had intended on holding a charity bake sale in Aras Moyola at the end of this semester but due to the heavy work load and busy timetable, we did not have time to do this.

Occupational Therapy Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Pizza and Pool Social Night » *College Bar NUIG, Galway* » 7th October 2014

A meet and greet night for all Occupational Therapy members. There was pizza, finger food and soda drinks for members, and we played some pool games and it was a way to get to know everyone.

Mystery trip » *Sligo Town* » 5th March – 6th March 2015

All society members were invited to the mystery trip. There was mostly third year and final year students in attendance because first year students had already organised their own mystery trip and second years were on their placements. Sligo was chosen as the destination because it is a popular destination for the student nightlife and it was timed to be during Sligo rag week. This was a social event.

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Laura Henry

Secretary: Breda O'Connell

Vice Treasurer: Orla Murphy

Health & Safety Officer: Kerrin Hickey

Public Relations: Evelyn Griffin

Auditor: Kerrie McGroarty

Treasurer: Nicola Moore

Vice Secretary : Kathy Hartnett

OCM: Ellen O'Beirne

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Kerrie McGroarty

Treasurer: Nicola Moore

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Health and safety officer: Kerrin Hickey

Vice-Auditor: Laura Henry

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OCM: Ellen O'Beirne

Organisation Balance Sheet

Occupational Therapy Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	361.24	Bank charge	€42.72
Fundraising	€1376.99	Dinner	€85
USC Grant	€500	Fundraising / Charity	€655
		Socs day expenses	€13.79
		Expenditure Total	€796.51
		Closing Bank Balance	€1441.72
Total	€2238.23	Total	€2238.23

Mission Statement

The Occupational Therapy Society aims to promote OT and bring all students from NUIG interested in OT together to socialise and discuss.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to raise awareness of OT as a career and service within the general university population. We aim to raise funds for local charities in the Galway City area in various ways. We plan to learn and develop skills on how to work on a committee and the specific responsibilities for each role. We want to provide support in academic and social issue for all OT students

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did very well this year, considering the time constraints. We achieved most of our aims, objectives and goals. Our committee worked well as a group and each member contributed their ideas and opinions on what should be done.

Overall, we feel that it was very important to have an occupational therapy society this because we have a very small course so it is useful to have a group of students who all have something in common and useful way of networking.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We created awareness of Occupational Therapy as a career and service within the University through setting up a stall during the Society days in the Bailey Allen. We were happy to answer student's questions about what Occupational Therapy is and what we do and encouraged as many students as possible to join our society.

We learned how to operate in a society committee and as we are a small society, most committee members had their own individual roles. Most members had no experience of how a society committee should operate so four members attended a society information day where we learned how to make a society successful and what specific roles entailed. Examples of skills we developed were event management, organisation, planning, prioritisation, teamwork, communication and leadership. We used Facebook as a means to advertise and showcase our society. We have an 'Occ Soc' society Facebook page, where upcoming events, useful information related to OT and exam tips, etc. are posted. Therefore, anybody who likes this page will be able to access and see this information easily.

We were a great source of academic and social support to first year Occupational Therapy students and they would come to us for advice on assignments, placements, what type of books they should buy and exams. Our society committee organised two events this year in order to meet this objective. This included a meet and greet night in the first semester and mystery tour in second semester which were planned and organised very successfully.

Unfortunately, we did not meet the goal of raising funds for local charities this year because our schedule was very busy and we had no time to organise something like this.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the Pizza and pool night which we organised in September. We put a lot of time into planning the event. We chose the college bar as a venue because it is a nice relaxed place specifically for students to meet up and hang out and because we got a very good deal on pizza. We chose to hold the event in the upstairs area so we would ensure we would all be near each other and because there were two pool tables there also. We had fantastic attendance at the event because most of the first years, second and third years went. It was a great way to meet everyone who was doing our course.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was finding time to organise events that we wanted to do. We originally wanted to do at least one fundraising event, paintballing and a bake sale, but we decided that we had to prioritise on what we wanted to do as we had little time and it was difficult to get funding for our society and decided that some of these things would be too expensive so we decided to have two social nights for students that would be both cheap and enjoyable.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 138 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Occupational Therapy		
<u>Claire Kelly</u>	Advisor	35 hours
<u>Evelyn Griffin</u>	PR, committee member	20 hours
<u>Orla Murphy</u>	Co treasurer	20 hours
<u>Laura Henry</u>	Vice-auditor	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	125 hours	

Orchestra Soc

Our society this year started to prepare for our annual charity Christmas concert at the start of the semester, practicing each week. The society we chose was GAMBLE, a UK charity that helps children in Gambia improve their education by establishing links such as building projects and providing teaching materials. Our raffle helped raise money for this, as well as the ticket sales. We took our society trip this semester to a hostel in Letterfrack and a large group of members went on this, we stayed there for a weekend and had a blast.

In semester 2 we took on some new pieces for our children's concert in May, such as James Bond, Frozen, and we resurrected Pirates of the Caribbean. Our trip away this time was in Clifden and we played a concert there too on the 11th of April. Our final end of year concert was in two parts on the 13th of April in the Bailey Allen hall and it was a success, with the childrens concert bringing in a group of kids who enjoyed our movie pieces, and our second concert running smoothly

Orchestra Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Orchestra Rehearsal » *The View* » 28th October 2014

Winter Concert » *St. Nicholas Collegiate Church, Galway City* » 1st December 2014

Winter concert in St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church in Galway City. It will involve the NUIG Orchestra, another orchestra and the Contempo Quartet

Practice » *view in aras na mac lienn* » 20th January 2015

Rehearsal » *The View* » 24th February 2015

Practice » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 19th March 2015

Clifden Concert » *Clifden* » 11th April 2015

Summer Concert » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 13th April 2015

Orchestra Society's Annual Concert » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 13th April 2015

Orchestra's socs annual concert in conjunction with the Film Soc. Will be performing in the Bailey Allen.

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Aisling Moriarty

Auditor: Michael Walsh

Treasurer: Eoin Coughlan

Secretary: Yvonne Kiely

Librarian: Amy Walsh

PRO: Niamh Johnston

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Aisling Moriarty

Vice-Auditor: Yvonne Kiely

Treasurer: Eoin Coughlan

Secretary: Amy Walsh

Orchestra Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	442.19	Bank charge	€133.75
Bank Charge	€21	Dinner	€610.55
Ticket Sales	€1830	Fundraising / Charity	€1340
USC Grant	€7000	Hall hire	€500
		Scores	€260
		Society accomm	€1298
		Society transport	€1015
		Speaker travel	€20
		Teacher fees	€2700
		Expenditure Total	€7877.3
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€1415.89
Total	€9293.19	Total	€9293.19

Mission Statement

To enable alumni and students of NUI Galway to perform as an orchestra.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To provide an outlet for students and staff of NUI Galway to play and perform classical music, outside of an exam setting, with other likeminded people. The orchestra gives us the opportunity to perform large orchestral works that would be individually impossible. The two concerts we perform each academic year provide members with a means to showcase their talent to a wider audience, an opportunity that may not usually arise to them during their lives. Under the direction of our conductor we are also able to improve our skills on our individual instruments, the pieces we play are challenging, but also rewarding when we get to hear the finished sound

Society Performance Reflection

We gained many new regular members, which is fantastic. We raised money for our chosen charity at Christmas and had a great turnout at both of our concerts in Galway. We chose some difficult pieces, especially in second semester which ended up sounding very good. The committee members all made an effort to keep things organized, but sometimes this was hard

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

The atmosphere of the orchestra has always been welcoming and laid-back, with little feelings of pressure as you go to practice every week. It is expected of you to show up every week, but this is always an enjoyable experience and people in the orchestra get on so well. We gained some new members this year who stayed with us throughout. Whenever we finish a piece, there's a sense of achievement that everyone shares, and this makes it all worth it

Greatest Success

We raised money for Gamble in December, and the concert venue was so full we had to move more benches to accommodate people. This made everyone feel like they were making a difference and that people really did enjoy orchestral music. Keeping the orchestra together from September to May without large disputes or problems was also an achievement for every member on the committee

Greatest Challenge

Organising events and the trip away was hard, because committee members also had a lot of college work to do and some were also on the committee for other societies. Communication would have helped improve this, but again sometimes this was very difficult to do

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 276 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Orchestra Soc		
<u>Yvonne Kiely</u>	Player, Fundraiser, Secretary	51 hours
<u>Amy Walsh</u>	Librarian	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	111 hours	

Organic Gardening Society

The Organic garden this year was a growing experience for everyone involved. We, while not the most active society due to the obvious weather requirements which come alongside running such an organisation, learnt a great deal from each other and other societies which we had the pleasure of having interactions with. This year we had the opportunity to work alongside the Enactus society in one of their amazing projects. This gave us the opportunity to meet and work with new people and make new friends we may not have met otherwise. We got to participate and work with teenagers from the merlin park day hospital and spread awareness of sustainable living while also having fun. The creation of the vertical gardens within the organic garden was something that was aesthetically pleasing, sustainably viable, fun, and helpful and beneficially to organic gardening soc, Enactus soc and the teenagers who got involved. This year I feel the organic garden benefited more than just the individuals inside the society, which was an aim of ours and we feel we triumphed in this sense. However it is undeniable that the we were very new to the runnings and maintenance that a garden needs and here we could greatly improve and make much greater use of the gardens space. We hope to carry these aims through to next year, but on a whole getting involved in a society greatly enriched our experience of college life and hope to get even more involved next year.

Organic Gardening Society Events

This year the society held a total of 33 events.

Weekly Gardening Session » *Organic Garden - Distillery Road, to left of Security Building » 12th September – 24th April 2015 (33 individual events)*

We meet in the garden to plant new seeds, weed, water and generally care for our beautiful and organic college garden. Every Friday :) All are welcome!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Ellen Kane

Vice-Auditor: Laura O'Donnell

Secretary: Karen O'Shea

Treasurer: Mary Kervick

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Ellen Kane

Vice-Auditor: Laura O'Donnell

Treasurer: Karen O'Shea

Secretary: Mary Kervick

Organisation Balance Sheet

Organic Gardening Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	273.21	Bank charge	€5.89
		Expenditure Total	€5.89
		Closing Bank Balance	€267.32
Total	€273.21	Total	€273.21

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Plant as much veg as possible! Weeding and keeping the garden clean. Getting as much people into the garden as possible and get more people interested in organic living.

Society Performance Reflection

The main aim that we fulfilled was getting others involved in gardening. We extended interest beyond the college and managed to spread awareness of sustainable and organic living to more individuals than we thought and in a worthwhile way. The veg was an issue as we were not aware of how to access money and once the college year got into full swing it was difficult to keep in touch as we were in different years and courses so accessing money was a great difficulty. Weeding and maintenance were adequate; however the winter weather this semester was harsh so we did what we could despite this.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Spreading the message of sustainable and organic living is one that we managed to fulfil, which to us was of the greatest importance. Even though we did not plant as much as we would have liked to, we got to connect with people and spread a good message to these individuals that will proceed beyond the university, which means a great deal more than the produce of one garden.

Greatest Success

The vertical garden and Enactus project we got involved with.

Greatest Challenge

Trying to find plants which would survive the harsh winter and finding time to plant when the season was correct as it fell around exam period and when we left college.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 194 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Palestine Solidarity Soc

This year the Palestine Solidarity society endeavoured to continue our efforts in making the wider student community aware of the situations and hardships that Palestinian people face every day.

We have tried to raise awareness this year by hosting exhibitions, film screenings, event days, poster campaigns, and guest lecturers including both Palestinian and Israeli activists and film makers.

Our main goal this year was to, along with the SU, lobby the University to release security company G4S from tender. We felt we have certainly garnered support in the student body and hopefully we have made an impact on the University itself.

Palestine Solidarity Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Gaza and Israeli Fascism, The Mizrahi Predicament : A talk by Prof. Smadar Lavie. » *Cairnes Lecture Hall* »
16th September 2014

Prof Smadar Lavie, an Israeli academic affiliated with Berkeley and University College Cork, discusses the Mizrahi community, those Israelis of Arab Jewish ancestry who are discriminated against by Jews of European ancestry (Ashkenazi) within Israel. Lavie, herself a Mizrahim of Yemeni heritage, will suggest that the 2014 Israeli War on Gaza was partly motivated by a desire among the ruling elite to pre-empt a summer outbreak of violent protests, mainly by Mizrahim, against the effects of the neo-liberal economic policies introduced by the Ashkenazi elite. In striving to prove themselves to be just as Israeli as the Ashkenazi elite, many Mizrahim have become the strongest supporters of Israeli ultra-nationalism and, therefore, of the 2014 war. Thus, there is the paradox that a war which was partly intended to squelch Mizrahi protest, a war in which most of the Israeli casualties, both civilian and military, are Mizrahim, is a war that is strongly supported by most Mizrahim. The tragedy is that the Palestinians are, yet again, paying the price of these intra-Jewish ethnic tensions: in this war, the main victims are the people of Gaza, who have suffered a man-made disaster worse than anything else that has happened to the Palestinians since the Nakba in 1948.

Palestine Solidarity Society AGM » *AC202, NUIG concourse* » *18th September 2014*

The AGM of the Palestine Solidarity Society shall take place in NUIG this Thursday; all positions are up for grabs! 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 work alongside the Students' Union in promoting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign on campus. All are welcome to get involved! If you've got any ideas on building the Palestine solidarity movement on campus, we'd love to hear from you. Those new to NUI Galway are especially welcome.

The committee positions up for election are: Auditor (basically the Chairperson of the society), Vice-Auditor (the deputy Chairperson), Treasurer: (who runs the society bank account), Secretary: (in charge of correspondence, minute-taking at meetings, etc), and Public Relations Officer: (ensuring society events are advertised through texts, posters, and so on). We can also appoint a number of Ordinary Committee Members, if you want to be on the committee but don't want a fixed role. If you can't make the meeting but want to be on the committee, just email the society with the position you nominate yourself for and we'll consider it at the meeting.

Palestine Solidarity Stall for Global Week » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn*, » *13th October 2014*

As part of the Global Week Fair in the Bailey Allen Hall in Aras na Mac Leinn, we'll be holding a Palestine Solidarity stall from 12 to 4. We'll be handing out literature and selling cupcakes for Palestine to fundraise for the Society. Come by and say hi!

Launch of NUIG Students' Union 'BDS' campaign. » *Cairnes Theatre* » *29th October 2014*

In conjunction with the Palestine Solidarity Society, the Students' Union will launch its 'Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions' campaign on Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Cairnes Theatre. The meeting will outline NUIG Students' Union's continued support for the Palestinian people and why NUIG Students should support a boycott of Israel. It will be addressed by the Students' Union President, Declan Higgins, Auditor of the Palestine Solidarity Society, Ciaran Maher, and Jim Roche of Academics for Palestine.

Carlos Latuff Cartoon Exhibition » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » *18th November 2014*

Carlos Latuff is an award winning and prolific political cartoonist from Brazil, best known for his iconic solidarity images of Palestine. The NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society will be hosting an exhibition of some of his work in the foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn on Tuesday 18 November. This is a free exhibition.

What does solidarity look like?: Palestine Activism 101 » *AC202* » *19th November 2014*

Joseph Loughnane, an experienced Palestine Solidarity activist in Galway, will discuss how students can raise awareness of the Palestinian struggle, on campus, in students' home towns, online, and through lobbying and creative expression.

Palestine Solidarity Society AGM » *AC202* » *15th January 2015*

The Palestine Solidarity Society will hold its AGM to fill positions for the new semester. All members are welcome to attend and put themselves forward for positions, to ensure a vibrant campaign in the new year!

Palestine vs Iraq, AFC Asian Cup Group D Match » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *20th January 2015*

The Palestine National Football Team are currently playing in the group stages of the Asian Cup Tournament in Australia. At 9am next Tuesday, we'll be holding a screening of their group stage game against Iraq in the View, Aras na Mac Leinn, for anyone who wants to support the team. Any Iraq supporters on campus are welcome too, of course. :) Free breakfast will be provided to supporters.

G4S Awareness campaign Co-ordination meeting » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » *16th February 2015*

The NUIG Palestine Solidarity Society intends to advise and initiate many campaigns now that the SU has been mandated to actively support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions of Israel. This week, a letter from the SU officially asking the University to divest from security company G4S has been handed in by SU President, Declan Higgins. On the back of this the PSS would like all activists and interested parties to attend a meeting on Monday the 16th at 5 o'clock to co-ordinate the awareness campaign. Events in the pipeline are a gig, leafleting and a demo or two. All and more to be decided at the meeting. Your Input is wanted and your ideas are needed! Get involved!

Palestine » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 30th March 2015

Join us for a special screening of the award winning documentary about the military-industrial complex in Israel and find out how it is helping to turn Palestine

NUI Galway Day of Action to oppose G4S' support for Israeli Apartheid » NUI Galway » 15th April 2015

Next Wednesday, members of the NUI Galway Palestine Solidarity Society will demonstrate to NUI Galway students the oppression which Palestinian citizens face every day through the use of street theatre on campus. Keep an eye out for the presence of IDF soldiers on campus, who, with the aid of Israel's apartheid wall, will harass ordinary Palestinians going about their everyday business. This is being done to highlight the fact that G4S, a multinational security company who are contracted with NUIG, supplies security equipment and services for use at Israeli prisons, checkpoints and settlements in the West Bank. It also helps to maintain Israel's prison system.

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Gerard Madden

Treasurer: Ciaran Maher

Auditor: Andrew Shine

Ordinary Committee Member: Rut Ni Eithir

Secretary: Naoise O'Caireallain

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Andrew Shine

Vice-Auditor: Gerard Madden

Secretary: Ciaran Maher

Treasurer: Naoise O'Caireallain

Organisation Balance Sheet

Palestine Solidarity Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€34.51
USC Grant	€1250	Dinner	€280
		Entertainment	€105.92
		Equipment misc	€44.18
		Speaker accomm	€69
		Expenditure Total	€533.61
		Closing Bank Balance	€716.39
Total	€1250	Total	€1250

Mission Statement

We are a student activist group dedicated to the right to self-determination and freedom of the Palestinian people.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To raise awareness about the plight of the Palestinian people through cultural events and information events. To further the campaign of Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions on the State of Israel, a campaign which the SU is now mandated to support. To pressure the University to divest from the abhorrent security company G4S which is currently in its employ.

Society Performance Reflection

Very Well.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved all we set out to do, though it remains to be seen if the University has listened to us

Greatest Success

G4S Awareness Day

Greatest Challenge

Creating awareness within the student body of the issues arising from G4S and NUI's contracts, and showing the students how it pertains to them.

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 242 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Palestine Solidarity Soc

<u>Andrew Shine</u>	Auditor, Treasurer	50 hours
<u>Ciaran Maher</u>	Auditor, Treasurer	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	110 hours	

Philosophy Soc

The Philosophical Society (Philosophy Soc, or PhilSoc if you're feeling lackadaisical) strives to offer NUIG students a chance to develop their philosophical thinking through as many avenues and events as we can think of: group discussions, inter-societal talks, guest speakers, game nights, movie screenings, and academic trips, just to start! We provide a forum for discussion and debate as we investigate pure philosophy and philosophy as seen through other disciplines.

Philosophy Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 23 events.

Monday Movie Night & EGM: Terminator I & II » McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse » 15th September 2014

Monday Movie Night: Children Of Men » McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse » 22nd September 2014

Monday Movie Night: The Big Lebowski » McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse » 29th September 2014

Come join the slowest-growing religion in the world - Dudeism. An ancient philosophy that preaches non-preachiness, practices as little as possible, and above all, uh... lost my train of thought there. Anyway, if you'd like to find peace on earth and goodwill, man, we'll be screening The Big Lebowski in the McMunn Theatre at 7 this Monday. All this and more as part of Absurdism Week. Yay!

Philosophy Soc Plays: Mario Kart & Antichamber » AC201 » 1st October 2014

As part of our absurdism week and in conjunction with Video Game Soc, Philosophy Soc has decreed that a celebration of truly odd video-gaming shall commence at 6pm on Wednesday in AC201 - see you there!

Monday Movie Night: Fight Club » McMunn Lecture Theatre » 6th October 2014

The first rule of Philosophy Soc is you don't talk about Philosophy Soc.

The second rule of Philosophy Soc is you DO NOT talk about Philosophy Soc.

GLOBAL WEEK Monday Movie Night: Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind » *McMunn Lecture Theatre, Concourse* » 13th October 2014

As part of Global Week and in collaboration with Anime & Manga Soc, PhilSoc screens the first of Studio Ghibli's many anti-war and environmentally themed features, which carries a recommendation from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) - come join us as we screen Nausicaa's belief in the value of all nature has to offer, and how she prevents a war in the process.

GLOBAL WEEK Documentary and Discussion: The Act of Killing » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 16th October 2014

In conjunction with FilmSoc (together now to be known as Philosophilm)!

Monday Movie Night: Blade Runner » *Mc Munn Theatre, Concourse* » 20th October 2014

Monday Movie Night: Let The Right One In » *Mc Munn Theatre, Concourse* » 27th October 2014

This week we have quite the bloody treat for ye: Vampires! Let the Right One In is an award-winning 2008 Swedish romantic horror film directed by Tomas Alfredson, based on a novel of the same title by John Ajvide Lindqvist (who also wrote the screenplay). The film focuses primarily on the character relationships but also touches upon the darker side of humanity and existential anxiety tackled in the book. So if you have an aversion to sunlight or feel the urge to drink blood, then come down to McMunn Theatre @ 7pm on Monday; pizza provided.

Philosophilm presents a Midnight Halloween Screaming: ALIEN » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 31st October 2014

Happy Halloween from a PhilosoFilm Society-like entity! That's right, Philosophy Soc and FilmSoc are back, this time to bring you a pre-Hallow's Eve midnight screening of Alien.

This science-fiction horror masterpiece was directed by Ridley Scott in 1979 and stars Tom Skerritt, Sigourney Weaver and Veronica Cartwright (among others). The eponymous Alien and its accompanying elements were designed by Swiss surrealist artist H. R. Giger.

Monday Movie Night: A Pervert's Guide to Ideology » *Mc Munn Theatre, Concourse* » 3rd November 2014

The Pervert's Guide to Ideology is a 2012 British documentary film directed by Sophie Fiennes and written and presented by Slovene philosopher and psychoanalyst Slavoj

Zen Soc and Philosophy Soc Documentary Screening: Amongst White Clouds » *AC201* » 5th November 2014

In collaboration with Zen Society our documentary for this week is Amongst White Clouds,

A journey exploring the practices of Chinese hermits living in the Zhongnan Mountains. So if you feel like freeing your mind, come and join us down the Arts Concourse in Room 201 at 6pm on Wednesday [Nov 5th,]. Refreshments including tea, coffee and cakes will be available.

Monday Movie Night: Moon » *Mc Munn Theatre, Arts Concourse* » 10th November 2014

Hey guys, so for our penultimate Monday movie of the semester we're going to be screening Moon, a 2009 British science-fiction drama film. The film follows Sam Bell (Sam Rockwell), a man who experiences a personal crisis as he nears the end of a three-year solitary stint mining helium-3 on the far side of the Moon. We hope to see you on 10th of November in McMunn Theatre at 7pm. Free pizza and refreshments available!

Monday Movie Night: Cloud Atlas » *Tyndall Lecture Theatre* » 17th November 2014

Monthly Monday Movie Night: Little Miss Sunshine » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 12th January 2015

Monday Movie Night returns to kick off semester two: Little Miss Sunshine is a 2006 American comedy-drama road film with a family and an 'auld VW bus. Come on down to the Darcy Thompson if you're in need of a little comedic relief or perhaps a slice of pizza.

We look forward to seeing ye there and taking it down a peg after your first day back ;)

Inspired Discourse (A Philosophy Soc Open Event) » *Darcy-Thompson Theater* » 19th January 2015

If you've a love of knowledge, a yearning for discussion or if you're just plain unsure then come join us; talk it all out.

We've decided to screen some Ted Talk, V-Sauce and Big Think videos to see what you think of them, in the aims of inspiring some great ideas of your own! These screenings will take place at 7pm in the Darcy-Thompson Theatre (on Monday [the 19th]) and there will of course, be refreshments to avail of. See ye there!

Philosophy Talks - Love Possibly: Desire and Reasons of the Heart » *AC215* » 10th February 2015

This Valentine's week, Dr. Felix O Murdacha has kindly agreed to give a talk on the phenomenology of love entitled Desire and Reasons of the Heart for all who wish to attend.

The talk is scheduled for Tuesday, 10th of February @ 6pm in AC215 - tea and various snacks provided!

Philosophy Soc Plays: The Stanley Parable & Portal 2 » *Darcy Thompson Theater* » 16th February 2015

Awesome and spectacular video-games lined up for this Monday: Single Player - The Stanley Parable is an exploration of story, games, and choice. Except the story doesn't matter, it might not even be a game, and if you ever actually do have a choice, well let me know how you did

it. Multiplayer - In Portal 2's co-operative campaign mode play as Atlas and P-Body, bipedal robots who navigate five sets of test chambers together, each with a fully functioning portal guns.

Monday Movie Night: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey » *Darcy Thompson theatre » 23rd February 2015*

Hey guys! This Monday we'll be screening Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey in the Darcy-Thompson at 7pm (right after an/our EGM) Pizza and refreshments will of course, be there to avail of and remember baby, "Don't Fear The Reaper"!

Inspired Discourse - A 'Black Mirror' Screening » *Darcy Thompson Theater » 2nd March 2015*

Thought Crime: Philosophy Society Variety Night » *Darcy Thompson theatre » 8th March 2015*

Hey guys, so we're gonna be screening Orson Well's "1984" and we'll have a discussion on free thought afterwards. Indeed, and we shall use whatever doth come of our liberal discourse to fuel a riotous game of Cards Against Humanity. Food for thought provided!

Thought Crime: Phil Soc Variety Night » *Darcy Thompson Theater » 9th March 2015*

Hey guys, so we're gonna be screening Michael Radford's "1984" and we'll have a discussion on free thought and [KEYWORD CENSORED] afterwards. Indeed, and we shall use whatever doth come of our liberal discourse to fuel a riotous game of Cards Against Humanity. Food for thought provided! Hope to see ye there.

Monday Movie Night Final » *Darcy Thompson Theater » 16th March 2015*

First up, this event will be held in tandem with our end-of-the-year AGM.

For our last movie night of the semester we'll be screening something in-keeping with the philosophical tradition of asking why, that's right it's Monty Python's The Meaning of Life! You all know the deal by now: Monday [16th of March], Darcy-Thompson Theatre @ 7pm. Pizza and refreshments will surely be made available ;) See y'all there!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Siobhan Lenihan

Vice-Auditor: Matthew Kyles

Treasurer: Szymon Urbas

PRO: Lar Mullally

Events Officer: Christopher Connors

Secretary: James Houlihan

OCM: Indrek Kollist

OCM: Katherine McCormick

Committee 2015/2016

Treasurer: Szymon Urbas

Secretary: Indrek Kollist

Philosophy Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	117.28	Bank charge	€101.96
Bank Charge	€12.5	Dinner	€728.5
Socs box Till	€2665	Equipment misc	€3.99
USC Grant	€2400	Materials	€30
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€5.29
		Printing	€30.2
		Society accomm	€1740.2
		Society transport	€2219.4
		Expenditure Total	€4859.54
		Closing Bank Balance	€335.24
Total	€5194.78	Total	€5194.78

Mission Statement

To inspire students to question and examine their preconceptions about the world around them.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to inspire discussion and promote philosophical discourse throughout the NUIG campus, and we look to foster a socially engaging atmosphere through said discussion/discourse via the use of accessible media and events. For the year, our goals are to increase our attendee numbers, to grow a steady community of regular attending members who are comfortable interacting with each other, and to raise the profile of the society by running events that capture the attention of our member base.

Society Performance Reflection

The society did relatively well over the course of this year. There was regular attendance at all events, no events had to be cancelled at the last minute, there were definitely a few regulars that came to every event and there were no financial issues. Through our events, like-minded people got to meet each other and discuss their views on different topics, which can be seen as a success for the society.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We were definitely successful in broadening our audience for PhilSoc events, having much more fresh faces per week than the previous year. Equally, people were much happier to interact with one another where there was call for discussion, which we attributed to the themes and media presented in our events as being widely accessible.

Greatest Success

We feel as though the trip to Athens was the society's greatest success. It was successful because we managed to raise over €3,500 between applying for travel funding in our budget and socs till sales for tickets. We never went over budget even considering that we had the cost of an overnight stay in Milan to unexpectedly factor in, the itinerary for the trip went to plan and we managed to cross the continent without losing anyone or experiencing any other hitches. The city itself provided plenty of opportunity to enjoy the history, scenery and nightlife of Athens. The 12 students (plus 3 committee members) who went on the 6 day trip both got on with each other excellently and the trip (and particularly the accommodation) exceeded everyone's expectations.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge is thought to have been trying to keep events fresh - the movie nights were lent on a bit too heavily in retrospect. Semester 2 was better but doing events where you want people to interact is really touch and go, depending on if the attendees actually want to contribute to a discussion or not.

Other Information

We held 12 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 366 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Philosophy Soc		
<u>Siobhan Lenihan</u>	Auditor	700 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	700 hours	

Photography Soc

There was an increased emphasis on practical workshops and evenings, particularly in the second semester. Workshops included darkroom development, Photoshop and long exposure events. We also focused on involving our members covering events so that University Events were documented with nice photography. This represented a shift in the paradigm where committee members covered events. We hope to do this more next year with a system to accept and publish photographer requests.

Photography Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Introduction to Photography Talk » *IT125* » *22nd September 2014*

Here we will teach you the basics of photography that you can use on our trips and outings .

Darkroom Talk » *IT125* » *6th October 2014*

We have a guest speaker coming in to give us a talk about the darkroom and after anyone who's interested can sign up for a darkroom workshop and we'll head to the college bar for food after!

Introduction to digital Photography » *The View* » *19th January 2015*

We'll be covering the basics:

1. Using the camera's autofocus
2. Adjusting shutter speed
3. Adjusting aperture
4. Light

If you have a DSLR, bring it.

Some of you may be familiar with some of these concepts already but you may find that you're able to pass your knowledge to others.

This is limited to 20 places so reply to this email to confirm a place (photosoc@socs.nuigalway.ie). If you do confirm a place please inform us 24 hours before if you need to cancel....or face death.

In your email state whether you have a DSLR/compact camera/no camera (don't worry if you don't, we have a couple of spares).

If you can't make Monday let us know and if there's enough demand we'll run this talk again. **THERE WILL BE PIZZA AFTER !!!!**

Muscailt Opening night » *Foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn* » *9th February 2015*

The opening night for the exhibition will be next Monday, the 9th, at 8pm in the hall just outside the hub in aras na mac leinn.

There will be crackers, cheese, refreshments and soft drinks.

Come along and see your work and bring your friends.

Introduction to Photography » *Aras na Mac Leinn* » *12th February 2015*

A one hour workshop on DSLR photography for members of the Mature Student Society and the Photography Society. If you have a DSLR camera bring it along and we'll show you how to begin using the manual modes.

Black and White Beginners Darkroom Workshop » *Darkroom, Aras Na MacLeinn* » *23rd February 2015*

We have three workshops throughout the day being given by Peter Fitzsimmons of Monochrome Meath. Tickets are only 2 bean!

Darkroom Evening » *Darkroom, Aras Na MacLeinn* » *30th March 2015*

A follow up on our darkroom workshops from last month. We'll be doing black and white processing. If you have film bring it along if you would like to try and develop the negatives.

Message us if you would like to come because we may be tight for space.

photosoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

Long exposure photography » *Quad* » *22nd April 2015*

Andreas Riemenschneider, the chairperson of the Galway Camera Club will come to facilitate some long exposure photography. For those of you that don't know, this means you set your camera to very slow or 'long' shutter speeds. The camera will capture any light in the scene during that exposure. We will also be involving members of the Juggling Society.

Photo Soc AGM » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » *22nd April 2015*

AGM followed by long exposure workshop

Trip to Lahinch and the Burren

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Clodagh Gillen

Treasurer: Gavin Donohue

OCM: Sean Daly

OCM: Brigitte Walsh

Auditor: Conor O'Beolain

Secretary: Hannah Brownlow

OCM: Jemima Burke

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Gavin Donohue

Secretary: Mollie-Kate Farrelly

Vice-Auditor: Patrizio Mancuso

Treasurer: Swarna Raman

Organisation Balance Sheet

Photography Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	399.08	Bank charge	€52.629999999999995
Ecommerce Sales	€140	Equipment misc	€4781.8
Socs box Till	€154	Materials	€594.76
Ticket Sales	€80	Printing	€200
USC Grant	€6500	Prizes	€110
		Reception	€50
		Society accomm	€68
		Society transport	€35
		Speaker accomm	€40
		Speaker travel	€23
		Teacher fees	€401.5
		Expenditure Total	€6356.69
		Closing Bank Balance	€916.39
Total	€7273.08	Total	€7273.08

Mission Statement

We are students hoping to nurture our members' interests in a broad variety of photography types through practical participation and training while also providing an opportunity for those that cannot afford their own cameras to get involved by lending equipment.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We hope to collaborate with more clubs and societies within the university, offering our members opportunities to cover events which in the past were only covered by the society committee. This will give experience in a variety of photography styles to our members (sport, fashion, food, event etc.) and will document the University's history with high quality images.

We aim to run a number of introductory courses for new members at the beginning of each semester to get them acquainted with the manual mode of their camera.

The university has a darkroom which is currently underutilised. We hope to run a workshop that will train some of our members in the use of the darkroom to keep this art alive. Update: We ran a number of these workshops and are now hoping to run film developing evenings.

Society Performance Reflection

The first semester was sluggish. Signups on society's day was relatively low. We held few events. The second semester picked well with a 100 new members at the second socs day and a number of workshops and events. We also emphasised asking our members to cover events being run by other societies.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

In the second semester we ran a number of events aimed at beginners. These were successful and the participants were very grateful. We also ran workshops in the darkroom which has established a certain level of skill and competence which will be built upon next year. Photoshop workshops proved popular. We collaborated with a number of other societies which were very successful and we'll try this more next semester.

Greatest Success

Possibly reinvigorating the darkroom. A day of workshops brought a lot of us up to speed on the process and now there's quite a few members eager to keep at it. It's a more social type of photography.

Greatest Challenge

Poor communication and other commitments of the majority of the committee meant the society struggled with numbers to help organise and run events.

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 465 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Photography Soc		
<u>Jemima Burke</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	6 hours
<u>Sean Daly</u>	OCM	8 hours
<u>Clodagh Gillen</u>	Vice Auditor	50 hours
<u>Brigitte Walsh</u>	OCM	20 hours
<u>Gavin Donohue</u>	Treasurer	250 hours
<u>Conor O'Beolain</u>	Auditor	92 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	426 hours	

Physics Soc

The aim of Physics Society is to improve the reputation and promote physics on campus, especially amongst undergraduates and post graduates. We also promote the society in entertaining manner, to try and remove the stigma that is usually associated with physics, that it's not all tedious theory that many find difficult to follow.

Throughout the year, these aims are achieved by an academic talks, documentaries, party/fun activities nights etc. The main events held by the Society are the annual Science Ball and foreign trip to an external scientific. This year the society visited the Institute of Physics in Prague, Czech Republic. Previous trips include visits to the Nemo science centre in Amsterdam, Science museum in Warsaw, Isar II nuclear power plant. The annual Science Ball was another great success that got national coverage. We also donated a €1500 that we made from both the Ball and other fundraising events we held to the Rory Gallagher Wish to Walk campaign.

Physics Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 199 events.

Physics Society Meet 'n' Greet » *Physics Department Room 220 » 16th September 2014*

An informal meetup giving everybody a chance to get together and find out who's who. All are welcome, regardless of if you do physics or not!

Refreshments provided!

Physics Soc AGM » *Physics Department Room 220 » 23rd September 2014*

Come along if you are interested in being involved in Physics Soc for the coming year or would like to know who's going to be running the society!

Science Ball Ticket Sales » *Aras an Mac Leinn » 12th November 2014*

Full tickets

Science Ball 2014 » *Galway Bay Hotel » 19th November – 20th November 2014*

Calling all scientists!!! Put down your experiments and join us at the Annual Science Ball. Taking place in the Galway Bay Hotel the 19th of November at 7:30pm. Great music, fine dining and an excuse to dust off those dancing shoes.

Weekly Meeting » *Rm 220 » 21st October 2014*

This week will be watching the film "Warrior" that has plenty of action and physics too. Like always refreshments on the night.

EGM » *Rm 220 » 20th January 2015*

We're holding an EGM as sadly a few of our committee members have to step down due to academic reasons. This means you can join us and have your say in the running of the society.

Weekly Meet up » *Rm 220 » 27th January 2015*

Our Weekly meet up in Rm220. It's bowling week, let's have some fun and banter while learning Physics. After all, both potential and kinetic energy can be at play while bowling and trying to get the perfect strike.

Weekly Meeting » *Rm 220 » 3rd February 2015*

This week, it's Prague reunion time. This is for all those who travelled with Physics Soc to reminisce of the fantastic Pragmatic Experience we had... Business like usually next week

Weekly Meet up » *Rm 220 » 10th February 2015*

As it's BAFTA's and Oscars's week, we've decided to join in with the hype and head to the Cinema this week. Of course there is only one film we had in mind.... The Theory of Everything, an outstanding film about the most outstanding physicist of our generation, Stephen Hawking. Film starts at 8.45 in the IMC, Headford rd, so we have delayed the usual meet up time to 7.30

Weekly Meeting » *Rm 220 » 24th March 2015*

This week we will be watching a documentary called "Why we should trust scientists" by Prof. Naomi Oreskes. She is Professor of the History of Science at Harvard University. Like always refreshments on the night.

Weekly Meeting » *Rm 220 » 7th October 2014*

This week, we are glad to have Colm Lynch and Niamh Fitzgerald, both PhD students from the Applied Optics. They will discuss the research

Weekly Meeting » Rm 220 » 14th October 2014

This week, we will be watching the documentary "The Race to Absolute Zero". Refreshments on the night.

Annual Foreign trip » Prague, Czech Republic » 4th January – 7th January 2015 (4 individual events)

Went to Prague.

Annual fundraising campaign » Concourse and The Skeff » 10th March 2015

It's that time of year again, our annual fundraising campaign. This year we are raising funds for Rory Gallagher's Wish to Walk campaign. We will be holding a bake sale on concourse from 12:30 till 4:30 and then that night a quiz in The Skeff starting at 8:30. We hope all of you can support this charity fundraiser in any way at all.

Weely Meeting » Rm 220 » 23rd September – 23rd March 2015 (182 individual events)

The society's AGM is this week. Do come along and have your say in the society and even better, be a committee member.

Committee 2014/2015

Safety Officer: Conor Browne

OCM: Eoghan Brady

Secretary: Jason Tourish

Vice-Auditor: Shauna Nic A Bhaired

Co-Secretary : Damien Sneyd

Auditor: Arlene McGrath

Treasurer: James Blackwell

PRO: Thomas Joyce

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Jason Tourish

Vice-Auditor: Damien Sneyd

Organisation Balance Sheet

Physics Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3753.33	Ball	€21771.21
Bank Charge	€12.5	Bank charge	€73.26
Fundraising	€855	Dinner	€30.5
Members Contributions	€202	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€535.71
Socs box Till	€3455	Prizes	€59.09
Sponsorship	€2000	Society transport	€4487.52
Ticket Sales	€19695		
USC Grant	€2500		
		Expenditure Total	€26957.29
		Closing Bank Balance	€5515.54
Total	€32472.83	Total	€32472.83

Mission Statement

Our Goal this year is to spread the love of physics to all students and for them to be converted to this side of science.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Firstly, we want to show them that there is a fun side to physics and it's not all hard work. This is done in many ways such as to show others the work our master and post grads students do in the University and the influence their research has in the world. We also want to show the practical uses of physics in everyday life and the influence physics and science in the film and television industries.

Secondly to organise a brilliant NUI Galway Science Ball 2104 that all students and staff can attend and for them to have a fun filled night.

Thirdly to organise a foreign trip away to enhance people's knowledge of physics while having a fun time.

Society Performance Reflection

It was a very successful year for the society for several of reasons. Firstly the society increased in size as over 200 new members joined compared to the previous year's figure. We also see a huge turnout for the Science Ball, which was a sell-out. This also got national press via JOE.ie for Chris Hadfield opening speech. We also saw a massive application for our annual foreign trip to Prague

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We achieved many of our goals that we set out at the beginning of the year such as growing the society and getting the society more recognised throughout the campus. We also had a sold out Science Ball this year and we hope to improve on this next year. This also helped increase the revenue of the society, which reduces the financial burden on the society for next year.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was winning the Best Departmental at the NUI Galway society awards. This was a motivation for the committee members, especially the newer members who are the building store to the society. It has been several years since the society won an award so this also is a good motivation to members wanting to become a committee member next year.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge is to attract non science based members and for them to attend the weekly meetings. Most members would be from the science background and would have a slight knowledge of physics. Whereas most non science students would have no interest due to the stereotype of physics and hence stays away. We hope to overcome this barrier next year.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 990 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Physics Soc		
<u>James Blackwell</u>	Treasurer	200 hours
<u>Arlene McGrath</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Conor Browne</u>	Safety officer	10 hours
<u>Jason Tourish</u>	OCM, Secretary.	20 hours
<u>Damien Sneyd</u>	OMC, Secretary	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	450 hours	

Poker

Poker society organised a professional but friendly, weekly game of poker where its members could socialise and enjoy one's pass-time within the university.

Poker Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

AGM » *view in aras na mac lienn » 15th September 2014*

AGM need new committee and short rebuy tourney and info about society

poker tournament » *view in aras na mac lienn » 22nd September 2014*

10 euro re buy tournament will be sorting committee soon and providing tutorials hopefully very soon , so everyone can start having fun !

Poker Tournament » *view in aras na mac lienn » 29th September 2014*

Poker Tournament in The view format to be decided

Poker Tournament » *The View » 19th January – 30th March 2015 (11 individual events)*

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: James Scarry

Vice-Auditor: Andrew Patton

Secretary: Jonathan Reddy

Treasurer: Ryan Ashe

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: James Scarry

Vice-Auditor: Ryan Ashe

Poker Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	373.26	Bank charge	€154.62
Socs box Till	€1015	Entry fees	€210
Sponsorship	€550	Equipment misc	€153.2
		Prizes	€1371.8
		Expenditure Total	€1889.62
		Closing Bank Balance	€48.64
Total	€1938.26	Total	€1938.26

Mission Statement

To provide society members an enjoyable pastime with the opportunity to meet other like-minded students, develop their logical reasoning and analytical skills and to strive to maintain a competitive standard of poker in NUIG.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Increase player base.
- Maintain high level of competition.

- Place reward systems in for highest ranked players.
- Try to make each game as fun as possible for students.
- Provide the most positive tournament experience to our players and adapt to suit their needs.

Society Performance Reflection

The society performed well in my opinion. By the end of the year, we built up a regular player base who enjoyed every Monday night game thoroughly. The standard of play was much improved. Members developed good relationships with fellow members whilst enjoying the level of competition inherent in the game.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes player base was increased with an average of 25 players attending our games each week.

The standard of play was way improved from last year, as people began thinking more strategically and working on their games. This could be due to the reward systems in place for the highest ranked players, which the society also successfully implemented. Players thoroughly enjoyed the weekly games and got to interact with students with similar interests and make new friends. We also discussed tournament structures weekly and would make changes according to member wants.

Greatest Success

Maintaining a big player base and watching the general improvement in player standard.

Greatest Challenge

Poker, globally is a game declining in interest, thus it was a challenge to get players' down to the society for the first time. Once they ventured down though generally new players became regulars.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 314 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Potter Soc

This year PotterSoc aimed to allow as many Harry Potter fans a place to meet and enjoy Harry Potter and the wizarding world. Through a variety of events we wanted to provide inventive and creative ways for people to interact with the society and the Harry Potter fandom at large. We did this through talks, board game nights, treasure hunts, quizzes and PotterFest catered to our 644 members as well as all other students in the university.

PotterFest was a three day convention that allowed us to bring the magic of Harry Potter to people outside of the university. Over the weekend classes and quidditch as well as an intervarsity open to all students in Ireland were held. This was the perfect opportunity for us to show what the society could do on a much larger scale. 654 of all ages attended and the success of the weekend was a credit to the society.

It was important for us this year to increase our visibility on campus. We did this through stronger poster for all of our events. As well as this we worked on increasing the members on our Facebook group and our newly formed Facebook page. We also updated our PotterFest accounts on Tumblr and twitter ran an advertising campaign during the elections for PotterFest.

Potter Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

Socs Day! » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 10th September 2014*

Come meet the committee, and get some sweets when you sign up to the society :)

Sorting » *Cube* » 11th September 2014

Get sorted into the house of your dreams or your nightmares. Our very own sorting hat will be letting you know if its Slytherin or Hufflepuff is where you belong.

Quidditch Taster Event » *President's Lawn* » 17th September 2014

Come one and all, to get a crash course in how to play quidditch. We'll be going through the rules and positions and having an open practice session.

EGM » *Small acoustic room, Aras na Mac L* » 24th September 2014

We are holding an EGM in the small acoustic room on the 24th to elect new members. The positions that are open are PRO, Secretary and many OCM positions.

Horcrux Treasure Hunt » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 13th October 2014

Come along to help the trio hunt for Horcrux's. Voldemort has hidden the horcrux's all around the college and needs you to find them. There will be a prize of course for whoever can find them all first!! So it's 6pm in Aras na Mac Leinn foyer where you will be divided into teams and will start your hunt!

Quidditch Training » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 15th October 2014

Weekly quidditch practice with Galway Grindylows. Meet in The Hub at 6:30

Quidditch Training » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd October 2014

Weekly quidditch practice with Galway Grindylows. Meet in The Hub at 6:30

Halloween Party! » *The Cellar bar* » 29th October – 30th October 2014

Potter Soc are really excited to be involved with the other fandom societies Halloween Party again this year! We are collaborating with Fan Sci, Disney, Ainme and Manga, Video Games, Time Lord and Victorian Socs to bring you the biggest society costume party of the season! There'll be music, face-painting, scary decorations and a prize for best costume! It's on next Wednesday, October 29th in the Cellar Bar. Doors opening at 7.30pm, and it's 5 euro in! Hope to see you all there!

Wizard Duelling and Pottermore discussion » *AC202 (On the Concourse, along the corridor between Larmor and O'Flaherty)* » 12th November 2014

Are your duelling skills an embarrassment to the house? Can you barely stun a bowtruckle? Does your bully's jelly leg jinx always catch you from behind? Well then come along to Pottersocs latest event Wizard Duelling! Also when you're all tuckered out from duelling then you can sit back and engage in a discussion about Pottermore! Sound fun! I think so.....

Quidditch Learners' Tournament (Intersarsity) » *The president's lawn, NUIG* » 6th December 2014

Want to learn to play, develop your team, and have fun? Come join us in the first week of December :)

Timetable of events:

12:00 - Training session (Including introduction to chasing and keeping, beating, seeking)

13:00 - Lunch break

13:20 - Matches

15:00 - Chat to other quidkids about setting up or joining a team, getting involved in Quidditch Ireland.

The event will be taking place on the Presidents Lawn in front of the Quadrangle in NUIG.

Directions from the city centre to the Quadrangle (it's about a ten minute walk):

<https://goo.gl/maps/DgDaj>

If anyone is travelling to Galway and is unsure of the way, just let us know and we can help :) Sponsored by the Bank of Ireland.

My Immortal Dramatic Reading » » 21st January 2015

Come along to the McMunn Wednesday the 21st at 7pm and hear the words of Ebony Dark

PotterSoc Weekly Meeting » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 26th January 2015

Come along to the Dillion Theatre at 7pm this Monday for Harry Potter discussion, games and a chance to get to know everyone a bit better. Whatever it is you want to talk about now it's your chance whether it is your favourite character Daniel Radcliffe's hair in the Goblet of Fire. See you there.

Board Game Night » *Dillion Lecture Theatre* » 2nd February 2015

Come along to the Dillion Theatre at 7pm for a night filled with both Harry Potter and board games. Be it trivia or strategy that is your strong point or just sheer luck come along and become the champion! See you all there!

Victorian Fair » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 11th February 2015

Come along to the Victorian fair and take part in our magic and illusions. Find out more about magic in the Victorian times, play some Victorian games and have a nice cup of tea.

Speed dating » *AC204* » 12th February 2015

Join us for a night of pick-up lines, pizza and prizes. Think you know the killer line that will get you both a date and a Valentine's themed prize than now is your chance. Think you don't then where else would you get some ideas. A great night is promised at 7:30 in AC204.

Fan fiction workshop » *Dillion theatre, concourse* » 2nd March 2015

Come along to the Dillion Theatre at 7 for our fan fiction panel. PotterFest director Niamh will go through the ins and outs of fan fiction and give some tips on writing your own!

Introduction to Quidditch » *foyer Aras na mac Leinn* » 4th March 2015

Interested in taking up a new sport and making some new friends. Come along to the foyer in Aras na MacLeinn at 7 for our introduction to quidditch. Learn the rules, meet the team and try your hand at playing a match.

PotterFest preview night » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 9th March 2015

Tonight at 7pm in the Dillion come and experience a taster of what PotterFest next weekend has to offer. We'll be playing Harry Potter against humanity (our own take on cards against humanity) and there will be pizza!

Harry Potter comedy night » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 12th March 2015

I'm the Dillion this Thursday come and see Harry Potter sketches and a comedy puppet show! Plenty of stand up, some terrible puns and a trip to the college bar afterwards.

Potterfest 2015 » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 13th March – 15th March 2015 (3 individual events)

Ireland's only Harry Potter convention, PotterFest Galway is coming to NUIG on the weekend of March 13th-15th! Visitors of all ages will have the chance to experience the magic of the Wizarding World right here in Galway.

Dragon Egg Hunt » *foyer Áras na mac Léinn* » 24th March 2015

With Easter just around the corner it's the perfect time to go and find some Easter Eggs. Guarded by some ferocious dragons do you think you can beat our Easter Egg Hunt and come away victorious. So grab your wands and Mauraders Maps and get yourself to Aras na MacLeinn at 6:30.

AGM » *The Space* » 13th April 2015

Annual AGM to elect a new committee

Quidditch » *foyer Aras na mac Leinn* » 25th March 2015

Join us for weekly quidditch training on the President's Lawn. Practice the basics and play a match. Bring clothes you don't mind getting muddy. Everyone will meet in the Foyer of Aras na MacLeinn and take it from there. See you guys at 6pm!

Committee 2014/2015

PRO: Isabella de Luca

Treasurer: Lukasz Dudek

Quidditch Liason: Aine Kilbane

OCM: Michael Carolan

Convention Director: Niamh O'Neill

Auditor: Ellie Parfrey Taylor

Secretary: Mairead Clancy

OCM: Sinead Ni Bhearra

OCM: Megan Lee

OCM: Simon Bourke-Murphy

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Mairead Clancy

Secretary: Christopher Dunne

Con Director: Ellie Parfrey Taylor

Co-Con : Cheyenne Dunne

OCM: Shannon Doherty

OCM: Lukasz Dudek

Vice-Auditor: Isabella de Luca

Treasurer: Calvin Neary

Safety Officer: Vanessa Kemmer

OCM: Julio Sanchis Arderius

OCM: Rebecca Davitt

Organisation Balance Sheet

PotterSoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	925.4	Bank charge	€54.93
Balls	€70	Dinner	€507.51
Sponsorship	€150	Entertainment	€53.77
USC Grant	€1200	Gifts	€7
		Materials	€165.3
		Printing	€20.46
		Prizes	€70
		Promotions	€8.46
		Socs day expenses	€25.2
		Expenditure Total	€912.63
		Closing Bank Balance	€1432.77
Total	€2345.4	Total	€2345.4

Potterfest Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2824.56	Bank charge	€78.86
Ticket Sales	€2296.65	Equipment misc	€300
		Fundraising / Charity	€140
		Materials	€1025.28
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€46.5
		Printing	€143.94
		Promotions	€29.37
		Society accomm	€200
		Stationary	€532.99
		Expenditure Total	€2496.94
		Closing Bank Balance	€2624.27
Total	€5121.21	Total	€5121.21

Mission Statement

Potter Soc aim to spread appreciation and love for Harry Potter through NUI Galway.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Potter Soc aim to hold a series of events that celebrate the Harry Potter universe.

- We hope to increase the attendance at our events and the engagement on our social media pages.
- We would like to encourage a deeper discussion and celebration of the books, movies and wider fandom.
- Potterfest aims to be bigger and more successful than last year, with a wide range of activities that everyone will enjoy.

Society Performance Reflection

We did very well in that we reached all of our goals.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes I believe that we reached all of our aims.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was PotterFest which was a large and successful event.

Greatest Challenge

Keeping a well-rounded and communicative leadership which is something we achieved towards the later end of the year.

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 645 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Potter Soc		
<u>Sinead Ni Bhearra</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	30 hours
<u>Ellie Parfrey Taylor</u>	Auditor	120 hours
<u>Leah Freehill</u>	Committee at Potterfest	109 hours
<u>Aine Kilbane</u>	Grindylows Team Captain, Quidditch Coordinator, PotterFest	60 hours
<u>Niamh O'Neill</u>	Convention Director	570 hours
<u>Rebecca O'Connor</u>	Potterfest volunteer	50 hours
<u>Calvin Neary</u>	Potter Fest Staff	39 hours
<u>Ciara Clarke</u>	Potterfest Committee	50 hours
<u>Simon Bourke-Murphy</u>	Ordinary committee member	50 hours
<u>Roisin Dalton</u>	Potterfest Staff	30 hours
<u>Isabella de Luca</u>	PRO	251 hours
<u>Eoghan Doyle</u>	Assistant Trade liaison, Potterfest	35 hours
<u>Mairead Clancy</u>	Secretary	251 hours
<u>Lukasz Dudek</u>	Treasurer	100 hours
<u>Michelle Moore Temple</u>	Potterfest Staff	24 hours
<u>Julio Sanchis Arderius</u>	staffing at potter fest	24 hours
<u>Rowan Hynes</u>	Potter Fest PRO	95 hours
# ALIVE Students:	17 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1888 hours	

President's Award (Gaisce) Soc

The Gaisce society was late starting up this year. Our first meeting was in January and was set up by Christina, a previous member of the club. Three members were available to attend this meeting Daragh, Ruth and Catherine. They became the committee with Ruth as auditor, Daragh as treasurer and Catherine as secretary. We held a few committee meetings deciding on how we could get more members and have as many people complete their Gaisce as possible but as it was so late into the year many people were uninterested in joining as they would have to do a lot of it by themselves during summer. It was also hard to find a night where everybody was free. We gained access to the Facebook page and the g mail account. We also had issues with the Gaisce bank account as we were unable to gain access to it until a previous signature was present to shut it down. On the 26 of March we announced a meeting to answer anyone's questions on Gaisce and to hopefully gain more committee members. During this meeting we also talked about a trip to the Camino organised by the Irish Society of the Friends of St. James which could be used as the adventure trip for bronze, silver or gold members. With Ruth stepping down as auditor Daragh was elected to this position, Catherine remained secretary and Anna was elected as a PRO. Finally before the end of term Daragh and Catherine became signatures on the Gaisce bank account.

President's Award (Gaisce) Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 2 events.

Introduction to Gaisce » *Aras na Mac Leinn meeting room 2* » 26th March 2015

a meeting to introduce Gaisce to new members and to give information to all other members

First meeting » *The Hub* » 22nd January 2015

At this meeting I will talk to you about Gaisce and answer any questions you might have and we will also be voting in our new committee, so if you would like to be on the committee come along!

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Catherine Mohan

Christina: Christina Quinn

Auditor: Daragh Sweeney

PRO: Anna Connaughton

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Daragh Sweeney

Secretary: Catherine Mohan

PRO: Anna Connaughton

Christinna: Christina Quinn

Presidents Award (Gaisce) Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	415.02	Bank charge	€35.86
		Dinner	€19
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€20.4
		Expenditure Total	€75.26
		Closing Bank Balance	€339.76
Total	€415.02	Total	€415.02

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did not achieve as much this year as it possibly could have. We were late starting up and were only able to organise two meetings. However most of our planning went into next year trying to organise mailing lists, Facebook pages, bank accounts and getting a committee together that could have a better start for next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

For this year we achieved in getting everything ready for next year we have a bank account set up, access to the email and Facebook pages and have a committee in place that can organise.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was creating a committee that was willing to take over the task of looking over Gaisce in the college it was a learning experience as none of us had been in such a position before however I believe we have learned a lot and look forward to many more achievements next year.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was getting members on to the committee as many people were unable to find a day that suited for meetings.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 169 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Psychiatry Society

During the summer of 2014, our Auditor and Vice-Auditor spent a summer in the Institute of Psychiatry, London. They immersed themselves in one of healthcare's most challenging areas. Rubbing shoulders with the UK's and some of Europe's leading experts, they gained an invaluable insight and passion for psychiatry.

They also met many like-minded students, some of whom had formed Psychiatry Societies in universities across the UK. They heard about the many opportunities that Psychiatry Society provided for students, and the positive impact that these societies had on campus life. On their return to Ireland, they were resolved to form the first NUIG Psychiatry Society. Following much discussion, they outlined the goals of the society;

1. Promote mental health and wellbeing
2. Reduce stigma surrounding mental illness
3. Promote careers and recruitment in mental health services
4. Change misconceptions surrounding the medical specialty of psychiatry

From the outset, interest was high and 25 people arrived in Aras na Mac Leinn eagerly waiting to hear of the society's plans for the upcoming year. With most committee positions contested, we were all delighted to gain a place in the newly formed society. From the humble beginnings, the society has grown from strength to strength, with almost every event gathering a larger and more diverse crowd than the last. We hope to build on the success of year 1 next year, and for years to come.

Psychiatry Society Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Psychiatry Soc AGM » *Meeting Zoom 2 Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 24th September 2014

Psychiatry Soc Movie Night- 'A Beautiful Mind' » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 4th November 2014

For our first event we will be showcasing the critically acclaimed film 'A Beautiful Mind'. Starring Russell Crowe, this a captivating insight

into the mind of somebody who suffers from Schizophrenia. Free Pizza will be provided! Questions and answers at the end along with discussion of what NUIG Psychiatry Society plans to do for the year. See you there!

Psychosis, Psychopathy and Criminality » *Siobhan MacKenna Theatre, Arts Millenium Building* » 26th November 2014

Two expert forensic psychiatrists look at the distinction between violence committed by those with mental illness from those with disorders of personality using example cases. Mr Waffle goodies will be provided! :)

NUIG Psychiatry Society are pleased to present Psychosis, Psychopathy and Criminality an interactive discussion on the fascinating area of forensic psychiatry. Two expert forensic psychiatrists will discuss the distinction between violence committed by those with mental illness from those with disorders of personality, using example cases to compare both groups. Starting at 7:30PM NEXT WEDNESDAY (26th November) in SIOBHAN MCKENNA THEATRE upstairs in the ARTS MILLENNIUM BUILDING. FREE GOODIES will be provided. See you there!

Psychiatry Wants You! » *Siobahn McKenna Theatre* » 21st January 2015

Interested in a Career in Psychiatry? Come join us to hear about one of the most fascinating, dynamic and rewarding jobs out there.

MedFest 2015 » *Large Lecture Theatre, Clinical Sciences Institue, University Hospital Galway* » 3rd February 2015

Psychiatry Soc and NUIG Medical Society are proud to host MedFest for its second year running at NUIG. MedFest is a medically themed film festival organised by a group of UK psychiatry trainees and runs in medical schools across the UK and Ireland.

This year's theme is 'Global Medicine & Civilizations'. A selection of short film clips and animations are shown and then discussed by a group of 4 of our most distinguished and witty panelists.

If that wasn't enough there'll be FREE GOURMET TART GOODIE BAGS to nibble on during the show, with a reception afterwards with FREE WAFFLE FOOD, PIZZA and REFRESHMENTS.

Don't know where the Clinical Sciences Institute is? There will be directions from the entrance of the hospital to bring you directly to the Large Lecture Theatre!

See you there for a wonderful night of film, fun and food.

The Art of Psychiatry » *Clinical Science Institute* » 16th March – 20th March 2015 (5 individual events)

NUIG Psychiatry Society are pleased to present The Art of Psychiatry, a week long art exhibition showcasing famous works of art associated with mental illness. The exhibition will focus on art as a form of self-expression and its role in therapy, as well as the change in treatment for mental illness over the centuries. The exhibition will take place in the upstairs foyer of the Clinical Science Institute.

NUIG Psychiatry Society AGM » *Meeing Rooms 1 and 2, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 24th March 2015

After a phenomenal first year, NUIG Psychiatry Society is calling on you to get involved with us next year. If you're interested in mental health and want to make a difference come along. Tea and biscuits provided.

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Amy Rossiter

Treasurer: Mairead Reidy

OCM: Lauren Moriarty

OCM: Conor Fahy

Secretary: David O'Reilly

Auditor: Matt Smyth

OCM: Sabrina Sheridan

OCM: Megan McNamara

PRO: Louise Burke

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Cian Tuohy

Treasurer: Mairead Reidy

OCM: Katie Lynam

OCM: Kuan Hao Yee

PRO: Sabrina Sheridan

Vice-Auditor: Louise Burke

Secretary: Megan McNamara

OCM: Matthew McMorrow

OCM: Tara Burke

Organisation Balance Sheet

Psychiatry Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€31.1
Sponsorship	€495.65	Entertainment	€285.54
USC Grant	€200	Prizes	€50
		Society transport	€40
		Socs day expenses	€51.81
		Stationary	€10.2
		Expenditure Total	€468.65
		Closing Bank Balance	€227.01
Total	€695.66	Total	€695.66

Mission Statement

The NUIG Psychiatry Society is a student led society with members spanning all university disciplines. Through education and mental health promotion, we hope to encourage positive attitudes to mental wellbeing in students and change how people respond to mental illness on the university campus and in the wider world. We also aim to attract students to careers in mental health service provision.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The NUIG Psychiatry Society aims to:

1. Promote mental health and wellbeing
2. Reduce stigma surrounding mental illness
3. Promote careers and recruitment in mental health services
4. Change misconceptions surrounding the medical specialty of psychiatry

Society Performance Reflection

Overall this has been a phenomenal first year for the NUIG Psychiatry society. With over 400 members and 5 highly attended events over both semesters, there is clearly a demand for such a society on campus. These events have ranged from a talk on forensic psychiatry to a mini film festival to an art exhibition. We have also raised the profile of psychiatry both on and off campus (featuring recently in the Connacht Tribune). In terms of our finances we have also successfully raised 71% of our funds from external sources.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We feel we were incredibly successful in achieving our aims throughout the year.

1. Reduce stigma surrounding mental illness

Education is the most effective means to combat stigma and this has been the cornerstone of all our events. This began at societies day, where we displayed posters disproving widely held false beliefs about mental illness (e.g. schizophrenia is not a split personality). Our forensic psychiatry night “Psychosis, Psychopathy and the Criminal Mind”, further discussed much of the misinformation surrounding violence in mental illness. Through this event we highlighted the unfair and unjust portrayal of patients living with schizophrenia in the media and emphasised that you are more likely to be struck by lightning than be hurt by an individual living with schizophrenia. Perhaps most importantly, our events have focused on the narratives of patients with mental illness; ranging from that of John Forbes Nash in our showing of “A Beautiful Mind”, to Bryan Charnley’s portraits of deteriorating mental health in “The Art of Psychiatry”, to patients chained in an Indonesian Asylum in “Medfest”. Our events enabled members to put a face and a story to those suffering silently and create a sense of empathy for their struggle; the most powerful tool in combating stigma.

2. Promote mental health and wellbeing

By reducing stigma towards mental illness through education, we hope to create a campus which can openly discuss mental health difficulties.

Many of our events and our social media updates focused on the challenges in everyday life for people with mental illness. This discussion forces our members to consider the mental health of their friends, family and even themselves. We believe this education allows our members to realise the volatility of our mental health, and highlights the importance of its promotion. Additionally, we have distributed mental health promotion literature at our events and we have liaised closely with other initiatives (for example helping the promotion of the NUIG Emotional Health Campaign).

3. Change misconceptions surrounding the medical specialty of psychiatry

Much as those suffering with mental illness are stigmatised, so too is the medical specialty of psychiatry; many believing treatments are ineffective and even punitive. Such beliefs act as a deterrent to people seeking help, but also to those interested in pursuing the specialty as a career.

Again, we hope that the educational nature of our events may combat these widely held beliefs.

In addition, most of our events featured psychiatrists, allowing interaction between students and mental health care professionals emphasising that psychiatry is a fulfilling and rewarding career path.

Through positive association, we hope that the formation of a psychiatry society on campus that offers fun and stimulating events this may help to improve psychiatry's image in the minds of students.

4. Promote careers and recruitment in mental health services

In the midst of Ireland’s crisis to retain junior doctors, psychiatry is one of the specialties that has been most affected, with few considering a career in the field. Through all our events this year the society has shown how stimulating and rewarding being a psychiatrist can be.

Our careers night allowed members to have an informal discussion with consultant and junior psychiatrists about what it is like to work in the area, the various subspecialties available and the multidisciplinary nature of mental health. There was also discussion on the challenging and rewarding aspects of the job encountered by both doctors and nurses in the field.

We have also had involvement with the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland, who kindly donated promotional literature for our events and offered the opportunity for our members to become student members of the College.

We hope that with our society’s continued efforts we may attract the best and brightest to careers in mental health. We look forward to expanding our society next year and incorporating the promotion of psychiatry nursing as well.

Greatest Success

Although all our events were highly attended, our Medfest event was by far our most successful, attracting around 170 people. The event was a mini film festival that focused on global medicine and mental health. Gourmet tart kindly sponsored goodie bags for the event and we had a spot prize of a dinner voucher. Afterwards pizza and refreshments were served.

Greatest Challenge

Our society encountered many challenges throughout the year. The public tend to have preconceived ideas about psychiatry (generally quite negative in nature); some of which we encountered at societies day. By exploring people's preconceptions about psychiatry we were able to understand their beliefs and offer information to tackle these misconceptions. This is a challenge which the society will continue to encounter and it will be important to emphasise the role of the societies’ role in advocacy in the coming years.

At times, the logistical organisation of the committee was challenging. All of the committee members have busy schedules. It was often difficult for members to strike a balance between academic and society commitments; especially those committee members in final year, however through effective time management and teamwork, both academic and society commitments were not neglected. Some of our committee members were also on placement in different parts of the country throughout the year, however we overcame this hurdle through the use of skype and they were still able to fully contribute during committee meetings.

Each event that we organised presented unique technical difficulties to overcome; often arising at the last minute. For example, at our Medfest event there was a delay in the arrival of the DVD with the films to be shown for the night, the projector in the lecture hall booked for the event was not working and two days before the event one of our panelists dropped out. With close teamwork and communication, these problems were soon rectified and this event was our most successful.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 410 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Psychiatry Society		
<u>Amy Rossiter</u>	co-auditor	200 hours
<u>Megan McNamara</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Louise Burke</u>	PRO	30 hours
<u>Mairead Reidy</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Matt Smyth</u>	Co-Auditor	200 hours
<u>Fiona Connolly</u>	member	2 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	492 hours	

Psychological Society

The NUIG psychological society provided interesting talks on topics in psychology that wouldn't be normally encountered through academic learning and screened films that had a psychological edge to them. The society also made efforts to host weekly Psi Chi events during the relevant months. There were many other plans for the year including activity during mental health awareness week, volunteering programs for mental health organisations and a trip abroad; however none of these came to fruition. As a counterpoint to that this year has shown an increase in interest from the psychology department of the college and their willingness to support future endeavours of the society.

Psychological Society Events

This year the society held a total of 14 events.

Sexuality Today » *Dillon Theatre* » 10th November 2014

Join PsychSoc and NeuroSoc for a lively discussion on everyone's favourite topic: sex. Staff and students from the School of Psychology will be talking with YOU about the spectrum of sexuality (Siobhan O Higgins), whether porn rewires the brain (Mark Glennon), and predictors and prevalence of hooking up (Elaine Byrnes). Refreshments will be provided.

Psychology Society Presents An Evening with Team Pain » Cairnes Lecture Hall » 25th November 2014

Psych soc invites you to An Evening with Team Pain: a presentation of the research underway at The Centre for Pain Research. CPR is an interdisciplinary pain research collaboration between NUIG, the HSE, and related health service agencies. Their aim is to improve our scientific understanding of pain from the basic sciences through to the population level. Drs. Chris Dwyer, Siobhan O Higgins, and Line Caes will discuss psychological aspects of pain with particular focus on paediatric pain and clinical judgement. Refreshments will be served.

EFPSA Day - Galway » G065, School of Psychology, Arts Millennium Building Extension » 3rd December 2014

32 countries around Europe are organising EFPSA Day this Wednesday so Psychology students can be introduced to what the European Federation of Psychology Students can offer them. At this event you can get to know other students, learn about EFPSA events and services and hear about the experiences Chris Noone and Owen Harney have had during their time with EFPSA.

There'll be tea, snacks and chats including some skype chats with other EFPSA Days around Europe

Time and Minimal Self: A Critical Issue in Schizophrenia » School of Psychology » 4th February 2015

Part of the Psi Chi seminar series. Speaker: Dr. Anne Giersch (INSERM Strasbourg, France)

Visual Grouping in the Brain » School of Psychology » 19th February 2015

Part of the Psi Chi seminar series. Speaker: Dr. Markus Conci (Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich Germany)

Charity Table Quiz in aid of Commit and Act (in assoc. with PSI CHI and PSI EGG) » College Bar » 27th February 2015

Join us in College Bar for a charity table quiz in aid of Commit and Act, an association committed to bringing psychotherapist support to traumatized people in areas of conflict. We'll be kicking off at 8pm. 30 euro registration fee per table. Maximum 4 people per table. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There will also be a raffle on the night for lots of great prizes!

PSI EGG Conference » Arts Millennium Building » 28th February 2015

A one-day conference for early career psychologists. Conference theme: "The Place of Psychology in Irish Society." Oral and poster presentations, workshops, and talks by two high profile keynote speakers (Dr. Geraldine Moane and Prof. Brian Hughes). REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. See http://www.psihq.ie/page/all_events/322 for details.

How to Measure Language Abilities in Bilinguals? » School of Psychology » 5th March 2015

Part of the Psi Chi seminar series. Speaker: Dr. Stanislava Antonijevic (NUI Galway).

Mindfulness, Time and the Brain » School of Psychology » 12th March 2015

Part of the Psi Chi seminar series. Speaker: Dr. Marc Wittmann (Institute for Border Areas in Psychology, Freiburg i. Br. Germany)

4th Annual PSI CHI Research Poster Night » School of Psychology » 24th March 2015

The 4th Annual PSI CHI Research Poster Night will be held on Tuesday, 24th of March, from 6pm, in the School of Psychology's Atrium and rooms G065-67. If you have a poster you would like presented, or have any questions, please contact psichinuig@gmail.com. The deadline for poster submission is 5pm, Thursday, 19th of March.

Avian Cognition » School of Psychology » 26th March 2015

Part of the Psi Chi seminar series. Speaker: Prof. Lucia Regolin (University of Padova, Italy)

PSI CHI Art Show » School of Psychology » 7th April 2015

PSI CHI is hosting an art show to raise funds for the running of their organisation, which invites international speakers to NUIG to speak about their work in the field of psychology. Artwork by local artists, including some very talented students of NUIG, will be showcased and available for sale. Refreshments will be provided.

Psych Soc AGM » Room 1062, Psychology, Arts Millennium Building Extension » 23rd April 2015

Psych Soc AGM to elect next year's committee. Refreshments will be provided.

Swap a Frock or Whatever You've Got for Nepal » School of Psychology » 15th May 2015

We're hosting a "Frock Swap" fundraiser in response to the Nepalese earthquake.

Bring along a few fashion items in good, clean condition that you no longer want or wear and swap them for something else that takes your fancy. Any leftover items will be donated to charity.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Grace Kenny

OCM: Maria Cowley

Supreme Events Officer: Hannah Durand

Vice-Auditor: Ciaran King

Secretary: Martha Finnerty

Treasurer: Alexis Butler

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Hannah Durand

Secretary: Eimear Bane

Auditor: Ciaran King

Treasurer: Aaron Claffey-Conneely

Organisation Balance Sheet

Psychological Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1593.14	Bank charge	€21.8
USC Grant	€500	Dinner	€39.96
		Entry fees	€400
		Reception	€46.8
		Services Hired	€250
		Society accomm	€818.24
		Society transport	€88
		Speaker accomm	€80
		Speaker travel	€115
		Expenditure Total	€1859.8
		Closing Bank Balance	€233.34
Total	€2093.14	Total	€2093.14

Mission Statement

This society exists as an opportunity for those with an interest in psychology to meet people with a similar interest and to discover interesting new areas of the subject that they may not normally encounter during their own research or studies.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to host regular meetings, be it a psychology related talk or film, so as all our members have the opportunity to engage with the subject and others who share a common interest. We plan to offer at least one psychology related volunteering activity that will help people learn new skills and be beneficial to their CVs.

Society Performance Reflection

Despite difficulties in the inner workings of the committee the society managed to host quite a number of stimulating talks and events that kept the society alive to some degree in the eyes of the college.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Our goals to provide a number of talks and support the psi chi events were achieved, however we missed out on a number of other objectives that on looking back could've been too ambitious for a fresh committee.

Greatest Success

Our consistent support of the psi chi lectures series and events.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was keeping the committee interested and involved. Organising meetings on times that agreed with people proved in particularly difficult.

Other Information

We held 4 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 303 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Psychological Society		
<u>Hannah Durand</u>	Events Officer	50 hours
<u>Sara Jeffers</u>	Ordinary Committee member	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	70 hours	

RadioSoc

A society for anyone with an interest in any aspect of radio, such as broadcasting, production, interviewing and documentary-making or even just listening! We're great friends with Flirt FM, Galway's student radio station, but the society and the station are separate organisations. We organise talks and training on radio related themes and provide a social outlet for both Flirt FM volunteers and our members. We also do visits out amongst the regular banter.

RadioSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 10 events.

Orientation Week Welcome Party » *Foyer » 3rd September 2014*

Come down and meet the Radio Soc crew, record a bit of an intro about yourself and hear it back on air. Learn some skills to be a radio DJ and learn more about what radio soc do and what we're about.

Meet and Greet for new members and not so new members! » *Large Acoustic Room » 10th September 2014*

Meet and Greet for members old and new. Discussion about events that could be run, come and have your say and tell us what we can do better this year. Also come and hear about our positions that need to be filled for next year at the EGM next week. Also FREE PIZZA!

Radio Soc EGM » *Small Acoustic Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn » 18th September 2014*

Come one come all and be part of the Radio Soc family! We are recruiting and we want you, if you are enthusiastic and fun and love your radio come and be part of the committee or just come down to vote for your favs!

Launch Party for Radio Soc & Flirt FM » *College Bar » 14th October 2014*

Come and join us for our first event of the year. Meet volunteers and radio lovers alike. meeting in Flirt FM HQ first and then heading to the college bar. Some free refreshments and pizza.

Radio drama workshop with Alan Meaney » Aula Maxima » 28th October 2014

A brief radio drama workshop for Halloween, limited places available. First come first serve.

Hearsay festival » Kilfennan Co. Clare » 22nd November – 23rd November 2014

Audio festival organised in Clare. An opportunity to meet and greet different producers and sound artists!

Radio Soc/FlirtFM End of Year feedback Session » Large Acoustic Room, » 4th December 2014

IRadio Visit » IRadio » 6th February 2015

RadioSoc are visiting IRadio! We're getting the 2:30pm Bus Eireann from the Bus Station in Eyre Square. A deposit of 5 euro has to be made to the Socs Box to get an idea of numbers. More details to be found from the Facebook page.

National Student Radio Conference » » 6th March – 7th March 2015

The NUI Galway Radio Society are delighted to announce the second National Student Radio Conference will take place in NUI Galway on Saturday, March 7th 2015. Registration for the conference opens at 11am on Saturday with talks running until 5pm. The conference is supported by Craol, the representative, co-ordinating, lobbying, training, & support organisation for Irish Community Radio; NUI Galway Societies

Radio Society AGM/Flirt Volunteer Awards » Aras an Mac Leinn - The Stage » 2nd April 2015

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Ailbhe Jagodic

Treasurer: Tim Murphy

Ordinary Committee Member: Paula Healy

Vice-Auditor: Jake Falsey

Secretary: Micheal O'Brien

Committee 2015/2016

Treasurer: Tim Murphy

Auditor: Ailbhe Jagodic

RadioSoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	181.84	Bank charge	€122.84
Bank Charge	€80.67	Dinner	€1020.02
Sponsorship	€2558	Entertainment	€100
Ticket Sales	€432.88	Equipment misc	€601.55
USC Grant	€3000	Hoodies	€209.1
		Materials	€194.34
		Promotions	€96.64
		Society accomm	€324.5
		Society transport	€67.5
		Socs day expenses	€57.64
		Speaker accomm	€354.5
		Speaker travel	€678.27
		Stationary	€59.52

		Teacher fees	€75
		Expenditure Total	€3961.42
		Cash In Hand	€5.34
		Closing Bank Balance	€2286.63
Total	€6253.39	Total	€6253.39

Mission Statement

The mission statement for this society is to create an inclusive and equal environment for radio loving students from all backgrounds to feel safe and valued.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

The goal of the society is to have a full committed team of people who work together to organise events. Events such as the conference shall run again. People will feel safe and valued in their ideas and opinions.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

I think as a society we achieved most of our aims and objectives. In particular I feel we achieved running the conference again, making people feel safe and valued in their ideas and opinions.

Greatest Success

I think the second National Student Radio Conference was the biggest success of the society this year.

Greatest Challenge

I think attendance at events was low this year and I think the fact that we lost our PRO halfway through the year didn't help with this.

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 460 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

RadioSoc			
<u>Tim Murphy</u>	Treasurer		300 hours
<u>Micheal O'Brien</u>	Secretary		100 hours
<u>Ailbhe Jagodic</u>	Auditor		300 hours
# ALIVE Students:		3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:		700 hours	

Rock Soc

Rock Society is first and foremost a performing society. Our intention was to bring musicians together in an environment which encouraged creativity and co-operation. We intended to give bands and musicians a platform from which they could show their talents and drew participants into the society with numerous tertiary activities such as film screenings, excursions to concerts and guitar hero nights.

Rock Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 37 events.

Rock Society Meet & Greet » *Small acoustic room » 10th September 2014*

Rock societies to meet up and make plans for the year. Our EGM will be next week to elect some of our committee positions. All welcome.

EGM and Blues Brothers » *Large Accousitc Room, » 18th September 2014*

EGM to elect new committee, then showing The Blues Brothers in the LAR

Rock soc Jamming » *Large Accousitc Room, » 24th September 2014*

General meeting followed by a jam, all welcome regardless of skill level or style

Jamming session » *Large Acoustic Room » 1st October 2014*

A weekly jamming session for NUIG musicians held in the Large and smalll acoustic room.

Waynes World Screening » *Kirwan Lecture Theatre » 2nd October 2014*

A screening of the classic film Waynes World

Walk the Line, Screening » *Larmor Theatre » 23rd October 2014*

A rock society screening of the J ohhny Cash biopic "Walk the Line".

Siege of Limerick » *Dolan's Bar, Limerick » 26th October – 27th October 2014*

An all-day metal festival. Rock Society excursion.

Guitar Hero night » *Large Accousitc Room, » 5th November 2014*

Guitar Hero Night with the full band gear, free pizza

Slash » *3 Arena » 10th November – 11th November 2014*

A Rock Society excursion to Famous guitarist Slash known from Guns n' Roses. Bus leaves 12.30 from the city link bus stop. Bring your own tickets.

Jam session » *Large Accousitc Room, » 12th November 2014*

Jam with full band gear available

Band Showcase » *Carroll's » 13th November 2014*

Rock Soc Showcase of bands in the college, blues connection, elephants in the coldroom and des conroy are playing

Simpsons Rock and Roll Screening » *Large Acoustic Room » 19th November 2014*

A Screening of the Classic Rock Simpsons Episodes with appearances from Smashing Pumpkins, The Ramones, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Who and Aerosmith.

Rock Society Partay Time and Quiz Prize Fiasco Disco Parade! » *Sally Long's Abbeygate Street Galway » 27th November 2014*

The end of the year society party. A rock society quiz, with free pizza and partay time.

Electric Six » *The Academy » 29th November 2014*

A Rock Society Excursion to the Detroit Rock Band Electric Six

Rock Soc Showcase Night. » *Carrolls Bar. » 4th December 2014*

Hyperviolet headline Rock Societies latest showcase night In Carrolls bar Donimique street! Hyperviolet are a Galway based Alt-Rock band. Free admin, doors at 9 .Night not to be missed!

Socs Day 2 » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *14th January 2015*

Come along and meet the gang, any suggestions for events this semester? Movies to watch? Pizza?

Slipknot Trip » *3 Arena* » *14th January – 15th January 2015*

Trip to the Slipknot and KoRn concert in Dublin, tickets for transport available at Socs Box from Monday.

Gig in association with Feast events » *Roisin Dubh (upstairs)* » *17th January 2015*

gig upstairs in the roisin with Feast events, bitch falcon + doppleskangers + psycopigs playing

Simpsons Screening » *Large Accousitc Room,* » *21st January 2015*

A screening of the classic rock simpsons episodes.

Witless battle of the bands » *College Bar* » *27th January 2015*

Annual battle of the bands, in aid of FOCUS Ireland, 5 bands playing ; cotton ball three, district daze, joe saviour, the clockworks, elephants in the coldroom.

Lord of the Rings - Fun and Games Screening Pizza Tea and Cake Time Party » » *30th January – 31st January*

Masquerade Ball » *Westwood hotel* » *2nd February 2015*

A RockSoc band is playing at this year's Italian Societies' masquerade ball in The Westwood House Hotel, Galway.

South Park - Rock and Roll Screening » *Large Accousitc Room,* » *4th February 2015*

A third cartoon rock screening with refreshments such as Cheesy Poofs provided.

Witless » *College Bar* » *10th February 2015*

Heat 3 of the annual battle of the bands. Acoustic heat this time.

Jam » *Large Accousitc Room* » *11th February 2015*

Jam session, equipment provided, all genres/skill-levels welcome. Come along and make some noise

Speed Dating :D » *AC204* » *12th February 2015*

SPEED DATING tonight in AC204 at 7:30 with Baking Society Nuig , PotterSoc NUIG and Disney Soc NUIG !!! Come down for free pizza ,or to support charity ,or maybe even just to chat people up xD

Rainbow ball » *Clayton Hotel* » *12th February 2015*

putting on a band for the rainbow ball hosted by gig soc

LAMP gig » *Roisin Dubh (upstairs)* » *13th February 2015*

LAMP gig in association with FEAST events. Support by Guy Montag and Zinc.

Witless » *College Bar* » *18th February 2015*

4th Heat featuring: 9 ideas, Bang Bang, Nice!1, The Connection, Ethos.

Lilo and Stitch » *Oflaherty theatre* » *24th February 2015*

Showing of the movie Lilo and Stitch with Disney Soc

Witless Semi-Final » *College Bar* » *3rd March 2015*

Semi-final of the annual battle of the bands Witless

Hibagon gig » *Roisin Dubh (upstairs)* » *7th March 2015*

gig in association with FEAST events, Hibagon, Leo Drezden and Hooray for Silence

Ferris Bueller's Day Off » *Large Accousitc Room* » *11th March 2015*

Showing of everyones favourite mathew broderick film, except maybe inspector gadget

Dutch Death Metal gig » *Roisin Dubh (upstairs)* » *14th March 2015*

Feast gig.

gig of the week » *The Cellar* » *20th March 2015*

Rock Society AGM » *Art Room* » *23rd March 2015*

Rock Society AGM to elect new committee and plan next year

The final of Ireland's leading battle of the bands, featuring the clockworks, d-day, nice1!, cotton ball three, des conroy and tom freeman.

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Shane Walsh

Vice-Auditor: Darragh McNeill

Equipment Manager: Rory Devers

OCM: Chuck Meehan

Events Manager: Karl Killeen

Co-Assistant Equipment Manager. : Lorintu Kelly

Auditor: John McDonnell

1st Year Representative: George Waweru

Treasurer: James Hoey

Vice Treasurer: Cian Moran

PRO: Oilibhe MacAodha

OCM: Cara Cumberland

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Darragh McNeill

Vice-Auditor: Karl Killeen

Events Manager: Oilibhe MacAodha

vice treasurer: Shane Maughan

PRO: Chuck Meehan

Secretary: Shane Walsh

Treasurer: Liam Donnelly

OCM: John McDonnell

OCM: James Hoey

Rock Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	2020.16	Bank charge	€72.06
Fundraising	€313	Dinner	€12.5
Socs box Till	€125	Entertainment	€999.69
Sponsorship	€550	Equipment misc	€1161
USC Grant	€1500	Hire Bus	€350
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€16
		Prizes	€100
		Society accomm	€120
		Society transport	€246.60
		Socs day expenses	€100
		Sound	€811.8
		Expenditure Total	€3989.65
		Closing Bank Balance	€518.51
Total	€4508.16	Total	€4508.16

Mission Statement

To promote alternate music throughout campus and provide a medium through which members can express their interest and hobbies involved with rock music.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To get more people involved, be more accessible, especially to first years and other societies.
- More hands on approach, more jam sessions, more showcases for college bands.
- Make witless a big, respectable event.
- Get involved with promoters around town; create a relationship between the society and the music scene in town in which we can both benefit. Such as feast events, cítog, gingerbread, roisin dubh, carroll's, monroe's, kelly's.
- Fix equipment so members have gear they can use

Society Performance Reflection

I felt despite growing exponentially, we had resolved most of the problems we suffered from last year including lack of organisation. Getting an enthusiastic and competent committee was I feel half the battle.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

I think we went above and beyond what we expected. We became one of the most prominent and productive societies; with over thirty events this year as opposed to last year's seven. We doubled our membership and many of our events were well attended.

Greatest Success

Witless, the battle of the bands competition was our greatest success.

Greatest Challenge

As above, success comes from a veritable challenge. Witless was spread over six nights with over twenty musical acts to involve. It was a hugely difficult operation to succeed in and we needed all cogs moving for it to work.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 473 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Rock Soc		
<u>Calvin Neary</u>	Witless Staff	30 hours
<u>Chuck Meehan</u>	Volunteer, Witless MC, Postering.	106 hours
<u>Conor Linehan</u>	Volunteer	50 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	186 hours	

Rover Soc

Our aims at the beginning of this year was to expand the society, both in terms of numbers and in events run, while still promoting a sense of adventure amongst our members. We wanted to create a group of interested and dedicated members who can hopefully keep the society running in the next academic year.

We are happy to say that we have achieved these goals. On Socs Day in semester one, we signed up over three hundred eager new members. That day, we also hosted an introductory talk and BBQ with over 30 people in attendance. At our EGM a week later, we added 6 new members to our committee to form a strong, reliable committee.

From the onset, we we're all full of ideas. We got to work immediately putting these ideas into practice. In the first semester, we decided to run bi-monthly talks about particular elements of scouting - such as camping, navigation and knots. We ran these so our members could get a better insight into what skills one would learn as a scout. After the camping talk we also ran a follow-up tent-pitching race. All of the talks and the race had good attendance of between 10 and 15 people. As well as informative talks, we also incorporated some social nights such as a board game night. In October we ran our first camp out in Rinville near Oranmore. We had 16 people at this camp and it was a great success - we had our first rover soc campfire, introduced our members to various scout campfire songs and chants and also did some pioneering. We built a bench big enough to hold all 16 people out of wooden stakes and rope! For some people, it was their first time sleeping in a tent so it was a great experience for them! From semester one, we learnt that we need to emphasize the social aspect of scouting more so than the skill aspect. We noticed a higher attendance at our social nights and camps than our talks.

In semester 2, therefore, we ran more social nights/events. We started off the 2nd semester with a weekend in Dublin. 7 of our members attended Rover Focus (a conference with scouts over the age of 18 from all around the country). Attending this gave us the chance to promote rover societies and to get society members the same rights as scouts who sign up through the official organisation, Scouting Ireland. We made great headway as Rover societies are now officially recognised and can take part in Rover camps run by Scouting Ireland. This weekend also gave us the opportunity to meet with other rovers and rover societies and share ideas and discuss issues. We also made wonderful new friends!

In January we made a big effort to recruit other scouts within the college who had not yet joined the rover society. We hosted a big talk and party with an attendance of over 20 people. From these people, we created a strong base of dedicated and interested society members who proceeded to attend the rest of our events. These events included a big game of Capture the Flag on campus, a bowling night, two pub nights a campfire on campus and two more camps.

The first of these two camps took place in Carna last February. There we're 10 people altogether and the camp gave everyone a real sense of "roughing it" as there were no toilets or running water. Everyone enjoyed the camp, despite the huge downpour the following morning! Our second camp was a hammock overnight in Uncleen's woods out in Renmore. We had 13 people attend this camp and it was a mighty success. We built a large fire and prepared dinner over it - we made a stew, spud eggs (an egg cracked into a hollow potato, wrapped in tinfoil and put on the fire) and even cooked an entire chicken on a spit over the fire! The society provided the hammocks for everyone. We invested in 12 hammocks in first semester. They definitely added a touch of flare to the camp - we worked together to tie the hammocks up between the tree's, they we're definitely a lot more exciting than tents! 3 of our members also attended an official Scouting Ireland camp. It was a winter camp called "Sluacht na Sleibhte" which took place in the Twelve Bens in Connemara in early February. It was a two night camp with hiking on the Saturday. Those who attended got to practice their camping and navigations skills.

The campfire on campus was another huge success. We had over 20 people attend and we got everyone involved singing scout songs and chants. We also made smores and afterwards headed to the Scholar's Rest for a post-campfire night out and some free food! It was an event enjoyed by all. Our next big event will take place on the 10th, 11th and 12th of April. This will be the scouting Intervarsity. They'll be taking place on Fota Island in Cork and will be hosted by UCC.

Following this, we will also be sending 7 members to volunteer at the music festival, Sea Sessions, in Donegal this coming June. They will have to pitch, repair and take down tents and in return they'll get to attend the festival for free!

In conclusion, we are confident that we now have a solid base of loyal members who will be happy to take over committee positions and continue the society next year.

Rover Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 25 events.

Rover Soc Introductory Talk » *The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 17th September 2014

We're having a talk this Wednesday evening to give an overview of the Rover Society here in NUIG. We'll have some tea/coffee available for all and afterwards we're planning to go to a barbecue so come along and find out more!

Camping Demonstration » *Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 17th September 2014

As part of the Socs Fair we're going to be hosting a camping demo to give everyone an idea as to what scouting's about. Come along and see for yourself what it's all about! There shall be free tea and coffee for all!

Camping and Tent Pitching Workshop! » AC202 (on Concourse) » 29th September 2014

A talk on on camping and tent pitching with half the talk inside going over the theoretical side and gear (approx. 30 mins) and the rest outside in Fisheries Field going through the practical elements. There

Camping Trip Info Session » » 13th October 2014

A short talk and sign up evening for anyone interested in our camping trip.

Rover Intervarsities » Cahir, Co. Tipperary » 31st October – 2nd November 2014 (3 individual events)

Rover Inter varsities, hosted by UCC Rover Club is coming up and promises to be a great inter varsity event. The competition will consist of a Hike followed by a pioneering project to be marked on Saturday. A campfire will take place in the evening along with some chill out time. We will be travelling down on Friday and Returning on Sunday.

Rover Socs Talk - Knots » AC202 (On Concourse) » 3rd November 2014

We'll be teaching you various types of knots for use in different situations, such as the clove hitch, the reef knot, the bowline, the fisherman and more! If you've never heard of any of these don't worry, you will soon! This talk will have a high emphasis on practical uses and everyone will have plenty of chance to try out their newly learned knots. There will be free pizza served for all attendees!

Board Game Night » AC215 » 12th November 2014

We're teaming up with our friendly adventure loving friends in Mountaineering Club to come together and hand out and play Boards Games for a while this week. So come along, relax and play some games with us! Rumours of pizza are afoot..

Meet and Greet with Board Games! » Concourse » 14th January 2015

Come along after Socs Day to meet everyone and play some Board Games with us this Wednesday from 6pm! It'll probably be on the concourse but check back here on call in and ask us on Socs Day for it.

Rover Focus » Dublin » 17th January – 18th January 2015

A gathering for Rover Socs and Clubs to discuss topics of interest, get questions answered, find out what supports are available, and also to input into the National Rover Scout Forum. This event will crossover with the National Rover Scout Forum, but have space also to discuss issues specific to Rovering in higher education.

This is an event being run by Scouting Ireland for all Rover Clubs and Societies in Ireland.

If you are interested in coming with us, please email us at roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie by Wednesday 14th January as soon as possible so we can get you booked!

Capture the Flag » Around Campus » 21st January 2015

Ever wanted to play a team game around Campus? Now's your chance!

The name pretty much says it all, but in case you're unsure as to what's happening, we'll have 2 teams split across the campus, and you must capture the opponents flag and return safely to your own base without getting knocked out! Meet at the Big Yellow Thing at 6pm. Please see our Facebook page and email for more info or please get in touch for any info: email roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie

Planning Meeting » Arts Millenium Building G043 » 28th January 2015

A general planning meeting for our members about upcoming events we are running for those involved in Scouting or those interested in becoming involved. We would love to hear your input on events so please do come along!

Sluacht na Sleibhte (SNS) » The Twelve Bens, Conemara » 6th February – 8th February 2015 (3 individual events)

A hiking event being run by Scouting Ireland to which we are sending a team or two too.

The 2015 SNS is a winter Hillskills weekend for Rovers, Venture Scouts or Leaders who hold Level 5 of the Hillskills Award. There is no set route and teams will be assigned a mentor for the weekend. It will be up to each team/ group to decide which route they want to take to practice their skills and achieve their aims for the weekend

If you are interested in coming, you must have previous hiking experience and must unfortunately be a registered member of Scouting Ireland. Please do contact us (email roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie) as soon as possible if you are interested in coming!

Campfire » Fisheries Field » 11th February 2015

Join us in the fisheries field for our first campfire, with songs, campfire food and a trip to the Scholars Rest for some finger food afterwards!

Camping Talk » AC216 » 16th February 2015

Anyone who wants to attend the camp that weekend MUST COME TO THIS! We'll be going through all the details for the camp and how you can sign up so make a note of it!

Carna Camp » Carna, Co. Galway » 21st February – 22nd February 2015

We're going on a camp to Carna in conjunction with other Rovers in Galway for a night just to do some camping! If you would like to come to this, you must come to our pre camp talk on Monday the 16th, AC216 at 7pm to go through the plan and how you can sign up!

Bowling » The Planet » 9th March 2015

We have bowling next Monday 9th of March at 7:30p.m. Meeting at The Planet on the Headford road. If you don't know where that is, check out the Facebook page or send us an email to roversoc@socs.nuigalway.ie. Most importantly this is FREE bowling! It's unmissable! Just turn up!

Hammock Weekend » TBC » 21st March – 22nd March 2015

We'll be heading out to a local wood on Saturday for some hammocking, and backwoods cooking. The cost will only be

Rover Varsities » Fota, Co. Cork » 10th April – 12th April 2015 (3 individual events)

We're heading to an Inter-Varsity organised for Cork this year! It plans to be a great weekend with other Rovers where we will put our Rover Skills to the test as we battle against the other college groups for the beloved title! The cost will be

AGM » AC215 » 13th April 2015

Rover Soc's AGM followed by our annual party which will be a huge BBQ for all!

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Cecile Collot

Treasurer: Cathal Breathnach

Auditor: Fionn Delahunty

Secretary: Holly Casey

PRO: Caoimhin de Burca

Quartermaster: James Branigan

Safety Officer: Aaron Liston

OCM: Ciara McGivern

OCM: Srinivasan Arumugam

First Year Rep: Aileen Murphy

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Cathal Breathnach

Vice-Auditor: Cecile Collot

Treasurer: Aileen Murphy

Secretary: James Branigan

Quartermaster : Michael Vaughan

OCM: Aaron Liston

Rover Scouts Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1284.06	Bank charge	€71.87
Bank Charge	€16.5	Dinner	€219.15
Members Contributions	€131	Entertainment	€141.47
Socs box Till	€317	Entry fees	€244
USC Grant	€1800	Equipment misc	€857.87
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€245.62
		Printing	€137.76
		Society transport	€267.89
		Socs day expenses	€12.18
		Expenditure Total	€2197.81
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€90.17
		Closing Bank Balance	€1350.75
Total	€3548.56	Total	€3548.56

Mission Statement

Our society exists to provide the scouting experience of adventure and the outdoors to the students of NUIG.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To increase our membership and to reach out to those interested in Scouting in NUIG.
- To run regular on site events that are successful for all.
- To go camping at least once each semester.
- To organise one summer activity.
- To find new interested members of the society to take committee roles for next year.
- To increase the social aspect of the society.

Society Performance Reflection

We had a good year. We definitely have improved ourselves in comparison to the previous year. We have increased our membership, gaining over 300 new members on Socs day in semester 1. We managed to plan and follow through with all our events. We have had good attendance at all of these events and now have a solid base of rover soc members who attend nearly all events. We have thought a lot of our member's valuable outdoor skills such as pioneering, tent/hammock pitching, building and maintaining a fire, cooking over an open fire, tying knots and foraging.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We have achieved all of aims, objectives and goals. We have gotten scout in NUIG involved with the society; we have ran many events on campus which everyone who attended enjoyed. We went camping twice in first semester and twice so far in second semester. (Intervarsity is still to come). We have organised a group of volunteers from the society who will be heading up the music festival, Sea Sessions, to pitch tents during the summer. We have gained a few eager, loyal members who are willing to take over committee positions next year. With all our nights out, bowling nights and campfires we have massively increased the social aspect of the society.

Greatest Success

So far, the campfire on campus and the hammock weekend have been our greatest successes. The campfire had a huge turnout and everyone got involved with singing and making smores. For the hammock weekend, only those members who have been involved with the society for a while actually came along which meant everyone was very capable and we we're all able to pitch our hammocks, build a fire and cook over an open fire without any problems. This is a great success for us because we get to see the skills our members have learnt from being in the society put into place,

Greatest Challenge

The campfire on campus was also our greatest challenge. This was something we wanted to run in 1st semester but only got around to running in the middle of 2nd semester. This was due to all the health and safety issues involved. We had to fill out a lot of forms and get permission from those who owned Fisheries Field which proved quite tedious at times. We were delighted when we finally got the go ahead to run it!

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 438 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Rover Soc		
<u>Cecile Collot</u>	vice auditor	200 hours
<u>Aileen Murphy</u>	First Year Representative	40 hours
<u>Fionn Delahunty</u>	Captain	400 hours
<u>Cathal Breathnach</u>	Treasurer	80 hours
<u>James Branigan</u>	Committee Member	100 hours
<u>Holly Casey</u>	Secretary	400 hours
# ALIVE Students:	6 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	1220 hours	

Shoutout

ShoutOut aims to promote a "don't discriminate" message. The society is anti-bullying and anti-inequality.

Our volunteers, all of whom are members of the student body, provide workshops for Transition Year students across the Western region. These workshops engage students in discourse and debate. Ultimately, through providing these workshops, ShoutOut strides towards combating homophobic and transphobic bullying once and for all.

ShoutOut aims to promote an anti-homophobic ethos across our University campus also.

Shoutout Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

EGM » *The Art Room* » 15th September 2014

The ShoutOut EGM held to fill the committee positions of vice auditor, Treasurer, Secretary and PRO.

Shoutout Information Evening » *Art Room* » 29th September 2014

An Information evening to tell volunteers what Shoutout does, answer any questions they may have and tell them why volunteering with us would be a good experience.

ShoutOut Volunteer Training Workshop » *theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 9th November 2014

This is the first training workshop of the year for people wishing to volunteer with ShoutOut throughout this academic year. We will be teaching people the techniques we use in schools and how to interact with the students in a safe manner.

ShoutOut Information Evening and EGM » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 17th February 2015

ShoutOut is holding its first information evening of 2015. Come along and find out about our society that centres around providing workshops in schools where we promote an anti-bullying message and encourage students, in an interactive way, to stamp-out homophobic bullying.

Find out how you can volunteer or just come along and become better informed about our society.

Of course, there'll be pizza galore!!!

ShoutOut Volunteer Training Workshop » *AC202, the Concourse* » 12th March 2015

This is the first Shoutout Volunteer training workshop of 2015. Learn more about Shoutout and what a workshop in a school will be like. This event is open to all students. Refreshments will be provided for all attendees. The workshop will be performed by Owen Murphy, from the

ShoutOut head office in Dublin. This is a great opportunity to learn more about volunteering this semester or even just learning how to be more understanding as a person.

Shoutout AGM » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 13th April 2015

Shoutout AGM where new committee of 2015/2016 will be elected. All positions are up for grabs. All members of Shoutout welcome to come along and vote or run for positions. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Leah Heffernan

Secretary: Siobhan Burke

PRO: Aoibheann Houston

OCM: Jason Smith

Vice-Auditor: Emily Elizabeth Gleeson

Treasurer: Camille Fafin

OCM: Elisabeth Schlaghecken

Safety Officer: Maria Nic Fhlatharta

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Emily Elizabeth Gleeson

Treasurer: Siobhan Burke

PRO: Matthew O'Driscoll

Vice-Auditor: Tommy Hickey

Secretary: Maria Nic Fhlatharta

OCM: Leah Heffernan

shoutout Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	23.47	Bank charge	€35.44
USC Grant	€750	Dinner	€154.56
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€3.14
		Society transport	€125.2
		Socs day expenses	€15.3
		Expenditure Total	€333.64
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€59.99
		Closing Bank Balance	€439.83
Total	€773.47	Total	€773.47

Mission Statement

ShoutOut wants to deliver the old message of 'don't discriminate' in a new and engaging way. We aim to promote a positive atmosphere and have a strong anti-bullying ethos.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our main aims for the year are:

- To create a positive and open forum for all members of the society to voice their opinions and to share ideas with each other.
- To promote equality throughout our University and in society in general.
- To provide training workshops to allow our members to give workshops in secondary schools.
- To work well as a team and to treat each other with respect and dignity.
- To achieve our personal goals as a committee.

Our main objectives for the year are to:

- To provide workshops in as many secondary schools around Galway as possible.
- To promote equality and an anti-discrimination ethos around our University.
- To encourage change in schools around Ireland to reduce stigma and bullying.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did very well this year. We gained many new members who heard about our work on Societies' Day and through our image around the University. The committee worked well together to achieve our goals and we achieved some of our aims for the year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we as a committee believe that we created a very positive forum for all students in NUIG and constantly encouraged an anti-bullying ethos. We held multiple workshops in Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon and Galway this year, promoting equality and reducing stigma in those schools.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was running workshops in almost all the counties across Connacht this year. Our feedback from the students was brilliant and showed us that we are succeeding as a society in promoting anti-discrimination and anti-bullying classrooms.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge that we faced during the year was trying to expand our reach to all of the students in the University. However, we tried to overcome this by holding volunteer training workshops and promoting our society with informative posters and leaflets.

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 290 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

shoutout		
<u>Maria Nic Fhlatharta</u>	Safety - OCM	30 hours
<u>Camille Fafin</u>	treasurer	100 hours
<u>Emily Elizabeth Gleeson</u>	Vice Auditor	300 hours
<u>Leah Heffernan</u>	Auditor	10 hours
<u>Siobhan Burke</u>	Secretary	60 hours
# ALIVE Students:	5 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	500 hours	

Sinn Fein Soc

This year was a very important year for the Sinn Fein society. Probably the most significant part of the year was the marriage equality campaign. We canvassed for a yes vote both on campus and in the city, taking part in voter registration drives and spreading awareness. We also had weekly meetings and discussed a range of topical political issues and put forward our positions to everyone there. These were open to anyone who wished to turn up. We encouraged people to get active in anti-water charges movement and attended marches protests such as the one in Dublin. We took part in political debates organised by the Literary and Debating Society. In the Israel-Palestine debate we invited Matt Carty MEP to represent the party. As part of trying to spread a republican message we organised trips to Louth for the Youth Congress and to Derry for the Ard Fheis.

Sinn Fein Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Society Weekly Meeting » AM110 (Arts Millenium Building) » 13th November 2014

Weekly meeting of the Sinn F

Join Sinn Fein » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG » 14th January 2015

Come along to socs day and make the change, join Sinn Fein in NUIG!

SF Movie Night » AM110 (Arts Millenium Building) » 29th January 2015

We will be watcing a film called The Enigma of Frank Ryan, the story of an Irish Republican who went to Spain to volunteer in the Spanish International Brigade. Pizza and refreshments will be provided by all who would like to come.

Sinn F » Co. Louth » 1st February 2015

Yearly meeting of young republicans. We will be traveling up on the day and coming back that evening. Anyone is free to go! Just get in touch with the society if not a member and you're interested.

Sinn Fein » AM110 (Arts Millenium Building) » 5th February 2015

Another meeting will be held this week to discuss the movie night last week as well as follow up on the Youth Congress.

SF Ard Fheis, 2015 » Millennium Forum, 3 Newmarket Street, Derry, Co. Derry. » 5th March – 8th March 2015 (4 individual events)

We will be travelling to Derry on the Thursday for a range of talks, tours and events in the city - it will promise to be a great experience to learn local history, culture and also political education. The rest of the weekend will provide the main opportunity to discuss, debate and pass motions whether it be social, economic or constitutional. This is definitely not to be missed and will promise to be a brilliant weekend both from a educational perspective and for the craic agus ceol. BL

Right2Water National Demonstration » Dublin Tauwn » 21st March 2015

There will be a National Demonstration against water charges once again in Dublin this Saturday. We have the opportunity to march dressed in normal clothes or take part in the Galway Arts For Activism part of the march which will entail dressing up as corpses to signify the death of Irish Water. All interested please attend this week's meeting, Thursday, 7pm, AM110.

End of year party » College Bar » 13th May – 14th May 2015

Ceol, Craic agus Bia.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Eoghan Curran

Secretary: Conor Linehan

OCM: Chuck Meehan

Vice-Auditor: James Walsh

Treasurer: Luke MacAn Bh

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Conor Linehan

General Vice Deputy High Commissioner: Chuck Meehan

Sinn Fein Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	362.81	Bank charge	€33.25
USC Grant	€2000	Dinner	€106
		Society transport	€41
		Expenditure Total	€180.25
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€2182.56
Total	€2362.81	Total	€2362.81

Mission Statement

To raise the profile of Sinn Féin among young people and students both inside and outside NUIG.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

To participate in the wider party system and work closely with our city councillors. We also wish to increase our parties support through education and the media of film.

Society Performance Reflection

We were successful in raising the profile of Sinn Fein and forwarding other progressive issues. We held many successful events and took part in important debates. Due to the complete inexperience of our committee member, bar one, we were disorganised and it took us some time to find our feet but overall we are now much more prepared for next year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we had a very close relationship with the wider party in Galway and around the country, taking part in the Ard Fheis and the Galway City Easter commemoration.

Greatest Success

Our contribution to the historic marriage equality vote.

Greatest Challenge

Organising finances and events without previous experience

Other Information

We held 30 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 253 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Sinn Fein Soc		
<u>Chuck Meehan</u>	OCM, Wrote Agenda, Created Posters	250 hours
<u>Conor Linehan</u>	Secretary	260 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	510 hours	

Slainte Soc

Another successful year for Sláinte soc, kicking off in November with our annual “Movember bakesale”, in aid of prostate cancer. Our main focus again this year was Teddy Bear Hospital. This year was the 10th anniversary of Teddy Bear Hospital so we took extra care to make it bigger and better than ever! Over two days in January 1600 local children and their sick teddies visited the teddy bear hospital in the Bailey Allen Hall. They were greeted by our teddy doctor volunteers who brought them through the various stages of the hospital, from consultations and x-rays to surgery and the pharmacy. This year we saw a huge increase in the number of volunteers helping out for the duration of the teddy bear hospital and were able to facilitate the largest number of children/teddies than ever before! The 2 day event was preceded by months of preparation, press releases, fundraising and more! To help fund this year’s Teddy Bear Hospital we held a club night in Four Four nightclub in early March.

Slainte Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 5 events.

Movember Bake Sale » *Smokey's Caf?, Concourse, NUI Galway* » 26th November 2014

Slainte Soc Bake Sale in Aid of Movember

Volunteer Information Evening - Teddy Bear Hospital » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 20th January 2015

Come down to our Volunteer Information Evening for Teddy Bear Hospital on Tuesday 20th January at 6:30pm!

You can sign up to be a part of our multidisciplinary team to ensure the 10th Teddy Bear Hospital is a success!

We need hundreds of teddy bear doctors, radiographers, pharmacists, face painters and many more helpers on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd January!

The committee will be present Tuesday evening to give an overview of this fun event and to answer any questions you might have!

P.S. We will reward all present with food e

Teddy Bear Hospital » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway* » 22nd January 2015

Celebrating 10 years of Teddy Bear Hospital!

Teddy Bear Hospital » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway* » 23rd January 2015

Celebrating 10 years of Teddy Bear Hospital!

Teddy Bear Hospital Fundraising Night » *Four/Four* » 5th March 2015

Tickets available from committee members

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Katie Lynam

Vice-Auditor: Aisling McNamara

Treasurer: Aisling Bell

Artistic Director: Ailbhe Murphy

Fundraising Officer: Elizabeth MacKen

Gaelscoil Liaison Officer: Micheal Brennan

OCM: Oisín Brady Bates

OCM: Catriona Fitzgerald

OCM: Ciara McKay

OCM: Hannah KIELTY

Co-Auditor: Fiona Mulligan

Secretary: Leah Hayes

PRO: Paul Whooley

Artistic Director: Julie Mitchell

Fundraising Officer: Ellen Walsh

Gaelscoil Liaison Officer: Aifric Ni Choinin

OCM: Radha Senaratne

OCM: Keith Kelly

OCM: Orla Hennessy

OCM: Aoife Murray

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Katie Lynam

OCM: Aisling McNamara

OCM: Fiona Mulligan

Slainte Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	4656.27	Bank charge	€58.81
Bank Charge	€12.5	Dinner	€375
Fundraising	€207.7	Equipment misc	€1108.12
Sponsorship	€5000	Fundraising / Charity	€3000
Ticket Sales	€1127.5	Gifts	€50
		Makeup/Props	€29
		Set	€900
		Expenditure Total	€5520.93
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€5483.04
Total	€11003.97	Total	€11003.97

Mission Statement

Sláinte was established as an affiliate of the IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students' Societies) a few years ago, with an aim to promote both physical and mental health, and to do so based on co-operation between all health science students, as well as other NUIG students with an interest in health promotion.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our main aim is to hold the Teddy Bear Hospital in January 2015. This event attracts local and national attention and with this being the 10th year of the event, we hope to host a very successful two days in the Bailey Allen. It is also our hope this year to invite a guest speaker to NUIG in Semester 2. The theme of this talk has yet to be decided but it will have a strong health-related focus. We also to become more active with other health-related campaigns including promoting various World Health Organisation Days, promoting the general health and wellbeing of students and staff at NUIG and hosting a Blood Drive.

Society Performance Reflection

Our Society did great this year.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

This year we achieved our main aim and objective - To Host our 10th annual Teddy Bear Hospital and make it bigger and better than ever before! We successfully raised awareness of Prostate Cancer during our Movember Bake Sale with proceeds from the bake sale also going to the cause. We continued our efforts of gaining sponsorship and fundraising this year with our Teddy Bear Hospital Night in Four/Four Night Club. We have organized a Blood drive to take place in September in NUIG.

Greatest Success

As the Teddy Bear Hospital entered its 10th year we endeavoured to make it our biggest and most successful event to date. We succeeded in this by increasing our capacity so we could facilitate an extra 60 school children and their sick teddy bears. Our Promotion Team succeeded in getting our biggest media coverage of event ever with TV Crews from RTE, TG4, IrishTV and more visiting the Bailey Allen during the Teddy Bear Hospital. We successfully organized and promoted our fundraising night in Four/Four Nightclub. We managed to raise €200 in aid of Prostate Cancer during our Movember Bakesale. With help from our sponsors we were able to donate to the Paediatrics Ward in UCHG.

Greatest Challenge

Our Greatest Challenge is, as always, ensuring the smooth running of the Teddy Bear Hospital. Even after months of planning every last detail down to a tee, new challenges constantly present themselves during the teddy bear hospital - from lost teddies and coats to tantrums over fruit preference the junior infants and their teachers sure know how to keep the Volunteers on their toes!

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 817 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Slainte Soc.		
<u>Adibah Kaiyisah Shamsul</u>	Volunteer Teddy Bear Hospital	1 hours
<u>Muhammad Amir Nadzif</u>	volunteer	5 hours
<u>Grainne Curtin</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Kimberly Ng Huai Ching</u>	Volunteer for Teddy Bear Hospital	1 hours
<u>Eileen Shannon</u>	Volunteer at Teddy Bear Hospital	2 hours
<u>Sabrina Sheridan</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Camille Fafin</u>	Volunteer for Teddy Bear Hospital	2 hours
<u>Paul Whooley</u>	Public Relations Officer, Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	50 hours
<u>Aoife O'Brien</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Christina Vaughan</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	1 hours
<u>Aoife Mulligan</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u>Julie Mitchell</u>	Co-art director for TBH	16 hours
<u>Michael Craughwell</u>	Volunteer at Slainte Soc's Teddy Bear Hospital	3 hours
<u>Leah Hayes</u>	Secretary	150 hours
<u>Katie Lynam</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Radha Senaratne</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	35 hours
<u>Eoin Coughlan</u>	Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Jane McCarthy</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u>Eleanor Burke</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Iona Dollery</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Meagan Mulcair</u>	Volunteer, Teddy Bear Hospital	4 hours
<u>Laura Ryan</u>	Volunteer Teddy Bear Hospital	4 hours
<u>Leia Valentine</u>	As a doctor diagnosing young children's teddy bears and	3 hours
<u>Orla Hennessy</u>	Committee Memebr, Volunteer	40 hours
<u>Valeria van Hasselt Torre</u>	Volunteer	7 hours

<u>Stacey Dunne</u>	Volunteer	6 hours
<u>Ciara McKay</u>	Committee member	28 hours
<u>Fiona Mulligan</u>	Auditor	200 hours
<u>Sorcha Beirne</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Sherdya Worthy Tio</u>	Volunteer at Teddy Bear Hospital	4 hours
<u>Ailbhe Murphy</u>	Artistic Director	65 hours
<u>Ben Murphy</u>	Volunteer Teddy Bear Doctor	2 hours
<u>Katie Kerrigan</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Aifric Ni Choinin</u>	committee member gaelscoil liaison	15 hours
<u>Jie Lin Jeslin Pea</u>	Teddy Bear Hospital Volunteer	2 hours
<u>Fatini Mat Hussin</u>	volunteer	1 hours
<u>Hannah Kielty</u>	OCM	15 hours
<u>Eimear Kelly</u>	Volunteer	6 hours
<u>Aoife Murray</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	20 hours
<u>Alison Fahey</u>	Society Member/Volunteer	6 hours
<u>Alison Fahey</u>	Society Member/Volunteer	6 hours
<u>Orlaith Kilgannon</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Muhammad Luqman Hakim</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
# ALIVE Students:	43 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	976 hours	

Speech and Language

We are a small society made up primarily of students studying Speech and Language Therapy in NUIG. Our aim is to provide a forum for SLT students from all years to get to know each other. We also use this society to get advice from older years about assignments, placement etc. We strive to help with, participate in and support any SLT related causes whether charity related or raising awareness. We also encourage all our members to become members of the IASLT, who provide information to students on different topics and who also hold conferences of interest that we can attend. We try to be as active as possible, but with all years out on placement at different times, this can be difficult. We have organised great events in the last few months, the most notable being a Grad Night, where graduates return to discuss what career path they have chosen and where their qualification has taken them. This, we felt, was beneficial to everyone as it showed the opportunities that are waiting for us once finished college. We were given the opportunity to ask questions and we were also given information about applying to professional bodies for registration. We hope that over the next year or two, we will go from strength to strength, and hopefully gain more members, even those not in SLT, as we go. Our course is intense, and the workload is heavy, but through the society events we have a chance to relax and make new friends which we believe is what a society is all about.

Speech and Language Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day » *Aras Moyola* » *6th October 2014*

SLT Society is hoping to raise awareness of trigeminal neuralgia - a chronic pain condition affecting the trigeminal nerve of the face. Find out what it feels like to have trigeminal neuralgia - can you hold ice-cream in your mouth for 30seconds? Come along to foyer of Aras Moyola from 11 and take the ice-cream challenge!

At 6pm in room MY227 (Lec Room 3), Eoghan Holland will give a talk on his personal experience of having trigeminal neuralgia. Both events open to all students and may be of particular interest to those in medicine, nursing and health sciences.

Movie night » *Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola (MY227)* » *8th October 2014*

First SLT movie night of the year! Come along to meet fellow speechies - movie choice to be revealed! There will also be pizza!

SLT Grad Night » *Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola (MY227)* » *18th November 2014*

Following on from the success of last year's Grad Night, the SLT Society committee have arranged for 6 graduates of the course here in NUIG to speak to current students about their experiences working as an SLT and life after the course.

Graduates have progressed to work in a variety of settings in numerous countries and will each do a short presentation and will answer any questions students may have.

Followed of course by some light refreshments, this is a great opportunity for all SLT students to see what avenues are open to them when they leave NUIG.

Game Night » *Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola (MY227)* » *24th February 2015*

SLT Soc is hosting a games night full of all favourite games from our childhood - board games, Jenga, Pictionary, Twister etc. There'll be a quiz on the night also with lots of prizes. It wouldn't be a society event without pizza either!

Meet and greet/movie night » *Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola (MY227)* » *3rd March 2015*

The SLT soc are hosting a meet and greet night on Tuesday night at 8pm for the American SLT students who are visitng the University this week :) Come along for chats, pizza, goodies and maybe a movie? :)

Hope to see you there :)

SLT Soc AGM » *Lecture Room 3, Aras Moyola (MY227)* » *24th March 2015*

SLT Society are meeting to elect the committee for 2015/2016. We'd love students from all years in the course to come along, put forth ideas for next year and to get involved. Any questions about what's involved in each position, just email the society! See you Wednesday!

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

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Rita Linehan

Treasurer: Frances Creaven

Vice Treasurer: Ailis Gavin

Fourth Year Rep: Orla Gately

Third Year Rep: Ciara Corbett

Vice-Auditor: Elaine Higgins

Secretary: Grainne Curtin

PRO: Lorraine Ryan

PRA: Aideen Naughton

Organisation Balance Sheet

Speech and Language Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	282.73	Bank charge	€39.41
Bank Charge	€12	Dinner	€293.45
USC Grant	€200	Entertainment	€52.52
		Speaker travel	€118
		Expenditure Total	€503.38
		Closing Bank Balance	€-8.65
Total	€494.73	Total	€494.73

Mission Statement

To provide a forum for SLT students in NUIG to get to know each other and support SLT related causes.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- Organise events for SLT students to get to know students from other years
- Support SLT related charities and causes
- Encourage participation in IASLT events
- Provide information about career opportunities for graduating students

Society Performance Reflection

Our society did wonderfully this year. It was the second year of the society so we built on foundations made from last year, hosted lots of more events and brought the SLT community in NUIG together.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

- We achieved all of our aims and objectives.
- We organised multiple social events throughout the year and even organised events for us to meet SLT students from the US.
- We promoted awareness of Trigeminal Neuralgia.
- Through the use of the Facebook page we communicated IASLT and other related events with our members. This page is also used as a forum for our members to discuss and ask questions amongst themselves.
- The graduate night was a very positive move to provide information about future career options to the society members.

Greatest Success

This year's greatest success would have been the fact that the society has continued to grow from strength to strength. We are a very new society and a lot of the previous year's committee had graduated at the start of this year so we got a lot of new

committee members on board. They all had great enthusiasm and ideas to continue to better the society and make it grow. We hope that this continues for years to come.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge is time. All four years of SLT are extremely busy. We all have placement on different days of the week and times of the year. It is sometimes difficult to co-ordinate the committee and to decide when to host events so that the maximum amount of our members will have time to come.

Other Information

We held 7 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 170 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Speech and Language		
<u>Orla Joyce</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Gemma Connolly</u>	Public Relations Officer	60 hours
<u>Aimee O'Connor</u>	Class Representative	20 hours
<u>Elaine Higgins</u>	Treasurer	35 hours
<u>Claire Donnelly</u>	Society Member	20 hours
<u>Brid McAndrew</u>	society member	6 hours
<u>Sarah Houlihan</u>	Volunteer	7 hours
<u>Shannen Gaughan</u>	Member	6 hours
<u>Sarah Tuthill</u>	Volunteer	8 hours
<u>Sinead Scott</u>	Volunteer	9 hours
<u>Niamh McLoughlin</u>	Volunteer (American night)	10 hours
<u>Lorraine Ryan</u>	Volunteer	3 hours
<u>Grainne Curtin</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>Hannah Loughnane</u>	Auditor	75 hours
<u>Margaret Malarney</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Emma Boyle</u>	Member	10 hours
<u>Ciara McKay</u>	Society member	3 hours
<u>Sarah Coyle</u>	Society Member	6 hours
<u>Nicole Guinan</u>	member	10 hours
<u>Aoife Godfrey</u>	vice-auditor, volunteer	40 hours
<u>Rita Linehan</u>	Public Relations Assistant	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	21 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	433 hours	

St. Vincent de Paul

As a society we raise funds for the main SVP Galway branch. We achieve this through the conceptualisation, planning and implementation of a variety of fundraising events such as bake sales and treasure hunts. We as a committee collaborated with our members to host these events. We also enlisted the help of other societies such as bake soc for certain events in order to maximise our fundraising potential and further our cause. Our primary goal this year was to set up a range of prospective activities that could be taken advantage of by next year's group of SVP society, including hospital visitations and other front-line activities that SVP Galway are involved in. At the same time we wanted to raise as much money as possible through the promotional events which we held during the year.

St. Vincent de Paul Events

This year the society held a total of 18 events.

SVP treasure hunt » *NUI Galway* » *13th February 2015*

We raised money for SVP and promoted the society with a treasure hunt in an effort to attract funds

Saint Vincent de Paul soc weekly meeting » *Chapel Common Room* » *2nd February – 9th February 2015 (2 individual events)*

We meet on a weekly basis to discuss and plan future fund-raising projects. Please ensure that you are a member and have liked the NUIG Saint Vincent de Paul Facebook page in order to be able to know each week whether the meeting will go ahead.

Saint Vincent de Paul soc weekly meeting » *Chapel Common Room* » *2nd February – 20th April 2015 (12 individual events)*

We meet on a weekly basis to discuss and plan future fund-raising projects.

Please ensure that you are a member and have liked the NUIG Saint Vincent de Paul Facebook page in order to be able to know each week whether the meeting will go ahead.

St. Vincent De Paul Society AGM » *Chapel Library* » *23rd March 2015*

The weekly meeting of the SVP team will take place this evening. We will be discussing fundraising activities and we will also take the photo for the SVP member's alive application. Plus electing new members for next year.

SVP bake-sale » *Concourse* » *5th February – 1st April 2015*

Raised funds for SVP with bake-sale

SVP bake-sale » *Concourse Beside Smokeys Cafe* » *11th March 2015*

We raised money for SVP with a Bake sale

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: Caitriona Eames

Vice-Auditor: Christopher Clarkson

Auditor: Richard Heavey

Treasurer: Aoife O'Brien

Secretary: Donna Naughton

PRO: Eva Balfe

OCM: Heather Burke

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Eva Balfe

St. Vincent de Paul Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	1223.11	Bank charge	€39.59
Bank Charge	€3.5	Fundraising / Charity	€776.97
Fundraising	€627.7		
USC Grant	€180		
		Expenditure Total	€816.56
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€163.66
		Closing Bank Balance	€1217.75
Total	€2034.31	Total	€2034.31

Mission Statement

The primary goal of the society is to set up an infrastructure that will facilitate future SVP NUIG members to not only raise money but also to promote an awareness of Saint Vincent de Paul's presence on campus.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We plan, this year, to primarily raise money through simple means such as bake-sales as we have always done but from there, we aim to collaborate with Galway's main Saint Vincent de Paul branch to create a stratified schedule of front-line activities that students can become involved in throughout the course of next year. Such activities could include nursing home and hospital visits and other activities conducted by SVP Galway.

Society Performance Reflection

We raised €627.70 euro for SVP. This was achieved through a variety of fundraising activities. We also held our first ever easter egg/treasure hunt. On top of that we are in the process of establishing a method of transportation to the Merlin Park hospital where there will be a hospital visitation program for next year's SVP society.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we achieved our aim of fundraising a significant amount for the SVP. We have been given permission for Merlin Park to carry out hospital visit next year as one of our society's activities. We are currently liaising with Big O Taxis to ascertain whether they will be willing to sponsor transport for the aforementioned visits.

Greatest Success

We raised €627.70 as a society this year.

Greatest Challenge

Establishing a new relationship with the new St Vincent De Paul coordinator and their role providing guidance for the society was an unexpected challenge which somewhat deterred our initial progress. We are happy to report that by the end of the year the communication challenges were back up and running.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 335 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

St. Vincent de Paul		
<u>Heather Burke</u>	Fundraiser	12 hours
<u>Evelyn Fennelly</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Donna Naughton</u>	Secretary	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	3 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	42 hours	

Students for Health Equality

The aim of Students for Health Equality NUI Galway is to educate the student body and staff of NUI Galway on equality in provision and access of healthcare, both abroad and in Ireland, through a combination of campaigns, debates, speakers and panel discussions.

We endeavour to work together with other NUI Galway societies and campus groups on matters that are of mutual concern.

The NUI Galway chapter of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) is a student group on campus which functions as a branch of Students for Health Equality. UAEM is an international non-profit organisation that promotes access to medicines and medical innovations in low- and middle-income countries by campaigning for change in norms and practices regarding academic patenting and licencing.

Our aims for the year were to educate the student body of NUI Galway on equality in provision and access of healthcare through a combination of debates, speakers and panel discussions.

SEMESTER ONE:

The first event of the year was our AGM on 22nd October 2014. We elected a new committee and discussed many ideas for the year ahead. The committee elected for 2014/2015 were: Auditor John Paul Murphy, Vice-Auditor Dylan Mannix, Treasurer Senan Maher, Secretary Sonja Moore, OCMs Luan Hassett (acting Vice-Treasurer), Laura Reynolds, Manisha Sachdeva, Ciara Conlon, PRO Harry Economos and Safety Officer Evelyn Fennelly.

UAEM, Students for Health Equality and NUIG Friends of MSF presented the documentary "Fire in the Blood" as a collaborative event on 4th November 2014. "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 in the years after 1996 - causing ten million or more unnecessary deaths - and the improbable group of people who decided to fight back.

On the 18th November 2014 we hosted "Healthcare: Human Right or Consumer Service?" a public talk on the matter of healthcare provision exploring economic issues and rights-based approaches. The speakers on the evening were Brendan Kennelly and Su-Ming Khoo.

GiG Soc and Students for Health Equality collaborated and co-hosted Tiernan Brady, Director of HIV Strategies with GLEN (Gay and Lesbian Equality Network) to discuss the issue of blood donation bans on men who have sex with men. This talk "Blood donation ban for men who have sex with men - homophobic ban, or putting patient safety first?" took place on 25th November 2014. Mr. Brady explored the history of the bans in Ireland and in a worldwide context and updated us on recent changes in the UK and Australia on this matter.

SEMESTER TWO:

Students for Health Equality attended Socs Day 2 in early second semester where we recruited new members and talked to the student body about our mission and listened to ideas about future events.

In February, Students for Health Equality volunteered at the Human Right to Health conference co-hosted by the NUI Galway School of Medicine and the Irish Centre for Human Rights. The conference was part of the President's Ethics Initiative and discussed the issue of delivering healthcare fairly, using a human rights framework.

On 31st March 2015, Students for Health Equality committee members were awarded their certificates for the ALIVE Presidential Award for Volunteering at a ceremony in the Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway.

We held our AGM on the 13th May 2015 where we elected the new committee for 2015/2016. We reviewed our activities of this past year and looked at what we could learn going forward. We discussed some ideas for events for next year.

The committee for Students for Health Equality 2015/2016 is: Auditor Sonja Moore, Vice-Auditor Evelyn Fennelly, Treasurer Luan Hassett, Secretary Sara Quigley, PRO Cathal Donovan, Safety Officer Harry Economos, Events Officer Dylan Mannix, Charity Officer Catherine Thanaseelan, UAEM Rep Ciara Conlon, OCMs Manisha Sachdeva, John Paul Murphy, and Rosie James.

Students for Health Equality Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Students for Health Equality AGM » *Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 13th May 2015

Students for Health Equality's AGM will be held on May 13th, 2015 at NUI Galway.

The AGM will approve the constitution and select the committee for the academic year 2015-2016. You may nominate yourself or others in advance or on the night.

Students for Health Equality EGM » *AC203 Concourse* » 22nd October 2014

The Students for Health Equality society will be hosting its EGM this Wednesday at 7 on the concourse. We hope you'll join us, there will be FREE REFRESHMENTS AND PIZZA, and we'll elect a new committee, vote on a constitution, discuss upcoming events and hear any new ideas you have!

Any existing member can run for committee and you can renew your membership online at <http://www.yourspace.nuigalway.ie/dashboard/>

"Fire in the Blood" screening - collaboration with UAEM » *Aras an Mac Leinn - The View* » 4th November 2014

UAEM and Students for Health Equality and NUIG Friends of MSF present "Fire in the Blood", which 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 in the years after 1996 - causing ten million or more unnecessary deaths - and the improbable group of people who decided to fight back.

The View, Aras na Mac Leinn

4th November 2014 at 8:30pm

Healthcare: human right or consumer service. » *AC 201 (on Concourse)* » 18th November 2014

A public talk on the matter of healthcare provision. With guest speakers Brendan Kennelly and Su-Ming Khoo.

Blood donation ban for men who have sex with men - homophobic ban, or putting patient safety first? » *Siobhan MacKenna Theatre, Arts Millenium Building* » 25th November 2014

Students for Health Equality in collaboration with GiG Soc present a discussion on the issue of blood donation bans. Currently in Ireland, a man who has had sex with another man is permanently banned from donating blood. Is this unfair discrimination? The UK recently altered their policy to allow gay men to donate after a 12 month referral - should Ireland follow?

We will be joined on the evening by Tiernan Brady, Director of HIV Strategies with GLEN (Gay and Lesbian Equality Network). The event

will begin at 7pm on Tuesday, November 25th in the Siobhan Mckenna Theatre, in Arts Millenium (AM214). Refreshments will be served. For more information e-mail SHE@socs.nuigalway.ie or find us on facebook.

Human Right to Health conference » Aras Moyola » 6th February 2015

Students for Health Equality will be volunteering at the Human Right to Health conference in Aras Moyola on 6th February 2015. The conference is co-hosted by the NUI Galway School of Medicine and the Irish Centre for Human Rights. The conference is part of the President's Ethics Initiative and will discuss the issue of delivering healthcare fairly, using a human rights framework.

Committee 2014/2015

Treasurer: Senan Maher

Ordinary committee member: Laura Reynolds

Secretary: Sonja Moore

Ordinary committee member: Manisha Sachdeva

Public relations officer: Harry Economos

Auditor: John Murphy

Vice-Auditor: Dylan Mannix

Safety Officer: Evelyn Fennelly

Ordinary committee member: Ciara Conlan

Ordinary Committee Member: Luan Hassett

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Sonja Moore

Treasurer: Luan Hassett

PRO: Cathal Donovan

Events Officer: Dylan Mannix

UAEM Rep: Ciara Conlan

OCM: John Murphy

Vice-Auditor: Evelyn Fennelly

Secretary: Sara Quigley

Safety Officer: Harry Economos

Charity Officer: Catherine Thanaseelan

OCM: Manisha Sachdeva

OCM: Rosemary James

No Financial Transactions

Society Performance Reflection

We are proud of how the first semester went. We had very successful events and managed to get a good number of new members. In terms of events, the second semester was not as good unfortunately, despite an enthusiastic committee. The majority of us entered work placement (some of us at hospitals outside of Galway) which meant doing more with less time and SFHE suffered. We have high hopes for next year, though and certainly learned a lot about managing this turnover and we have discussed ways of making this transition less dramatic in future years.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We had broad aims and I think we can say we did achieve at least some of them! We had a panel discussion/debate and also a visiting speaker and both events both raised awareness and educated the attendees.

Greatest Success

The Blood Ban talk we hosted with GiG Soc was a great event that had a good turnout.

Greatest Challenge

Almost everyone in the committee was new to the society scene and that meant we kind of had to learn as we went. Much of the committee is now the same for the next year so hopefully things will start going much smoother now that we are more used to things. The hospital placement changeover in January was a major challenge for us. Hopefully we have learned from the challenges this placed on us this year and be better able to deal with it in the coming academic year.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 84 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Students for Health Equality		
<u>Evelyn Fennelly</u>	Committee member	25 hours
<u>Harry Economos</u>	Public Relations Officer	25 hours
<u>Richard Heavey</u>	Volunteer	5 hours
<u>John Murphy</u>	Auditor	25 hours
# ALIVE Students:	4 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	80 hours	

Students for Sensible Drug Policy SSDP

Our first major event of the year came in September when we hosted a talk with former Portuguese Health Minister Dr. Joao Goulao & Canadian activist Marc Emery. We also hosted a number of film screenings during first semester. In the second semester we successfully prompted a Students Union referendum on the legalisation of cannabis by collecting 500 signatures on a petition from NUIG students. We then campaigned for a 'Yes' vote in the referendum. We engaged with students around campus by canvassing, did several media appearances and hosted a talk one week before the vote with Luke 'Ming' Flanagan MEP & Retired Garda, John Wilson. The referendum passed with 68% in favour.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy SSDP Events

This year the society held a total of 8 events.

Documentary Screening - The 41st Shade » *Joseph Larmor Theatre* » 11th September 2014

As our first event of the new semester, NUIG Students for Sensible Drug Policy will be hosting a screening of the 41st Shade. A documentary which looks at the role of Cannabis in 21st century Ireland.

Date & Time - Thursday 11 September, 19:30pm

Venue - Joseph Larmor Theatre, NUI Galway. There will be Free Pizza provided, and there will be a Q & A with the Film's Producer Kevin Higgins after the screening. We encourage everyone to come along, especially new students as this will be a good chance to meet up with other students ahead of what we hope will be a very successful year for NUIG SSDP! About the Documentary; 'The intention of this documentary is to explore the role of cannabis in 21st Century Ireland, not least due to growing usage within the mainstream, but also because of our failure to prevent its distribution. For this reason, we need to question the resources ploughed into the

SSDP AGM » *Dillon Lecture Theatre* » 15th September 2014

On Monday 15th September we will be holding our AGM where we will be filling some vacant committee positions as well as discussing plans for the coming college year. It will be held in the Dillon Theatre on the Concourse at 19.30pm All are welcome to attend.

Decriminalising Drugs: International Insights with Marc Emery & Dr. Joao Goulao » *O'Flaherty Theatre* » 24th September 2014 Time: 7.30pm

Film Screening - Evergreen: The Road to Legalization » *AC201* » 4th November 2014

While voters in the American States of Oregon & Alaska are going to decide on whether or not to become the next states to fully regulate Cannabis, NUIG SSDP will be hosting a documentary screening which will examine the successful Cannabis Legalisation referendum campaign in Washington State in November 2012. Making Washington State, along with Colorado the first jurisdictions in the world to fully regulate the possession, sale, transport & cultivation of Cannabis. All are Welcome to attend!

There will be a raffle held on the night & Free Pizza available for anyone attending.

Film Screening - The Union: The Business Behind Getting High » *Mc Munn Theatre, Concourse* » 12th November
 NUIG SSDP will be hosting A Film Screening of The Union.

The Union looks at the underground Cannabis market by interviewing growers, police officers, criminologists, psychologists, economists, doctors, politicians and pop culture icons, revealing how the trade is booming despite being a criminal enterprise.

The Film also examines the reasons behind Cannabis Prohibition, the purported health effects of cannabis use & what could happen if Cannabis is Legalised. All are Welcome to Attend!

SSDP AGM » *Large Acoustic Room, Aras Na MacLeinn* » 13th January 2015

NUIG Students for Sensible Drug Policy will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 13 January at 4.20pm in the Large Acoustic Room in Aras na MacLeinn. All are welcome to attend, particularly those interested in getting involved this semester.

Referendum Information Night with Luke 'Ming' Flanagan » » 27th February 2015

NUI Galway Students for Sensible Drug Policy are delighted to be hosting a referendum information night with Luke 'Ming' Flanagan ahead of the NUIG Students' Union referendum on Cannabis legalisation (taking place Thursday 5 March). Ming will be outlining his views as to why NUIG students should support the legalisation of cannabis, and Vote Yes on 5 March.

This is a free event & will be open to the public, however we do suggest you to arrive early to guarantee your seat.

Film Screening & Foosball Tournament » *NUI Galway Campus* » 17th February 2015

Joint Event with Baking Society & Foosball Society. Foosball Tournament followed by a film screening of Pineapple Express. Free Pizza provided.

Committee 2014/2015

Vice-Auditor: Emmett Smith

Secretary: Ryan Morrison

Treasurer: Brian Masterson

Auditor: Ciaran Maher

PRO: Connor Taylor

OCM: Rut Ni Eithir

OCM: James Ryan

OCM: Pearse Farragher

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Ciaran Maher

Vice-Auditor: Ryan Morrison

Secretary: James Ryan

Treasurer: Brian Masterson

Organisation Balance Sheet

Drug Awareness and Reform Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	8.17	Bank charge	€42.44
Socs box Till	€167	Dinner	€48
USC Grant	€1000	Hoodies	€100
		Society transport	€379.5
		Speaker travel	€38
		Stationary	€22
		Expenditure Total	€629.95
		Closing Bank Balance	€545.22
Total	€1175.17	Total	€1175.17

Mission Statement

NUI Galway Students for Sensible Drug Policy is affiliated with Students for Sensible Drug Policy; an international network of students campaigning for evidence-based, humane and sensible drug laws. Our Society neither condemns nor condones Drug use; rather we seek to reduce the harmful consequences associated with drug use.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Our Society aims to facilitate critical discourse regarding contemporary national and international drug policy. We want to increase the total number of students actively participating in the drug policy awareness and reform campaign as well as broadening the discussion around drug policy awareness amongst the wider student body in general.

Society Performance Reflection

I think this was a successful year for the society. We hosted a number of high profile speakers, we substantially increased our society membership, and we launched a Students Union referendum campaign which received national media coverage.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes I believe we did. The Cannabis referendum successfully engaged hundreds of students on the issue of legalising cannabis. We also recruited several new committee members over the course of the year.

Greatest Success

Our Students' Union referendum campaign.

Greatest Challenge

We had some personal issues with our then auditor before Christmas, which thankfully the committee was able to overcome.

Other Information

We held 20 committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 454 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Students for Sensible Drug Policy SSDP

Ciaran Maher

Auditor, PRO

200 hours

ALIVE Students:

1 student

Hours Volunteered:

200 hours

Style Society

The committee of 14/15 were a fantastic group to work with. We all had the same mind set from the beginning and that was to start fresh keep it small and work from ground up. We wanted to create a solid foundation for the following year's committee so that the society would eventually become an asset to the college like so many other society's here at NUI. The aim of our game was to create a place where students could explore their creative side and showcase their talents in a safe environment. The student body here at NUI can often close doors to those who chose to express their individuality, as a society we thought if we provided that safe environment for people to express themselves that it might make a change and allow people to freely be whoever they wanted to be without any judgment being passed. It is safe to say that we had a fantastic and eventful year this year. We worked hard as a team to achieve our goals while making great friendships on the way.

Style Society Events

This year the society held a total of 3 events.

OPSH 'Industry Insiders' Styling Session with Justine King » *The View* » 29th October 2014

Ever wanted a career in styling and not sure where to start? Or is your wardrobe bulging but you still have 'nothing to wear'? Then this is the event for you! We at Style Soc are delighted to announce that Justine King, of OPSH (Ireland's most innovative fashion company), is coming to NUIG! Justine has paved an extremely successful styling career and has worked with many big Irish names such as U Magazine, Social and Personal, The Irish Independent Weekend Magazine, to name just a few! Justine will present an hour long session where she will cover many burning questions that so many people have;

-How can I get into the fashion industry?

-What should I wear for my skin-tone/shape?

-How can I incorporate different trends into my wardrobe?

If you have other questions that you would like covered in the session, please feel free to e-mail us and we will fit it into the session.

See you there! X

How to Dress for an Interview » *Career Development Centre* » 20th January 2015

Style Society in association with the Career Development Centre Open Day, happening January 20th, are hosting showcases for students to pick up some tips and information about dressing for an interview and the work environment. The Open Day is on from 12-2 and the shows will be taking place at 1pm, 1:30pm and 2pm. Call in and check it out!

NUIG Fashion Show and Blog Launch » *44ClubGalway* » 19th March 2015

NUIG Style Society brings you the Annual NUIG Fashion Show at 44 Club Galway, showcasing the best of Irish Fashion Design and student talent! The event kicks off with the launch of our new university wide blog aiming to showcase student endeavours in fashion, photography illustration and writing- wristbands available NOW from the SocsBox or any Style Society Committee Member.

Doors & Reception @ 7pm, Show starts @ 7:30pm, Ticket includes entry to 44 After Party

Best Dressed on the night will be judged by Editor in Chief of Ondine Magazine- the winner will be featured in the next issue AND will win a spot prize sponsored by CARA Pharmacy! Tickets: 5 euro (with NUIG student card) 7 euro (without student card)

Committee 2014/2015

Public Relations Officer: Clare French

Auditor: Dearbhla Casey

Vice-Auditor: Keara McGinley

Secretary: Sinead Reilly

Treasurer: Yewande Ajala

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Keara McGinley

Vice-Auditor: Caoimhe Prior

Organisation Balance Sheet

Style Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	262.69	Entertainment	€20
Socs box Till	€155	Makeup/Props	€200
Sponsorship	€300	Non Alcoholic Refresh	€65
USC Grant	€500	Prizes	€100
		Services Hired	€51.79
		Teacher fees	€400
		Expenditure Total	€836.79
		Closing Bank Balance	€380.9
Total	€1217.69	Total	€1217.69

Mission Statement

To inspire creativity and individuality through organised events that will help our members express themselves through Fashion, Art, Music and Design.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

1. To encourage all members to express their own individuality through fashion and to feel comfortable with their own style.
2. To create a forum which enables members to share their creativity through fashion, photography, art and writing.
3. To organise events to showcase our members talents and to gain experience individually and as a society.

Society Performance Reflection

Our society has improved immensely over the last year and we hope it will continue to grow over the coming years

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We organised 3 main events, one of which was our annual fashion show which was a complete success, we sold out it was a full house.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was the fashion show it was a sell-out.

Greatest Challenge

Our end of year annual fashion show was definitely our biggest challenge. There were only a certain amount of dates available to us for the event and we were afraid St. Patrick's Day would interfere but it all worked out and it turned into a successful night.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 543 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Style Society		
Yewande Ajala	Treasurer	150 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	150 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 2 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 Festival to address different global issues.

Suas Society Events

This year the society held a total of 185 events.

8x8 'Sepideh' Film Screening » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall » 13th October 2014*

In a rural village far from Tehran, the night sky glows brilliantly, unimpeded by light pollution, and a teenage girl named Sepideh dreams of becoming a renowned astronomer. Lugging a telescope as tall as herself, Sepideh spends her nights stargazing, inspired by Anousheh Ansari, the first Iranian in space. But achieving such a lofty ambition is easier said than done for an Iranian girl. Her uncle threatens something rash if Sepideh persists in her unladylike behavior, and her widowed mother warns that she cannot pay for the necessary schooling. Unphased, Sepideh composes impassioned missives to Albert Einstein and keeps her eyes on the prize. Yet when she

8x8 Photo Exhibition » *Outside Library/ Concourse » 13th October – 17th October 2014 (5 individual events)*

Come and see our photo exhibition showcasing 15 photographs all based on the theme of development.

8x8 Photojournalism Workshop » *Aras an Mac Leinn, Art room » 14th October 2014*

Want to adjust your focus? Learn about how photographers capture social change and how to do this in an ethical way in this hands on workshop. Don't forget to bring along your camera!

About Jenny Barker:

Jenny Barker is an award-winning Irish photographer. Her images have appeared in a variety of magazines and newspapers and she holds a LIPPA with the Irish Professional Photographers Association. She does a lot of work in the humanitarian sector. Her photo of Power to the People, Haiti features in the 8x8 Photo Exhibit.

8x8 Artivism Workshop » *Art Room, Aras na Mac Leinn » 15th October 2014*

By using the strength of images and actions rather than words to get a message or story across to the public, Artivism can often breach the boundary of 'compassion fatigue' that can be common when trying to interact with the public about an issue.

Taking Global Citizenship and what it means to be a global citizen as inspiration to kick off the workshop, Niamh Heery will show and discuss what other activist artists have done around the world to bring a new focus to issues in very creative, innovative and inspiring ways.

From there, participants will take part in discussions, plan an 'art action', create their art, and take to the NUIG campus to install their work as part of the 8x8 Festival 2014 Week. This will be a fast-paced, lively workshop which is intended to show what can be done by combining art with activism, with the hope of inspiring participants to take what they have learned and use it in the future when planning campaigns, events, protests, etc.

8x8 'Unearthed' Film Screening and Q&A » *Aras Ui Cathail Lecture Theatre » 16th October 2014*

Unearthed, an independent South African feature documentary, investigates fracking in the United States

Homework Club » *Claddagh NS » 22nd September – 16th March 2015 (176 individual events)*

Homework Club & literacy support

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: Katie Fallon

OCM: Aoife Staunton

Vice-Auditor: Jessica Hannon

PRO: Susan Suilman

OCM: Amy Rudall

OCM: Aaron McGrath

OCM: Linda Oseyemi

OCM: Meadhbh Nic Ardghail

OCM: Rebecca McKinney

OCM: Bridget Cheasty

OCM: Rebecca Melvin

OCM: Jane Kearns

Secretary: Cathy Gormley

Auditor: Omolara Alayande

Treasurer: Caitilin Cogavin

OCM: Katie Rogers

OCM: Nikolett Warner

OCM: Chinaecherem Soribe

OCM: Hayley Campbell

OCM: Aisling McDermott

OCM: S Conroy

OCM: Ana Ni Chuarta

OCM: Emmanuel Sobayo

Committee 2015/2016

OCM: Cathy Gormley

OCM: Jessica Hannon

Suas Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	708.33	Bank charge	€22.92
USC Grant	€3000	Fundraising / Charity	€25.98
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€2.2
		Postage	€3.82
		Society transport	€1768
		Expenditure Total	€1822.92
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€500
		Closing Bank Balance	€1885.41
Total	€3708.33	Total	€3708.33

Mission Statement

To educate, engage and inspire

Aims, Objectives & Goals

Aims: bringing education to people who might not have access to it and to appreciate our own education and inspire others to learn. Objectives: to promote the volunteer programme, the literacy support programme, the global issues course and 8x8 festival Goals: to expand the literacy support programme, to get 250 likes on the Facebook page, to create a twitter account

Society Performance Reflection

Our society was not as active as last year; however we still had many events and volunteers.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes, we brought education to disadvantaged children, and we promoted the volunteer programme, the literacy support programme, the global issues course and the 8x8 festival. We did not achieve our goals unfortunately.

Greatest Success

Our 8x8 festival had more events this year, and we had a larger committee.

Greatest Challenge

Expanding the society as a whole

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 905 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Suas Society		
<u>Bronwen Fisher</u>	Literacy Support Mentor	10 hours
<u>Simon Callaghan</u>	Literacy Support Mentor	9 hours
<u>Zane Wilkinson</u>	Literacy Support Mentor	8 hours

<u>Tara Finn</u>	Volunteer	9 hours
<u>Leah Scanlan</u>	Volunteer	8 hours
<u>Sanna Javed</u>	Literacy Mentor	8 hours
<u>Emily Stephenson</u>	Team Leader & Teaching support	8 hours
<u>Dara Lavelle</u>	Literacy support mentor	8 hours
<u>Chloe Neary</u>	Literacy Support	11 hours
<u>Susan Suilman</u>	P.R.O	10 hours
<u>Elizabeth Oke</u>	Suas Global Issue Course (Training)	15 hours
<u>Ruth Campbell</u>	Volunteer	9 hours
<u>Omolara Alayande</u>	Auditor	15 hours
<u>Louise Keogh</u>	Mentor for homework club and also St Vincwnt de Paul official	20 hours
<u>Rachel Fetherston</u>	Volunteer	16 hours
<u>Eimear Gaffney</u>	Literacy Mentor	8 hours
<u>Nicola Stack</u>	Literacy Mentor	20 hours
<u>Eva Markham</u>	Literary Mentor	14 hours
<u>Mary Byrne</u>	Homework Club Mentor	12 hours
<u>Laura Ryan</u>	Team Leader-Paired reading programme	8 hours
<u>Michelle Heffernan</u>	Mentor	5 hours
<u>Liam Coppinger</u>	Volunteer	6 hours
<u>Katie Fallon</u>	Homework Club Mentor	9 hours
<u>Jamie Brislane</u>	Literacy Mentor/ volunteer student	20 hours
<u>Shannon O'Grady</u>	Volunteer	10 hours
<u>Cathy Gormley</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Aoife Staunton</u>	Mentor Coordinator	72 hours
<u>Ellen Muldoon</u>	Homework club volunteer	8 hours
# ALIVE Students:	28 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	386 hours	

Subhoro Soc

Bhí sé mar aidhm ag Cumann Subhóró chun na healaíon a chur chun cinn i measc mic léinn an Acadaimh trí mheán na Gaeilge. Thug muid deiseanna éagsúla do ceoltóirí agus amhránaí an Acadaimh a gcuid talún a roinnt agus a chur i láthair ar an ardán i rith na bliana trí imeachtaí éagsúla a reachtáil. Chuir muid deiseanna ar fáil do mhuintir an Acadaimh a bhí spéis acu gnéithe éagsúla na healaíon a fhoghlaim trí ceardlanna damhsa ar an sean-nós agus ceachtanna ceoil. Bhí fáillte roimh chách i gcónaí dán a rá, amhrán a chasadh, steip a dhéanamh, port a chasadh srl, ag ócáidí éagsúla i rith na bliana. Rinne muid iarracht faoi leith i gcónaí daoine a bhí cuthail a spreagadh le páirt a ghlacadh agus a gcuid buanna a roinnt le muintir an Acadaimh agus le pobail na Ceathrún Rua.

Subhoro Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 4 events.

Ceachtanna Ceoil » » *1st August – 31st October 2014*

(seachtainiúil i mí Meán Fómhair/Deireadh Fómhair) – Tháinig Toner Quinn le cúpla port nua a mhúineadh don chumann fad is go mbeadh seiteanna deasa le casadh acu d'imeachtaí na bliana.

Éigse an Acadaimh » » *7th October – 9th October 2014*

Bhí an Cumann an gníomhach sa féile seo. Chas ceoltóirí agus amhránaithe an Acadaimh ag an oíche oscailte (7ú lá). Chuir siad na portanna nua a bhí foghlamtha acu i bhfeidhm a d'fhoghlaim siad ó na ceachtanna. Bhí neart aoi-cainteoirí ann ar an oíche freisin. Bhí seisiún ceoil acu oíche dé Satharn chomh maith sa dteach tábhairne áitiúil tar éis céile mór sa halla. Ar an Domhnach, cuireadh ceardlann damhsa ar an sean nós ar siúl do na mic léinn, rud a thaitnigh go mór leo agus a mhúscail an-spéis i gcuid maith acu leaniúnt ar aghaidh ag foghlaimh damhsa ar an sean nós.

Maidin Caifé » » *1st December 2014*

Chuir an Cumann ceoltóirí agus amhránaithe le fáil le chur leis na himeachtaí seo a bhíonn ar siúl san Acadamh chuile bhliain.

Scoraíocht » » *1st February 2015*

Bhí spraoi mór ag baint leis an comórtas scoraíochta a chuir an cumann ar siúl san Acadamh. Ghlac na bliana éagsúla páirt ann. Chuir siad uilig taispeántas de 10-15 nóiméad le chéile a bhain leas as gnéithe éagsúla de na healaíon; drámaíocht, damhsa, ceol, amhránaíocht, greann srl. Bhí duaiseanna álainn curtha ar fáil do na bhuaiteoirí.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Shauna Redmond

Secretary: Andrew Power

Committee 2015/2016

Contact: Odi Nicheilleachair

No Financial Details

Ráitis Misin

Chun meas agus grá a chothú do na healaíon i meas mic léinn an Acadaimh agus deiseanna a chur ar fáil dóibh iad a chleachtadh.

Aidmeanna/Cuspóirí

- Réimse leathan ealaíon a chur i láthair ag mhac léinn agus fhoireann Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge agus OÉG.

- Nasc a chruthú idir comhlúadar an Acadaimh agus an pobal áitiúil trí imeachtaí a reáchtáil inar féidir leo araon a bheith rannpháirtíoch iontu.
- Suim agus scileanna phobal an Acadaimh chomh maith lena gcruthaitheacht i réimsí difriúla na n-ealaíon a mhúscailt, a chothú agus a shaibhriú.
- Saibhreas agus oidhreacht an chultúir Ghaelaigh a chur ar shúile na mac léinn le linn a dtréimhse cónaithe sa Ghaeltacht.
- An t-eispéaras ollscoile a shaibhriú trí dheiseanna a chur ar fáil don mhac léinn a bheith gníomhach agus rannpháirtíoch i ngach réimse de na healaíona.
- Nasc a chruthú agus a chothú le heagraíochtaí agus grúpaí cultúrtha áitiúla (m.sh. Pléaráca, An Gaelacadamh) a bhfuil na haidhmeanna ginearálta céanna acu.
- Imeachtaí éagsúla a chur ar siúl ar nós ; ceolchoirmeacha lóin, dráma, ceardlanna ceoil, damhsa agus amhránaíochta, seisiúin amhránaíochta, seisiúin ‘maidhc oscailte, céilithe agus ceolchoirmeacha oíche.
- Faigheann na mic léinn cleachtadh ar chruinnithe, eagrú agus reáchtáil imeachtaí

Cén chaoi ar éirigh linn i mbliana?

D'éirigh linn an chuid is mó de na haidhmeanna a bhaint amach i rith na bliana. Mholfainn don chéad dream eile le freastal ar na himeachtaí éagsúla le nasc níos láidre a chruthú leis an bpobail. Bheadh sé an-áisiúil dá bhfreastlóidh na baill ar imeachtaí áitiúla ar nós na Pléaráca Teo, áit a mhúsclóidh smaointí difriúla a bheadh siad in ann a chur i bhfeidhm i gcumann Subhóro sa Acadamh.

An bua is mó a bhí againn i mbliana

D'éirigh linn daoine a bhí cuthail agus a bhí bac orthu cur i láthair a dhéanamh os comhair slua a spreagadh a gcuid buanna a roinnt leis an bpobail. Mothaíom gur neartaigh a gcuid misneach i rith na bliana. Is iomaí uaire a mheall an Cumann na daoine áitiúla ag an Acadamh mar gheall ar na imeachtaí éagsúla a chuir sé ar siuil. Neartaigh sé seo an nasc a bhí acu leis na daoine áitiúla.

Dúshlán is mó a bhí againn i mbliana

Mar gheall nach bhfuil líon mór daoine ag freastal ag an Acadamh bhí deacair scaití daoine a thabhairt le chéile do chruinnithe agus le cúnaimh a thabhairt l'imeachtaí.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have not held our AGM yet. Our total membership stands at 6 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Taize Society

We held a number of meetings throughout the year for the students and staff of NUIG along with the wider community. The meetings were held in the College Chapel Common Room. We tried to provide an atmosphere for people where they could relax, reflect and listen to the music of Taize and give a break away from the stress of daily life. Taize Soc took part in Socs Day Two where our membership was upped.

Taize Society Events

This year the society held a total of 6 events.

Taize » *College Chapel Common Room* » *13th October 2014*

Join us for chants from Taize. It's a great way to relax and meet new people. There'll also be pizza!

Taize Meeting » NUIG College Chapel Common Room » 10th November 2014

Join us for chants from Taize. It's a great way to relax, reflect and meet new people. :)

Taize Meeting » NUIG College Chapel Common Room » 1st December 2014

We will be holding our final meeting of the semester and it will be a great way to relax and take your mind off the stress of the exams. We will have the usual chants and cups of tea. Hope you can make it.

Taize Meeting and EGM » College Chapel Common Room » 26th January 2015

We will be having normal Taize prayer followed by a short EGM to elect new committee members.

Taize Meeting » College Chapel Common Room » 9th March 2015

We are having our monthly meeting with songs from Taize. A great way to relax and meet new people.

There will be tea and biscuits :)

Final Meeting and AGM » College Chapel Common Room » 23rd March 2015

We are holding our final meeting of the year along with our AGM. Great way to relax before the stress of exams sets in. There will be tea, biscuits and pizza :)

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Deirbhile Ryan

Vice-Auditor: Lorcan Waters

Secretary: Sorcha King

Treasurer: Jessica Keane

Public Relations Officer/OCM: Macdara Kinnane

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Lorcan Waters

Treasurer: Jessica Keane

Secretary: Sorcha King

OCM/Public Relations Officer: Macdara Kinnane

Taize Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	220.07	Bank charge	€30.62
Members Contributions	€22	Materials	€107.52
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€99.18
		Expenditure Total	€237.32
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€7.5
		Closing Bank Balance	€4.75
Total	€242.07	Total	€242.07

Mission Statement

Here, in Taizé soc NUIG, we hope to provide an environment where people can come and relax and get away from the stress of college work. We aim to replicate a short version of a prayer meeting from Taizé, France. People are invited to come along, take part in the prayer and chants and have some time to reflect.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to become a bigger society, attracting new members. We hope to have a consistent number of people at each meeting. We hope that each member of the committee would be able to apply and receive an ALIVE cert.

Society Performance Reflection

We were able to increase the amount of people that were attending the monthly meetings from the numbers last year. We were able to provide a relaxing atmosphere to students who wanted to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life and give them a space and time to reflect.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we definitely achieved our aims, goals and objectives.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was being able to increase the numbers attending the monthly meetings.

Greatest Challenge

Our committee definitely posed a challenge. Our vice auditor dropped out of college which left a huge gap to fill. Fortunately we were able to recruit new people and although it took time, we managed to form a full committee.

Other Information

We held 10 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 46 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Taize Society			
Deirbhile Ryan	Auditor		70 hours
# ALIVE Students:		1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:		70 hours	

Time Lord Society

The Time Lord Society's objective this year has been to consolidate its foothold and strengthen it. In our Doctor Who related events we have made every attempt to account for all fans, be this through screening (most events involve screenings) of both 'classic' and 'new' episodes, games, discussions, collaborations with other societies and-on one occasion- a lecture on Doctor Who. Each screening has had a theme, be it for mental health week, 'newbie night', or 'Master week.'

We hold weekly committee meetings at 18.00 on Tuesdays. It has become the society's policy not to get involved in any social, political or economic affairs unless it threatens the society, as we are a special-interest society with no place in such matters.

Time Lord Society Events

This year the society held a total of 47 events.

Meet and Greet » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 15th September 2014

Tonight's a nice opportunity to see what the society has to offer you, as well as make friends who share our common interest.

AGM and screening of Season 5 » Large Acoustic Room » 22nd September 2014

We are having our AGM and having a screening of a selection (your selection) of Season 5 episodes in the Large Acoustic Room,

Season 2 Screening » Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall » 23rd September 2014

We're screening your selection of Season 2 episodes from 7pm in Darcy Thompson Theatre on the Concourse.

Fires of Pompeii and more Season 4 » Large Acoustic Room » 29th September 2014

We'll be watching The Fires of Pompeii, and whichever other episodes from Season 4 you choose. We'll be in the Large Acoustic Room in

The Curse of Fenric and discussion on Saturday's episode » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 30th September 2014

We'll be watching The Curse of Fenric and having a discussion about Saturday's episode, with three of our most moderate committee members acting as mediators. This will take place in Darcy Thompson theatre on the Concourse from 7pm.

NEWBIE NIGHT! DOCTOR WHO AND PIZZA! » *Large Acoustic Room* » 6th October 2014

Did you ever want to get involved with Doctor Who but never got around to it? Did you ever get put off by a bad episode? Well, we're having our NEWBIE NIGHT! We'll be screening The Lodger and Father's Day from 7pm in the LAR. There will be PIZZA!

CLASSIC WHO NEWBIE NIGHT WITH FREE PIZZA! » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 7th October 2014

In the Darcy Thompson Theatre from 7pm, we'll be having a NEWBIE NIGHT of CLASSIC WHO for those who always wanted to watch the first eight Doctors, but found their episodes *extremely* hard to source. We'll be watching The Sontaran Experiment! A Fourth Doctor two-parter. There will also be PIZZA!!

Doctor Who: GAMES NIGHT! » *Large Acoustic Room* » 13th October 2014

Tonight, we'll be playing Doctor Who related games! It's a fun chance to get to interact with our other society members and make friends! Come along!

Mental Health Awareness Week: Screenings » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 14th October 2014

As part of Mental Health Awareness week, we'll be screening Vincent and the Doctor and Fear Her from 7pm in the D'Arcy Thompson.

Comedy Week: Part One » *Large Acoustic Room* » 20th October 2014

We'll be watching The Curse of Fatal Death and playing Doctor Who Werewolves from 7pm in the LAR, as part of our comedy week!

Comedy Week: Part Two » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 21st October 2014

Tonight, we'll be watching The Runaway Bride, Partners in Crime and The Five(ish) Doctors from 7pm in the Darcy Thompson Theatre as the final event for our comedy week!

Hallowe'en Week: Part One » *Large Acoustic Room* » 27th October 2014

Tonight, we'll be screening Blink and Midnight in the LAR from 7pm. Try not to jump...

Hallowe'en Week: Part Two » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 28th October 2014

Tonight, we'll be screening The Talons of Weng-Chiang in Darcy Thompson, from 7pm for your enjoyment. It's going to spoooooooooooooooooky!!!

INTER-SOC HALLOWE'EN PARTY » *The Cellar bar* » 29th October 2014

We're having an inter-society Hallowe'en party with Anime and Manga, Disney, Fan-Sci, Pottersoc, Victorian society and Video Game society! It's

GAMES and The Shakespeare Code » *Large Acoustic Room* » 3rd November 2014

Tonight, we'll be playing games in the LAR from 7pm. We'll also be watching The Shakespeare Code! Join us!

The Deadly Assassin » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 4th November 2014

Tonight, we'll be watching The Deadly Assassin, a Fourth Doctor four-parter from 7pm in the Darcy Thompson.

Torchwood: Children of Earth » *Large Acoustic Room* » 10th November 2014

Tonight, we'll be watching the first three episodes of Torchwood's Children of Earth. We'll be in the LAR from 7pm. Hope to see you all there!

Torchwood: Children of Earth continued and discussion » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 11th November 2014

Tonight, we'll be watching the remaining episodes of Children of Earth and discussing it later. We'll be in the Darcy Thompson from 7pm. Come along!

Week of The Cybermen, Part One: The Tomb of the Cybermen » *Large Acoustic Room* » 17th November 2014

Tonight, we'll be watching The Tomb of the Cybermen as part of our Week of the Cybermen (inspired by the season finale) from 7pm in the Large Acoustic Room. Come along!

Week of The Cybermen, Part Two: Attack of the Cybermen » *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 18th November 2014

Tonight, we're watching Attack of the Cybermen as the final part of our Week of the Cybermen (inspired by the season finale) from 7pm in the Darcy Thompson Theatre. Do join us!

DAY OF THE DOCTOR » *Large Acoustic Room* » 24th November 2014

We'll be watching The Day of The Doctor, the 50th anniversary episode from 7pm in the Large Acoustic Room! Do join us!

An Adventure in Space and Time and "Doctor Who? A Beginners Guide to an Idiot in a Police Box."

» *Darcy Thompson Lecture Hall* » 25th November 2014

Tonight, we'll be watching An Adventure in Space and Time and hosting a lecture by our guest speaker Barry Kelly. Ever wondered about the show's 51 year long history? Wondered who is the Master? Wondered where the Daleks came from? What does TARDIS stand for? The answer to these questions and many more await you at "Doctor Who? A Beginners Guide to an Idiot in a Police Box". So pop along and hold on as The Engineer brings you on a whirlwind tour of the Universe protected by The Doctor.*

*Warning: may contain pepper shakers, tinfoil men, jelly babies and attack eyebrows.

The Family of Blood and Introduction Session » *Large Acoustic Room* » 12th January 2015

Hey guys! This is our first event of this semester! We will be playing The Family of Blood, a Doctor Who themed game based off Mafia and Werewolves. We will also be getting to know one another. It's an opportunity to introduce yourselves! There will be sweeties!

Socs Day 2 » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn*, » 14th January 2015

NEWBIE NIGHT - Ice breakers and PIZZA! » *Large Acoustic Room* » 19th January 2015

Tonight, we'll be getting to know one another whilst we cheerily munch on some pizza! Join us!

SCREENING: Deep Breath and Robots of Sherwood » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 20th January 2015

Tonight we'll be watching Deep Breath and Robin of Sherwood in the Cairnes Lecture Theatre from 7pm! Come along!

SCREENING: The Doctor's Daughter and Death of the Doctor » *Large Acoustic Room* » 26th January 2015

Tonight, we'll be watching The Doctor's Daughter and Death of the Doctor from 7pm in the LAR! Come Along!

SCREENING: Mummy on the Orient Express and Horror of Fang Rock » *Cairnes Lecture Hall* » 27th January 2015

Tonight, we'll be watching Mummy on the Orient Express and Horror of Fang Rock in the Cairnes Lecture Hall from 7pm! Join us!

Doctor Who Quiz and Pizza » *Large Acoustic Room* » 2nd February 2015

Tonight, we'll be having a Doctor Who Quiz and pizza from 7pm in the LAR! There will be prizes for the winners, so brush up on your WHO!

SCREENING: City of Death » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 3rd February 2015

Tonight, we'll be watching City of Death, a Fourth Doctor four-parter from 7pm in the Cairnes Lecture Theatre! Join us!

Ninth Night - Dalek, Bad Wolf and The Parting of the Ways » *Large Acoustic Room* » 9th February 2015

We are dedicating this event to the Ninth Doctor! We will be watching Dalek, Bad Wolf and The Parting of the Ways from 7pm in the Large Acoustic Room! Come along!

Fifth Night - Warriors of the Deep and The Caves of Androzani » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 10th February 2015

We are dedicating this event to the Fifth Doctor! We will be watching Warriors of the Deep and The Caves of Androzani from 7pm in the Cairnes Lecture Theatre! Come along!

SCREENING: Time Heist and Flatline » *Large Acoustic Room* » 16th February 2015

Tonight, we'll be watching Time Heist and Flatline in the LAR from 7pm! Come along!

Campy Night! WITH SWEETIES! Delta and the Bannermen and Dinosaurs on a Spaceship » *Cairnes Lecture Theatre* » 17th February 2015

Urban Dictionary describes "Campy" thusly: "Campy" (adj.): Being so extreme that it has an amusing and sometimes perversely sophisticated appeal. Over the top and farcical, intentionally exaggerated so as not to be taken seriously. Found primarily in television, theatre and motion pictures, camp endeavours for satire and, for those who fully understand and appreciate the risible nature of its material, it's not surprising when it develops a cult following. So we'll be watching Delta and the Bannermen and Dinosaurs on a Spaceship in the Cairnes Lecture Theatre from 7pm, because why not? So come along! I promise sweets!

RIVER SONG FORTNIGHT: PART ONE » *Large Acoustic Room* » 23rd February 2015

Tonight, we'll be starting off with part one of River Song Fortnight! We're watching the episodes involving River in the order she experienced them! Do come along!

RIVER SONG FORTNIGHT: PART TWO » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 24th February 2015

Tonight, we'll be continuing on with part two of River Song Fortnight! We're watching the episodes involving River in the order she experienced them! Do come along!

RIVER SONG FORTNIGHT: PART THREE » Large Acoustic Room » 2nd March 2015

Tonight, we'll be continuing on with part three of River Song Fortnight! We're watching the episodes involving River in the order she experienced them! Do come along!

RIVER SONG FORTNIGHT: PART FOUR » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 3rd March 2015

Tonight, we'll be finishing off with part four of River Song Fortnight! We're watching the episodes involving River in the order she experienced them! Do come along!

MONSTER WEEK PART ONE: Asylum of the Daleks and Rememberance » Large Acoustic Room » 9th March 2015

This week we are celebrating some of the most memorable monsters to ever grace our screens. Tonight we are starting off with the Doctor's oldest and most feared foes, the Daleks, at 7pm in the LAR with Asylum of the Daleks and Rememberance! Come along!

MONSTER WEEK PART TWO: Cold War, The God Complex and Night Terrors » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 10th March 2015

So to continue with our Monsters week, we will be visiting one of the memorable monsters in all of Doctor Who, the Ice Warriors along with new monsters from series 6. So come along.

Family of Blood and PIZZA! » Large Acoustic Room » 16th March 2015

Today, we'll be playing Family of Blood and eating pizza (yum!) from 7pm in the LAR! Join us!

SCREENING: Vampires in Venice and Amy's Choice » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 17th March 2015

Tonight, we'll be in the Cairnes Lecture Theatre watching Vampires in Venice and Amy's Choice from 7pm! You know you want to come!

MASTER WEEK PART ONE: Utopia and Terror of the Autons » Large Acoustic Room » 23rd March 2015

Tonight is the first part of our Master Week! We will be watching Utopia and Terror of the Autons from 7pm in the LAR! Come along!

MASTER WEEK PART TWO: Dark Water, Death in Heaven and The King's Demons » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 24th March 2015

Tonight is the conclusion of our Master Week! We are watching Dark Water, Death in Heaven and The King's Demons in the Cairnes Lecture Theatre from 7pm! You now you want to come!

Bring Your Own Episodes. » Large Acoustic Room » 30th March 2015

To celebrate Easter and as a way to let you take more control over the society we are going to let you decide what episodes to watch. No prep needed just a night of fun Doctor Who stories.

AGM » Large Acoustic Room » 13th April 2015

Hey, do you want to be a part of the Time Lord Society? Well now is your chance. Come to our AGM and be in with a chance to join our wonderful society. Oh and there will probably be pizza there too so there's that.

Farewell » Cairnes Lecture Theatre » 14th April 2015

So this will be our last event of the year and in order to celebrate an amazing year and to have a proper goodbye we are going to say goodbye to the 11th Doctor and watch The Time of the Doctor. But it won't be all doom and gloom, so to ensure people don't leave feeling sad we are also going to watch some Children in Need episodes like Time Crash starring David Tennant and Peter Davison. See you all there.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Joshua Byrne

Vice-Auditor: David Acton

OCM: Abel Garcia Cortina

OCM: Edel Kelly

Secretary: Connor McKeown

Website Manager: Elizabeth O'Malley

Treasurer: Megan Donnelly

Events Manager: Raizel Burstein-Frame

SDO: Barry Kelly

OCM: Carol Devaney

OCM: Shannon Doherty

PRO: Owen McBrearty

Committee 2015/2016

Vice-Auditor: Barry Kelly

Treasurer: Megan Donnelly

Society Development Officer: Carol Devaney

Webmaster: Elizabeth O'Malley

P.R.O: Kathleen King

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No Financial Transactions

Mission Statement

Our society is about celebrating everything related to Doctor Who with other fans within the university; it's about celebrating our mutual interest and forging friendships.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To create and celebrate a community based around a shared interest
- To facilitate the making of friendship and the smooth transition to a third level institution
- To represent an aspect of the Sci-Fi genre in the university which we felt was lacking
- To expand the audience of the world's longest running Science-Fiction show

Society Performance Reflection

This year, the Time Lord Society consolidated and expanded its position in this university, expanding its influence. It's membership grew with over 70 on the second Socs Day alone.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

All objectives set out by the society have been successfully met; the society has a stronger position from last year; it had become a place where people may enjoy a welcoming environment; the franchise, *Doctor Who*, has been well presented and; the audience of the show has been expanded to many students.

Greatest Success

The greatest success of this year has been *River Song Fortnight*, a two-week event of screenings following the story of one character from *Doctor Who*. The event brought in many members and grew in popularity.

Greatest Challenge

The Society's greatest challenge this academic year was managing our stall at the Victorian Fair.

Other Information

We held 18 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 334 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Time Lord Society		
<u>Barry Kelly</u>	Society Development Officer/ Tech Guy	336 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	336 hours	

Trad Soc

The following events and activities of Trad Soc this year, succeeded as planned; Trad Sessions in the Crane; Two guest concerts; Committee meetings; Instrumental Rental Scheme; Arts Ball; Science Ball; Ball na Gaeilge; Fleadh Fundraiser; Christmas Party; Trip to London; Céilí in the Cube; Singing Concert.

We organised to have a céilí at the back of the college bar during Seachtain Na Gaeilge, but the room was double-booked so it didn't work out.

Our 'Teach a Tune' music lessons were successful in the beginning, but it fell through in the end with poor attendance; its reconsideration seconded by Terrence and Katie at our AGM.

Trad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 84 events.

Socs Day » *Bailey Allen Hall* » *10th September 2014*

Sign up for new members!

Meet and Greet with Tunes & Songs » *The View* » *10th September 2014*

A chance to get to know other members of the society and play music, sing songs and just have a bit of craic. Tea and refreshments provided.

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Learning Tunes and practicing for concerts/events

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Upstairs in the Crane an Open Session for singing and Music, all are welcome. Weekly session

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Singing Session » *Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *1st October – 3rd March 2015 (22 individual events)*

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Learn tunes from a great musician and very nice guy! (Similar to our teach a Tune sessions)

Global Week Guest Concert - Caoimhin O Fearghail » *The Cube* » *13th October 2014*

As part of Global Week, Tradsoc are joined by TG4's Gradam Cheoil, Ceoltoir Og na Bliana 2012.

Music Practice » *Sin* » *10th November 2014*

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Tradsoc AGM » *The Space* » 25th March 2015

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Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Eoin O'Murchadha

Secretary: Mairead Ni Ghrainne

Events Manager: Sinead O'Halloran

Technical Director: Terence O'Reilly

Refreshments Coodinator: Eimear Whelan

OCM: Eabha Flanagan

OCM: Eimear Daly

Vice Auditor/Treasurer: Cathal Tone

PRO/VICE-SECRETARY: Ciara Corbett

Singing Coordinator: Kathryn Murray

Musical Director: Labhras Hernon

OCM: Katie O'Donnell

OCM: Mary Byrne

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Kathryn Murray

Secretary: Sean Reilly

Vice Auditor/Treasurer: Aidan O'Sullivan-Ryan

Trad Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	3045.98	Bank charge	€62.9
Balls	€180	Dinner	€116.95
Bank Charge	€1.5	Entertainment	€163.5
Socs box Till	€1130	Equipment misc	€1981
Ticket Sales	€375	Hire Bus	€475
USC Grant	€3000	Materials	€40
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€290.42
		Reception	€73
		Society accomm	€1007.71
		Society transport	€961.99
		Socs day expenses	€48.12
		Expenditure Total	€5220.59
		Closing Bank Balance	€2511.89
Total	€7732.48	Total	€7732.48

Mission Statement

To create an environment where musicians, singers and listeners of all backgrounds and abilities can feel comfortable to learn, play, sing, or listen to traditional music. As well as promote Irish traditional music on and off campus in Galway and anywhere else we go.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to continue our weekly sessions in the Crane Bar on Tuesday nights, as well as being more active on campus through our weekly singing and teach a tune sessions and hopefully by running a series of guest concerts. We are also starting an instrument rental scheme and we aim to expand this in the coming year. We hope by providing instruments and a friendly place to learn tunes at the weekly Teach a Tune sessions we will encourage more people to play traditional music.

Society Performance Reflection

Trad Soc were very successful this year in providing three weekly activities; the trad session in the Crane, the singing session in the Space, and the 'Teach a Tune' lesson in the Space; all three of which we thought would be a good way to create a friendly environment for people to learn and listen to music. We also played at many events this year, including the Science Ball and Arts Ball, which was a good way to promote Traditional Irish music.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We managed to keep up with our weekly trad sessions and singing sessions, and we had a 'Teach a Tune' lesson almost every week. We had two very enjoyable guest concerts. Our instrument rental scheme was also very successful, with most of our instruments being used by beginners; encouraging their interest in Traditional Irish Music.

Greatest Success

I would regard the instrument rental scheme as our greatest success, as it proved to be very popular. It was a great way to get people who were new to Trad, interested in the society and what we do.

Greatest Challenge

I would regard our guest concerts as our greatest challenge, with the first two being very successful, but any proceeding concerts fell through, as it was difficult to find guests to feature in the guest concerts, and for everyone's schedules to coincide with one another.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year. We have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 459 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Trad Soc		
<u>Terence O'Reilly</u>	Technical Director	120 hours
<u>Sean Reilly</u>	Singing Coordinator	70 hours
<u>Katie O'Donnell</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	25 hours
<u>Mary Byrne</u>	OCM	8 hours
<u>Eoin O'Murchadha</u>	Auditor	1000 hours
<u>Sinead O'Halloran</u>	Events Manager	750 hours
<u>Kathryn Murray</u>	Volunteer	120 hours
<u>Eabha Flanagan</u>	OCM commite member	30 hours
# ALIVE Students:	8 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2123 hours	

Victorian Society

To bring the 19th century to a modern day audience in a fun and exciting way. This is done by a number of events throughout the year, each with a Victorian style nature about them. This can include tea parties, murder mysteries, talks by guest speakers or even movies with a Victorian twist. The big event was the Victorian Fun Fair which, incorporating other campus societies, displayed a number of fun games and activities relating to the society.

Victorian Society Events

This year the society held a total of 21 events.

EGM,Teaparty and Pizza! » Meeting Room 1 (Bailey Allen) » 17th September 2014

Victorian Movie Night - From Hell » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 24th September 2014

Join us for a trip down the streets of Whitechapel as we discover the mystery behind Jack the Ripper as the Victorian Society watches, for your entertainment, FROM HELL with Johnny Depp. Popcorn Provided :)

From Hell Part 2 » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 1st October 2014

The concluding part of the Johnny Depp Gothic horror dealing with the career of the notorious Jack the Ripper

Murder Mystery Night » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 8th October 2014

Come one, come all to our first Murder Mystery Night of the year. Solve the case surrounding a death at a party and use your deduction skills to see whodunit. Free Pizza for all our detectives

Victorian/Baking Soc Great Decoration Challenge » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 15th October 2014

Join the Victorians as we collaborate with our friends from Baking Society for a night of fabulous cake designs. team up in groups to try and decorate a cake with all your skills. The winners receive a wonderful prize and everyone gets to eat the cakes afterwards with some tea.

Movie Showing » *TBA* » 22nd October 2014

Multi Society Halloween Party » *Cellar Bar* » 29th October – 30th October 2014

Join us along with Fansci, Anime, Time Lord, Potter, Video Game and Disney Socs for our annual society Halloween Party downstairs in the Cellar Bar.

Young Victoria » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 12th November 2014

We will be watching the 'Young Victoria' this Wednesday. Starring Emily Blunt in the main role, this movie deals with the first years of Queen Victoria's reign and the problems she faced against a patriarchal society.

Tea Tasting Night » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 19th November 2014

Get your taste buds out as we flavour some delectable varieties of tea from black to herbal thanks to the Secret Garden. Plus some Sweetie Pies cupcakes for all participants.

Christmas Party » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 25th November 2014

We will be having our annual Christmas Party for the Victorian Society in the College Bar, first meeting up at Meeting Room 1. Make sure your name is down in Socsbox so you have a place.

Victorian Tea Party » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 21st January 2015

The Victorian Society are back for Semester 2. To introduce some new members to us we will be holding a meet and greet tea party this Wednesday at 7pm. Hope to see you there :)

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party » *The View* » 27th January 2015

Join us along with Baking and Disney soc for a night of fun and games mad hatter style. There will be tea, cakes, fun activities and the classic animated Disney's Alice in Wonderland. Come one, come all.

Victorian EGM » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 4th February 2015

This week the Victorians are having an EGM for the post of Treasurer and OCMs. Plus Sherlock Cluedo on the night. Pizza for attendees.

Muscailt's Second Annual Victorian Fun Fair » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 11th February 2015

This is it ladies and gentlemen. The event you have all been waiting for. The Victorian Fun Fair. With 8 societies contributing alongside the Victorian Society be prepared for games, events, songs, reads and of course TEA!!.

Movie Night » » 18th February 2015

We will be watching a movie from our Victorian collection.

'The Victorian Vampire'- A Talk + EGM » *G010, Hardiman Building* » 25th February 2015

Come join our talk on the origins and myth behind one of the greatest supernatural beings- the vampire and experience its many forms in culture and society. Plus we are holding an EGM to secure the post of Treasurer and get new society OCMs. This is being held in G010 Seminar Room, downstairs in the Hardiman Building. Tea and cookies afterwards for everyone.

Sherlock Holmes Month: Dramatic Reading and Writing » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 4th March 2015

For the first week in events for the Victorian Society's Sherlock Holmes Month of March we are having a dramatic reading of Arthur Conan Doyle mysteries plus games to create our own style detective stories.

Basil the Great Mouse Detective » *O Flaherty Theatre* » 11th March 2015

For week two of Holmes Month we will be watching Basil the Great Mouse Detective with Disney Soc. This Victorian animation follows Basil of Baker Street, who lives under 221B and the adventures that are similar to those of his human counterpart.

Sherlock Holmes Month Week Three: Murder Mystery » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn* » 18th March 2015

SH Month continues with a murder mystery. Come and join the fun and find out who done it as an amateur detective.

Sherlock Holmes Month Week Four: Sherlock Overnight Event » *The View, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 28th March – 29th March 2015

Come and join your friends from the Victorian Society as we have a whole night dedicated to one of the best Mr. Holmes', Benedict Cumberbatch as we watch the BBC series Sherlock, created by Doctor Who head writer Steven Moffat. This is a 12 hour event with teas,

coffees, fizzy drinks, pizza, sweets and even a small breakfast included. Free for everyone. Over 18s event as its overnight and no alcohol please :)

Victorian Annual General Meeting » Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 15th April 2015

This is it everyone. The end of another eventful year for the Victorian Society. This event will be to get the committee for 2015/16 and bring in fresh thinkers and creativity. All committee positions will be on offer so if you feel like you'd like to get involved, look no further than this society.

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: Kiera Henn

Vice-Auditor: Jonathan Harte

Treasurer: John O'Malley

Secretary: Pamela Waliszewska

OCM: Rory O'Connor

Auditor: Anna Gasperini

PRO: Giulia de Martin

Safety Officer: Ciara Clarke

OCM: Carla Lessing

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Jonathan Harte

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Vice-Auditor: John O'Malley

Secretary: Pamela Waliszewska

Official Poster Graphic Designer: Giulia de Martin

OCM: Anna Gasperini

Organisation Balance Sheet

Victorian Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	418.33	Bank charge	€85.86
Balls	€50	Costumes	€50
Fundraising	€88	Dinner	€212.94
Ticket Sales	€30	Entertainment	€11.94
USC Grant	€500	Fundraising / Charity	€100
		Gifts	€41.75
		Materials	€139.74
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€255.25
		Printing	€109.47
		Prizes	€23.1
		Expenditure Total	€1030.05
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€56.28
Total	€1086.33	Total	€1086.33

Mission Statement

Our Society offers a friendly environment for everyone to share their passion for any Victorian-related topic and/or cultural movement

Aims, Objectives & Goals

We aim to spread the knowledge of Victorian era and its legacy - in terms of literature, movies, artefacts and cultural movements - among the students and staff of NUIG. We want to contribute to the reputation of NUIG as a centre for Victorian Studies. We want to be a leading example in promoting cooperation and mutual support among Societies at NUIG

Society Performance Reflection

This year has been very successful, especially given that we won "Best fun and games event" at the Societies Ball. We also held many other events such as Victorian-themed movie nights, reading nights and tea tasting events. I see these as a great success as they allow students a fresh insight into the Victorian era and allow them to learn in a fun and relatable way. It wasn't all fun and games however, as there were also informative talks held throughout the year which help to contribute to NUIG's reputation as a centre for Victorian Studies.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

With the various events we have been able to spread knowledge and interest people in the Victorian era and all its components. We have worked with several different societies throughout the year, in order to give the students the real feel that NUIG's societies are not just clubs but more like a family, creating both strong friendships and working relationships within the college.

Greatest Success

The greatest success of the society was the Victorian Fun Fair, where we not only gave students the opportunity to experience life during the Victorian era but created an environment where they could learn about the Victorian era in a fun and interactive way.

Greatest Challenge

The challenges we faced were mainly due to some communication problems early on between committee members in organising the larger events. There were times where some deadlines would have to be met and communication was necessary in meeting those deadlines which could lead to problems. However, these were only very minor instances and for the vast majority everything worked well and the committee all faced things head on collectively.

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 272 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Victorian Society		
<u>Jonathan Harte</u>	Vice-Auditor	150 hours
<u>Ciara Clarke</u>	Safety Officer	100 hours
# ALIVE Students:	2 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	250 hours	

Video Game Society

Our society this is all about bringing together the nerds and gamers we so rarely see beyond the game lobby. We aim to show how games have developed over time, and bring to the current gamers new and exciting games. Creating new gamers is always fun and creating an environment for everyone to feel at ease and have fun is a top priority between our members.

Video Game Society Events

This year the society held a total of 20 events.

Video Game Soc EGM » *Space, Aras na Mac Leinn* » 22nd September 2014

The EGM for the Video Game Society

Variety Night and Pizza » *IT 204* » 1st October 2014

Hey everyone, come on down to our variety night! We have all kinds of games on, and free pizza to go with it. Grab your friends or come along to make new ones at our first proper meeting of the year.

Fight Night » *IT204, IT Building* » 15th October 2014

Video Game soc bring to you a fight night, featuring our best and favourite fighting games. Any game you want to play? Just bring it along and prepare to FIGHT.

Night of Horror » *Aras an Mac Leinn, Meeting rooms and The View* » 30th October 2014

Come one, come all to Video Game soc's night of horror, where we get to play some of the best and most frightening horrors out there. All you need to do is bring yourself and your wits, and prepare to be scared.

Kerbal Space Program Night » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn* » 10th November 2014

A night of explosions, chaos and surprisingly science as we team up with Comp Soc and Astro Soc to bring you a night of wacky space escapades.

The Good, the Bad and the Buggy » *IT204, IT Building* » 26th November 2014

Come one, come all to the best that faulty games have to give us. Play and laugh at how much some developers have made the best buggy games out there. Bring your friends! And don't forget, yourself.

Variety Night 2.0 » *IT204* » 21st January 2015

Hey guys! Tonight is the night, what is that night you say? Well it's video game socs Variety Night 2.0 !! We'll be playing all sorts so come on down to IT204 at 7pm this evening! Featuring games such as Street Fighter X Tekken, Soul Calibur V, Fat Princess, Wipeout, Crash Team Racing and many more!

Nemesis Night » *IT204, IT Building* » 5th February 2015

In celebration of becoming a full society this year, we're holding a Nemesis night, when friends and enemies can test their bonds and see how well one can stand after bitter defeat. Come along and don't forget it's all just a bit of fun. But also, your pride is on the line.

Night of Love with Anime and Manga Society » *The View* » 12th February 2015

In association with Anime and Manga, this week we bring a night of love and romance in preparation for Valentine's Day. The best Japan has to offer on romance in anime will be screened and for those of you still looking for love, don't worry we have something that's almost like really going on a date. You might even say a 'dating simulator'. So come along and prepared to be wooed.

FPS Night » *IT204, IT Building* » 18th February 2015

This week we have yet another event for you! Join us in IT204 for a trigger happy First Person Shooter game night where you can play your favourites and may find something new to procrastinate with. Expect blood and profanities galore.

Night of Science » *Arts Millennium Building, Room g067* » 26th February 2015

Neuro Soc have invited us all to be science experiments! We will be hooked up to machines as we play various games to see our brain waves and other science things. Come along and be a fun and interesting lab rat!

Quiz Night! » *Cellar Bar* » 4th March 2015

This week we're having a pub quiz with Anime and Manga soc! Test your knowledge on all things gaming and Japanese. Afterwards there will be a DJ too. Quiz will start at half 7 SHARP

Gender Recognition Week » McMunn Theater (Concourse) » 9th March 2015

For Gender Recognition week we are teaming up with FanSci and Femsoc in the McMunn theater to bring you screenings of Buffy, Xena and the Lost Girl

Co-op Night with FanSci » IT204, IT Building » 12th March 2015

So we're back yet again, this time teaming with the magical FanSci for a night of co-op. Learn who your friends and who your enemies are and prepare to work in perfect synchronization!

AGM » IT206 (in IT Building) » 25th March 2015

It's that time of year again where you get to come in and rule over your favourite society, Video Game Soc! Come down to the IT building to decide you gets to run the society for that next coming year and take part yourself.

Roman Senate Night » Siobhan MacKenna Theatre, Arts Millenium Building » 18th March 2015

Have you ever wanted to see your society dress up in togas and re-enact historically inaccurate senates? Well tonight is your night. This time round, we'll be working with Cumann Staire and Classics Soc and playing Total War: Rome II and victoriously lead Rome to victory!

Akumakon » Aras an Mac Leinn - The View » 16th January – 18th January 2015 (3 individual events)

For this weekend we are helping Anime and Manga soc with their glorious event, Akumakon that celebrates all things Japan. Come see us in the View as we work on the Games room for the weekend. There'll be tournaments and prizes! Don't forget, there is an admission cost.

League of Legends World Final » Kelly's Bar - Galway » 19th October 2014

Come on down to see Samsung White take on Star Horn Royal Club for the Season 4 World Championship! Who will rise?

Committee 2014/2015

OCM: Zachary Gorvel

Vice-Auditor: Niall Mullins

Quartermaster: Duncan Walker

Public Relations Officer: Zoe MacFarlane

OCM: Daniel Gallen

Auditor: Hugh Murray

Treasurer: Ashley Chilundo

Secretary: Alexandra McElhinney

Safety Officer: Lee Murphy

OCM: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Hugh Murray

Secretary: Julio Sanchis Arderius

Treasurer: Ashley Chilundo

OCM: Shannon Doherty

OCM: Zachary Gorvel

Vice-Auditor: Niall Mullins

Quarter Master: Duncan Walker

Safety Officer: Lee Murphy

OCM: James Houlihan

Video Game Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	262.5	Bank charge	€34.78
USC Grant	€1000	Dinner	€145
		Entry fees	€12
		Equipment misc	€54
		Fundraising / Charity	€47
		Expenditure Total	€292.78
		Closing Bank Balance	€969.72
Total	€1262.5	Total	€1262.5

Mission Statement

To facilitate and nurture a friendly connected community of Video Gamers in NUIG.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To promote a healthy, positive and expanding community of Video gamers
- To facilitate a location and means for video game activities within the Galway area
- To obtain and collect equipment pertaining to Video Games
- To source transportation to video gaming events near and far

The objective is to create a relaxed atmosphere where like-minded people may enjoy their hobby with other likeminded people in whichever manner they choose. The goal is to facilitate the growing Video Gaming Community within NUIG and to promote a friendly, connected community within Galway.

Society Performance Reflection

Amazing! We achieved so much.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

We became a full society and held many more events

Greatest Success

Roman Senate night with Cumann Staire and Classic Soc.

Greatest Challenge

Organising regular committee meeting with as many members as possible.

Other Information

We held 14 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 472 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc

Voluntary Services Abroad - bringing medical aid to the developing world (and bringing fun and games to NUIG) since 1977.

Since VSA's foundation, more than 400 NUIG medical students have been sent overseas as healthcare volunteers, bringing with them funds to develop and support healthcare delivery in the areas they are working. This year, 30 volunteers are travelling to Zambia, Tanzania, Peru, Rwanda, Vietnam and The Philippines. They will be volunteering 4 weeks of their time and skills in the hope of improving the facilities of our partner clinics/hospitals and gaining valuable, often inspiring experience working in challenging environments.

After numerous successful events throughout the year, we hope to have a final fund of 80,000 euro to split between the various hospitals. This includes both money raised as a group and the individual target of 1,500 euro each. Every single last cent of this fund will then be used to buy equipment, medicines and help provide the necessary healthcare services to people affected by illness in their community.

Our successful events throughout the year have included a Race Day in the Ballybrit Race Course as well as our traditional Table Quiz in The Quays, Halloween Ball and Christmas Concert. MedSoc's Masquerade Ball last October can't go unmentioned - it was a huge contributor to our funds, allowing us to gain over 5,000 euro from the raffle on the night! Our members have kindly helped with bag packing and bake sales throughout the year, which we are most grateful for, and we are hoping our upcoming Blood Pressure Clinic in Eyre Square Shopping Centre will follow in these events' footsteps and also be a great success!

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 169 events.

VSA AGM » *Small Lecture Theatre, CSI* » 1st April 2015

Time to hand over the reins to a newly elected committee... if you're interested in taking part next year, come along!

Easter Raffle!! » *CSI Building* » 1st April 2015

After a week and a half of selling tickets, we are finally having our much anticipated raffle this lunchtime at 1.30 pm! Could the winner be YOU?! Keep your eyes and ears peeled, we might be contacting you shortly!

US College Pong Tournament! » *Cellar Bar, Eglinton St* » 20th February 2015

1st Meds are having their very own Pong Tournament in aid of VSA! Try your hand at this highly entertaining game and see if you could be crowned champion!! Prize will be your very own wristbands for Electric! Teams of 2 required, entry 5 euro per player!

Sligo Table Quiz » *The Harp Tavern, Sligo* » 13th November – 13th March 2015 (121 individual events)

It's happening! The VSA table quiz is returning to Sligo.

With quiz master extraordinaire Miriam O' Sullivan running the show, what could possibly go wrong?

Teams of four will battle it out for the illustrious title of 'quiz champs'.. yup we're just that original. It could be you, with an entry fee of just 20 euro per team! It's going to be a fun-filled night, with some fabulous raffle prizes up for grabs so be there or be... somewhere else?

VSA Halloween Ball » *Four/Four* » 29th October 2014

VSA's spooktacular Halloween ball is here again! Costumes ARE required, and we're making sure to give you plenty of warning in advance, so you all have plenty of time to get working on your wild and wonderful costume creations! Tickets 5 euro from Socsbox or a friendly VSA rep near you!

Night out in Carbon in aid of VSA » *Carbon Nightclub* » 8th September 2014

Night out in Carbon with donations towards VSA.

VSA does Socs day. » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 10th September 2014

Please come to the stand and sign up as a member of VSA for the year :D

Bag Pack in Aid of VSA » *Tesco Headford Road Galway.* » 11th September 2014

We're doing some bagpacking locally to add to our growing funds! Pop by if you want to give up an hour of your time or just want to watch us toil away! :P

Traveller's Tales » *LLT Clinical Skills Institute (CSI)* » 11th September 2014

Come hear past volunteers recall their adventures and stories of their summer spent volunteering with VSA! :) Featuring tales from Zambia, Malawi, Rwanda, Philippines, among many others!

VSA Table Quiz » *Quays Bar* » 9th October 2014

Once again VSA bring you the annual table quiz! It'll be filled with the usual, traditional antics-tough quiz questions, games between rounds and as always, an auction of a student from each year (get picking guys!) Sure to revitalise happy inter-year rivalry, right before the Christmas concert! Featuring Ger Flah as our quizmaster for the night. To finish, hang around for The Quays' own "Shifters" after party!

****Raceday Ticket Sales**** » *On campus* » 6th October – 10th October 2014 (5 individual events) & 13th October – 17th October 2014 20th October – 24th October 2014 (5 individual events) (5 individual events)

>>> Smokies 12-2pm Monday - Friday

>>> Socs Office

>>> XL, An Glassan

>>> The Phone Doc (opposite the hospital)

Galway Student Race day is back!!

Bank Holiday Monday 27th of October.

First Race is at 1:35 and Last Race at 4:35 @ Ballybrit Racecourse.

Don't miss out on what will be a fantastic day out! With proceeds going to VSA and NUIG rugby club.

The Masquerade Ball » *Markree Castle, Sligo* » 18th October – 19th October 2014

This spectacular night begins with a champagne reception, followed by a four-course meal and then we will dance the night away with a live band and DJ!

Galway Student Race Day » *Ballybrit Race Track* » 27th October 2014

Our much anticipated Galway Student Race Day is back!! This year will be even bigger and better, with all proceeds going to VSA charity and NUIG rugby! Taking place on Bank Holiday Monday, October 27th.... hang in there, we're almost there!

VSA Christmas Concert » *Oflaherty theatre* » 20th November 2014

It's time for the real and important pressure to kick in as the competition heats up between years. And we hope everyone has started preparation and aren't going to let the 3rd meds steal another win this year!!

The event will be taking place in the O'Flaherty Theatre on Thursday, 20th of November, at 7pm! And it will only cost 5 squids!!

VSA Meeting » *Room 221 CSI Building* » 13th January 2015

Meeting to brainstorm new events for the coming semester and see how people are getting on regarding contacting hospitals and organizing elective summer plans!

VSA Meeting » *CSI Building* » 13th January 2015

Meeting to brainstorm and discuss events and decide on sub-committees accordingly for 2nd semester!

Socs Day! » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 14th January 2015

Table at Socs Day to promote our society and sign up new enthusiastic members!

Bake Sale » *CSI Building* » 22nd January 2015

Yes, that's right... we've got some tasty goods in store for you to help defeat those January blues! Come one, come all, to the CSI this Thursday from 10 onwards and ditch those post-Christmas diets... they can surely wait just one more week! And of course, we welcome anyone who wants to procrastibake for us... we will happily take any yummy goods off your hands from 10 a.m.! :) (And by welcome, we mean please do help us out... we'd be very grateful, the more goods, the more we can raise!) Hope to see you all there! VSA

VSA Meeting » *Room 221 CSI Building* » 3rd February 2015

Discuss potential events and decide on sub-committees to help organize them. See how events in the process of being organized are going.

Last Man Standing » *CSI Building* » 9th March – 19th March 2015 (11 individual events)

Running a Last Man Standing for the Premiership.... lovely prize at the end for the winner!

Meeting! » *CSI Building* » 11th March 2015

Meeting to discuss any upcoming events and check in with the sub-committees organising different events to see how they're getting on! General chat about how members' fundraising is going and any issues that need to be solved.

VSA Bake Sale » *CSI Building* » 26th March 2015

Come on over to the CSI (back of University Hospital Galway) to sample some of our delicious baked goods and help us continue adding to our fund to help hospitals in developing countries!

Blood Pressure Clinic » *Eyre Square Shopping Centre* » 28th March 2015

We are running a Blood Pressure Clinic in Eyre Square Shopping Centre to help us raise money for hospitals in developing countries! Come on over if you want to know a bit more about your blood pressure and how it affects you or if you'd just like to contribute a donation to our cause :)

Comedy Night » *The Quays Bar* » 11th April 2015

As one of our last events of the year, we are bringing you a night filled with laughter and stitches in your side! Courtesy of well-known Dublin act, Shifts, who have graced our TV screens in The Republic of Telly and our very own local funny man, Mr Bob Hennigan! A night not to be missed for sure! Doors 5 euro!

VSA Film & Pizza Night » *Small Lecture Theatre, CSI » 15th April 2015*

Our very last event of the year...sniffle! We're screening Disney's 'The Lion King' to get us in the mood for our summer travels! Show starts at 8pm right on our doorstep in the Small Lecture Theatre. Bring yo friends, yo wives, yo children!! Entry is 3 euro and includes pizza and other goodies, making it an ideal study break!

****SPOILER ALERT**** Tissues will be provided for Mufasa's death. Bring your own shoulder to cry on.. :)

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Laura Hennessy

Vice-Auditor: Mai O'Sullivan

Correspondence Officer: Gerard Browne

Student Liaison Officer: Alan Keyes

Secretary Semester 2: Stefania Stroiescu

Treasurer Semester 2: Julie Donnellan

OCM: Eleanor Cronin

Auditor: Joseph Conway

PRO: Louise Hannon

Volunteer Officer: Niamh Crowley

Treasurer: Aine Stenson

Web Master: Kavin Bains

OCM: Katie Shanahan

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Shona Keogh

Secretary: Anna Healy

Correspondence Officer: Emma Shaughnessy

Volunteering Officer: Christine Condon

Treasurer: Gavin Hennelly

PRO: Meave Higgins

Webmaster: Patrick Varley

Student Liaison Officer: Aislinn Hanahoe

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	29949.89	Bank charge	€428.35
Bank Charge	€7.5	Dinner	€250
Fundraising	€92464.08	Entertainment	€530
Members Contributions	€7700	Fundraising / Charity	€116,403.23
Socs box Till	€12205	Prizes	€468.54
Sponsorship	€720		
USC Grant	€1500		
		Expenditure Total	€119,286.93
		Closing Bank Balance	€25,259
Total	€144,545.72	Total	€144,545.72

Mission Statement

VSA are committed to bringing medical aid and student volunteers to health care settings in the developing world.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

1. To provide supplies & skills to healthcare & related facilities in developing countries & to fundraise to achieve that goal.
2. To provide all NUI, Galway students who fulfill the criteria laid out by the society committee with the opportunity to volunteer in developing countries.

- To provide our overseas volunteers with fundraising & logistical support as deemed necessary by the society committee

Society Performance Reflection

As a society, we feel we performed well overall. We organized many of the traditional events that have been passed down over the years as well as successfully running new events such as the Race Day and Comedy Gig. Altogether we raised a lot of funds and although we are still waiting on everyone's personal fundraising we hope to have raised a significant amount in order to make a measurable difference to the hospitals we are travelling to.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

- We have fundraised to the best of our abilities, using a huge team effort to raise as much money as possible. Our traditional events, such as Masquerade Ball and Christmas Concert, went on as usual while we also managed to pull off new events such as the Race Day and a Comedy Gig.
- We had many information sessions to ensure people realised what travelling as part of VSA would entail and make them aware of how to organize volunteering opportunities in developing countries.
- We are in the process of dividing the global fund we have raised throughout the year fairly between volunteers and are making sure as many as possible attend 2 designated pre-departure information sessions in order to be adequately prepared for their travels.

Greatest Success

Our greatest success was probably Race Night, as it was a huge feat to undertake and raised €6000 for VSA. Our Maquerade Ball was also a wonderful success, raising more than ever before through its raffle. It was wonderful to see new events getting off the ground as well.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge was motivating a big group of people to contribute their man-power to events. Considering 47 of us are travelling abroad this year it is easy for people to rest back and not contribute but we tried to ensure everyone helped out with at least 2 events this year.

Other Information

We held committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 666 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Voluntary Services Abroad Soc		
<u>Gerard Browne</u>	Correspondence Officer	10 hours
<u>Niamh Crowley</u>	Volunteer Officer	30 hours
<u>Miriam Wynne</u>	Volunteer	80 hours
<u>Joseph Conway</u>	Co-Auditor	45 hours
<u>Stefania Stroiescu</u>	Secretary	30 hours
<u>Elein Thompson</u>	Volunteer/Fundraiser	15 hours
<u>Julie Donnellan</u>	Treasurer	30 hours
<u>Marie Talty</u>	Fundraiser	15 hours
<u>Laura Hennessy</u>	Secretary (Semester 1)	40 hours
<u>Kate McCarthy</u>	volunteer	15 hours

<u>Kara Diffley</u>	volunteer	10 hours
<u>Annmarie White</u>	committee member	14 hours
<u>Aine Stenson</u>	Treasurer	40 hours
<u>Mai O'Sullivan</u>	Auditor	30 hours
<u>Matthew Sheridan</u>	Volunteer	20 hours
# ALIVE Students:	15 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	424 hours	

Writers Group Soc

This year the society became one of the most active societies in college, and compared to previous years, the revival of the society only happened because of few individuals who through their dedication, commitment, and love of writing produced an amazingly fruitful year. The current total number of members stands at 450 members. Ivy Lloyd was the previous Secretary and she did an amazing job. She contributed to 74% of this year's secretary job.

Writers Group Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 27 events.

Writers' Soc Societies Day » *Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, NUIG* » 10th September 2014

Join us in Aras Na Mac Leinn for Socs Day. Come and register for the year ahead!

Writers' Soc Meeting » *Large Accousitc Room, Aras Na Mac Leinn* » 11th September 2014

Our weekly meeting will take place from 7PM-9PM with pieces, writing games and tea! Bring pieces of your writing or just come along for a listen and meet new people!

Book Swap and One Word Story in association with Socs Fair 2014 » *Aras an Mac Leinn* » 17th September 2014

Socs Fair 2014 kicks off in Aras Na Mac Leinn and we will be in the main foyer with a swap a book table and One Word Story Game! Swap an old book for a new one, or write a word to our epic tale!

Writers' Soc AGM » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 18th September 2014

Our AGM to elect this year's committee will take place in AC204 from 7PM-9PM. Come along and get involved in Writers' Soc today!

Writers' Soc and Disney Soc Meeting » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 25th September 2014

"For the first time in forever" Writers' Soc and Disney Soc will team up at our Writers' Meeting to play Disney themed Writing Games, read a few pieces about Disney and mingle with another society! Our regular meeting will begin at 7PM-8PM and our Disney Themed section will be from 8PM-9PM! So come along and join in the fun! Free tea and biscuits are available as always!

Writers' Soc Weekly Meeting » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 2nd October 2014

Writers' Soc have weekly meetings from 7 until 9pm in AC204. We offer a nice and relaxed environment for people to come and read their prose, poetry or whatever they would like feedback on. OR you can just come along for free tea and biscuits, have a listen and play a few fun writing games :)

Disney Soc Collab! » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 2nd October 2014

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved! Join us on Thursday at 7pm in AC204. This week we're collaborating with Disney Soc AND...there'll be pizza!

Writers' Group Soc » *AC204 (Concourse)* » 9th October 2014

Writers' Soc have their weekly meeting from 7 until 9pm in AC204. We provide a friendly and relaxed environment for people to come and read their poetry, stories or whatever they would like feedback on. OR you can just come along for a listen and have some free tea and biscuits and play some fun writing games! Hope to see you there :)

Bring a Friend Night! » AC204 (Concourse) » 23rd October 2014

It's Bring a Friend night this week, so bring along your friend, your housemate or that person you just met in lectures! We'll be playing lots of our fun word games, we'll have some readings, and best of all, a real treat for you - FREE PIZZA! (And of course, the regular tea and biscuits!)

Disney Soc Collaboration » AC204 (Concourse) » 30th October 2014

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Writers' meeting! » AC204 (Concourse) » 6th November 2014

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved! Join us on Thursday at 7pm in AC204

Writers' meeting! » AC204 (Concourse) » 13th November 2014

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Writers' meeting! » AC204 (Concourse) » 20th November 2014

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved! Join us on Thursday at 7pm in AC204

Writers are feeling Christmassy ! » AC204 (Concourse) » 27th November 2014

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved! This week the theme is Christmas ! We'll be having PIZZA, and there's a possibility of going to the Christmas market after the meeting. Bring your Christmas jumpers ;) Join us on Thursday at 7pm in AC204.

Writers' Group Soc Meeting » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 22nd January 2015

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved!

Weekly meeting & EGM » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 29th January – 12th February 2015 (3 individual events)

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved! Towards the end of the meeting we will be holding an EGM, where the secretary position is up for grabs !

Writers' Group Soc Trip! » Dublin! » 31st January – 1st February 2015

2 days in Dublin. The trip costs 30 euro including accommodation. We are leaving at 6.50am on Saturday, walking tour of dublin, visiting museums, and going to the Temple Bar trad fest and then on Sunday the WB Yeats museum and a writing workshop in Stephens Green. Tickets form the SocsBox,

Victorian Fun Fair » Bailey Allen Hall - Aras Na Mac Leinn, » 11th February 2015

We, along with 8 other societies can be found in the Bailey Allen where there will be games, songs, readings... and an abundance of tea and treats. We'll be holding a Victorian Writing Competition, so come along and show off your creative talent!

Intersociety Event » Aras an Mac Leinn » 14th February 2015

This one day event has been organised by the Writers' Society as a way of promoting writing in Galway. You can expect poetry readings, stand-up, and performances from some of our members, among many other things. We are also delighted to be welcoming speakers, as well as other Writers' Societies from around Ireland. We hope to see you there!

Pizza time! » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 19th February 2015

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved! This week we'll be getting pizza ! And we're hitting the town after :D

Weekly Writers' Meeting » Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 5th March 2015

Writers' Soc, a safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved!

Word Game Night » Blue Note » 16th March 2015

Awesome game night with plenty of words to deal with :P

AGM » Art Room » 19th March 2015

Our awesome AGM where words are worth more than million pictures!

Group Writing Competition » Aras an Mac Leinn » 28th March 2015

A competition for the members of WriterSoc working as a group.. hehe.. <3

10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY » theCube, Aras na Mac Leinn » 18th April 2015

this will be GRAND :P Note: location could either be the Cube or the Stage.

Committee 2014/2015

Secretary: Huthaifa Kazim

Auditor: Richard Brown

Treasurer: Yvonne Clinton

Events Manager: Sorcha O'Mahony

Vice-Auditor: Grainne O'Donovan

Publisher: Cathy Lee

PRO: Valerie Brentjes

OCM: Laura Hayes

OCM: Stephen Burke

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Cathy Lee

Vice-Auditor: Richard Brown

Treasurer: Lauren Moriarty

Secretary: Eimear Flaherty

Organisation Balance Sheet

Writers Group Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	365.73	Bank charge	€92.71
Bank Charge	€0.75	Dinner	€551.33
Hoodies	€165.5	Entertainment	€50
Socs box Till	€779	Hoodies	€523.15
Ticket Sales	€115	Prizes	€63.7
USC Grant	€1000	Set	€72.17
		Society accomm	€326.71
		Society transport	€273
		Stationary	€27.29
		Expenditure Total	€1980.06
		Cash In Hand	€0.68
		Closing Bank Balance	€445.24
Total	€2425.98	Total	€2425.98

Mission Statement

A safe environment for Writers to come and meet new people, show their work and build their skills. Whether you are a Poet, Playwright, Novelist, Songwriter or just a listener, you are always welcome to our come along to our weekly meetings and get involved!

Aims, Objectives & Goals

- To provide a safe environment for students with an interest in writing.
- To foster creativity and encourage the exchanging of ideas with other members.
- To provide critique to members during open readings in our meetings.
- To publish students' compositions through our publications.
- To work positively with other societies at NUIG through collaborations.

Society Performance Reflection

I observed the achievements, the efforts, the commitments, and time put into the society, and I was so excited to share everyone's passion and help organising it. And even though my bit was not as heavy as the others in the committee, I realised the difference we made when we collaboratively worked to achieve our goals. We did GREAT!

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Short answer: I did. Expanding on that, I would say that my aims were to help out the committee in any way possible (even when I wasn't a committee member, yet), spread my love of poetry to all the members, further strengthen my writing skills, explore other writing styles, and be part of the committee and in their events.

Greatest Success

Two successes, one at a personal level and one at the social level: 1) the society and all its members helped me write over 70 poems, 2) many of my friends started writing poems as well, which is awwwwesome!

Greatest Challenge

My greatest challenge was to write this secretary report. I didn't expect to write one, but it is a great challenge and I like it. It is important :P

Other Information

We held 25 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 449 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Writers Group Soc		
<u>Yvonne Clinton</u>	Treasurer	250 hours
<u>Laura Hayes</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	155 hours
<u>Huthaifa Kazim</u>	Committee Member	114 hours
<u>Sorcha O'Mahony</u>	Events Manager	220 hours
<u>Camille Fafin</u>	Volunteer for Writer's Convention	29 hours
<u>Ivy Dawkins Lloyd</u>	Secretary	50 hours
<u>Levana Eckert</u>	Intervarsity Comitee	40 hours
<u>Valerie Brentjes</u>	Public Relations Officer	400 hours
<u>Stephen Burke</u>	Ordinary Committee Member	165 hours

<u>Richard Brown</u>	Auditor	700 hours
<u>Cathy Lee</u>	Publisher Committee Member	188 hours
<u>Grainne O'Donovan</u>	Vice auditor	135 hours
# ALIVE Students:	12 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	2446 hours	

Young Fine Gael Soc

This year was extremely successful for the society. Membership currently stands at 184, with 30 affiliated with Young Fine Gael. A number of events were held throughout the year, with expert speakers and public representatives. We also co - hosted a major event with the Fine Gael LGBT Group, helped local representatives with leaflet drops and travelled to Limerick for the YFG National Conference. We also held our AGM, during which we had local representatives as guest speakers, our new constitution was passed and a new committee was elected.

Young Fine Gael Soc Events

This year the society held a total of 15 events.

Opening Meeting » *AC201 (Concourse) » 17th September 2014*

We're having our first meeting of the year! Why not come along and find out what we have planned for this semester and meet some new people as well!! All welcome!

Young Fine Gael EGM » *AC203 Concourse » 24th September 2014*

We're having our EGM to elect the rest of our committee! Positions available are Vice - Auditor, PRO and OCM's. If you're interested in any of these positions, drop us an email at yfg@socs.nuigalway.ie or just show up on the night and let us know! If you don't want a committee position, come along anyway! We hope to have a guest speaker join us, you can meet the rest of the members and find out about our plans for the year! There'll be food and refreshments after as well!

Citizenship and Equality Day » *Aras an Mac Leinn » 1st October 2014*

Did you know how diverse Young Fine Gael is? Why not come to our stand in the main foyer of Aras na Mac Leinn for Citizenship and Equality Day and find out. We'll have info about the YFG Women's Working Group, the FG LGBT Group and you can find out all about our policies, including our policy on gender equality! We'll have some free stuff to give out as well!!

Michael Collins Night » *Siobhan MacKenna Theatre, Arts Millenium Building » 1st October 2014*

Come along to our Michael Collins Night where you can watch the DVD with lots of free sweets and popcorn!! Also, get your photo taken with our life-size Michael Collins cut-out!!

Global Week - YFG International » *AC201 » 8th October 2014*

We'll be welcoming the YFG International Committee to NUIG to talk about their role. We'll also be talking about our Dail Trip so anyone interested in going should come along as well!!

Young Fine Gael Pre - Budget Discussion » *AC204 - On concourse close to Bank of Ireland » 8th October 2014*

We'll be discussing Young Fine Gael's Pre - Budget Submission and are delighted to welcome Prof. Alan Ahearne, Head of the Dept. of Economics here at NUIG to discuss everything Budget 2015. It will affect us all, so whether you're a member or not, come along and find out about our ideas and what you might be able to expect on the 14th of October!

Global Week - YFG International » *AC201 (middle of concourse) » 15th October 2014*

We'll be welcoming the YFG International Committee to NUIG to talk about their role. We'll also be talking about our Dail Trip so anyone interested in going should come along as well!!

Vincent Browne Show - "The People's Debate" » *TV3 Studios, Dublin » 5th November – 6th November 2014*

NUIG YFG is going to Dublin to take part in "The People's Debate" with Vincent Browne! For anyone not signed up, keep an eye out for us on TV3's Vincent Browne Show on Wednesday.

Cinema Trip - "The Guarantee" » IMC cinema » 12th November 2014

We're organising a cinema trip to watch the film that depicts the agreement of the bank guarantee in 2008. Let us know if you want to come along!

Mental Health - Removing the Stigma: Promoting Positive Mental Health, Understanding Mental Illness and Highlighting the Availability of Services » O Flaherty Theatre, Concourse » 19th November 2014

As part of NUIG Mental Health Week, NUIG Young Fine Gael NUI Galway, with the support of NUI Galway Students' Union will host an event dedicated to the promotion of positive mental health, understanding mental illness and highlighting the availability of services to those in need. We have a fantastic range of guest speakers already lined up, with more to be added in the coming days!! Make sure to join the event and share it with all of your friends. Mental Health is an area that needs to be discussed and we need your help to make a difference!

Confirmed Speakers:

Fergal D'Arcy - iRadio

Fiona Kennedy - Sunny Spells and Scattered Showers

Margaret Tierney - Console Galway & Mayo

Declan Higgins - President, NUI Galway Students' Union

Guest Chair: Cllr Tereasa McGuire

Check out our event page to win a e50 One4All Voucher!!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1027951273898686/?ref=22>

Preparing for Marriage Equality » The Westwood Hotel » 16th February 2015

We're delighted to be taking part in this meeting on Preparing for Marriage Equality led by the Fine Gael LGBT Committee. There will be a great line up of speakers, including Minister James Reilly, Grainne Healy from Marriage Equality, Brian Tobin from the NUIG School of Law, NUIG SU Equality Officer Rebecca Melvin, and our own Auditor Keelan Moran. This is a public meeting so we'd be delighted to see you all at the Westwood Hotel at 8p.m on Monday 16th!

YFG National Conference » Limerick » 6th March – 8th March 2015 (3 individual events)

We'll be travelling to Limerick for the YFG National Conference this weekend. A weekend not to be missed with motions, constitutional amendments executive elections and social events all taking place among others!

Young Fine Gael AGM » AC202 (On the Concourse, along the corridor between Larmor and O'Flaherty » 26th March 2015

We'll be having our AGM with guest speakers including Galway Councillor Niamh Byrne and Galway West TD Sean Kyne. We'll also be electing our committee for the 2015/16 year. Positions include Auditor, Vice - Auditor, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO and OCMs. Old and new members are encouraged to get involved so if you're interested, come along on the night! The meeting will be followed by free food and refreshments in the College Bar!

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Keelan Moran

Treasurer: Jason Gaynor

1st Year Representative: Aisling Boyle

Secretary: Terence O'Reilly

Vice-Auditor: Mairead Connolly

Ordinary Committee Member: Peter Kelly

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Keelan Moran

Treasurer: Stephen Tumulty

Ordinary Committee Member: Terence O'Reilly

Vice-Auditor: Liam Coppinger

Secretary: Orla Burke

Organisation Balance Sheet

Young Fine Gael Soc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	554.48	Bank charge	€47.63
Bank Charge	€8	Dinner	€100
USC Grant	€1250	Entertainment	€100
		Equipment misc	€7.99
		Non Alcoholic Refresh	€61.98
		Reception	€233.95
		Society accomm	€320
		Society transport	€60
		Socs day expenses	€34.19
		Stationary	€33.03
		Expenditure Total	€998.77
		Closing Bank Balance	€813.71
Total	€1812.48	Total	€1812.48

Mission Statement

"Young Fine Gael, the Young United Irelanders, is an Irish Nationalist Youth Movement that pledges allegiance and fidelity to the Irish Republic and derives its inspiration and endeavour from this bedrock. Young Fine Gael is an autonomous yet integral part of the Fine Gael party; it seeks to advance the political representation and objectives of the youth of Ireland through the vehicle of the Fine Gael Party. Young Fine Gael is wholly committed to the development of young people at all levels of political life, and in communion with the Fine Gael Party seeks to maximise the electoral objectives of Fine Gael."

- **Equality of opportunity**

We want to create a fair and caring society where everybody is engaged in democracy, and where there are no barriers to equal opportunity. We stand for investment in our public services and see health and education as rights, not privileges.

- **Enterprise and Reward**

We encourage initiative, innovation, investment and self-reliance. We also believe in preserving, enhancing and sharing prosperity. We stand for a vibrant, competitive economy. To that end, we believe Government policy should encourage initiative and reward hard work, thus driving economic activity and creating jobs.

- **Security**

We want to build a safe society in Ireland by protecting citizens and enforcing the law. We also believe in strengthening families, and in fostering communities. We stand for law and order. We believe in tough sentences for criminals and more Gardaí on the beat while also tackling the root causes of crime like poverty and educational disadvantage.

- **Integrity**

We believe in being truthful and courageous in what we do, and in promoting and upholding both the rights and the responsibilities of people. We stand for integrity in public life. We believe in ensuring that all of us live up to our responsibilities as well as enjoying our rights as Irish citizens.

- **Ambition**

As Young Irelanders, we want to build an Ireland of excellence and ambition. We hope to do this by promoting a shared vision of a confident and sustainable future for Ireland, both at home and abroad. We stand for a climate of hope. To achieve this, we believe in enhancing Ireland's international reputation through our support for the European Union, protecting communities through balanced regional development and safeguarding our children's future through protection of the environment.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

'We aim to act as a medium through which young people can voice their opinions on national issues through engagement with the NUIG community and partaking in various campus events and internal events. These will include; a number of branch and committee meetings, attendance at national YFG events, partaking in campus wide events, e.g. global week, equality events, mental health week, health fair, etc. and organising social events throughout the year to engage and meet new people! '

Society Performance Reflection

We had a relatively successful year, increasing active membership and holding much more and much better attended events. The highlight of the year was the trip to the National Conference in Limerick, while our mental health event was probably one of our most successful events in recent times.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Yes we did. Taking part in University-wide events such as Global Week, Equality Day and Mental Health Week allowed us to promote the lesser known sides to our organisation. We were also very active in promoting a Yes Vote in the Marriage Equality referendum and held events relating to major national events such as the Budget. We also had a policy submission unanimously passed at the YFG National Conference.

Greatest Success

While the Mental Health Event was hugely successful, and we took part in Yes to Marriage Equality events with the likes of Ministers James Reilly and Simon Coveney, the YFG National Conference was perhaps our greatest success. Attending with the largest YFG contingent in nearly 5 years and having a policy proposal accepted showed the leaps forward our branch has taken.

Greatest Challenge

Our greatest challenge will be maintaining and further increasing active membership. This will be key coming into a General Election campaign during the next college year.

Other Information

We held 8 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 182 members. We have completed the end of year survey.

ALIVE Participation

Young Fine Gael Soc		
<u>Terence O'Reilly</u>	Secretary	40 hours
# ALIVE Students:	1 student	
# Hours Volunteered:	40 hours	

Zen Society

According to our constitution, the aims of the Zen Society are "to teach and practice zen meditation". In our profile, we say "NUIG Zen Society is a group of students and staff at NUIG who practice zen meditation (zazen) together".

In light of these aims and the above description, we have had a very successful first year:

We were active at both the first and second semester Societies Days and our officers were able to take part in a number of useful training sessions during the course of the year.

We have been able to introduce many NUIG students and staff to zen meditation through weekly morning and afternoon zazen in both semesters (average attendance 12-15) and occasional evening introductions to zen (with sushi!) (35-40). We also facilitated an introduction to the ancient game of Go as well as hosting a successful film night together with the Philosophy Society.

Zen Society Events

This year the society held a total of 33 events.

Zen Society AGM » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 15th April 2015*

Zen Society Annual General Meeting and zazen

Zen Society EGM » *Meeting Room 1, Aras na MacLeinn » 24th September 2014*

Election of officers and intro to zazen

Zen Meditation » » *1st October – 5th December 2014 (11 individual events)*

Brief introduction followed by full period of sitting meditation

Zen Soc Meet and Greet » *Meeting Room 2 » 8th October 2014*

Meet and Greet for anyone interested in being part of zen soc and finding out a little bit more about zen and why it is good for nothing. No really. There will be tea and cake too!

Meditation Workshop » » *26th October 2014*

Day of Zazen

Come at 7 or 9 or 1!

Philosophy soc & Zen soc present 'Amongst White Clouds' » *AC201 » 5th November 2014*

Amongst White Clouds is a documentary described as a journey exploring the practices of Chinese hermits living in the Zhongnan Mountains (86m). It will be introduced by Ronan Farrell who spent some years in China studying Buddhism and visiting temples.

Zen meditation » *Meeting Room 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 28th January – 15th April 2015 (12 individual events)*

Drop-in zazen (zen meditation) every Wednesday lunchtime. All welcome. Suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners

Introduction to zen meditation » *The Space » 2nd February 2015*

Introduction to zen practice. Discussion, sushi, tea and cake afterwards.

Introduction to Go » *The Hub » 13th February 2015*

Introduction to the ancient game of Go.

Zen meditation » *Meeting Room 1 & 2, Aras na MacLeinn » 16th February 2015*

Zazen (zen meditation) in the evening. All welcome. Suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners

Zen Meditation » *The Space » 2nd March 2015*

Zen meditation for 30 - 40 minutes followed by a talk / discussion with tea and cakes. Intro beforehand for newcomers.

Introduction to Zen » *Space, Aras na Mac Leinn » 2nd March 2015*

More in-depth introduction to zen meditation and the philosophy of zen. Plus discussion, feedback, and sushi.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Thomas Cleary

Treasurer: Ronan Farrell

OCM: Robert Dalton

PRO: Artur Gower

OCM: Daniel Magan

Vice-Auditor: Paddy Delaney

OCM: Sean Flynn

OCM: Daniel Mulcahy

Secretary: Matthias Schmid

Committee 2015/2016

Secretary: Daniel Magan

Vice-Auditor: Paddy Delaney

Auditor: Thomas Cleary

Treasurer: Ronan Farrell

Zen Society Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	0	Bank charge	€5.89
USC Grant	€500	Dinner	€72
		Expenditure Total	€77.89
		Closing Bank Balance	€422.11
Total	€500	Total	€500

Mission Statement

NUIG Zen Society provides a time and a place for NUIG students and staff to learn about and practice zazen (sitting meditation).

Aims, Objectives & Goals

NUIG Zen Society is a group of students and staff at NUIG who practice zen meditation (zazen) together. NUIG Zen Society aims to come together weekly or twice weekly for zazen (sitting meditation) at a time (afternoon and/or evening) and place (Áras na Mac Léinn) suitable to our members. Through regular zazen and more in-depth introductions to zen philosophically and culturally as well, we hope to build a regularly-meeting group and self-sustaining group of students and staff interested in and knowledgeable about zen and zazen.

Society Performance Reflection

NUIG Zen Society was able to meet for zazen on a weekly basis this year with average attendance of 12 to 15 people at each afternoon session. We were also able to introduce interested NUIG students and staff to the philosophy of zen which informs the practice of sitting meditation (zazen) through a number of evening meetings. Culturally, we showed a prize-winning documentary on the life of contemporary Chinese hermits, "Amongst White Clouds", introduced the NUIG community to the ancient game of Go and ate sushi and mochi together.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

By meeting twice a week, morning and evening we were able to provide a time and a place for NUIG students and staff to learn about and practice zazen (sitting meditation).

Greatest Success

Meeting twice a week for zazen.

Greatest Challenge

Mastering the financial intricacies of running a society at NUIG and building up a strong core of committed members who will be able to continue the work of Zen Society in the future.

Other Information

We held 6 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 300 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

ZooSoc

The society was revived by three current committee members in early 2014. Since the committee and the whole society has grown immensely and now has over 500 members. The ZooSoc was mainly concentrating on hosting educational and fun events to gather same minded people of the area.

The current committee has put a lot of effort into organising events, obtaining funding and promoting the society. The ZooSoc stand had a huge afflux during the two society days, which had shown how much the zoosoc was missed amongst students. With a stand on the global fair we also aimed to be part of a bigger thing and educate school kids and students about conservation. Additionally we donated the winnings from our quiz night to the GSPCA and thus supported animal welfare. Educational events were held in the form of seminars, which were aimed for a broad audience and often quite practical with live animals like snakes, tarantulas and a monitor. Furthermore we did a tour to the animal inside out exhibition in Dublin.

Members could always actively participate and were encouraged in many ways such as the Irish animal wildlife photo competition.

To strengthen the society and have fun animal chats we organised two zoosoc parties - one at the beginning of the year in Kellies, where we also held a raffle and one at the end of the year to wrap up and tell all the stories from over the years.

Overall the committee is very satisfied with the past year and we hope to support a new uprising team of the zoosoc in 2015/2016!!!

ZooSoc Events

This year the society held a total of 11 events.

Zoological Society Meeting » *The View* » 19th September 2014

Come along for our first meeting in the year. You can bring up ideas of what to do and when to do it and we will decide on which ones to bring through this year. Also we will be deciding on a jumper design and slogan and take numbers for these.

SOCSDAY » *Bailey Allen Hall* » 10th September 2014

Join us for a fun socsday and become a member! We are looking forward to seeing you there.

ZOOSOC NIGHT OUT » *The Skeff Bar* » 8th October – 9th October 2014

My dear animal-friends,

This Wednesday 8th October we are holding our first ZooSoc Night Out event of the year. It is going to be on in The Skeff Bar.

We have a private room and FREE FOOD, with loads of beverage promotions on the night too. They have a DJ from 10ish and they are also offering us FREE ENTRY INTO KARMA for anyone who would like to boogie the remainder of the night away.

On the night we are going to hold a RAFFEL and have some cool prizes including an NUIG ZooSoc hoodie.

This is a great opportunity to get to know everyone and get involved in the society. So come along and bring your friends!!!

We hope to see you there,

Your ZOOSOC Committee

WHALEWATCHING in Cork » *Skibbreen* » 18th October 2014

Come and join us for this fantastic trip to Skibbreen in Cork where we will be going on a boat to observe whales and dolphins with the sightings officer P

Zoology and Marine Society Table Quiz » *College Bar* » 27th November 2014

General Knowledge Table Quiz (but with a good share of animal questions!) A fiver per person and max 4 per team! In aid of console and the G.S.P.C.A.

ZooSoc Symposium » *MRI Annex Seminar Room (1st Floor)* » *29th January 2015*

Thursday 29/01 - 7.00pm MRI Annex

Dr Michel Dugon

"Come into my parlour... the story of arachnids and their venom"

James Hennessy

"The Role of a Modern Zoo in Conservation"

Followed by Reception with snacks and beverages and an ANIMAL PETTING SESSION (Tarantulas, Snakes, Scorpions, Spiders, Lizards)

ZOOSOC Seminar » *MRI Annex Seminar room* » *27th February 2015*

The Galway Branch of the Irish Wildlife Trust, in conjunction with the Zoological Society of NUI Galway, will host a talk on the controversy surrounding the return of the wild boar to Ireland. The talk, by mammologist Dr Daniel Buckley, will be held on Friday the 27th of February at 7pm in the MRI Annex Lecture Theatre on the NUI Galway campus.

The wild boar is a former Irish species that became extinct due to deforestation and over-hunting. Recently the species has been sighted in multiple locations throughout the country, probably due to illegal releases. The return of wild boar has brought controversy and divergent opinion over their current classification as an invasive alien species.

In this talk Irish Wildlife Trust chairperson Dr. Daniel Buckley, introduces us to this charismatic species and its ecology, details their former history here, their mysterious return and discusses the pros and cons of reintroduction.

All are welcome, the event is free, and parking on campus is permitted after 6.30pm. Note that the MRI Annex is located just off University Road, across from Ward's Shop.

Zoosoc Seminar - Fimling Ocean Wildlife » *MRI Annex Seminar Room (1st Floor)* » *25th March 2015*

Zoosoc Seminar - Fimling Ocean Wildlife

With BBC photographer and director Ken O'Sullivan!

- Dive into the world of our oceans!

- Followed by reception. All Welcome!

Animal Inside Out » *Ambassador Theatre, Parnell Square* » *8th April 2015*

ZooSoc trip to the Animal Inside Out exhibit in Dublin, see details in ZooSoc e-mail :))

Annual Party » *Tigh Neachtains Naughtons Pub Galway* » *20th May 2015*

We will have our annual party tomorrow, after the final year students will be done with their external examiner meeting.

There will be free pizza (from Napoli) and a free beverage (from Tigh Neachtains) for everyone who shows up before 8 pm.

ZOOSOC AGM » *Hub, Aras na Mac Leinn* » *29th May 2015*

We will have an AGM on Friday the 29th in the Hub at 11 am.

We need a new committee! Below see the committee positions we need to fill.

I know some of you are at home, but if you want to fulfil a position, just send us an email with your name, email address and a description and which position you would like to hold. However if you are still around it would be great if you could come along!

Auditor: will be to facilitate the working groups meetings and work with the SU chairperson on liaising with societies on matters of protocol and procedures.

Secretary: Shall take minutes of the working group and communicate recommendations to the USCG secretary for including in Agenda.

Societies Relation Officer: The PRO and Secretary will facilitate and develop Society communication using multimedia and on campus resources to promote societies.

2 finance Officers: Will support the work of the SocsBox and oversee the Societies USCG bank account which is used to facilitate societies on line sales and SocsBox sales and facilitate societies handling of change which is not facilitated by the bank. They shall in addition to the SU Chairperson be signatories on the account which shall be managed strictly by banking 365 through the Societies office.

Committee 2014/2015

Auditor: Alina Wiczorek

Vice-Auditor: Amy Houlihan

Treasurer: Bronwyn Young

Secretary: Lauren Browne

PR manager: Nicole Dennehy

Committee 2015/2016

Auditor: Alina Wiczorek

Secretary: Raissa Hogan

Vice-Auditor: Amy Houlihan

Treasurer: Lorcan McCann

Organisation Balance Sheet

ZooSoc Balance Sheet - 2014/2015			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Income Category	Amount	Expenditure Category	Amount
Opening Bank Balance	95.7	Bank charge	€77.17
Fundraising	€346.5	Dinner	€60
Socs box Till	€452	Entertainment	€180.2
Sponsorship	€100	Equipment misc	€322.5
USC Grant	€1500	Fundraising / Charity	€365
		Hoodies	€556.9
		Printing	€40
		Prizes	€86
		Reception	€164.02
		Society transport	€30
		Speaker accomm	€80
		Speaker travel	€90
		Expenditure Total	€2051.79
		Unreconciled Cheque Total	€0
		Closing Bank Balance	€442.41
Total	€2494.2	Total	€2494.2

Mission Statement

The Zoological Society NUI Galway aims to get same minded people interested and working in the field of Zoology together in order to learn new things, study together, get more practical experience and have a good time together.

Aims, Objectives & Goals

One of our aims for this year is to get **guest speakers** from within the college and outside the college to give seminars. This will help to promote the research carried out within the college and wake the interest of undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as the lecturers themselves. Guest speakers from outside Galway and Ireland will give a completely new input to the campus and may provide students with alternative career path ideas in the field of zoology. Another aim is to gain more **field and practical experience** in the field of zoology. For this we hope to be able to carry out two fieldtrips - one in each semester, where we are able to study animals in their natural environment.

For semester two we hope to be able to visit the **Irish Natural History Museum** in Dublin or the **Zoo** to be shown around by experts and learn more about animals in a practical manner.

Also we hope to host several parties and organise fundraising via a **Raffle, a Quiz Night and a Bakery Sale.**

Society Performance Reflection

The societies committee was completely new and none of the members have previously been involved in society duties, thus we had to start from scratch. Even though we were inexperienced through a lot of effort including attending all possible trainings and closely working together with the socsbox we managed to build a huge society and held many fun and educational events, which was one of the ideas when this year's team got together to reactivate the society.

Did You Achieve Any of Your Aims, Objectives & Goals?

Even though we aimed for a lot, overall with some uncontrollable difficulties (weather) we managed to achieve all our aims.

We held several seminars, which all were exceptionally well attended with in between 80-150 people attending each seminar. The guest speakers were from within the college as well as outside the college and included BBC photographers as well as scientific experts.

In the first semester a whale-watching field trip was organised, which had to be cancelled due to bad weather. In the second semester however we managed to organise a field trip to the "Animals Inside Out" Exhibition in Dublin.

Furthermore several fun events were held including a get-to-know party in Kellies at the beginning of the first semester, which included a raffle, where the winner could win a zoosoc-hoodie. The money collected was used for further events.

Additionally a quiz night in the aid of GSPCA and Console was held in collaboration with the Marine Soc.

At the end of the year we also announced the winner of the over-the-year on-going photography competition "Irish Animal Wildlife" and gave out great outdoors and book prices.

Greatest Success

The greatest success was to revive the society overall and to fascinate so many students across all disciplines for the society. In terms of events the ZOOSOC symposium and live-animal display by Dr. Michel Dugon and James Hennessy was probably the biggest success and attracted about 150 students to attend.

Greatest Challenge

The greatest challenge was to take care of everything in a timely fashion over the past weeks as all committee members are final year students and were taken up by other duties. In the future we see a big challenge in finding a committee, which is as passionate and responsible to carry on from us. However some of us decided to stay in Galway and we hope to be able to assist the new committee.

Other Information

We held 3 committee meetings during the year and we have held our AGM. Our total membership stands at 567 members. All of our committee members have completed the end of year survey.

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Appendix 1: USCG (University Societies Coordination Group)

Chairperson: Saoirse NicGabhainn (Academic rep)

Societies Chairperson (SU) Patrick O'Flaherty
Elected by the Students union Executive process in Semester 2.

The Staff Reps are:

Academic Staff Reps:

Muriel Grenon

Staff reps

John Hannon (Students Services)

Helen Freeburn (Chaplains)

The USCG Student Reps are:

Artistic & Performing: Ronan Gallagher

Academic: Niamh Fitzgerald

Social & Debating: Ciara Keighron

Social Action and Political;

Leah Heffernan

Volunteering and Religious:

Shane Broderick

Special Interest: Niall Finn

Administrator & Secretary

Riona Hughes, (Societies Officer)

Societies Office Interns:

Full-Time:

Susan Collins

Billy Stewart

Jo McGrath

Part-Time:

Sam Iredale

Evan Flaherty

Ronan Gallagher



Susan Collins, Evan Flaherty, Billy Stewart, Sam Iredale, Jo McGrath, Ronan Gallagher

Appendix 2: Societies Leadership Programme

The societies' leadership programme was launched this year to provide training and support to society committee members to realise their potential as leaders with an aim to enhance their learning experience and prepare them for life after college. Part of the pilot programme was to investigate what committee members learn through societies and how this can support the university in its strategic vision for its students.

“NUI Galway Vision 2020”

Vision 2020 is NUI Galway's Strategic Plan for the period 2015-2020. It lays out a bold vision for the University - one that faces the future with ambition. The aim of the university is to foster a vibrant community of students and staff, where distinguished learning, impactful research, and creative thinking are shared with the world. NUI Galway will be a leading global university, renowned for our distinctive areas of research, recognised as an institution of choice for our teaching and scholarship, celebrated for our outstanding engagement with wider society, and enriched by a dynamic network of partnerships

All activity and work is underpinned by five core values:

- ▶ **Ambition** – we share a drive for excellence and leadership, working to a common purpose with confidence in our mission
- ▶ **Creativity** – inspired by our unique location, a distinctive spirit of creativity imbues everything we do
- ▶ **Impact** – our engagement and actions will make a meaningful difference in Galway, across the country, and around the world
- ▶ **Collaboration** – strong, mutually-beneficial partnerships are at the heart of our approach, as we engage locally and internationally
- ▶ **Integrity** – building on our rich heritage, we value openness, diversity and good citizenship”

These values ensure that students are empowered to discover their true potential, to direct their own futures, and to articulate clearly how their university experience has made them distinctive and well-rounded global citizens.

How do Societies Fit into This?

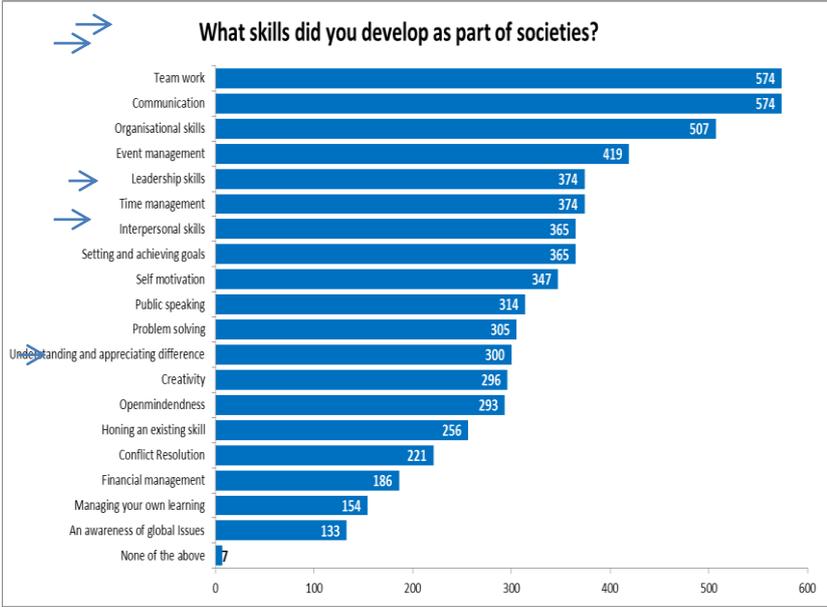
Societies build on NUI Galway's Vision 2020 by creating communities and adding to the cultural and social life of the campus. They provide real learning opportunities for students, helping them to develop valuable transferrable skills that will enhance their CVs as graduates.

Being an active member of a society creates campus loyalty and even aids retention. 58% of students who completed our end of year Leadership Programme survey agreed that societies helped them cope when they contemplated leaving college, or felt under significant pressure personally/academically. The survey also found a strong correlation between skills that are gained through experiences in societies and areas in which recruiters have identified a skills “shortfall” in Irish graduates.

Furthermore, 31.4% of respondents to the end of year survey agreed that their knowledge of Societies in NUI Galway prior to enrolling influenced their choice of university. From these lists, it is also clear that societies empower students as partners in the strategic aims of the institution.

In the GradIreland Graduate Salary and Recruitment Trends Survey 2013 the graduate recruiters identified the following areas in which Irish graduates may have a skills 'shortfall'

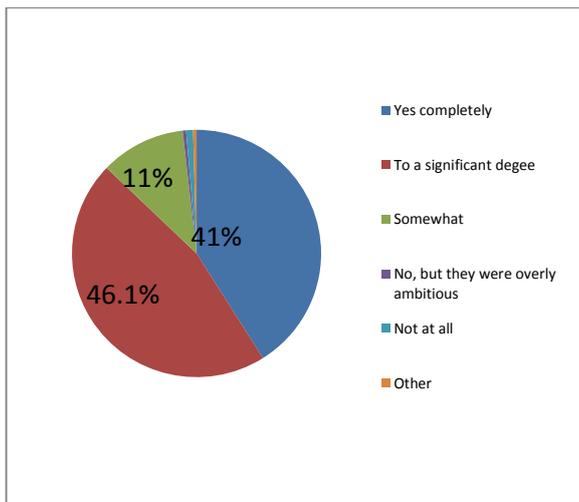
- ▶ **Communications (written and oral) 45.2%**
- ▶ **Managing their own learning 27%**
- ▶ **Problem Solving 27%**
- ▶ **Confidence 23%**
- ▶ **Independent 22%**
- ▶ **Motivation 18%**
- ▶ **Team Working 12%**
- ▶ **Diligence 8%**



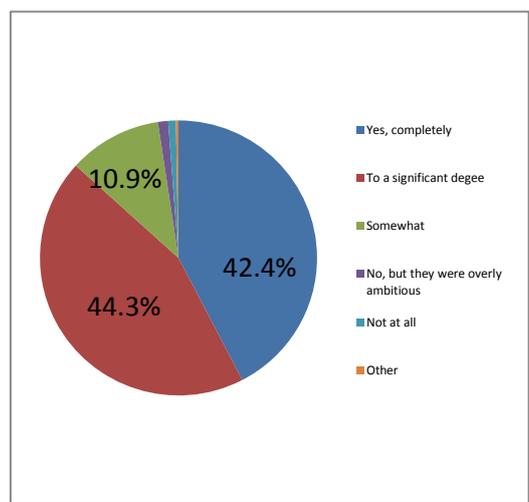
Societies Leadership Programme

2014/2015 was the inaugural year of the new Society Leadership Programme. Societies and Committee members were asked to set goals and create a mission statement at the start of the academic year, and at the end of the period they were asked if their society had achieved these goals. 87.2% said they had either fully or to a significant degree achieved their society goals and and 86.7% had either completely or to a significant degree achieved their personal goals in the society.

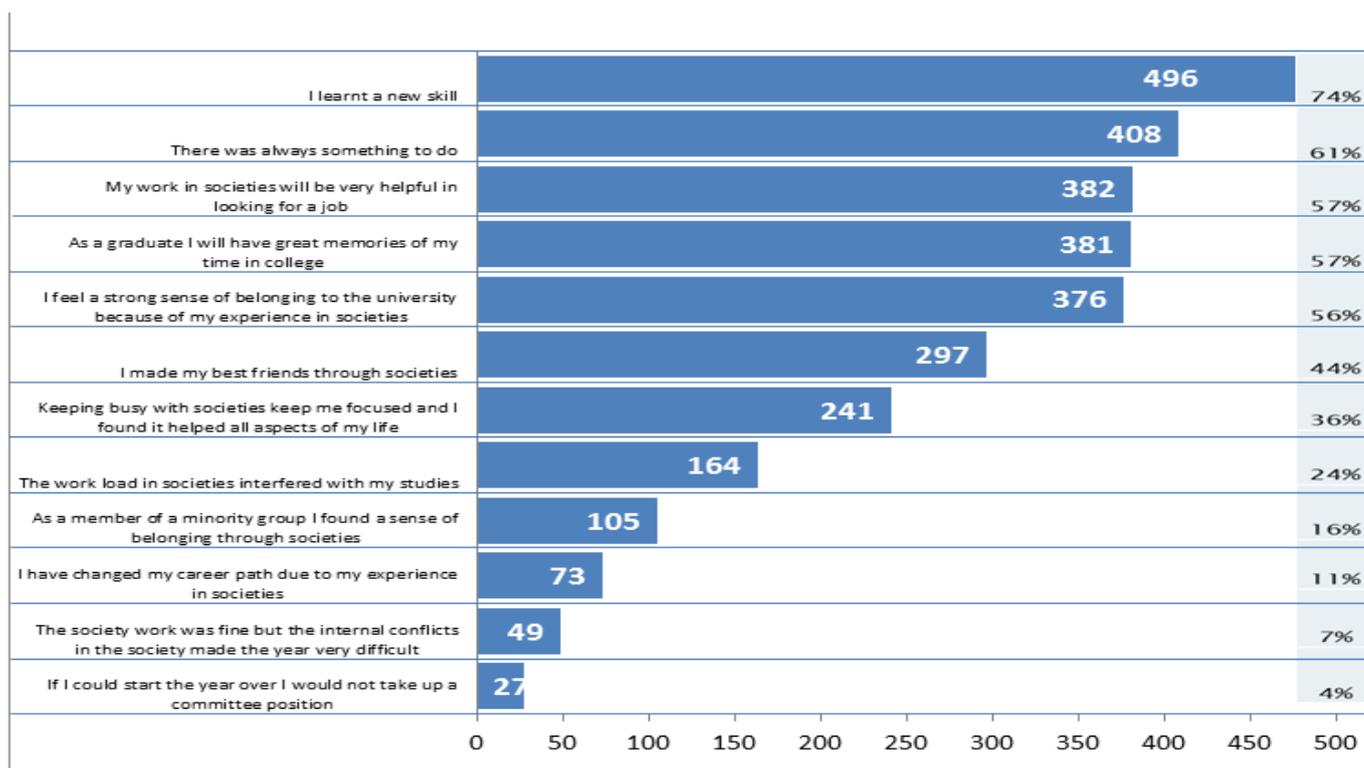
Society goals



Personal Goals



670 committee members responded



What did they say they learnt?

At the end of the year the committee members were also asked to complete a short survey. In addition to learning new skills and keeping them busy 57% felt societies would help them find a job and 11% even changed their career path due to their involvement in societies. 57% also felt that their campus loyalty and sense of belonging was supported by their involvement. 44% made their friends through societies and 16% identified themselves as part of a minority group who felt a sense of belonging through societies. Happily only 4% said they would not join a committee again and 7% cited internal conflicts as a problem. This has prompted us to provide more in depth conflict resolution training and provide on going mediation service.

24% said that societies interfered with their studies and this raised many questions. I asked the societies at training if they felt their society work did interfere with their studies and the timing of the survey close to exams was cited as one reason for the response. I also cross referenced the comments of these students and the responses below indicate that the societies had been a major learning and important experience for them. So it is worth exploring more and asking the question what do students regard as their 'studies'. Given the value of extra curricular learning do we need as an institution to be more proactive in partnering with our students in their learning journey and looking at learning in a more holistic way so that our extraordinary students do not feel guilty about learning outside of the classroom. We also to supporting them in better time management, which 374 of them identified as a skill they had learnt. Part of the Leadership programme will in the future support the importance of team work, delegation and sharing the work load. We will also proactively monitor societies and ensure that they have successfully elected committee members who will be required to fulfil their first step of the programme to address the challenge of students taking on the full workload themselves. As a pilot programme it has been very successful in providing concrete information on what the committee members learn and has indicated areas which we can improve on when we launch the programme next year.

What they had to say at the end of the year

"I had goals I wanted to achieve before my graduation, they are as follows: (i) Make new friends (ii) Be more open-minded (iii) Have a positive influence in people's lives by being an example and pillar of support and (iv) Create fun memories that I will cherish in years to come. I can gladly say with a smile on my face that all of the aforementioned goals and more have been actualized."

"I really love the fact that I was a part of something big that contributed greatly to the university."

"I met some amazing people, learnt about all the hard work that people have to put into making a society work. And that no matter how small a position on a committee you have, your words matter."

"It's been a jam packed, action filled, all singing, all dancing, bell striking, whistle blowing, whirlwind of a year"

"I made a lot of great friends, met a lot of interesting people and expanded my knowledge and grew my passion for Botany"

"Over the course of the year, I watched the society develop before my very eyes. Our progress has been frankly astounding and I have great hopes for next year and the years following."

"I feel I am a better person leaving this path than when I started out on it."

"This year was incredibly busy, but also incredibly rewarding. I feel humbled to have been a member of the committee and have been inspired and motivated everyday by the goals we have achieved as a team throughout the year."

"This year has benefitted me personally massively, I've gained so much confidence in myself and really honed my leadership and communication skills. The year as a whole was a huge time commitment but it was endlessly rewarding and gave me experiences I know I will carry with me into later life."

I greatly improved my ability to communicate effectively with members of my team and also to plan meetings with the general goal of organising events with enough clarity.

There is so much undercover work that goes into society work and it was a great learning experience for me. I feel I have improved my teamwork skills as well as my interpersonal 3 To a significant degree

teaching (me) the importance of keeping financial records and proper organisation skills

This year I have achieved a sense of leadership that I felt I never had before. I felt myself becoming more organized and more motivated as I had people depending on me.

I have learned a lot through my experiences with societies this year and have gained valuable information and relationships that I will carry with me throughout the rest of my college career and the rest of my life.

I learned how to speak in front of a crowd and how to direct a committee, two things I was never very good at before the society was set up. I have enjoyed all my work so much, and I am proud of all I have learned and done!

I've had a fantastic time helping to organise talks and events, which has really helped me develop some new skills!

I learned how to communicate with other students better but also I gained a skill professional communication which enables me to deal with professionals very well without sounding like a young person. I am glad I held the role of the auditor, it was a great experience.

Having never been previously involved in a college society, I chose XXXsoc in the hope of developing both my personal interest in XXX while also meeting people with a similar passion. Being on the committee has allowed me to fulfil and expand upon both of these beyond what I could have imagined

To be a fair leader; to learn how to delegate well and fairly distribute tasks. To better understand my own capabilities in terms of what I can and cannot achieve. To ensure that everyone in the committee is happy in their role and never feels excluded or as if they are taking on too much by themselves. To ensure that all members of the society feel welcome when they attend our events. To create a harmonious, inclusive environment in which all students feel accepted through our various events and activities.

I set out to grow the society's reach on campus. Throughout the year, my focus has been on attaining this goal. I have coordinated society events that have drawn in much larger numbers of students than previous years, and which have resulted in increased active membership in the society. I have actively contributed to the Marriage Equality Campaign, and will do so until May 22nd.

This year was incredibly busy, but also incredibly rewarding. I feel humbled to have been a member of the committee and have been inspired and motivated everyday by the goals we have achieved as a team throughout the year.

My experience within this role in the society has been undeniably positive and contributed to my overall personal and professional development.

This year I have grown and developed in a personal and professional capacity due to my committee work and although this was not an original aim, upon reflection is one of the most important things that has happened.

Appendix 3: Societies Awards 2015



The NUIG Society Awards 2015 took place in the Salthill Hotel on March 31st, with music from Transmitter and guest performances from Dansoc, Musical Society, Choral Soc and DJ Soc.

The winners on the night were:

Best Society (In a Cultural, Academic, or Social field) (BICS)
GiGSoc (Gay in Galway) Society

Best Society (in a Charity or Civic field) (BICS)
Voluntary Services Abroad

Most SOccesful
French Society

Best Event (BICS)
Anime & Manga Society for “Akumakon 2015”

Best Individual (BICS)
Aaron Molloy (Entrepreneurship Society and Enactus)
Most Improved Society (BICS)
DanSoc

Best New Society (BICS)
Baking Society

Best Fresher (BICS)
Edel Browne (Entrepreneurship and Biochemistry Societies)

Best Publicity Campaign (BICS)
Potter Soc for Potterfest 2015

Best Society Promotional Video (BICS)
Film Soc & Dramsoc for “Ghosts” Teaser

Best Poster (BICS)
Potter Soc for “Dragon Easter Egg Hunt” designed by Isabella de Luca.



Best Departmental Society
Physics Society

Best Society Photo (BICS)
GiGSoc (Gay In Galway) Society for “Mass Marriage - What we’re missing out on.”

Best Website

Draíocht Society for www.draiocht.nuigalway.ie

Best Cultural Contribution to the University

Trad Soc

Best Small Publication

Misneach for "Mionlach"

Phoenix Award

Writers' Group Society

Most 'ALIVE' Award

Musical Society (GUMS), for 46 members with 12,520 hours volunteered

Múscailt: Best Humour Event

Musical Society (GUMS) for 'Cabaret'

Muscailt: Best Fun & Games Event

Victorian Soc for Victorian Fun Fair

Muscailt: Best Original Compositions Event

MusicSoc & Rock Soc for 'Witless'

Muscailt: Best Imaginative Event

Photosoc for FOCUS 2015

Best International Society

India Society

Lifetime Achievement Award

Colm McElligott

Outstanding Achievement Award

Tracey Brady and Brigitte O'Connor (Business Society)

The Leadership Award

Freya Carroll (Musical Society (GUMS))

Themed Week Award

Neuro Soc for Brain Awareness Week

Best Society Director

Kori Kilduff (Musical Society (GUMS)'s 'Cabaret')

The Leading Change Award

Ciarán Maher

The Magnificent Truffle Award

Alida Zauers

The 'Up in the Air' Award

Cheerleading Society and Juggling Society

The Graphic Design Award

Dara O'Donnell

Best Treasurer

Ruth Cormican (Lit & Deb) and Tim Murphy (Radio Society)

Appendix 4: BICS Awards

NUI Galway the award at BICS National Awards in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone on April 16th

Best Intersivity – Potter Fest



All BICS Winners:

Best Society Photograph (Large & Small) – UCC India Society: Holi Festival of Colours

Best Society Intersivity – NUI Galway Potterfest

Best Poster – DIT Fashion Society

Best Promotional Video (Large & Small) – DIT: Reel Society

Best Publicity Campaign (Large & Small) – ITTD: Radio Society

Best Society Fresher (Small College) – CIT: Stephanie Fogarty

Best New Society (Small College) – IT Tallaght – Engineering & Technology Society

Best New Society (Large College) – Suicide Aware and Mental Health (SAMH) Society

Most Improved Society (Small College) – Letterkenny IT: LGBT+

Most Improved Society (Large College) – Maynooth University: Literary and Debating society

Best Society Individual (Small College) – IT Tallaght Dublin: Christopher Mc Clelland, CIT: Megan Cronin

Best Society Individual (Large College) – UCC: Garrett Mulrain

Best Society Event (Small College) – CIT Musical Society: Carrie the Musical.

Best Society Event (Large College) – Maynooth – Students for Charity– Galway Cycle

Best Society in a Charity or Civic Field (Small College) – Mary I – One World Society

Best Society in a Charity or Civic Field (Large College) – DCU Raising and Give Society

Best Society in a Cultural, Academic or Social Field (Small College) – IT Tallaght Dublin – Radio Society

Best Society in a Cultural, Academic or Social Field (Large College) – DCU – Media Production Society

Appendix 5: First Year Orientation, Fáilte Fest



Fáilte Fest Ents Events

Celebrate and get to know us and each other

Tuesday

Name of Event: AstroSoc Tour of the Universe

Time: 12pm-4pm

Venue: Concourse

Blurb: Join the enthusiastic Astro Soc as we bring you on a 3D tour of the universe! We will journey from Galway to the edge of the Universe using the Centre for Astronomy's state of the art 3D visualisation suite. Promises to be out of this world!!! Shows every half hour.

Name of Event: Quidditch

Time: 5pm-6:30pm

Venue: President's Lawn

Blurb: At Pottersoc we will plunge you into the world of Harry Potter and learn more about its most famous sport Quidditch. You will learn how to play quidditch and also will play against a top 10 Quidditch team in the British Isles. NUIG!!

Name of Event: Free African Drumming Workshop with Tribal Spirit Drumming.

Time: 6.30pm-7.30pm

Venue: The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

Blurb: Free African Drumming Workshop with Tribal Spirit Drumming.

Name of Event: Film Showing: The Grand Budapest Hotel

Time: 6pm-7:50pm

Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre

Blurb: A quirky journey through the life of the titular hotel, featuring an all-star cast including Saoirse Ronan, Ralph Fiennes, Edward Norton, Jude Law and Bill Murray. Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: Film Showing: Bad Neighbours

Time: 7pm-8:50pm

Venue: Cairnes Theatre

Blurb: Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne take on Zac Efron's Frat House in a very neighbourly war of pranks. Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: Film Showing: Captain America 2: The Winter Soldier

Time: 8pm-10:30pm

Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre

Blurb: Following on from the events of *Avengers Assemble*, Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) is working for international spy agency S.H.I.E.L.D. to combat terrorists; but soon the death of a friend unravels a deep conspiracy. Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: Film Showing: Only Lovers Left Alive

Time: 9pm-11:10pm

Venue: Cairnes Theatre

Blurb: A vampire tale like no other, featuring Tom Hiddleston (*Thor*) and Tilda Swinton (*Michael Clayton*). Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: RUA mind reader and illusionist. Free gig!

Time: 8pm-9pm

Venue: The Bailey Allen Hall, Áras na Mac Léinn

Blurb: RUA mind reader and illusionist. Free gig!

Rua is Ireland's most exciting new star in the unique world of sleight of hand, mind mesmerizing games and death defying feats of escapology. [Learn more](#)

Name of Event: Red-Tape live band playing chart, pop and rock covers. Free gig!

Time: 9pm onwards

Venue: The College Bar (Over 18's Only - ID Required)

Blurb: Red-Tape live band playing chart, pop and rock covers. Free gig!

Wednesday

Name of Event: Bungee Run

Time: 12pm - 4pm

Venue: Outside the Library

Blurb: Giant inflatable, how far can you run?

Name of Event: The Big Failte Fest Party in Áras na Mac Léinn 6pm - 11pm

Lots of fun events and free food, join us and get to know the societies and each other.

Name of Event: Laser Zone

Time: 5pm - 9pm

Venue: Outside Aras na Mac Léinn

Blurb: Giant inflatable laser quest.

Name of Event: Anime & Manga

Time: 6pm-9pm

Venue: Large Acoustic Room

Blurb: Screenings! Games! Card Games! This is just a sample of the society that is Anime & Manga, come and join us for fun times and fill the void you never knew you had.

Name of Event: Free African Drumming Workshop with Tribal Spirit Drumming.

Time: 6pm-7pm

Venue: The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

Blurb: Free African Drumming Workshop with Tribal Spirit Drumming.

Name of Event: Victorian Shenanigans

Time: 6pm-8pm

Venue: Foyer

Blurb: Ladies and Gentlemen, you are cordially invited to the Great Victorian Tournament of NUIG! Show your courage and prowess and challenge your friends at our games to be in with the chance of winning a variety of rich prizes! Join the Victorian Society from 6-7p.m. in the Foyer of Áras na Mac Léinn for what will be a splendid evening of fun! (Top hats optional)

Name of Event: Art Soc: Henna Tattoos & Face Painting

Time: 6pm-9pm

Venue: The Art Room

Blurb: Come join the Art Society for an evening of face painting and henna tattoos in the art room, your body's our canvas!

Name of Event: GUMS & Dramsoc's Variety Show Musical

Time: 6.00pm-8pm

Venue: The Cube & Stage

Blurb: GUMS and Dramsoc have joined together to bring you a Variety show of Epic proportions!

It's all kicking off on the 3rd of September in the cube at 6pm. Whether you can sing, dance, act, play instruments, do magic tricks, recite poetry, whatever it may be, we want to see you!

All are welcome, whether you want to participate or just watch. Always a popular event and a night not to be missed. Hope to see ye all there! :) Fabulous prize for the winner!

Name of Event: French Soc: Waffle World

Time: 6pm-8pm

Venue: The Hub

Blurb: The key to any language is food and we believe the French have the best. So join us for food, laughter, maybe even pick up a new word or two and there will be yummy crepes et waffles.

Name of Event: Radio Soc Vox Pop

Time: 6pm-9pm

Venue: Foyer

Blurb: Ever wondered how a radio station works? Or just want to hear your voice on radio? Either way, RadioSoc & Flirt FM are here to fulfil any radio related wish!

Name of Event: Lit & Deb Soapbox

Time: 6pm-9pm

Venue: Foyer

Blurb: Have a topic you really need the world to hear you talk about? Really like the sound of your own voice? Just want to stand slightly higher up than everyone else? Sounds like The Lit&Deb Soap Box is for you! Come stand up among your peers and talk about stuff. If you haven't got stuff to talk about right off the top of your head, pick an idea out of a hat, and talk about that stuff. You can rant about anything that takes your fancy, from world politics, to student issues, to how the colour chartreuse sounds like it should be pink but is actually pale green; we don't judge (Out loud.).

Name of Event: Film Showing: Muppets Most Wanted

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Venue: Aras Ui Chathail Theatre

Blurb: Ricky Gervais heads the human cast of the sequel to the smash hit "The Muppets", who are this time accidentally involved in a crime spree around Europe. Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: GiG Soc Tea, Cake and Fun

Time: 7pm-9pm

Venue: The Meeting Rooms

Blurb: GiG Soc is the LGBTQA society in NUIG. Join us for tea, cake and ice breakers, we would love to meet you.

Name of Event: Time Lord Soc Various Events

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Time: 7pm-9pm

Venue: Foyer

Blurb: Join the Time Lord Society (Doctor Who nerds!) for our events this week!

We have an 'Easter Egg Hunt' all over the college, this will test you in extreme circumstances (not really), a 'Spot the Nerd' competition and so much more geeky fun. On top of this we will be giving out some cool prizes and (of course) sweets and pizza!! So come find us and we'll have a blast :)

Name of Event: Choral Soc Performance

Time: 8pm-8.30pm

Venue: Bailey Allen Hall

Blurb: Hear the heavenly tones of our multi award winning student and staff choirs with everything from pop to gospel.

Name of Event: Juggling Workshop

Time: 8pm-10pm

Venue: The Cube

Blurb: Join Juggling Soc for an evening of circus-themed madness. Our beginner friendly workshops are sure to equip you with some essential life skills in juggling, partner-juggling, poi and diabolo!

No previous experience required and all equipment will be provided!

Name of Event: Dramsoc Presents Staged & Confused

Time: 8pm-10pm

Venue: The View

Blurb: Staged and Confused are a fun and easy going improvisational (spontaneous, on the spot) acting group that hold accessible workshops every week at NUIG involving a huge range of different games to accommodate the full spectrum of experience levels. No theatre experience or prior training is required, just bring yourself along and leave your restless minds at the door. Join us for a workshop on the real basics of improvisational theatre. We look forward to seeing you there :)

Name of Event: DJ Soc Presents HubStep

Time: 8pm-11pm

Venue: The Hub

Blurb: Not your average gig! You can expect all the alternative hits you won't hear on a regular dance floor! Come rock out, have a dance and get to know like-minded people with DJ Soc in The Hub from 8pm on!

Name of Event: DJ Soc

Time: 8pm-11pm

Venue: College Bar (Over 18's Only - ID Required)

Blurb: DJ Soc will be playing everything that makes you wanna dance, from smooth house to the best in hip-hop! Take this great chance to get to know the famous College Bar with music provided by some of Galway's best young DJs.

Name of Event: Film Showing: Need for Speed

Time: 8.45pm-11:00pm

Venue: Aras Ui Chathail

Blurb: Breaking Bad's Aaron Paul stars in this Fast and Furious style thriller, as he enters an underground car race to avenge his friend's death. Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: AstroSoc's Relaxation Space

Time: 9pm-11pm

Venue: Large Acoustic Room

Blurb: Is gravity getting you down? The hustle and bustle of the universe just too much right now? Come visit Astro Soc's Relaxation SPACE!

Name of Event: Time Lord Soc: Werewolf Who Style

Time: 9pm-10:30pm

Venue: The Space

Blurb: A game where anyone could be the villain, even you! Figure out who is friend or foe, or another person could be killed tonight. Adapted from the fun game "Werewolf" (aka Mafia).

Thursday

Name of Event: Laser Zone and Bungee Run Inflatables

Time: 1pm-5pm

Venue: Outside Aras na Gaeilge: Bungee Run

Outside Aras na Mac Léinn: Laser Zone

Blurb: Giant inflatable Laser Zone and Inflatable Bungee Run

Name of Event: Free African Drumming Workshop with Tribal Spirit Drumming.

Time: 6pm-7pm

Venue: The View, Áras na Mac Léinn

Blurb: Free African Drumming Workshop with Tribal Spirit Drumming.

Name of Event: Film Showing: Waking Ned

Time: 5pm-7pm

Venue: Large Acoustic Room

Blurb: The lucky winner of the national lottery is Ned Devine, so taken by his good fortune that he now can't be waked, because he died from the shock of it! Ned's closest friends scheme to keep the prize money close to home, in memory of Ned of course! Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: Table Quiz

Time: 3pm-5pm

Venue: The Hub

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Blurb: Pick a number on your way in join your new friends at a table and see just how clever you all are. With a prize for the winning table.

Name of Event: Cumann Staire Presents Tales from Galway

Time: 6.30pm-8pm

Venue: The Cube

Blurb: Join Cumann Staire (History Society) where we will chat about our plans for the year, we host the amazing Arts Ball and lots more. We will be joined by local storytellers who will entertain you with Celtic tales and reveal Galway's colourful past. With pizza and refreshments.

Name of Event: Karaoke

Time: 8pm-11pm

Venue: College Bar

Blurb: After a long day, kick off your shoes, pick up a mic and sing your heart out! Talent not required.

Name of Event: TradSoc Ceili

Time: 8:30pm-10.30pm

Venue: The Cube & Stage

Blurb: What would Galway be without a ceili on offer? Put your best foot forward as TradSoc plays music to get all feet moving.

Name of Event: Film Showing: The Guard

Time: 8pm-10pm

Venue: The View

Blurb: The Guard is a comedic fish-out-of-water tale of murder, blackmail, drug trafficking and rural police corruption. Two policemen must join forces to take on an international drug- smuggling gang - one, an unorthodox Irish policeman (Brendan Gleason) and the other, a straitlaced FBI agent (Don Cheadle). Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Name of Event: Film Showing: Good Vibrations

Time: 9pm-11pm

Venue: Large Acoustic Room

Blurb: A hilarious and uplifting retelling of the founding of Belfast's punk rock scene, which gave rise to the Undertones. Featuring a Film Soc Short before the main feature.

Appendix 6: Socs Fair

Socs Fair

Weds Sept 17th, Áras na Mac Léinn, 11am-4pm

Bailey Allen Hall

11am – 4pm: Inflatables!
Life size **table top football** (with socs tournament) and **Demolition Zone**

11am – 4pm: BA Foodie Fair
Tea & biccies, waffles & other free yummys plus a chance to chat to some of the Societies including **FilmSoc, Cumann Staire, Baking Soc, FrenchSoc & GiGSoc**

1pm – 2pm: Cheerleading Soc Demo!
2pm: Physics Soc Laser Graffiti

Bailey Allen Stage

12.30pm & 2pm: Trad Soc Session
11am & 1pm: DJ Soc Session
12pm & 3pm: Style Soc Fashion Show
Plus Societies you missed on Socs Day!

Áras na Mac Léinn Foyer

Writers Soc: Free Book Exchange,
Bring along any books you don't want and take the ones you do!
Plus **One Word Story!**
Socs Exhibition Space
Art Soc: Henna Tattoos

Outside Áras na Mac Léinn

Rover Soc: Tent Pitching & outdoor life
Chess Soc: Play Giant Chess
12pm – 4pm Marine Soc: Hook-a-Duck,
Win a Prize!

The Cube

1-2pm Lotus Soc: Drop in Yoga
2pm – 3pm Dramsoc & Comedy Soc
Improv Workshop
3pm – 4.30pm African Caribbean Soc
Dance Workshop

President's Lawn

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Potter Soc: Quidditch Demos

Large Acoustic Tech Lounge

11am -4pm
With **Anime & Manga, Video Games and Compsoc**

Meeting Rooms

11am & 1pm Cumann Staire Talks
11.30am-1pm FilmSoc Shorts Screenings
2pm – 4pm Lit & Deb: Tea & Board Games

The Stage

3pm – 3.30pm
Choral Soc Mini Voice Workshop

Evening Events

Dansoc: Ballet Class (Beginners)
Time: 17:00:00 – 18:00:00
The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn
Trad Soc: Singing Session
Time: 17:30:00 – 18:30:00
The Space

Dansoc: Ballet Class (Intermediate)
Time: 18:00:00 – 19:00:00
The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn
Trad Soc: Teach a Tune
Time: 18:30:00 – 20:00:00
The Space

Young Fine Gael Soc Opening Meeting
Time: 19:00:00 – 20:00:00
AC201 (Concourse)
GiGSoc (Gay In Galway): Gaymes Night
Time: 19:00:00 – 21:00:00
IT202 - IT Building

Rover Scouts: Rover Soc Introductory Talk
Time: 19:00:00 – 20:00:00
The Stage, Aras na Mac Leinn
Dramsoc: Drama Gala!
Time: 19:00:00 – 23:00:00
Bank of Ireland Theatre
Victorian Society: EGM, Teaparty and Pizza!
Time: 19:00:00 – 20:30:00
Meeting Room 1 (Áras na Mac Léinn)

Dramsoc: Staged & Confused!
Time: 19:15:00 – 22:00:00
The View
Irish Studies Soc EGM
Time: 19:30:00 – 20:30:00
The Hub
Christian Union Soc Weekly Meeting #1
Time: 20:00:00 – 21:00:00
Space, Aras na Mac Leinn

Enactus: Information Night
Time: 20:00:00 – 21:00:00
ENG G047
DJ Soc: DJ Soc Takeover the Bar
Time: 20:30:00 – 23:30:00
Collage Bar

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This was organised to counteract the early date for socs day but it was decided that it would not continue as an event as it put a lot of strain on the socsbox at a very busy time and that societies day had been a success despite the early date.

Appendix 7: Society Themed Weeks

Socs Week



Socs Week

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November 2014

Some highlights



Mass Marriage
Bailey Allen Hall
Wed 12th Nov
10am-3pm

Poster Sale!
Aras na Mac Leinn
Mon 10th & Tue 11th
Socs Roadshow
Coming to a foyer
near you!



GloFest & Language
Exchange
Bailey Allen Hall
Mon 10th Nov
6pm



Dansoc Showcase
Bailey Allen Hall
Thur 13th Nov
5pm



Poetry Slam
Kirwan Theatre
Thur 13th Nov
7pm

NUIG Societies
Films , Gigs , Plays, Classes,
Guest Speakers, Gaming,
Volunteering, Debates,
Workshops, Trips, Music,
Bake Sales, Musicals
Events of all kinds
EVERY WEEK



Shakers
B.O.I Theatre
Tue 11th Nov & Fri 14th
8pm



'Vessel' Premiere
Fottrell Theatre
Wed 12th Nov
6.30pm



Trad Singing Concert
The Cube
Thur 13th Nov
7.45pm



NUIG's Got Talent
Bailey Allen Hall
Wed 12th Nov
7pm
Tickets Available from
Socs Box



Busking session
Outside Library
Thur 13th Nov
1pm-2pm

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Academic Societies</p> <p>Archaeology, Astronomy, Bio-Med, Botany, Business, CCAFS, Chemistry, Classics, Cumann Staire, Education, Energy, Engineering, French, G-eos, German, Hispano, Irish Studies, Italian, Journalism, Law, Maths, Marine, Medicine, Microbiology, Neuro, Occupational Therapy, Philosophy, Physics, Psychological, Psychiatry, Speech & Language, Zoological.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Social and Debating</p> <p>African Caribbean, Banter, Chinese, Cumann Craic, Cumann Sóisialta, Enactus, Entrepreneurship, GiG (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender), Indian, Erasmus Students Network, Literary and Debating, Malaysian Society, Mature Students, Sláinte, Students for Health Equality.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Volunteering and Religious Societies</p> <p>Ashirbad, Atheist & Humanist, Best Buddies, Christian Union, Dochas, Draíocht, FLAC, Foróige, Friends of MSF, Gaisce (President's Award), Islamic Youth, St Vincent de Paul, Suas, Taize, Voluntary Services Abroad,</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Special Interest Societies</p> <p>Anime & Manga, Baking, Cheerleading, Chess, Comic Book, Cumann Farráige, Computer, Disney, Ecology, Fantasy & Science Fiction, Fishing, Horse Racing, Lotus, Organic Gardening, Poker, Potter, Quiz, Rover, Style, Time-Lord, Twenty Five, Victorian, Video Game, Zen.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Artistic and Performing Societies</p> <p>Art, Choral, Comedy, Dansoc, DJ, Dramsoc, Film, Juggling, Music, Musical, Orchestra, Photography, Radio, Rock, Subhdó, Traditional Music, Writers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Social Action and Political Societies</p> <p>Amnesty, Choice, Cumann de Barra (Fianna Fail), Feminist, Labour Youth, Life, Misneach, Ógra Sinn Féin, Palestine Solidarity, Shoutout, SSDP, Young Fine Gael.</p>

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GALWAY UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

NUIG'S GOT TALENT

THE FINAL

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOV BAILEY ALLEN HALL

TICKETS €8 UNTIL THURSDAY

@ SOCS BOX!

€10 NOV 7TH-12TH

DINNER @ 7PM AND AFTERPARTY IN CARBON!!!

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19-21 Eglinton St. Galway

And the winner of the €1000 Adam Keegan



NUI Galway's

Global Week 2014

In association with
Suas 

13th - 17th October

Celebrating Diversity, Understanding Global Issues & Being Kind to the Planet

Global Week Highlights 2014			
Monday 13th			
Juggling - Juggling Soc Beginners juggling workshop 7pm-Bailey Allen	Movie -PhiSoc & Anime & Manga Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind 7pm-McMunn	Film Screening - Coacoin O Pearlball Concert -TRAD SOC Part of the 8x8 Festival Showing "Spial" 7pm - Darcy Thompson	Coacoin O Pearlball Concert -TRAD SOC An evening of traditional music 7pm - The Cube
Tuesday 14th			
Photo Journalism -Suas 8x8 Festival Photo Journalism Workshop 6:30pm UCI01 Aras Uí Cathail	Movie Night - Energy Soc Focusing on the future of energy. Popcorn, treats and much much more. On to College Bar after. 7pm - Eng 2001	Table Quiz - Style Soc Global week Table Quiz, Free Food & Amazing Prizes. €1 entry 7:30pm-Kellys Bar	All Week Suas 8x8 Festival Art Exhibition OUTSIDE Arts Millennium Building
Wednesday 15th			
Meditation -Zen Soc Sitting Meditation Session 7:30am-9am - The Space	Artivism -Suas 8x8 Festival Artivism Workshop 2:30pm - Art Rooms Aras na Mac Leinn	LGBT Around the World -GG Soc Join GG Soc & guests for LGBT Q&A 7-9pm I.T101	Mon-Wed 3 days of Panel Shows - Comedy Soc "Would I NUI to you?", "Never mind the buzzsocs", "8 out of 10 socs" - All for two really good causes - Jigsaw and Console 7:30pm BOI Theatre
Thursday 16th			
Film Screening -Suas 8x8 Festival Showing "Dearther" followed by Q&A 6:30pm - Aras Uí Cathail	Documentary & Discussion -PhiSoc Showing "The Act of Killing" 8pm - McMunn Theatre, Concourse	French Conversation Workshop -French Soc Themed conversational night which helps you build your vocab! 7pm -Fottrell Arts Millennium	Forum Theatre - Dramas Dance and comedy with Ala Theatre 8:30pm - The View
Thursday 16th			
Film Screening -Suas 8x8 Festival Showing "Dearther" followed by Q&A 6:30pm - Aras Uí Cathail	Documentary & Discussion -PhiSoc Showing "The Act of Killing" 8pm - McMunn Theatre, Concourse	French Conversation Workshop -French Soc Themed conversational night which helps you build your vocab! 7pm -Fottrell Arts Millennium	Salsa -DanSoc Celebrate Latin American Culture Class E1 7pm - The Stage



GLOBAL FAIR

Monday 13th October
12pm-4pm
Bailey Allen, Aras na Mac Leinn.

Stalls
Food from all over the Globe
Free Pizza
Cakes of the world
Games from around the world
Tea & Coffee

Short Films
Dance
Make your own water purification system
Petanque
MUSIC
Free Tours
free Bicycle checks



Go to suas.nuigalway.ie/calendar for full programme.



NUI Galway's

GLOBAL FAIR

The Bailey Allen will be transformed into a Global village with three distinct areas:

A Cultural Area - where societies and groups in Galway will show off all the amazing cultures which are represented here on campus and around Galway.

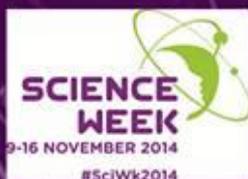
A Global Issues Area - where people who work to make the world a better place will have stalls to raise awareness and explain what they do.

A "Be Green" Area - where people who promote positive environmental choices or work to take care of the planet will celebrate the good work they do and encourage others to get involved.

Monday 13th October
12pm-4pm
Bailey Allen, Aras na Mac Leinn.



Come join in the fun...



NUI Galway Societies' **SCIENCE WEEK** 2014 10th -15th November



Monday, 10th November

Kerbal Space Program
Comp Soc, Video Game Soc & Astro Soc
Venue: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Aras na Mac Léinn
Time: 18:00 - 20:00



Don't worry, it's just rocket science. Design and build your ideal spaceship; launch it and watch it fail miserably, in the stellar game Kerbal Space Program. Can you make it to the Moon? We have a few computers with the game installed, for anyone who doesn't have it. If you have your own copy, bring your laptop along and come play.

Talk: 'Treasures Under The Arctic Ice'
Chemistry Society
Venue: Kirwan Lecture Theatre
Time: 19:25



NUI Galway's Antarctic explorer, Prof. Bill Baker, will give a public lecture, during which he will show why searching Irish waters for novel chemical agents could potentially lead to new molecules to treat killer diseases.

Wednesday, 12th November

Comet Talk by Prof. Andy Shearer
Astronomy Soc & School of Physics
Venue: IT 250
Time: 19:30



On the 12th November the European Space Agency will land the Philae probe onto the surface of a comet. It is the first time that such a rendezvous and landing has been attempted. To mark this event, Prof Andy Shearer will give a talk all about comets!

Thursday, 13th November

'Exploring the Deep Sea of the Whittard Canyon'
Marine Society
Venue: IT 125
Time: 20:00



Dr. Louise Allcock will present a talk on the deep sea of the Whittard Canyon.

Chemistry Talk
Chemistry Society
Venue: Dillon Theatre
Time: 17:00

Prof. Nessian Kerrigan from the Oakland University will give a talk.



Science Week Party
Astro Soc
Venue: College Bar & Chemistry @ The Quays
Time: 20:30

Come join us at the College Bar to wrap up Science Week before everyone departs for the weekend! We'll be having finger food & refreshments in the College Bar followed by free entry to Chemistry club upstairs @ The Quays...



Tuesday, 11th November

Film: Wall-E
Disney Soc & Astro Soc
Venue: O'Flaherty Theatre
Time: 19:30

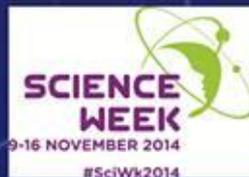


Screening of Wall-E! Doesn't need much more explaining than that! Oh, and...there will be pizza!

Documentary: Cosmos
Atheist Humanist Soc
Venue: Large Acoustic Room, Aras na Mac Léinn
Time: 20:00



Join the Atheist Humanist Society for their screening of Neil DeGrasse Tyson's Cosmos!



Friday, 14th November
Chemistry Soc on TG4
Chemistry Society
Venue: TG4 on your TV/Phone/Laptop
Time: 16:25



Saturday, 15th November
Run for Ger
Biomedical Society
Venue: NUI Galway Campus
Time: 11:00

Biomed Soc are supporting the 5km fun run/walk in association with the Geraldine Lavelle Trust. Registration is €10 online (www.runireland.com) and €12 on the day.



Geography Soc –GeoWeek

Organised by the geography Society.



Geography



GeoWeek 2014 “Geographies of Food”

Monday 17th November, 10am - 2pm Smokkes Cafe
Cafe Sale in collaboration with Baking Society, Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Society. All proceeds to Gorta.

Tuesday 18th November, 1pm - 2pm Organic Garden, TBluck, Distillery Road
Talk by the Organic Gardening Society: “A Windmill Herb Garden for Students”

Wednesday 19th November, 2pm - 4pm Cairnes Lecture Hall 3, St Anthony’s Building
Public Panel Discussion: “Food Futures on a Plate”.
Panellists include: Dr Laura Driscoll, TCD; Jacinta Dalton, GMIT; Bernard McGinley, Transition Galway; Gary Giggins, PhD Candidate, Sociology; J P McMahon, PhD Candidate, UCC & owner EAT GALWAY.
Chair: Dr Frances Foley, Head of Discipline, Geography.
RSVP: Erin@nui-galway.ie

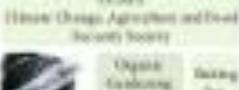
Thursday 20th November, Distribution of Student Menu Plan via Social Media
“Healthy is the New Sexy for Students” a frugal and healthy weekly menu plan for students on a budget of €25.00

Week Long
Geographical Society of Ireland National Photo Competition:
<http://www.geographicalsocietyireland.ie/geoweek-2014-photo-comp.html>

 NUIG Geography
  @GeoWeek 2014









Neuro Soc – Brain Awareness Week

Organised by Neuro Soc



presents

The Brains behind the Breakthroughs

7pm, Monday 9th March ,at the Westwood Hotel

Galway Neuroscience Centre
Professor David Finn

Reeling in the Years of Dr. Jill McMahon's neuroscience career
Dr. Jill McMahon

Difficulties with cognition in first episode psychosis
Joanne Kenney

Spinal Cord Injury Research
Aniket Kshirsagar & Rachel Ronan

Parkinson's Disease Research
Laura Olsen

Generating neurons from induced pluripotent stem cells
Katya McDonagh

Genetic basis of psychosis (schizophrenia and bipolar disorder)
Dr. Derek Morris

Q&A session
Tea/coffee reception



Dramsoc – Theatre Week

Organised by Dramsoc and the Societies Office.



The NUI Galway Theatre Week 2015 ran from February 23rd – 27th. The week celebrated all aspects of drama, showcasing the many talents of NUI Galway students, societies and alumni through theatre, literature and film.

The highlight of the week was the Jerome Hynes One Act Series in the Cube Theatre from Tuesday 24th to Friday 28th. This series showcased the works of 8 student playwrights and directors who have been mentored through the process.

The Societies Variety show presented by NUIG's Musical and GiG Societies took place on Monday the 23rd February at 7pm in the cube Theatre and featured the talents of the Musical Society, performances from the Dance Society and Dramsoc's Staged & Confused improv troop.

Details of the One Act Play Series

Lunchtimes Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 1pm: Tickets €5/students €3

Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm Evenings: Tickets €8/students €5

Omnibus Friday 8pm: Tickets €10/students €8

The website was produced by the Drama Society nuigdramsoc.wix.com/theatreweek15 and Dara O'Donnell also designed the logo.

Anachrome

Writer: Mark Leahy

Director: Michael Foley

Ballmahon Gospel Choir

Writer: Hannah Carleton

Director: Rose Magner

Chomp!

Writer: Robin Oree

Directors: Dave Holland & Joe Power

Coathanger

Writer: Martin Keaveney

Director: Niamh Nic Aoidh Bhuí

Head Cut

Writer: Alan McDonagh

Director: Oisín Robbins

Neighbours

Writer: Sean Scully

Director: Tara McDermott

So You Wanna Solve Crimes?

Writer: Sorcha O'Mahony

Director: Dara O'Donnell

Waiting for Dot

Writer: Hannah McNiven

Director: Aisling Fitzsimons

And the winners were:

Best Play – Chomp!

Best Script – Anchrome

Best Director: Joe Power and Dave Holland, Chomp!

Best Production – Neighbours

Best Set – Neighbours

Best Actor – Cillian Brown

Best Actress - Alison Sheary, Chomp!

Best Sound Design – Head Cut

Best Costumes – Chomp!

Best Ensemble – Chomp!

Judges' Choice – Best Audience Engagement – So You Wanna Solve Crimes?

Audience Choice – Chomp!



Appendix 8: Múscailt Arts Festival, 10-14 February 2014

Organised by the Arts Office



GUMS (Galway University Musical Society) present 'Cabaret', witty and provocative musical set in Berlin just as the Nazis are rising to power, and the SOLO Show will celebrate new writing by NUI Galway's students and staff with 5-minute pieces performed on stage. The musical was a huge success with excellent attendance.



PhotoSoc Focus Exhibition

PhotoSoc's annual celebration of photography with a launch on Feb 9th. In Aras Na Mac Leinn.



Victorian Society

The society organised the second outing of the Victorian Fun Fair demonstrating what the ingenious Victorians did to reach up high in the air, with games, books and cartoons. Scrumptious food and lovely handicraft was be available and of course tea, tea, TEA!



Rock Soc

The Rock Soc *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. the winning band of *Witless* 2015 was D-Day.

Appendix 9: Society Press Coverage

See below a selection of the societies positive press coverage this year.

CRAICing News!!!

By Avril HORAN

All The Time in The World

It's been 20 years since **NUIG's** Literary and Debating Society broke the record for the world's longest debate in 1995. To celebrate, they will reunite on Friday, February 27th in the College Bar to toast the talented speakers who made it through the marathon stretch, which had them talking around the clock, 24-7, on the topic 'That This House Has All The Time In The World'.

The undertaking began at 8pm on January 31st, 1995 and continued right through until 8pm on February 28th. During the day, the proceedings took place at the end of Smokey Joes on campus and at night, moved to one of the smaller rooms off the concourse. It was a mammoth task, requiring an officially designated speaker, chairperson and recording secretary at all times, along with the support of night time security. The idea for the record breaker was first mooted by the then society auditor, John Sweeney, as part of the University's 150th year.

"We spoke on everything - from serious topics such as the Lansdowne Road riots, divorce and abortion to the trivial, from WWF wrestling to ornamental fish!" explains one of the original members, Aidan Boyce, who met his wife Catherine during the event. "Initially we asked people to sign up for specific time slots, but that went by the wayside fairly quickly as we just kept talking," he says.

"We just got sucked into it and

there was never a point where no-one was willing to speak. The speaker would wear a suit jacket, which was passed on to the next speaker, and by the end it was fairly manky!

"It was all consuming and it was easy to lose yourself to the event. We were there night and day and I have an incredible fondness for it. The place was thick with smoke and we broke the record by a good few days. We did it for exactly 28 days and there were big celebrations at the end. In all, about 20-30 people were heavily involved. There were cheers when we finished summing up the pros and cons of the debate and there was relief also that nothing had gone wrong.

"By then, we were celebrities in our own mind and we made a good few friends out of it. It was such an unusual event and a big deal at the time. I even met my wife Catherine there!" he concludes.

The celebrations continued with a ball the following night and, while the reunion may be a bit less glamorous, it will be one to remember for the past members of the record breaking Lit and Deb.



Galway Indian community to celebrate Diwali

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

Galway's Indian community will celebrate Diwali - the festival of lights - with a special event in **NUI Galway** on Saturday October 25, and all Galwegians are welcome.

The celebration, organised by the **Galway** Indian community and NUIG's India Soc, takes place in the Bailey Allen Hall, on the university campus, from 5pm to 11pm. There will be Indian food, Bollywood music, dance, entertainment, raffles, and prizes.

The word Diwali means a 'row of lights' and is a time to dispel the darkness of ignorance and instead light the way on our journey through life. It is celebrated on the 14/15 day in the dark half of Kartik (October - November) and prayers are offered to Maha Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity.

Diwali also celebrates the triumph of good over evil, righteousness over treachery, and truth over falsehood. For Hindus, it marks Lord Rama's return to his Kingdom of Ayodhya after his 14-year exile in the forests and Lord Krishna's victory over the demon Narakaasura who had kidnapped and terrorised the gopis of Vrindavan. The festival is also a time of family get-togethers and celebrations.

Tickets are €15 (adults), €10 (students and children aged between five and 12). For tickets contact 083 - 3095618, 086 - 0540890. Student tickets are available through the Socs Box, Áras na McLeinn.



Corrib Mini rugby squad proudly wearing their new jerseys. The club would like to thank the main sponsor Pat Joyce, Joyces Supermarkets, and also Larry McCarthy, Corrib View Lodge, and Martin Newell, Ard Ri Windows.

Teddies grin and bear it!

Medical students will put the stuffing back in at tenth Teddy Bear Hospital

THOUSANDS will flock to Galway seeking the medical expertise of the next generation of doctors next week - but this is nothing to do with the crisis at the country's Emergency Departments.

And the reality is that those required this medical attention are already stuffed - because this is the tenth annual Teddy Bear Hospital at NUI Galway which will take place Thursday and Friday, January 22 and 23.

Over 1,500 sick teddy bears admitted to the hospital, accompanied by their minders - 1,500 primary school children.

The event is organised by the Sláinte Society, the NUI Galway branch of the International Federation of Medical Students Associations, and up to 200 medical and science students will diagnose and treat the teddy bears. In the process, they hope to help children, ranging in age from three to eight, feel more comfortable around doctors and hospitals.

Over the years, children have come along with teddy bears suffering from an imaginative range of sore ears, sick tummies and all kinds of others weird and wonderful ailments.

Katie Lynam, a second year medical student at NUI Galway and co-auditor of Sláinte Society, said this year's extravaganza was going to be the biggest ever.

"This year we are celebrating ten years of Teddy Bear Hospital and it is going to be our biggest ever with 1,500 children attending over the two mornings. We hope to create a fun, friendly atmosphere for both the children and our volunteers, and are looking forward to a busy couple of days!" she said.

This year, 22 local primary schools are participating in the event.

On arrival at the Teddy Bear Hospital on campus, the children will go to the 'waiting room', which contains jugglers and face painters. Then the children and their teddy bears are seen by a team of Teddy Doctors

and Teddy Nurses, who will examine them. The students will have specially designed X-ray and MRI machines on hand, should the teddy bears need them.

Recuperating teddy bears can avail of medical supplies from the Teddy Bear Pharmacy - and their caring owners can enjoy a bouncy castle and entertainment from the juggling society in the college.



Enda Qualter (4) and Emma Newell (5) from Corrandrum National School, Claregalway, ahead of NUI Galway's 10th Annual Teddy Bear Hospital which will take place on campus from January 22 to 23.

NUI Galway Theatre Week

BY KERNAN ANDREWS

THE NUI Galway Theatre Week 2015 runs from Monday February 23 to Friday 27, showcasing student, college society, and alumni talent through theatre, literature, and film.

The main event is the Jerome Hynes One Act Series in The Cube Theatre from Tuesday 24 to Friday 28. Work by eight student playwrights and directors will be staged, with productions ranging from comedy to pathos, and exploring issues of crime, loneliness, ambition, friendship, and dysfunctional relationships.

The plays are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1pm (tickets €5/3), and Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm (€8/5). Each play lasts 20 minutes. There will be an omnibus edition on the Friday at 8pm (€10/8), including a ceremony for the Jerome Hynes Best Production Award, and a feedback session from the adjudicators.

The Societies Variety show, presented by NUIG's Musical and GiG societies, is on Monday 23

at 7pm in The Cube, with performances from Music Soc, Dance Society, and Dramsoc's Staged & Confused improv troop.

In collaboration with Ability West, the Dramsoc is devising a performance which will take place on Thursday at 3pm in The Cube.

The week is a

coproduction of Dramsoc and the NUIG Societies Office. For more information see www.dramsoc.nuigalway.ie and the Theatre Week Facebook page. Tickets are available from the SocsBox, Áras na Mac Léinn, 091 - 492852, or socsbox@socs.nuigalway.ie.

"EVER TRIED. EVER FAILED. NO MATTER.
TRY AGAIN. FAIL AGAIN. FAIL BETTER."
— SAMUEL BECKETT



A detail from one of the NUIG Theatre Week posters.

Galway Advertiser 19/2/15

Appendix 10: Society Training



Socs Training Weekend Fri 26th, Sat 27th & Sunday 28th September 2014

- How & Why to Attend**
- Please register for the workshops you want by filling out the Google Form.
 - At least 2 members of each society must attend a combined total of at least 3 sessions in order to retain travel funding. (i.e. one person could go to two workshops and the other person could go to one other workshop over the weekend). This is a minimum but any committee member who wishes to can attend.
 - There is a €10 bonus per member attending to a max of 10 members to be spent on whatever your committee decides. That's a maximum of €100 for your society.
 - A €100 bonus will be given to each society represented on the Auditor's Training Day (Sunday). This can be spent however the committee sees fit.
 - It will be a really beneficial and rewarding weekend with lots of free food!

Fri 27rd Sept	The View	Cube	Aras ui Cathaill
2pm – 3.30pm	<p>From 1pm Collect your pack from the black desk and register at each session</p> <p>1a. PR on Campus: Getting your message out there. The do's and don't's of public relations on campus. Everything you need to know about being seen on campus. Using Socs Mail and keeping your members informed, <i>John Caulfield and Susan Collins</i></p>	<p>1.b Leadership Dynamics and Mission Statements: Introducing the idea of Leadership in a Global Context, creating your society mission statement, exploring how to have the best year for your society and achieving a win for all involved. <i>Riona Hughes and Jo McGrath</i> Plus: Find out about 'Participate' a project to boost student participation and tackle social anxiety. <i>Eamonn O'Dochartaigh</i></p>	<p>1.c Finance: How to make the most of your society money. Absolutely everything you need to know about finances. Using the finance website; The Schedule of Allowances, Submitting a Budgeting, Balancing Accounts & getting yourself up and running this year. (places limited and repeated on Saturday) <i>Billy Stewart and Ronan Gallagher</i></p>
3.30pm – 4.45pm	<p>2.a Building the Dream Committee: How to create an effective team, understanding team dynamics, learn how to use a character analysis tool to understand your committee. This is a very useful exercise to do with your committee, it will help with creating a vibrant working team and avoiding conflict. <i>John Hamon & Jo McGrath</i></p>	<p>2.b Health & Safety: 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. (Repeated on Saturday) <i>Susan Collins & Sam Iredale</i></p>	<p>2.c Sponsorship & Budgeting Planning on organizing a big event? This workshop will bring you through everything you need to know. How to create a partnership with your sponsor. How to fund your fantastic ideas. BOI Event of Excellence information. (Repeated on Saturday) <i>Riona Hughes & Billy Stewart</i></p>
4.45pm – 6.00pm	<p>3.a Your Control Panel & the SocsBox: 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. And learn what the SocsBox can do for you. <i>Colin McElligott and Jo McGrath</i> (repeated Saturday)</p>	<p>3.b Careers and Societies: Societies and your career, making the best of your transferrable skills. Interview techniques and producing a kick-ass CV. <i>John Hamon</i></p>	<p>3.c Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report. <i>Riona Hughes and Billy Stewart</i></p>
6.00pm – 7.30pm. Pizza and Society Speed Dating Bailey Allen B			

Sat 28 th Sept	The View	Aras U1 Cathall	Bailey Allen 1	The Cube	The Space	Large Acoustic	Education Building (Block D) Computer Suite	Computer Suite SocsBox
<p>Collect your pack from the black desk and register at each session Tea/ Coffee and Scones</p> <p>Bailey Allen 1: Welcome Session: Things you really need to know about Societies, and what it is all about will be revealed to you.</p>								
9:30am – 10:00am	4.c Posters: Creating effective eye catching poster, irrespective of what software you use, plus be aware of poster restrictions on campus and in the city. <i>Lorraine Tansey</i>	4.a Health and safety: 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. <i>Susan Collins & Sam Iredale</i>	4.b Chairing a Meeting: Building a team, understanding constitutions, resolving conflict and holding really productive meetings. <i>Riona Hughes and Jo McGrath</i>	4.d Sound and PA Systems: Any Society who will be using the PA system or working with sound should send a representative. Come to this and you will be set up for the year. <i>Evan Flaherty</i>	4.f Rising to the Challenge New ideas to expand your society's events repertoire, examining the Presidents Awards Model as a way of measuring your success. <i>Hugh McConville (Gaise) and Billy Stewart</i>	4.e & 5e Making a Promo Video: Basic Introduction. How to create a promotional video for your society/event. A starter guide to using the socs camera and editing footage. Use it to help raise awareness of your society, events you are running and how generally awesome you are. You will get to use the equipment and make a video during the day. <i>Colm McElligott</i>	5.g Finance: How to make the most of your money. Absolutely everything you need to know about finances. Using the finance website; The Schedule of Allowances, Budgeting, Balancing Accounts & getting yourself up and running this year. <i>Billy Stewart</i>	Drop in: Call down and one of our team will try to answer your questions
10am – 10:30pm	5.a Presentation Skills: Develop core consultancy and communication skills to benefit your society. In addition, participation in the workshop provides access to Accenture employees who can provide insight and guidance into a career in Consulting. <i>Oneisa O'Connor (Accenture)</i>	5.b Society Policies and Procedures: Ensuring your Society is familiar with all university policies and procedures including the new constitution template, and how it can work for your society. <i>Patrick O'Flaherty and Ronan Gallagher</i>	5.c Event Management: Fun things to do, How to organise a ball, a trip, guest speaker etiquette, intervarsities, conferences and conventions. <i>Riona Hughes and Sam Iredale</i>	5.d Sending your members Volunteering Abroad. - Child Protection for all Societies. Note all societies have students under 18 who are legally children: Societies sending members abroad volunteering, you must attend special training and have your Colonn Approval. This session will tell you how to comply with all the rules and keep your members safe abroad when Volunteering. Plus understanding Child Protection and the requirement to adhere to all legislation. <i>Lorraine Tansey</i>	6.a Understanding the USCG (University Societies Coordinators Group). Who are your representatives, an interactive session on the role and function of the USCG. <i>Saoirse NicGabhann, Patrick O'Flaherty and USCG Student Reps.</i>	6.e Events Lighting Introduction to lighting for your events, what is required and how to plan. Including a demo on what can be done with the society lighting equipment. <i>Ronan Gallagher</i>	6.d Engaging your Members: Icebreakers and creating a welcoming environment, getting your members involved and keeping them interested. <i>Lorraine Tansey</i>	7.c Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report. <i>Riona Hughes</i>
12:00pm – 1:30pm	6.b PR & Getting your message out there PR Social media, press releases, writing a letter, local and national media. Flirt FM - what it can do for you <i>Susan Collins & Paula Healy</i>	6.c Sponsorship & Budgeting Planning on organizing a big event? This workshop will bring you through everything you need to know. How to create a partnership with your sponsor. How to fund your fantastic ideas. BOI Event of Excellence Award information. <i>Riona Hughes & Billy Stewart</i>	7.d ALIVE Awards and BICS intervarsities Understanding the ins and outs of both the ALIVE volunteering program, the Society Awards and BICS Awards. <i>Lorraine Tansey, Patrick O'Flaherty, Sean O'Reilly & Award Winning Astro Soc</i>	7.a Your Control Panel & SocsBox (repeat): 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. And learn what the SocsBox can do for you. <i>Colm McElligott and Jo McGrath</i>	7.b Websites: Some easy free ways to make a website to promote your society. <i>Susan Collins</i>	7.e Engaging your Members: Icebreakers and creating a welcoming environment, getting your members involved and keeping them interested. <i>Lorraine Tansey</i>	7.f ALIVE Awards and BICS intervarsities Understanding the ins and outs of both the ALIVE volunteering program, the Society Awards and BICS Awards. <i>Lorraine Tansey, Patrick O'Flaherty, Sean O'Reilly & Award Winning Astro Soc</i>	7.g Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report. <i>Riona Hughes</i>
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch	6.f Events Lighting Introduction to lighting for your events, what is required and how to plan. Including a demo on what can be done with the society lighting equipment. <i>Ronan Gallagher</i>	6.g Sponsorship & Budgeting Planning on organizing a big event? This workshop will bring you through everything you need to know. How to create a partnership with your sponsor. How to fund your fantastic ideas. BOI Event of Excellence Award information. <i>Riona Hughes & Billy Stewart</i>	6.h PR & Getting your message out there PR Social media, press releases, writing a letter, local and national media. Flirt FM - what it can do for you <i>Susan Collins & Paula Healy</i>	6.i Sponsorship & Budgeting Planning on organizing a big event? This workshop will bring you through everything you need to know. How to create a partnership with your sponsor. How to fund your fantastic ideas. BOI Event of Excellence Award information. <i>Riona Hughes & Billy Stewart</i>	6.j Websites: Some easy free ways to make a website to promote your society. <i>Susan Collins</i>	6.k Your Control Panel & SocsBox (repeat): 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. And learn what the SocsBox can do for you. <i>Colm McElligott and Jo McGrath</i>	6.l Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report. <i>Riona Hughes</i>
2:30pm – 4:00pm	7.a Your Control Panel & SocsBox (repeat): 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. And learn what the SocsBox can do for you. <i>Colm McElligott and Jo McGrath</i>	7.b Websites: Some easy free ways to make a website to promote your society. <i>Susan Collins</i>	7.c Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report. <i>Riona Hughes</i>	7.d ALIVE Awards and BICS intervarsities Understanding the ins and outs of both the ALIVE volunteering program, the Society Awards and BICS Awards. <i>Lorraine Tansey, Patrick O'Flaherty, Sean O'Reilly & Award Winning Astro Soc</i>	7.e Engaging your Members: Icebreakers and creating a welcoming environment, getting your members involved and keeping them interested. <i>Lorraine Tansey</i>	7.f ALIVE Awards and BICS intervarsities Understanding the ins and outs of both the ALIVE volunteering program, the Society Awards and BICS Awards. <i>Lorraine Tansey, Patrick O'Flaherty, Sean O'Reilly & Award Winning Astro Soc</i>	7.g Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report. <i>Riona Hughes</i>	7.h PR & Getting your message out there PR Social media, press releases, writing a letter, local and national media. Flirt FM - what it can do for you <i>Susan Collins & Paula Healy</i>
4:00pm – 5:30pm	7.i Sponsorship & Budgeting Planning on organizing a big event? This workshop will bring you through everything you need to know. How to create a partnership with your sponsor. How to fund your fantastic ideas. BOI Event of Excellence Award information. <i>Riona Hughes & Billy Stewart</i>	7.j Websites: Some easy free ways to make a website to promote your society. <i>Susan Collins</i>	7.k Your Control Panel & SocsBox (repeat): 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. And learn what the SocsBox can do for you. <i>Colm McElligott and Jo McGrath</i>	7.l Being a Secretary: Arranging meetings, creating Agendas, the POWER of Minute Taking, how to create your end of year report. <i>Riona Hughes</i>	7.m PR & Getting your message out there PR Social media, press releases, writing a letter, local and national media. Flirt FM - what it can do for you <i>Susan Collins & Paula Healy</i>	7.n Sponsorship & Budgeting Planning on organizing a big event? This workshop will bring you through everything you need to know. How to create a partnership with your sponsor. How to fund your fantastic ideas. BOI Event of Excellence Award information. <i>Riona Hughes & Billy Stewart</i>	7.o Websites: Some easy free ways to make a website to promote your society. <i>Susan Collins</i>	7.p Your Control Panel & SocsBox (repeat): 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. And learn what the SocsBox can do for you. <i>Colm McElligott and Jo McGrath</i>
5:30pm	<p>After Party College Bar, Finger food & Refreshments</p>							



Sunday 29th September

One person from each Society must attend, preferably the Auditor.

Bus departs from the Orbsen Building at 9.30am sharp returning at 5.30pm. (You should be back on campus by 6pm)

Destination: Brigit's Garden (past Moycullen) www.brigitsgarden.ie

Food & Refreshments provided all day

We will explore a range of themes on the day including group dynamics, teamwork and leadership styles in one of the most beautiful settings in Galway.

In collaboration with Gaisce and Suas.



Appendix 11: Bank of Ireland Society Bursary Award



The bank of Ireland sponsored bursary awards for the societies which was divided between direct grants to societies and sponsorship for the society awards.

The recipients were:

GUMS | Galway University Musical Society, Literary and Debating Society of NUI Galway, Sláinte Soc NUIG, Society, Baking Society, NUIG Cheersoc, NUIG Style Society, NUI Galway Business Society, PotterSoc NUIG, Draíocht, Zoo Soc and Disney Society!

Appendix 12: ALIVE Report

Societies play a vital role in shaping our students as capable, contributing and active citizens able to play key roles in our world's future. Third level institutions are asking the questions; what types of graduates do we produce and how do our graduate attributes distinguish us from other institutions? The desired graduate attributes are that they a) have understood and become competent in their chosen academic field, b) are responsible and ethical global citizens and c) are able to pursue a successful career.

Societies deliver on all three aspirations. They provide real, meaningful learning opportunities in the chosen academic fields through workshops, guest speakers and mentor support. They enable their members to fully engage with the university and thereby create an environment in which the students fully participate in campus life, avail of the academic opportunities and achieve academic excellence. Societies enhance the student experience, they aid retention, promote institute loyalty, create communities, challenge ideas, open minds, raise awareness, and foster friendships.

Societies through their partnership with external organisations and communities afford their members an opportunity to volunteer, travel, engage, experientially learn, understand the power of one, the importance of challenging negative behaviours and stereotyping and an awareness and understanding of global issues.

Regarding employability there was a clear correlation between the skills identified as 'shortfalls' by GradIreland in a survey of employers and the skills the students identified that they had learnt through societies as part of their ALIVE application last year. The GradIreland Survey had identified these shortfalls in the following areas; Communication, Managing own learning, Problem solving, Confidence, Independence, Motivation, Team working and Diligence. The society ALIVE participants were asked to answer the following question '*Describe some of the key things that you have learned from your volunteering experience*'. The participants identified the following skills in order of popularity; Team, Communication, Interpersonal, Time keeping. Presentation, Teaching, Working with children, Leadership, Organisational, Performance, Financial management, Open-mindedness, understanding and appreciating difference, Friendship, Innovation, Honing existing skills, Setting goals, Commitment, Self-motivation, Problem solving, Empathy & a desire to help others, Public speaking, Chairing, Information technology, Fundraising and Creativity.

This year we have 114 societies with 8104 registered student members. 524 Society members completed their ALIVE Certificate, 359 of them are members of committees. There are 939 unique students in committee positions (1,035 committee positions held). 38% of committee members chose to apply for an ALIVE cert. The total number of hours volunteered by society members as identified in their ALIVE application is 80,854, the number of hours volunteered by committee members is 66,541. One could deduce from that that the total number of hours volunteered by all committee members is 175,108. This is the equivalent of 180 full time workers on a 40 hour week during term time providing a valuable service to the University community. This in monetary value, on minimum wage, would cost almost €1.5 million. The societies' turnover each year of almost €1 million, which includes almost €100,000 given to charity. Only 25% of their income comes from university grants. In financial terms the societies contribute over €2 million to the University. However their contribution can better be measured in how vital the societies are to the fabric of the university, to our overall student experience and campus life.